

Report on Eighteen Cases Treated with Sodium Gynocardate.

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Early in 1928, Sir Leonard Rogers kindly sent samples of alepol and sodium gynocardate (Martindale's "C" Fraction) to the Bankura Leper Home for trial. Dr. Cochrane, who was then in medical charge of the latter home, sent a sample of the sodium gynocardate to us for trial. Owing to the illness of one of us (E. L.), this experiment was postponed for some months. The following is a short report (tabulated) of a series of eighteen cases treated over a period of six months (shortest) to 15 months (longest) :—

Cases.	S.	I.	G.I.	S.F.	W.	D.
A1 4	0	3	1	0	0	0
B1 1	0	1	0	0	0	0
B2 4	0	4	0	0	0	0
B3 5	0	2	2	0	1	0
A2 4	0	2	0	0	2	0
18	0	12	3	0	3	0

It is interesting to compare these results with those obtained from the use of alepol, which were reported in LEPROSY NOTES, No. 5, April, 1929. The comparison is as follows :—

Cases.	S.	I.	G.I.	S.F.	W.	D.
A1 9	1	1	6	1	0	0
B1 3	1	0	2	0	0	0
B2 5	0	0	4	1	0	0
B3 7	0	0	6	0	0	1
24	2	1	18	2	0	1

S.= Stationary ; I.= Improved ; G.I.= Greatly improved ; S.F.= Symptom free ; W.= Worse ; D.= Dead.

(Although it is impossible to draw definite conclusions from so small a series of cases, it can be stated that alepol appears to have a distinct advantage over sodium gynocardate. Subsequent reports from writers on the field tend to confirm this.—EDITOR.)