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Any type of injury that results from a [car accident](#) or some other traumatic event can be serious, requiring a great deal of money to treat and imposing a high level of stress on the victim. Yet, while many types of serious physical injury will heal over time with the right medical care, others are known to often have more lasting impacts.

Spinal cord injuries are one example of an injury category that is difficult to treat; damaged neural cells cannot always be repaired. However, a new study that looks into the medical efficacy of an ancient traditional treatment may offer a beacon of hope to accident victims suffering from a spinal cord injury.

Ji-Sui-Kang improved locomotor function, prevented further neural damage

Ji-Sui-Kang, also known as JSK, is an herbal medicinal treatment that has been used by traditional Chinese healers in one form or another for hundreds of years. The exact treatment varies somewhat, but key ingredients in the herbal concoction typically include Ginseng, Cinnamomi Cortex and Rhizoma.

There has long been anecdotal evidence of the effectiveness of JSK in treating [spinal cord injuries](#), but until now it has not been backed up by rigorous scientific inquiry. In a recent study from the Hamilton NeuroRestorative Group at McMaster University, researchers administered JSK to rats for three weeks following spinal cord injury.

Compared to a control group of rats that received saline solution, the rats treated with JSK showed significantly reduced tissue damage, better preservation of neural cells and improved locomotor function. After only the first week of the experiment, the rats receiving JSK displayed better movement and greater coordination compared to the control rats.

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While the new JSK study is certainly exciting news for spinal injury victims and holds much promise for the future, researchers warned that the results should be taken with a level of cautious optimism. Even if the benefits of the treatment are proven to outweigh any possible side effects, human trials will not likely take place for quite some time.

Treatment advances for spinal cord injuries are coming all the time, but it can be a challenge for many victims to afford the medical care they need to recover to the fullest extent possible after suffering an injury. A personal injury lawsuit following an accident can help recover monetary damages from those responsible for causing the injury. This compensation can be used to pay for medical expenses and to account for other types of losses incurred in relation to a serious injury.

If you have suffered a spinal cord injury in an accident, or if a loved one has been hurt, talk to a lawyer today to learn more about your right to compensation.

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