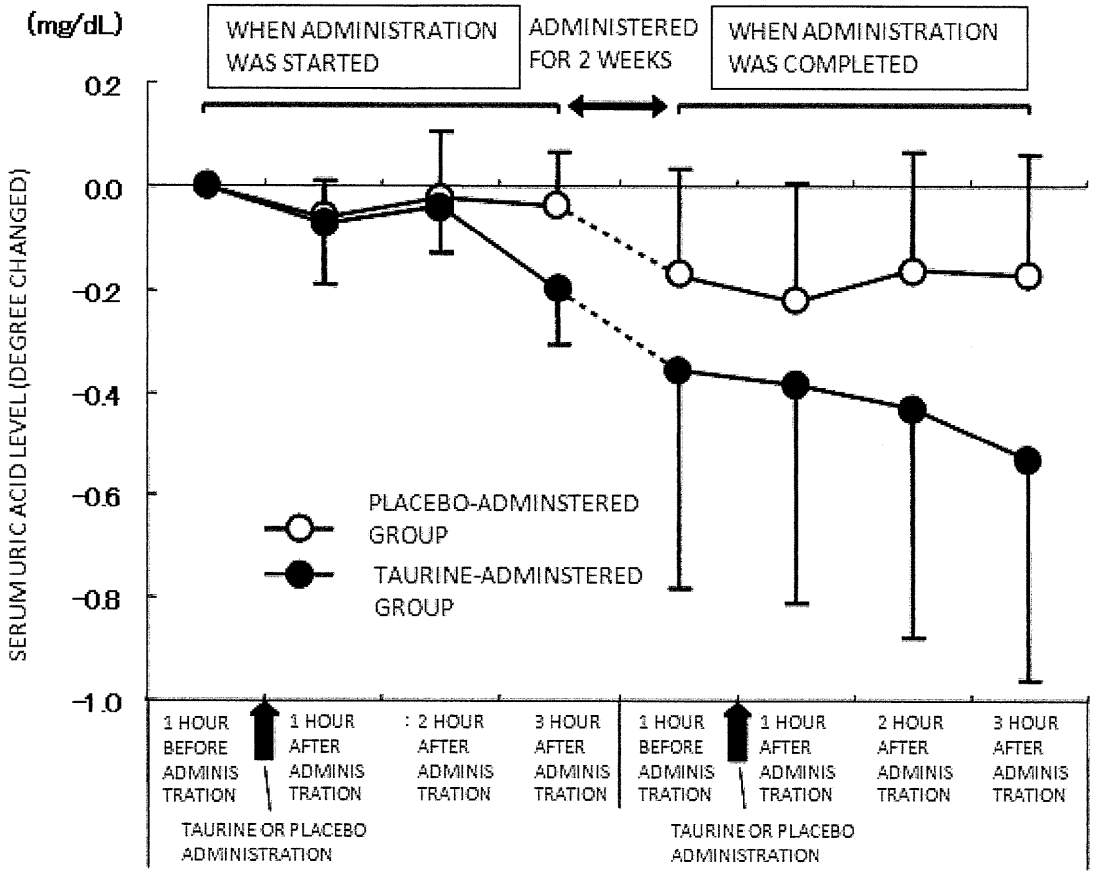
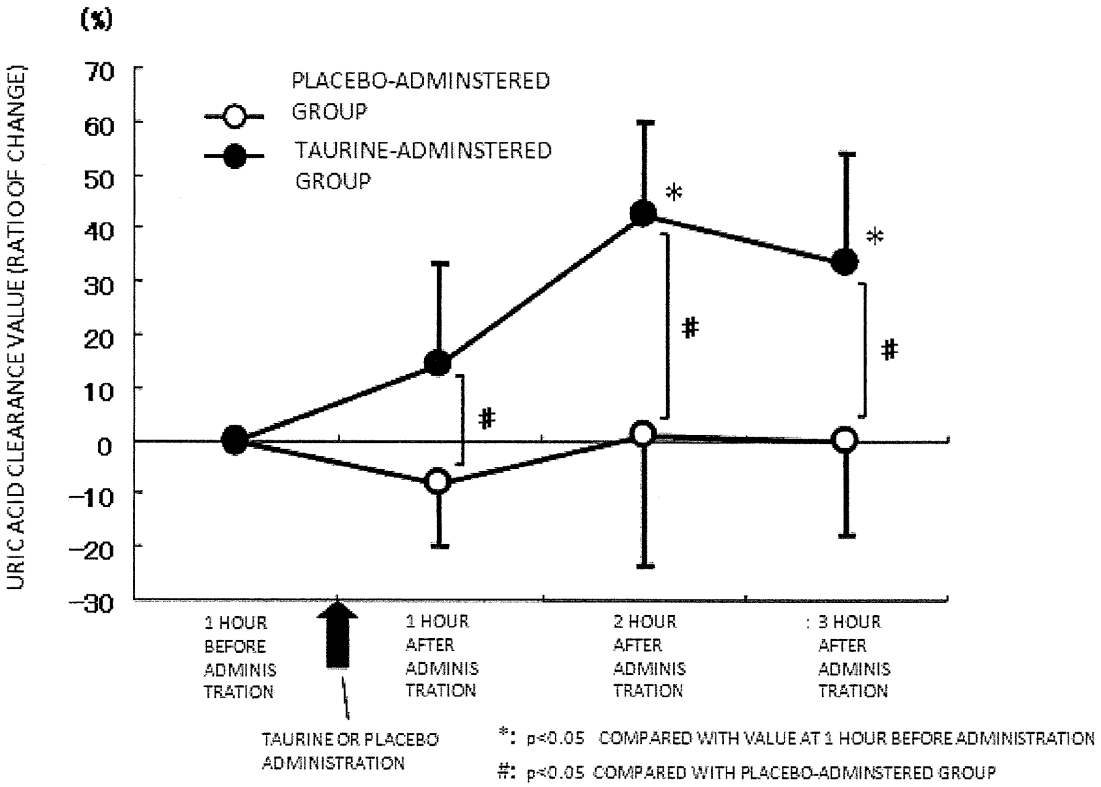
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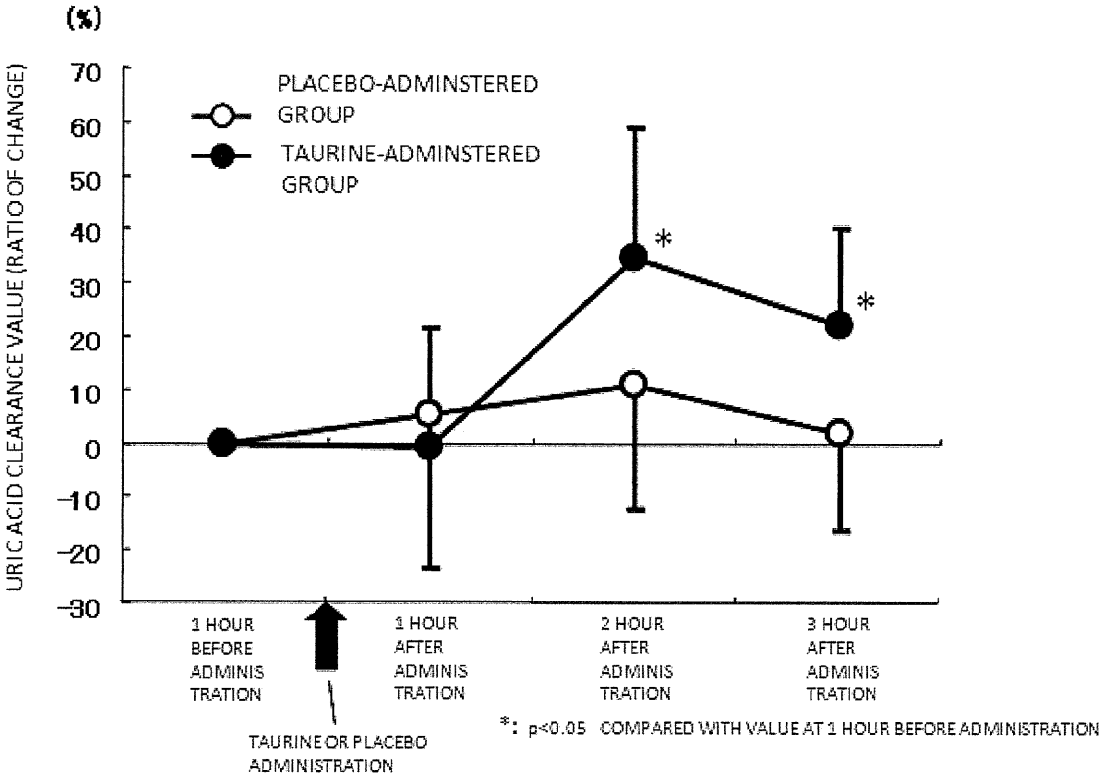
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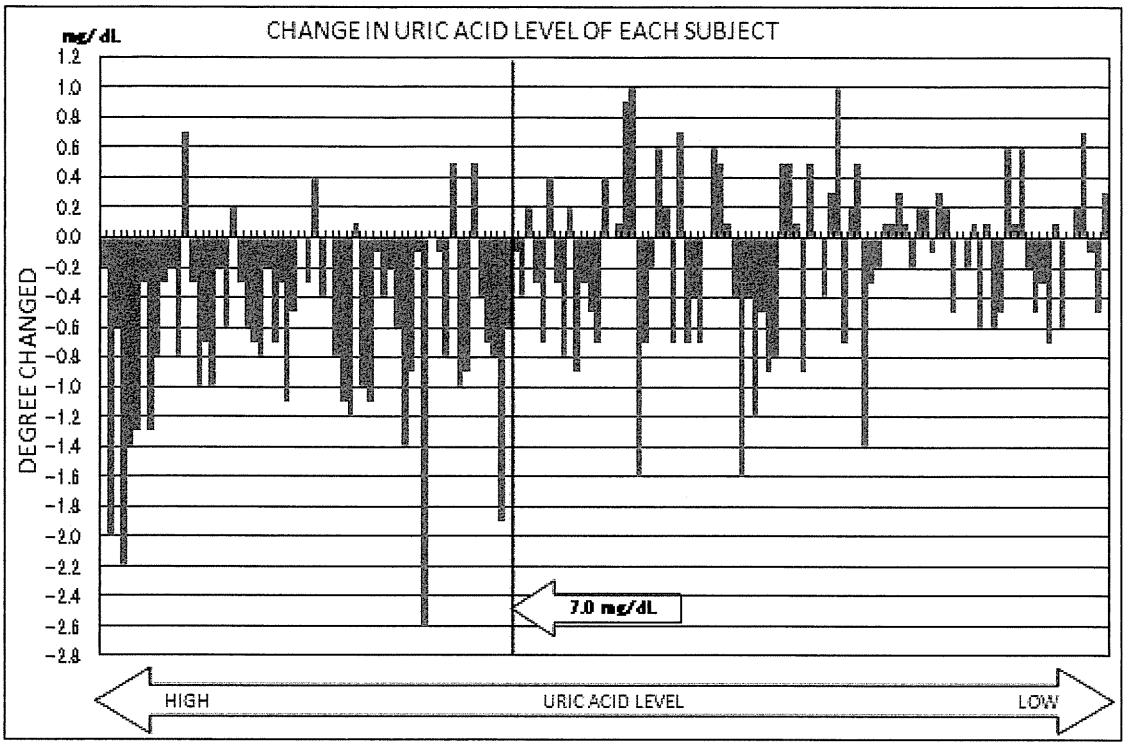
[Fig. 2]


(%)
URIC ACID CLEARANCE VALUE (RATIO OF CHANGE)
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
−10
−20
−30
PLACEBO-ADMINSTERED GROUP
TAURINE-ADMINSTERED GROUP
*
*
#
#
#
1 HOUR BEFORE ADMINIS TRATION
1 HOUR AFTER ADMINIS TRATION
2 HOUR AFTER ADMINIS TRATION
3 HOUR AFTER ADMINIS TRATION
TAURINE OR PLACEBO ADMINISTRATION
*: p<0.05 COMPARED WITH VALUE AT 1 HOUR BEFORE ADMINISTRATION
#: p<0.05 COMPARED WITH PLACEBO-ADMINSTERED GROUP

[Fig. 3]


(%)
URIC ACID CLEARANCE VALUE (RATIO OF CHANGE)
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PLACEBO-ADMINSTERED GROUP
TAURINE-ADMINSTERED GROUP
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1 HOUR BEFORE ADMINIS TRATION
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2 HOUR AFTER ADMINIS TRATION
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TAURINE OR PLACEBO ADMINISTRATION
*: p<0.05 COMPARED WITH VALUE AT 1 HOUR BEFORE ADMINISTRATION

[Fig. 4]


CHANGE IN URIC ACID LEVEL OF EACH SUBJECT
mg/dL
DEGREE CHANGED
1.2
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
-0.2
-0.4
-0.6
-0.8
-1.0
-1.2
-1.4
-1.6
-1.8
-2.0
-2.2
-2.4
-2.6
-2.8
7.0 mg/dL
HIGH
URIC ACID LEVEL
LOW