

**Chronic exposure to cadmium
and health effects in inhabitants
of Kakehashi River Basin,
Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan**

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Main items in this lecture

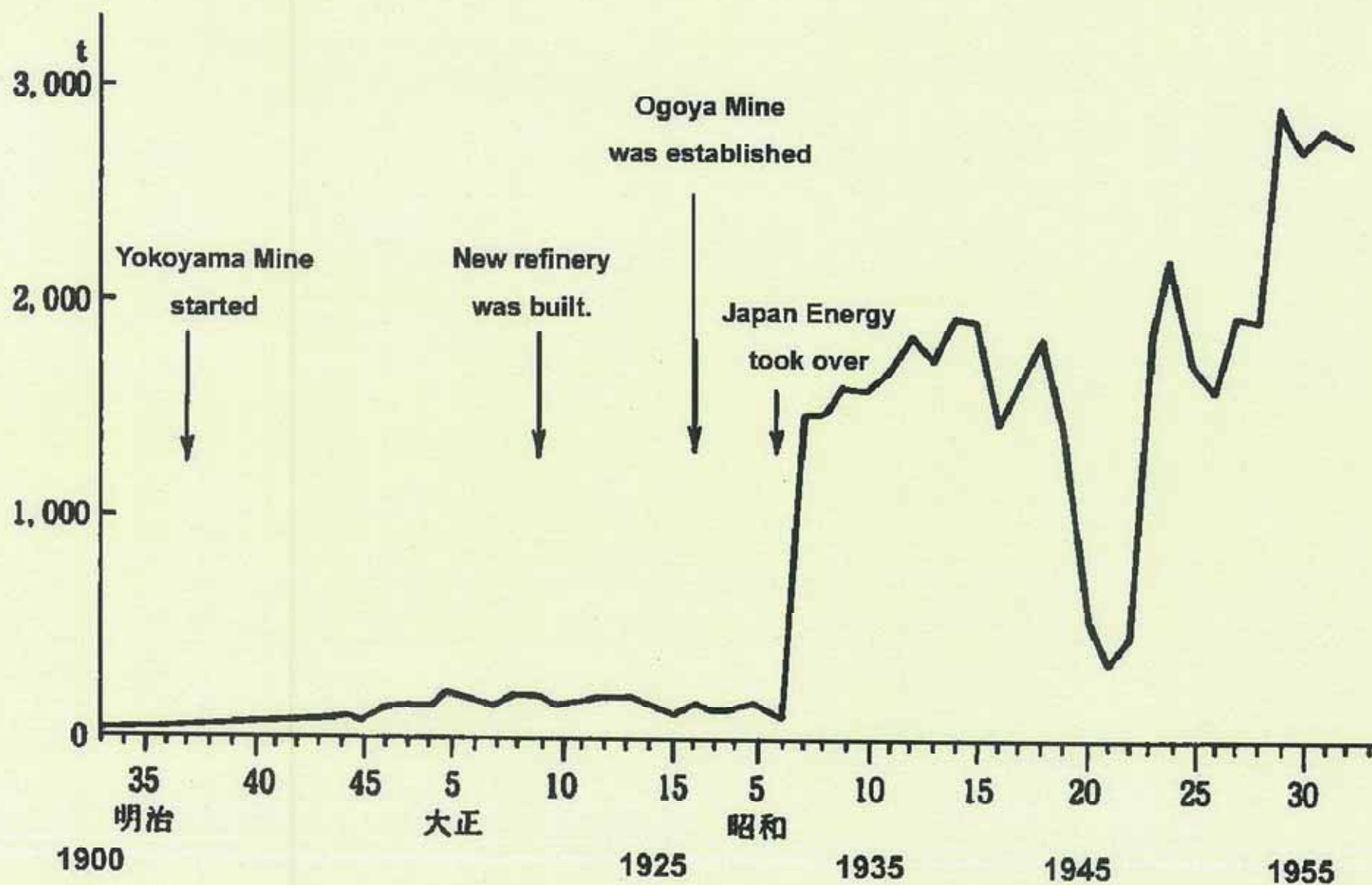
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**I . Epidemiological study
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Cadmium polluted areas in Japan



Annual data on copper production at Ogoya Mine (by history of Nishio Village)



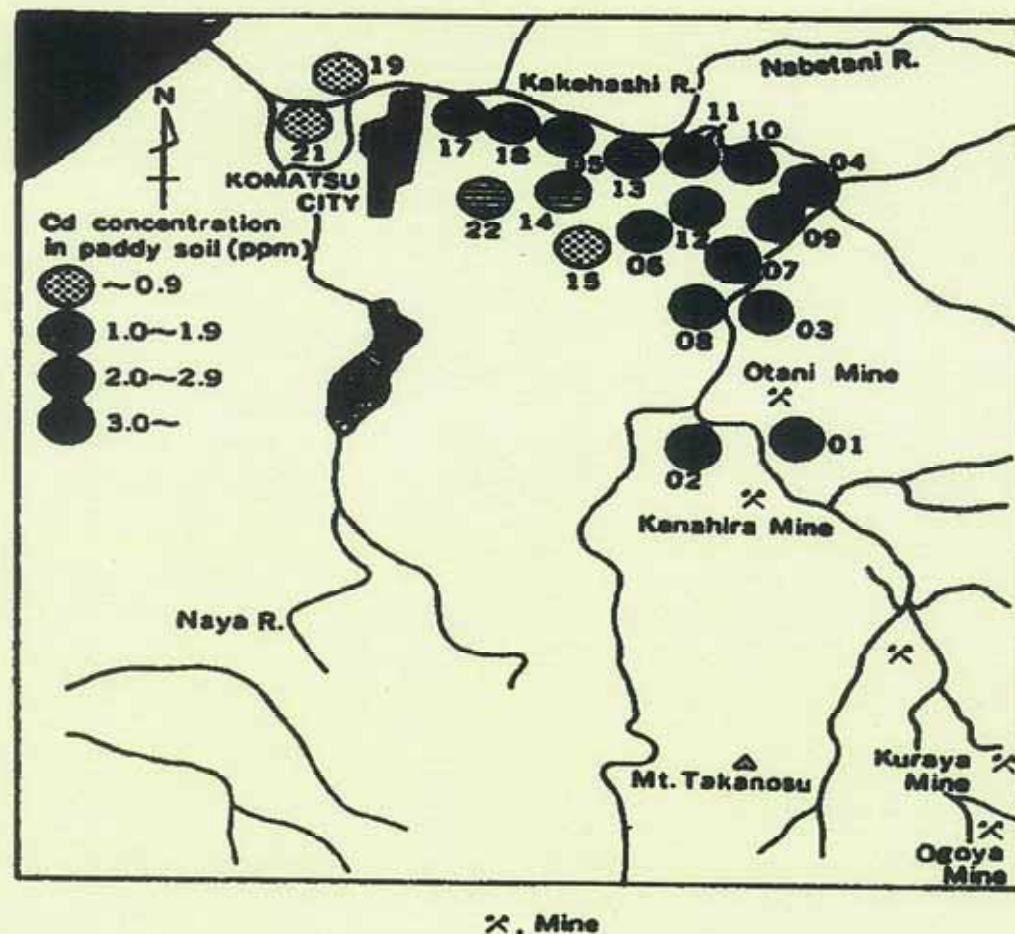


Fig. 6-25. Location of cadmium mines and concentrations of cadmium in paddy soil, Kakehashi River Basin. 1974 survey.

Source: Ishikawa Prefecture 1975C

1 Kanahira	8 Hanasaka	15 Yoshitake
2 Kaneno	9 Nakaumi	17 Sono
3 Gokoji	10 Arakida	18 Kamikomatsu
4 Karumi	11 Sasaki	19 Shimomaki
5 Shirae	12 Yawata	21 Tsurugashima
6 Wakasugi	13 Urushi	22 Oki
7 Shorenji	14 Uchikoshi	

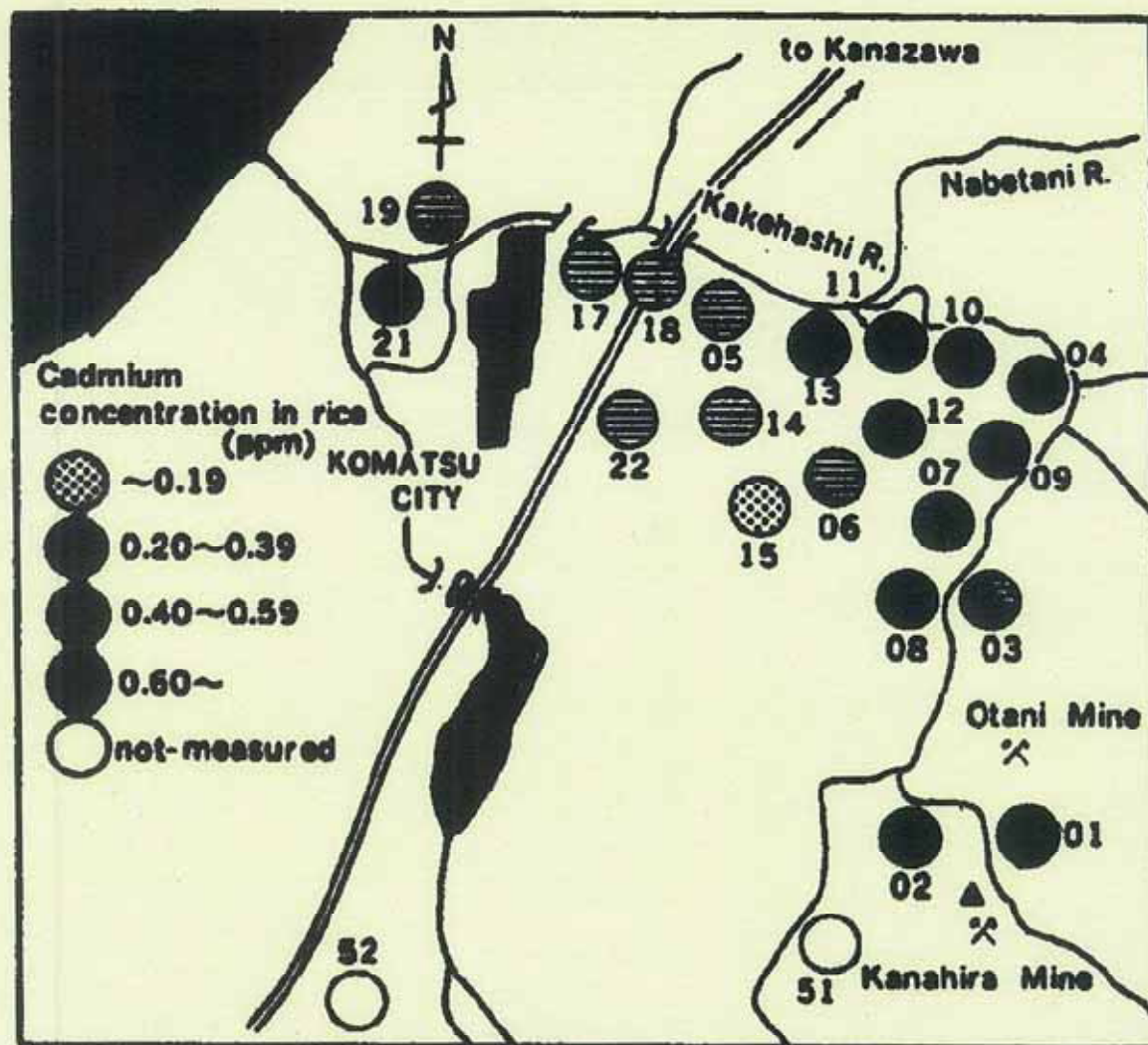


Fig. 6-27. Cadmium concentrations in rice grown in 1974 in the Kakehashi River Basin.

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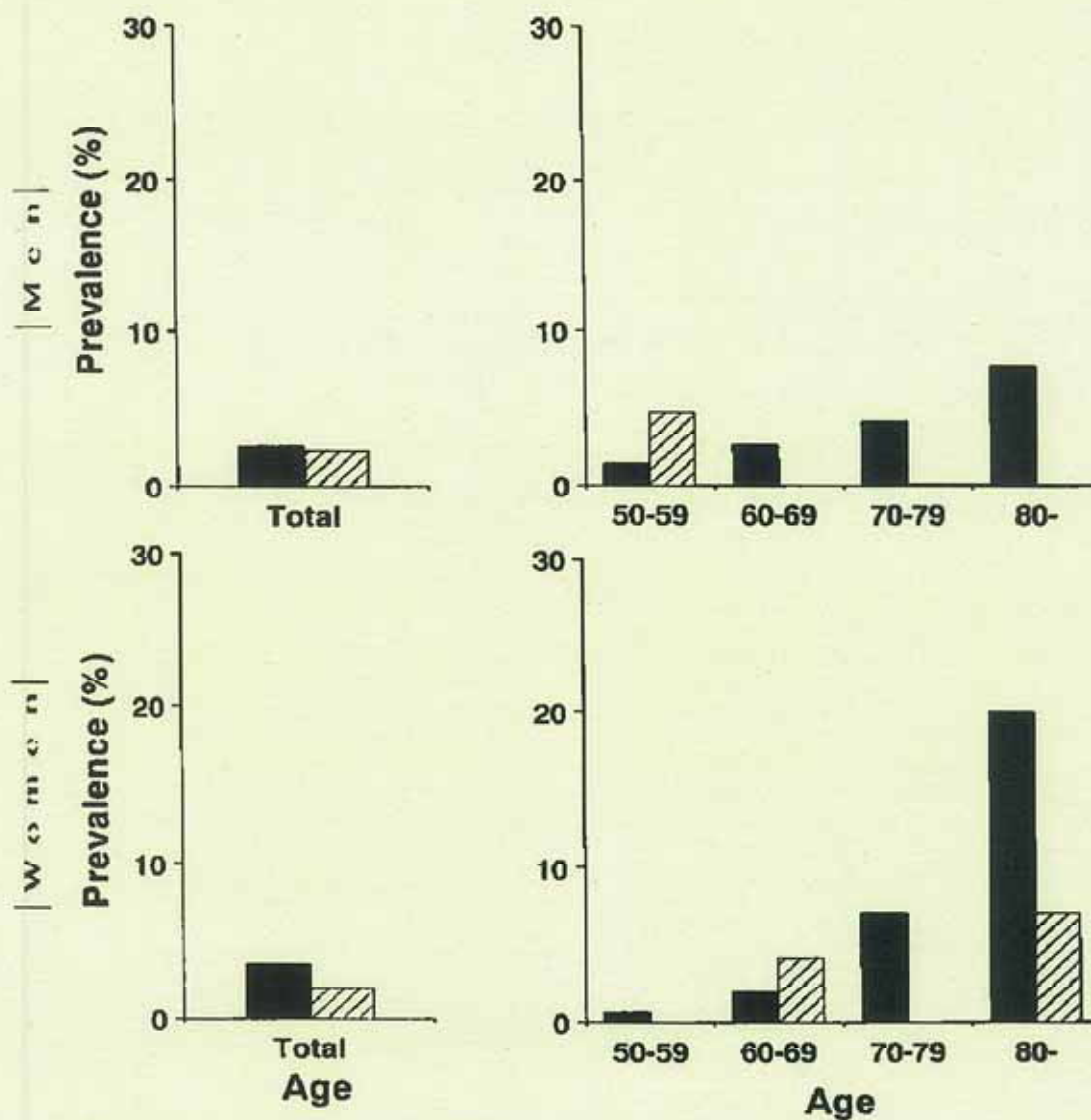
Note: Numbers correspond to key on Fig. 6-25.

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Table 1 Age and sex distribution of population studied.

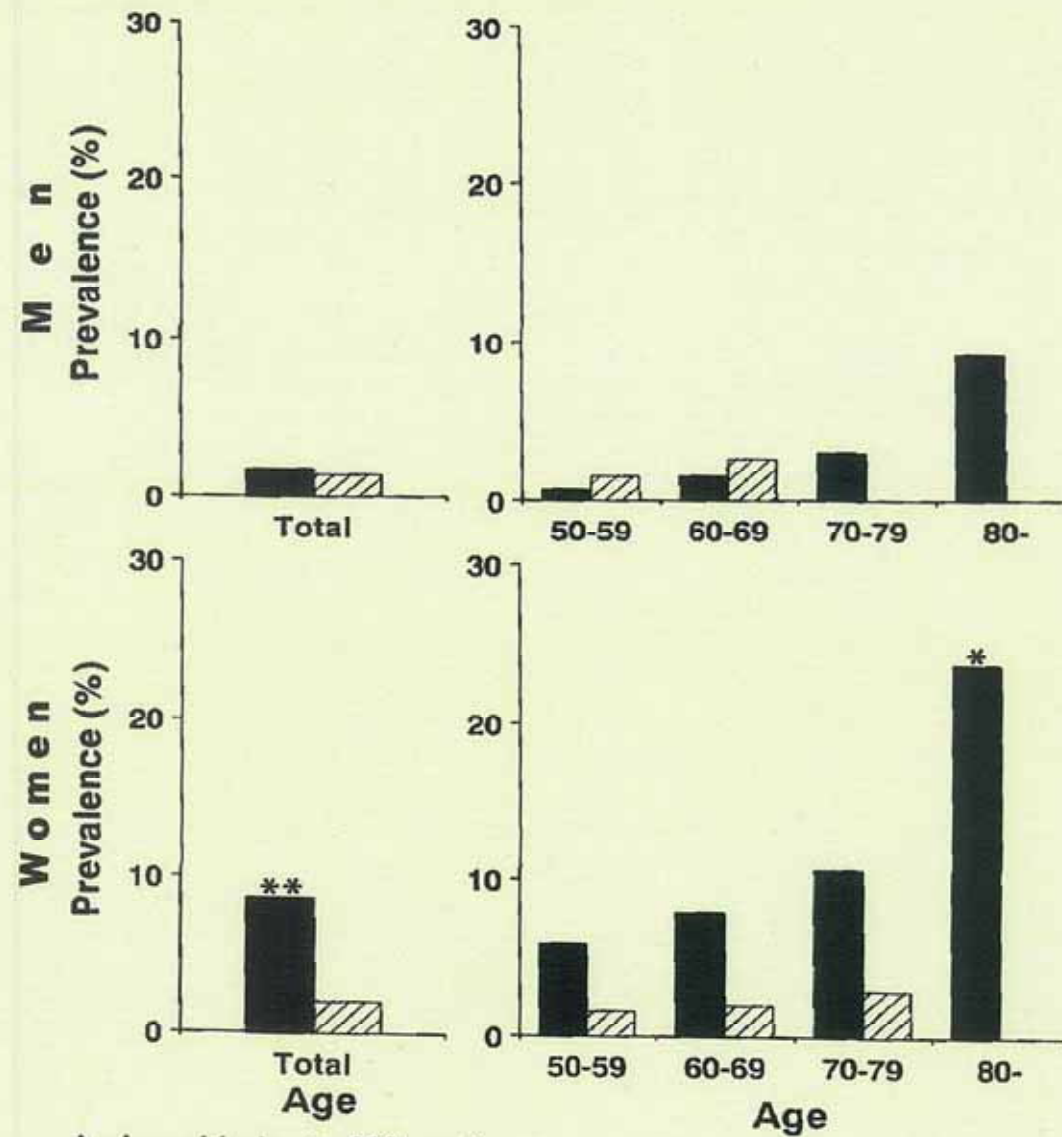
Age	<u>Cd-exposed subjects</u>			<u>Nonexposed control subjects</u>		
	Men	Women	Men and women	Men	Women	Men and women
50 — 59	600	713	1313	62	64	126
60 — 69	494	591	1085	38	49	87
70 — 79	265	340	605	26	34	60
80 —	65	110	175	7	14	21
Total	1424	1754	3178	133	161	294

Prevalence of Glucosuria with Proteinuria



Glucosuria ≥ 20 mg/dl, Proteinuria ≥ 5 mg/dl
 ■ ; Cd-exposed subjects, ▨ ; Nonexposed subjects

Prevalence of Aminoaciduria

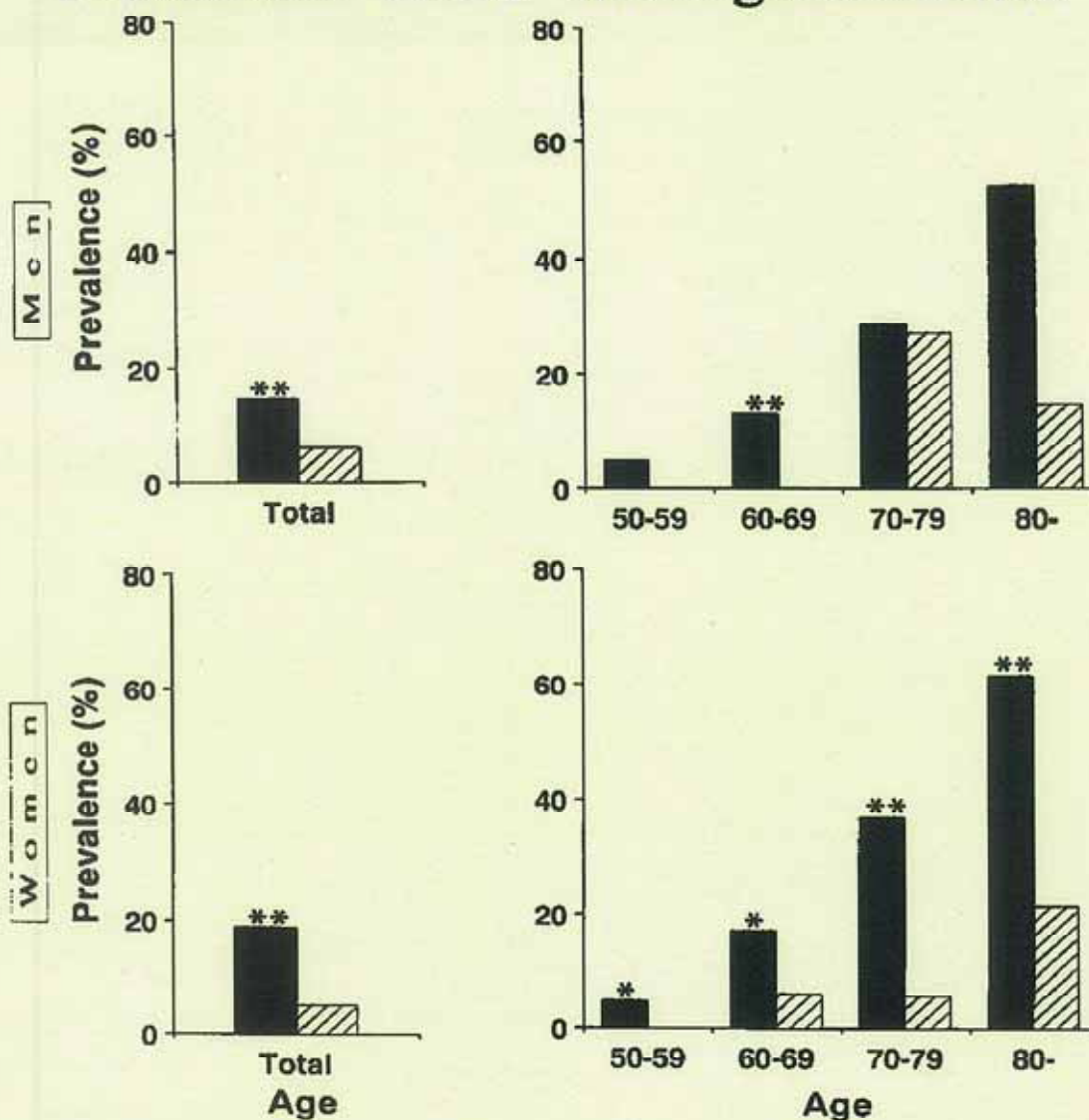


Aminoaciduria ≥ 300 mg/g cr

■ ; Cd-exposed subjects, ▨ ; Nonexposed subjects

* ; $P \leq 0.05$, ** ; $P \leq 0.01$

Prevalence of B₂-Microglobulinuria

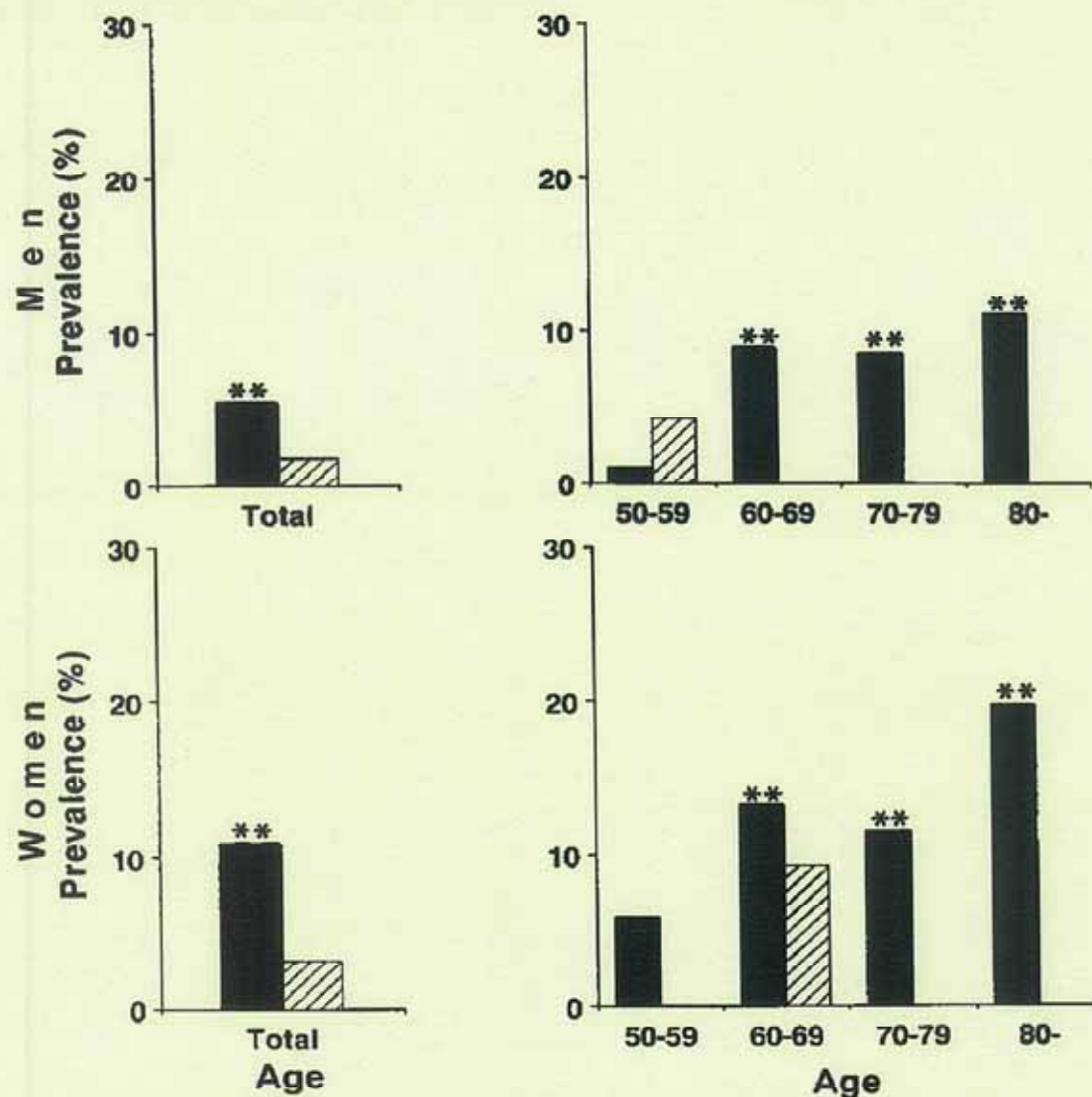


B₂-Microglobulinuria ≥ 1000 $\mu\text{g/g cr}$

■ ; Cd-exposed subjects, ▨ ; Nonexposed subjects

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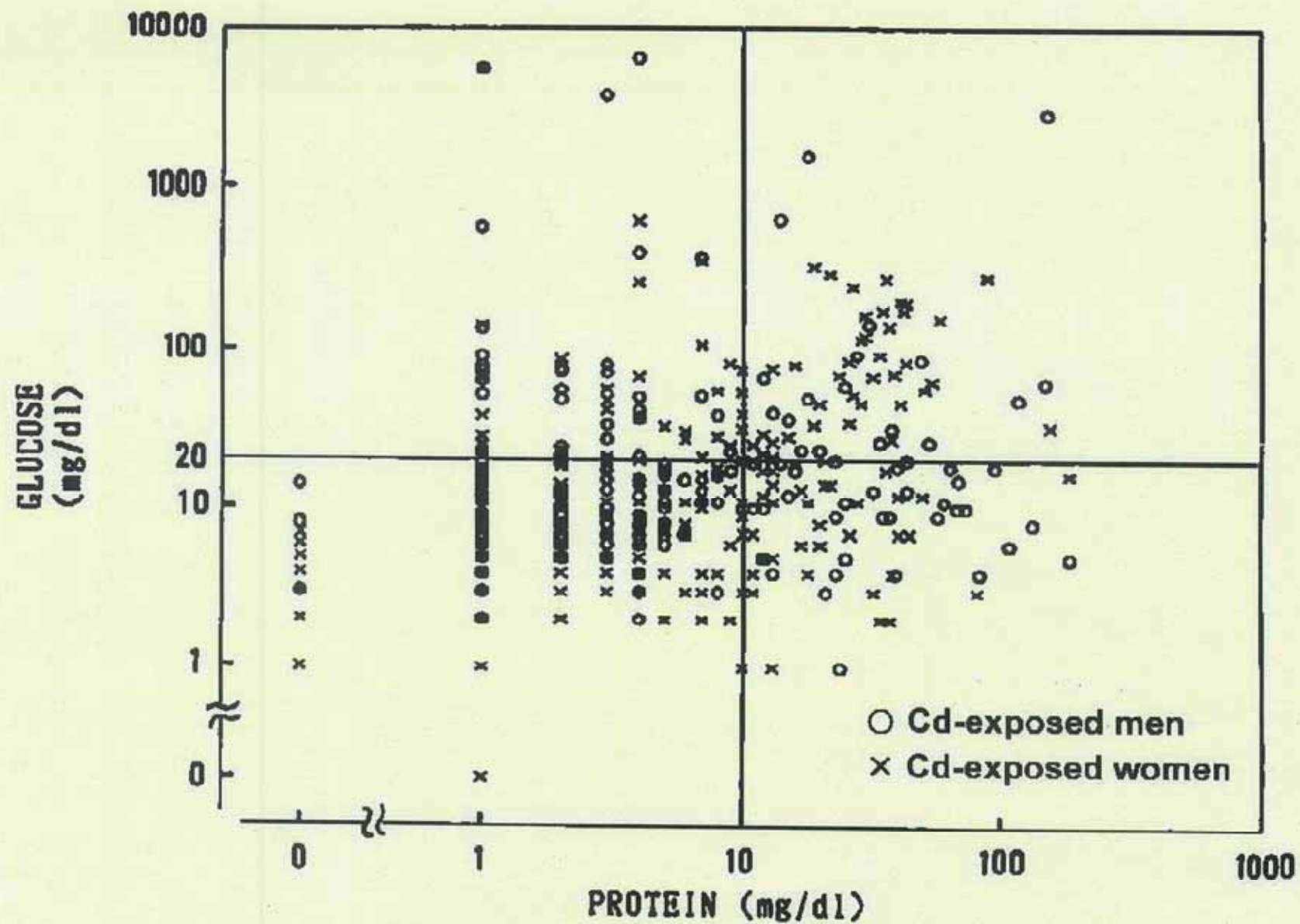
Prevalence of Metallothioneinuria



Metallothioneinuria ; Men ≥ 645 ug/g cr , Women ≥ 738 ug/g cr

■ ; Cd-exposed subjects, ▨ ; Nonexposed subjects

* ; $P \leq 0.05$, ** ; $P \leq 0.01$



Urinary findings of glucose and protein in cadmium – exposed inhabitants with β_2 – microglobulin concentration over 1,000 $\mu\text{g/g cr}$

II . Cadmium induced renal effects

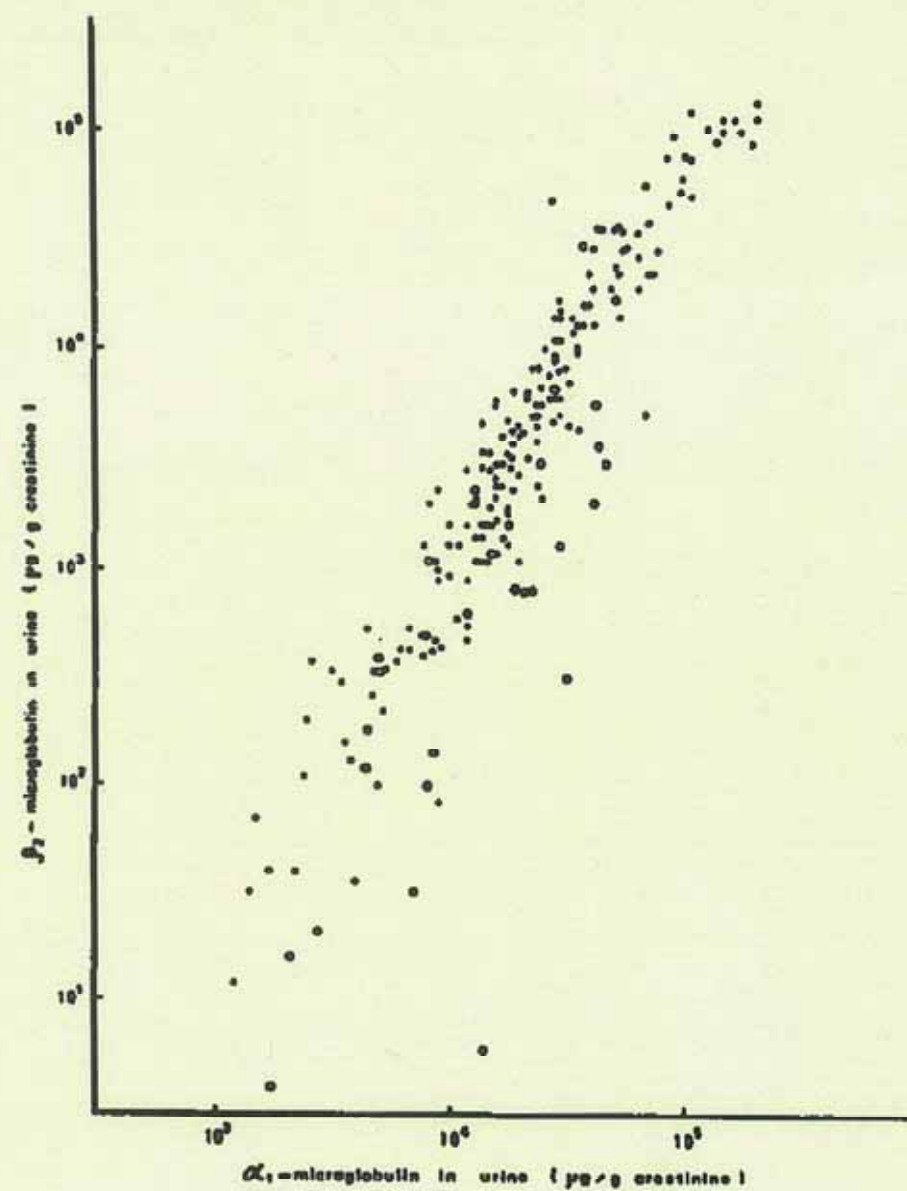


Fig. 5. Relationship between α_1 -m and β_2 -m concentrations of urine from the Cd-polluted subjects. ● urine pH > 5.8; ○, urine pH < 5.6.

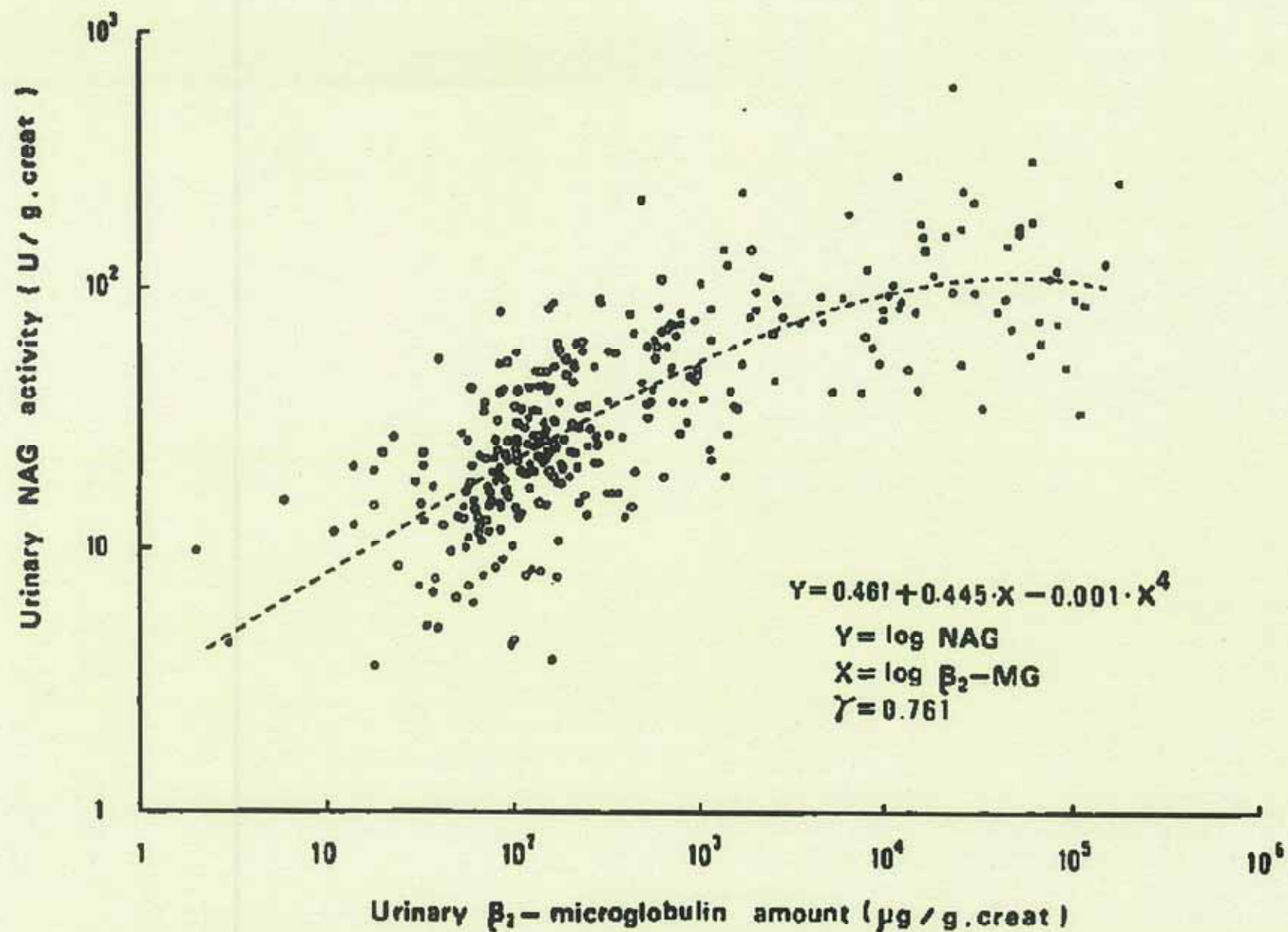


Fig 1. Relationship between urinary β_2 -microglobulin concentrations and NAG activities among people from an area free of cadmium (○), inhabitants of a cadmium-polluted area (●) and itai-itai disease patients and suspected patients (x).

**5-year follow-up study
of Cd-exposed subjects**

Table 1. —Sex and Age Distribution of Subjects Examined

Age* (Yr)	Men	Women	Total
50-59	8	19	27
60-69	19	15	34
70-79	5	5	10
80-	0	3	3
Total	32	42	74

***Age in 1981.**

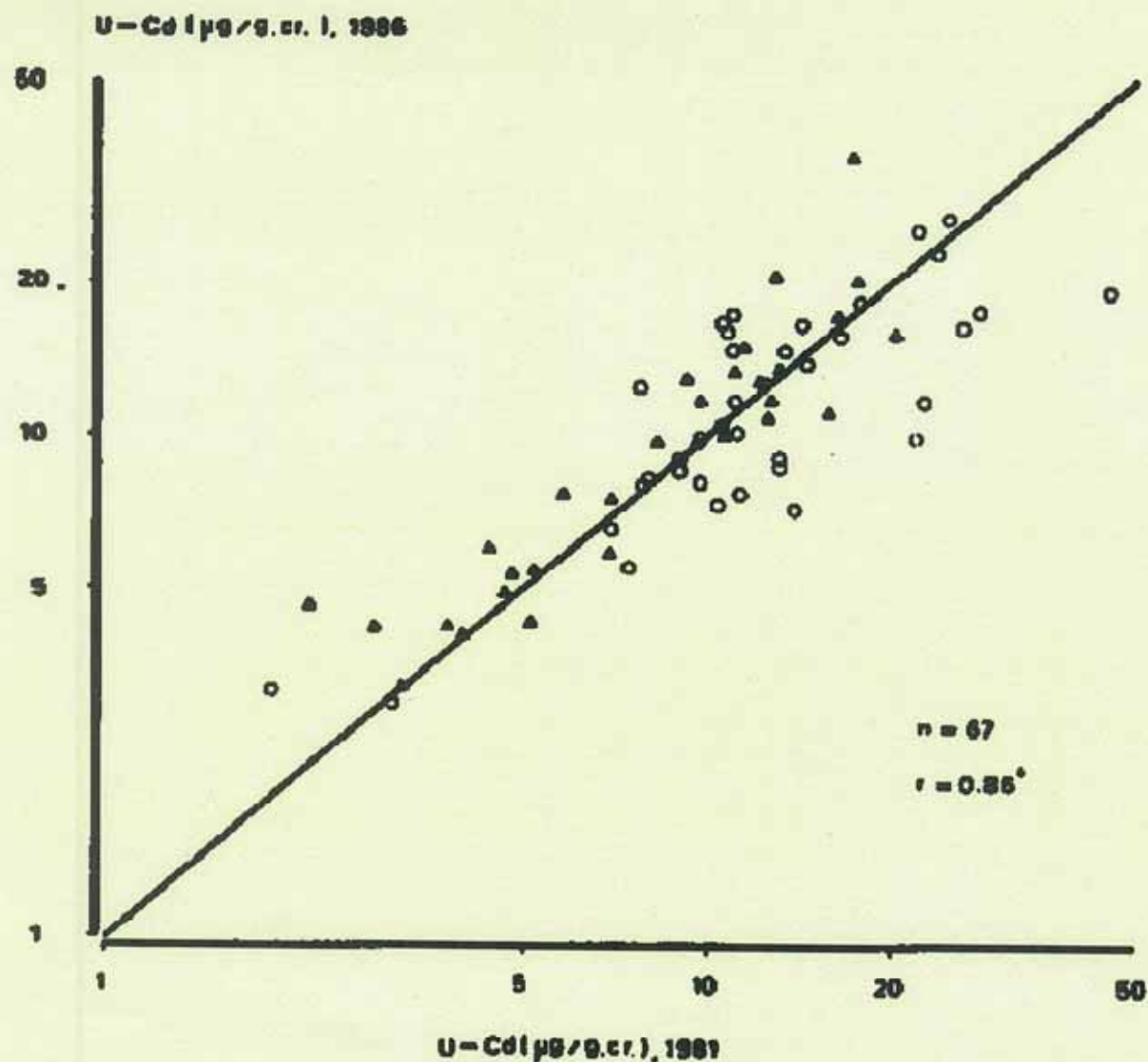


Fig. 5. Urinary excretion of cadmium ($\mu\text{g/g creatinine}$) in 74 cadmium-exposed inhabitants examined in 1981 and 1986; Δ = males, $\circ$ = females. The r denotes the correlation coefficient. *Significant r value at $p < .001$.

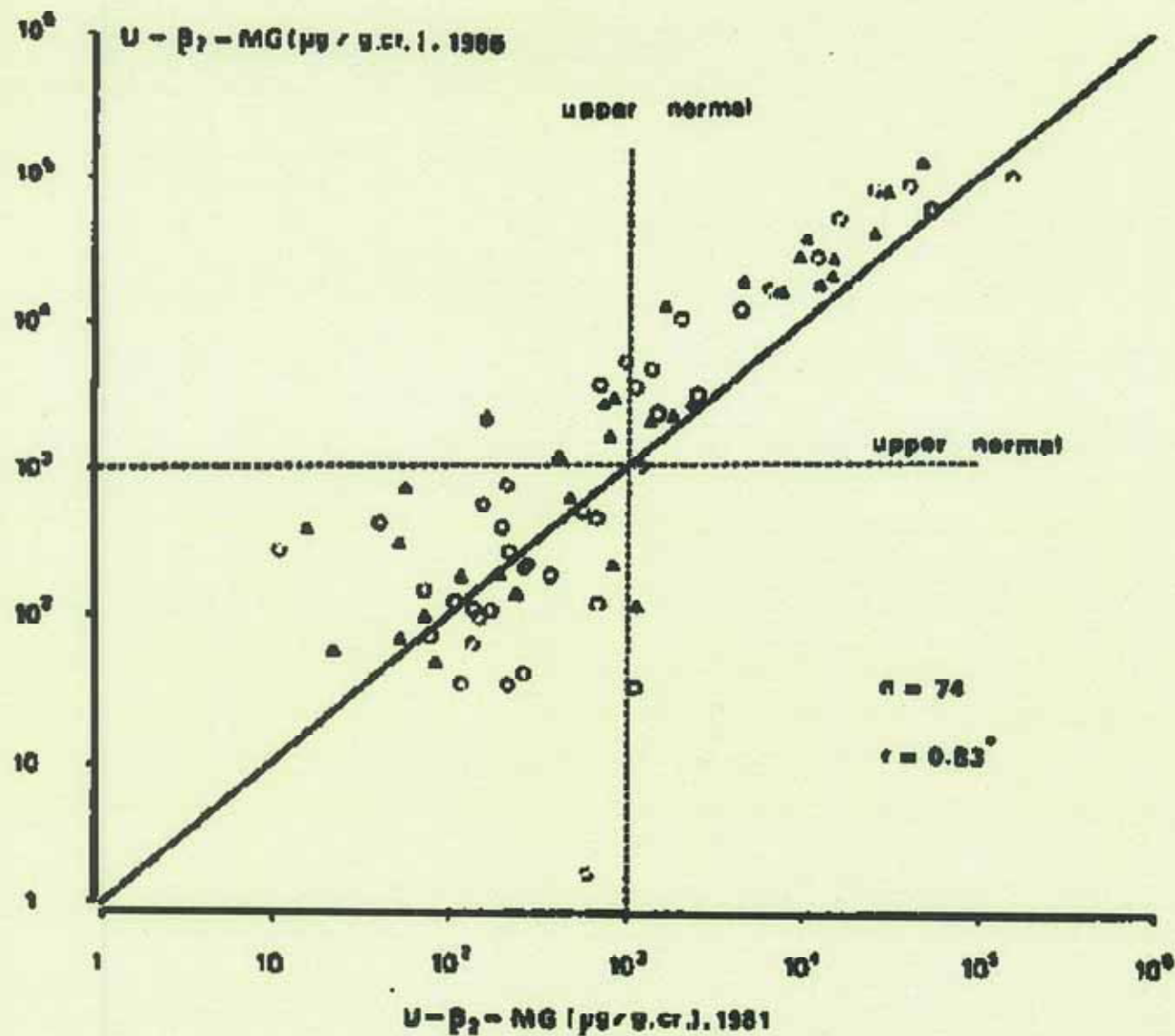


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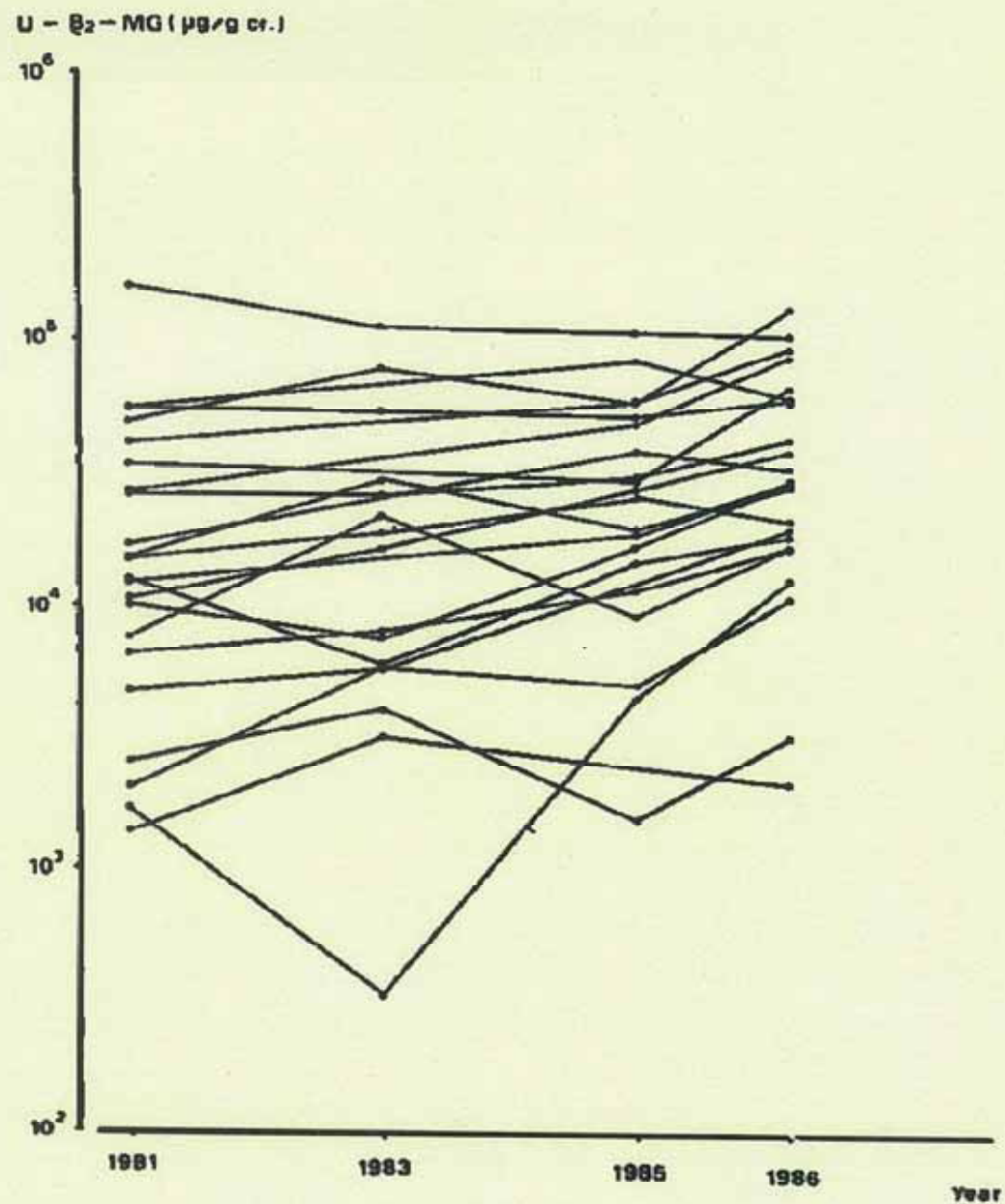


Fig. 2. Urinary excretion of β_2 -microglobulin (β_2 -MG) ($\mu\text{g/g creatinine}$) in 22 cadmium-exposed inhabitants examined between 1981 and 1986.

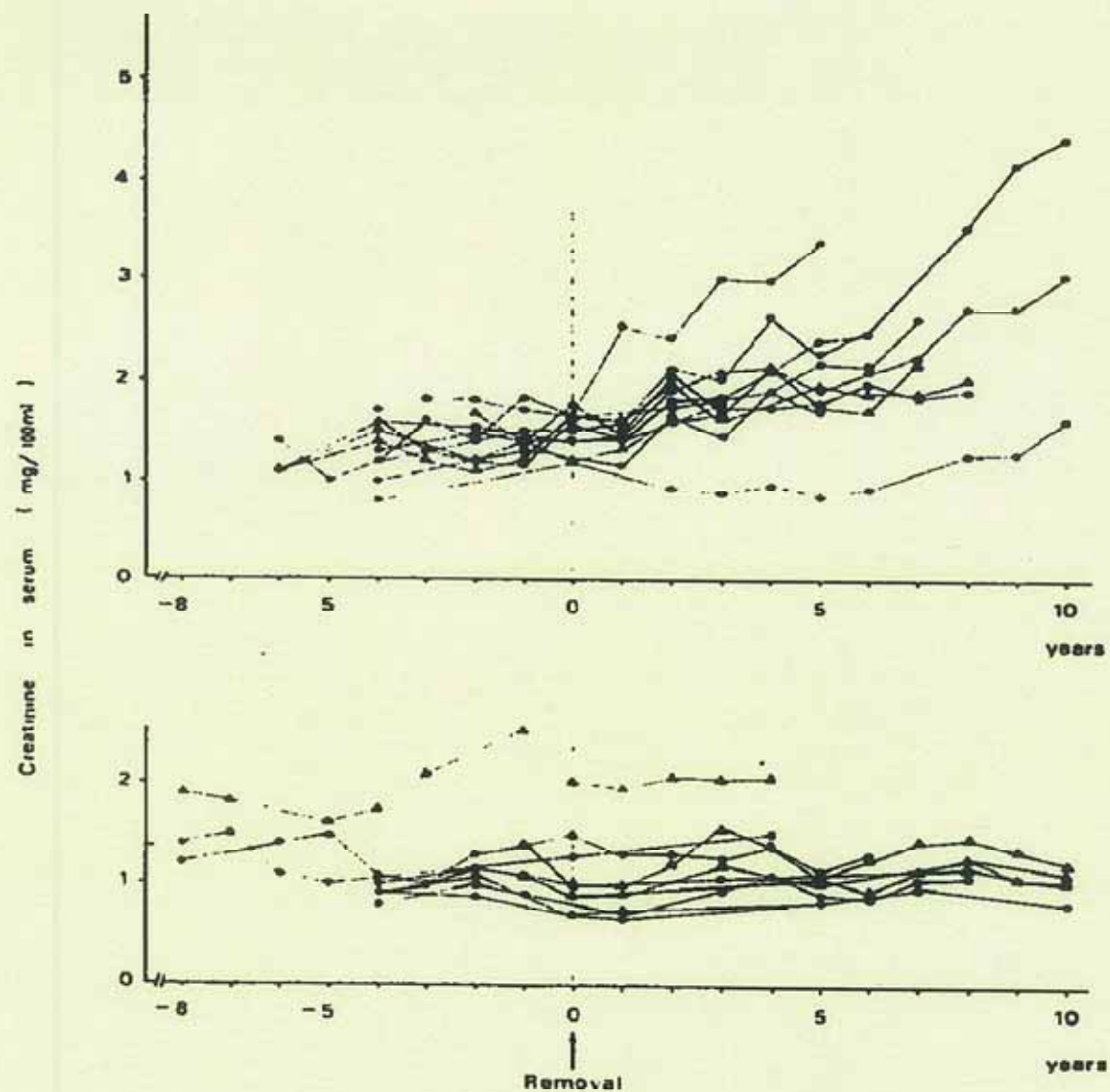


Fig. 1. Annual changes of serum creatinine levels before and after cessation of cadmium exposure. The *top* figure includes all subjects whose serum creatinine levels at their most recent examination were increased by $> 20\%$ above baseline values. The *bottom* figure includes subjects whose levels increased $< 20\%$ above baseline levels (Δ — Δ = males, $\bullet$ — $\bullet$ = females).

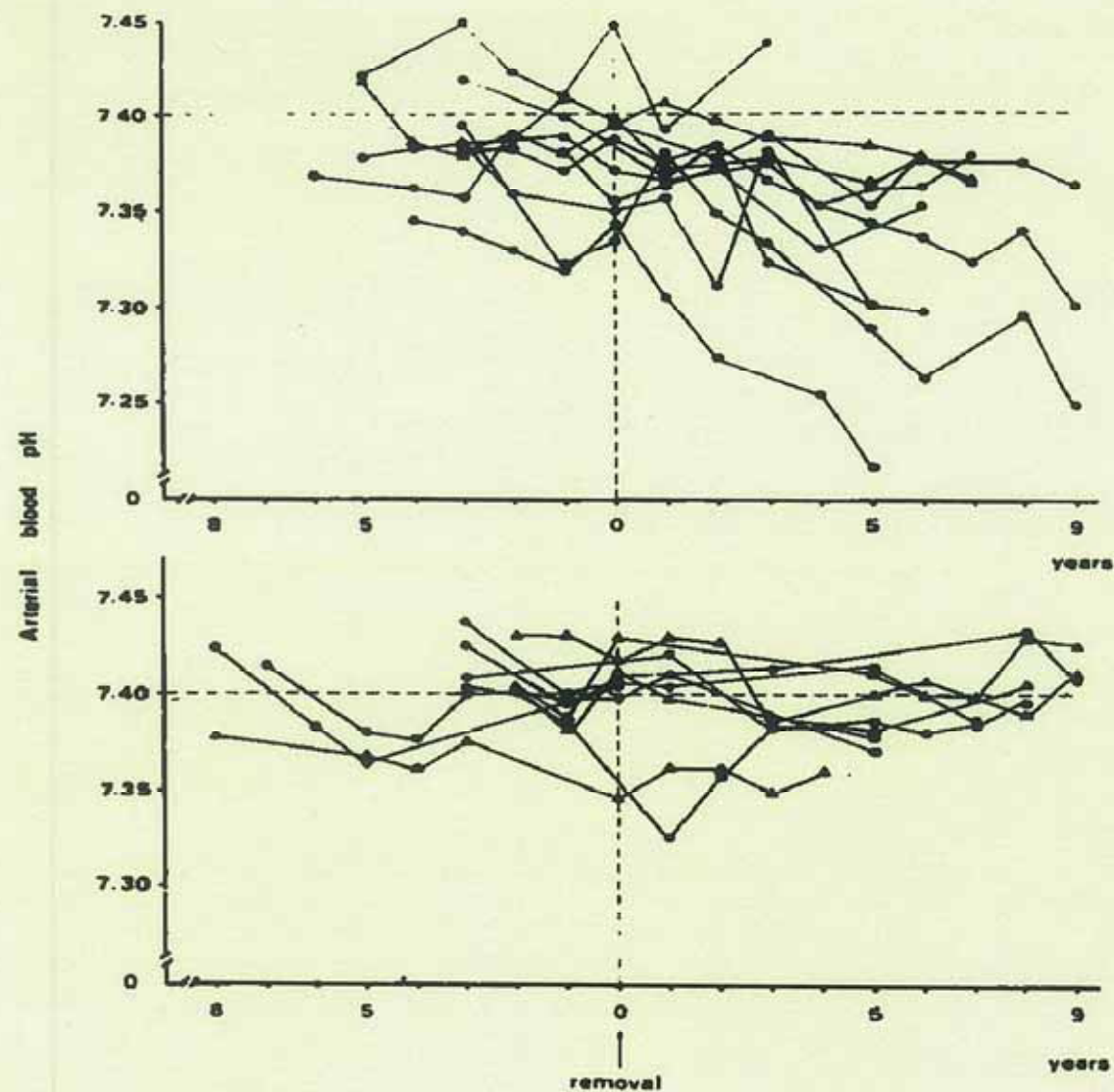
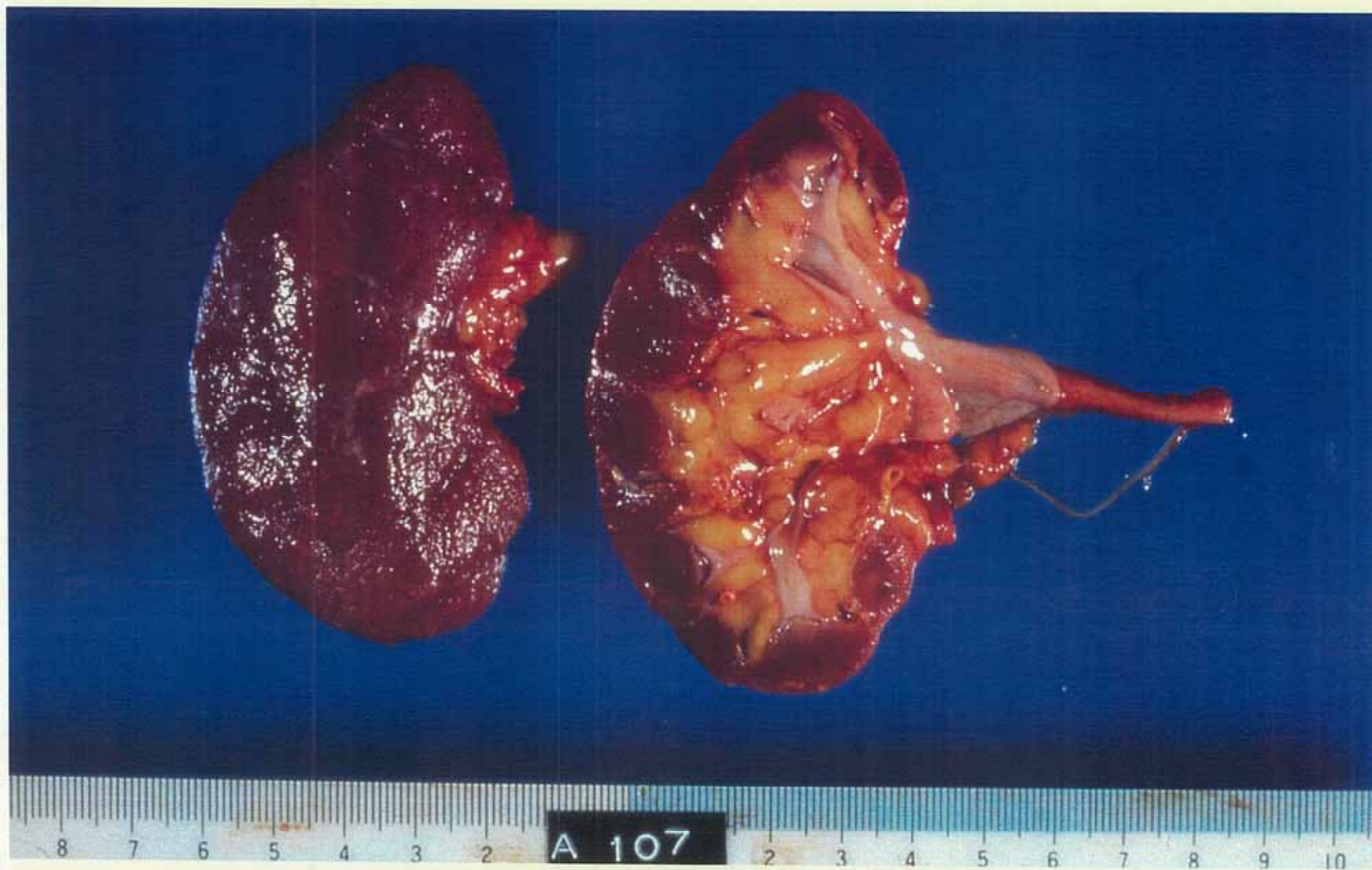


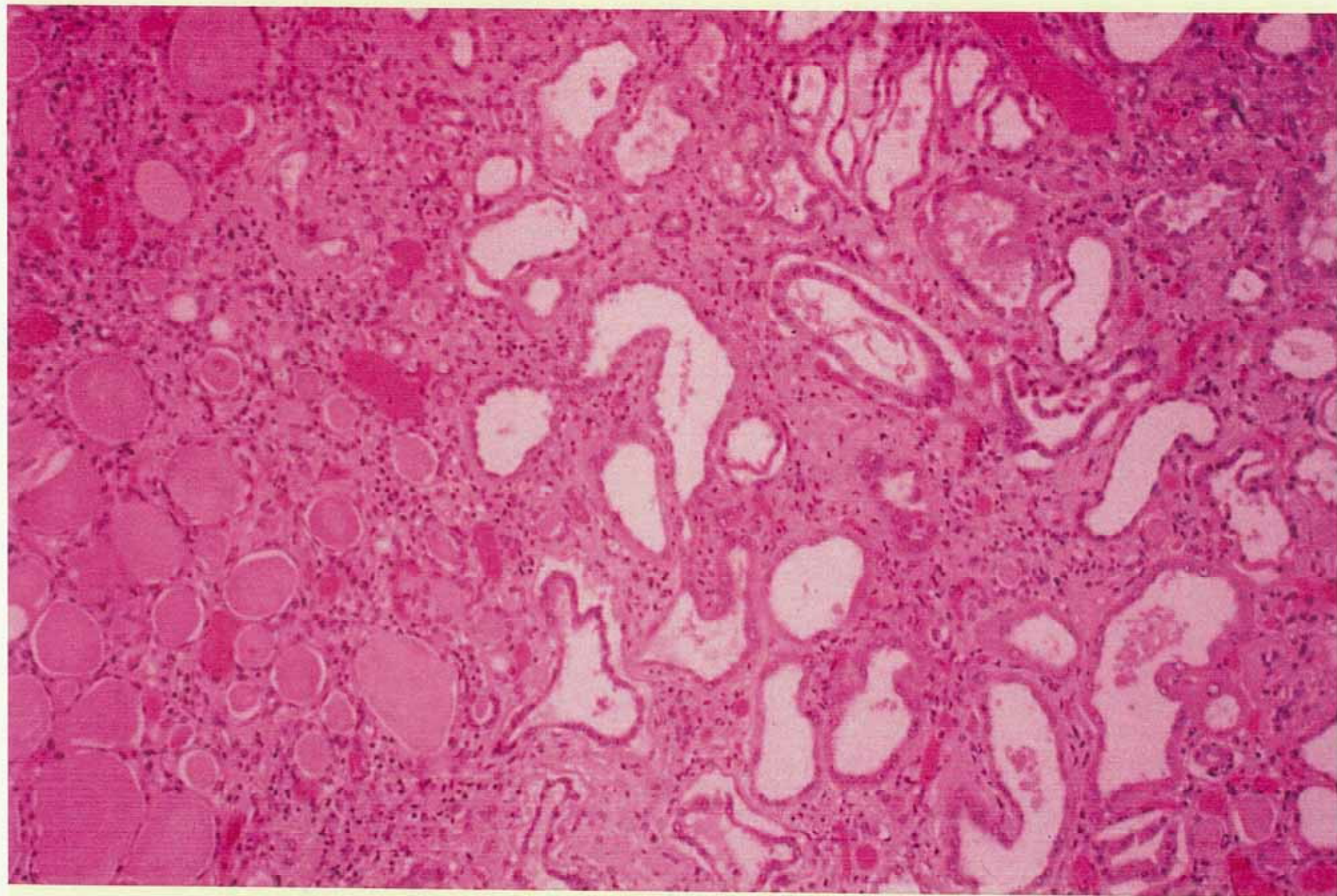
Fig. 2. Annual changes of arterial blood pH values before and after cessation of cadmium exposure. The *top* figure includes all subjects whose serum creatinine levels at their most recent examination were increased by > 20% above baseline values. The *bottom* figure includes subjects whose levels increased < 20% above baseline levels (Δ — Δ = males, $\bullet$ — $\bullet$ = females).

Table 4.—Biological Parameters of the Case Showing Renal Failure

Date of examination	1998
Sex	Female
Age(y)	80
Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	4.38
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Red blood cell ($\times 10^4/\text{mm}^3$)	191
Hemoglobin (g/dl)	6.4
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Cadmium ($\mu\text{g/g cr}$)	7.9
Creatinine clearance (ml/min)	10.9
Tubular reabsorptive phosphorus (%)	29.9

*g creatinine





**18-year follow-up study
of Cd-exposed subjects**

研究目的

カドミウム(Cd)汚染土壤の改善がなされて18年が経過した石川県梯川流域の1汚染地区住民で、その経過を観察し得た25名の尿中指標の推移を明らかにし、腎機能の可逆性について検討する。

また、Cd非汚染地域住民についても、尿中 β_2 -microglobulin(β_2 -MG)の推移を検討する。

研究方法

対象1:

石川県梯川流域Cd汚染地住民:

最も汚染の強かった1地区住民のうち、
1981年時点50才以上で、その年の健康調査を
受診し、その後1986, 91, 99年の検診にも参加
した25名(男11名、1999年の平均年齢75.7才;
女14名、72.6才)

対象2:

Cd非汚染地域住民:

1986年と2000年に尿検査を実施した
16名

(男7名、2000年の平均年齢80.7才;
女9名、79.0才)

方法:

各年度、早朝尿を採取し、尿中の糖、アミノ窒素、 β_2 -MG、Cdを測定した。

但し、尿中Cdについては1981年に2名分が尿量不足のため未測定であったので、その他の年度も23名について解析した。

**Fig. 1 Change of Urinary Findings
between 1981 and 1999**

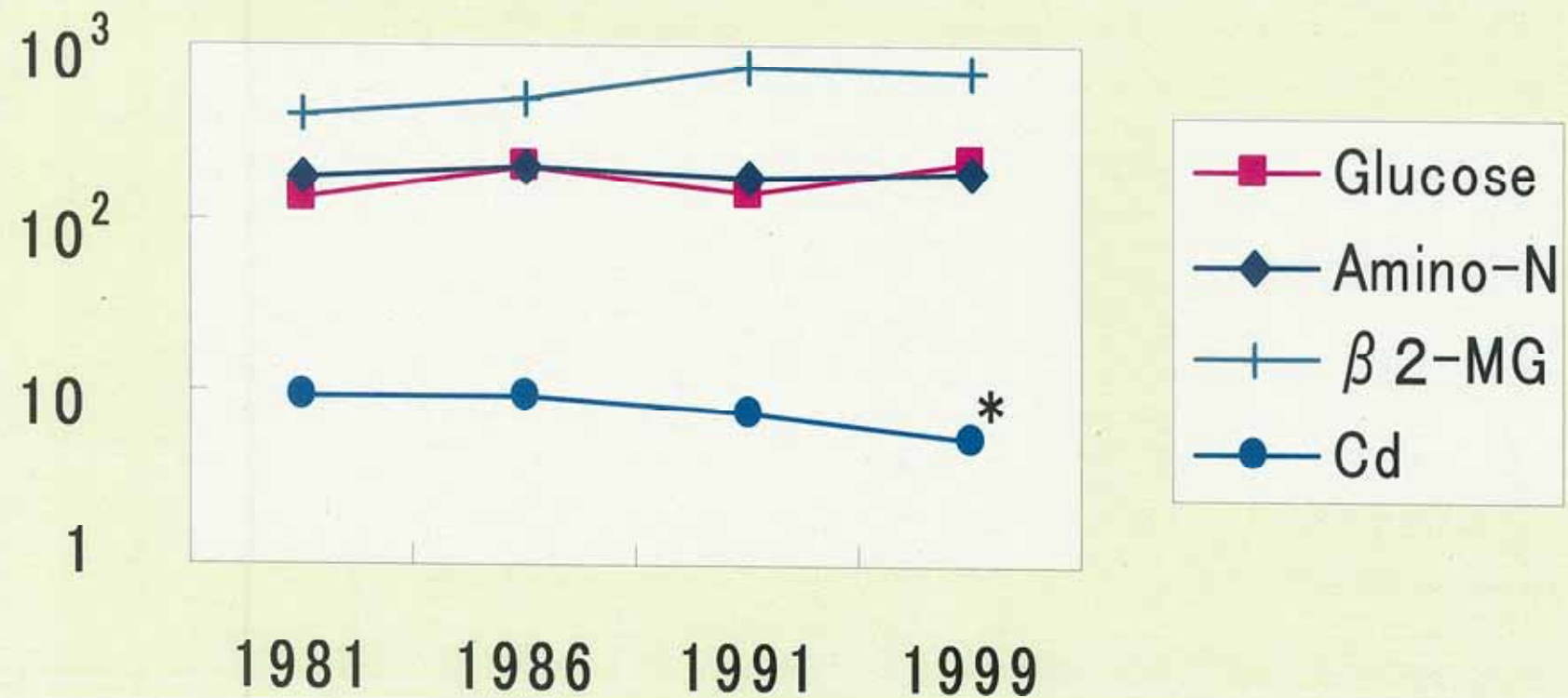


Fig. 2 Relationship between Urinary Glucose in 1981 and 1999

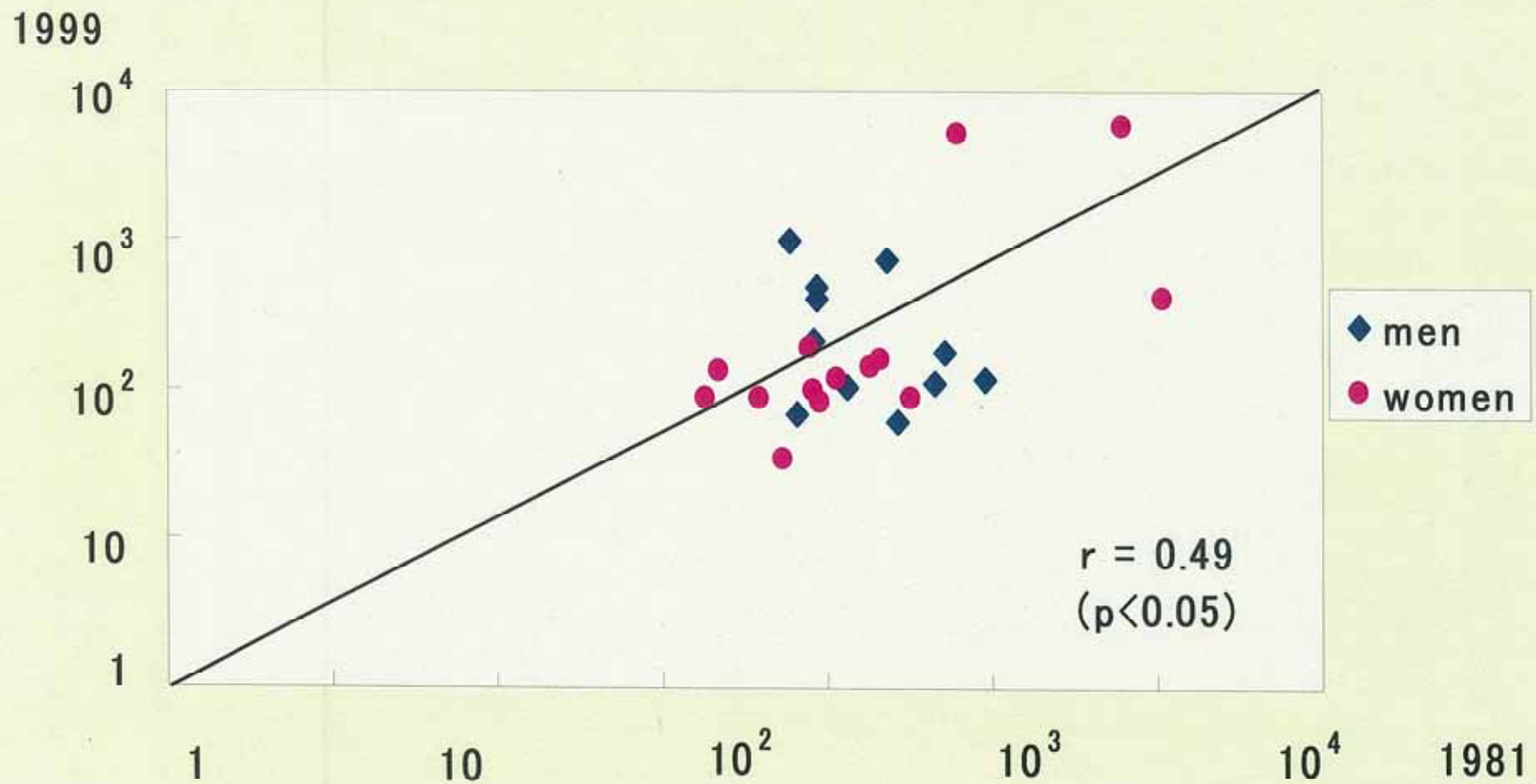


Fig. 3 Relationship between Urinary Amino-N in 1981 and 1999

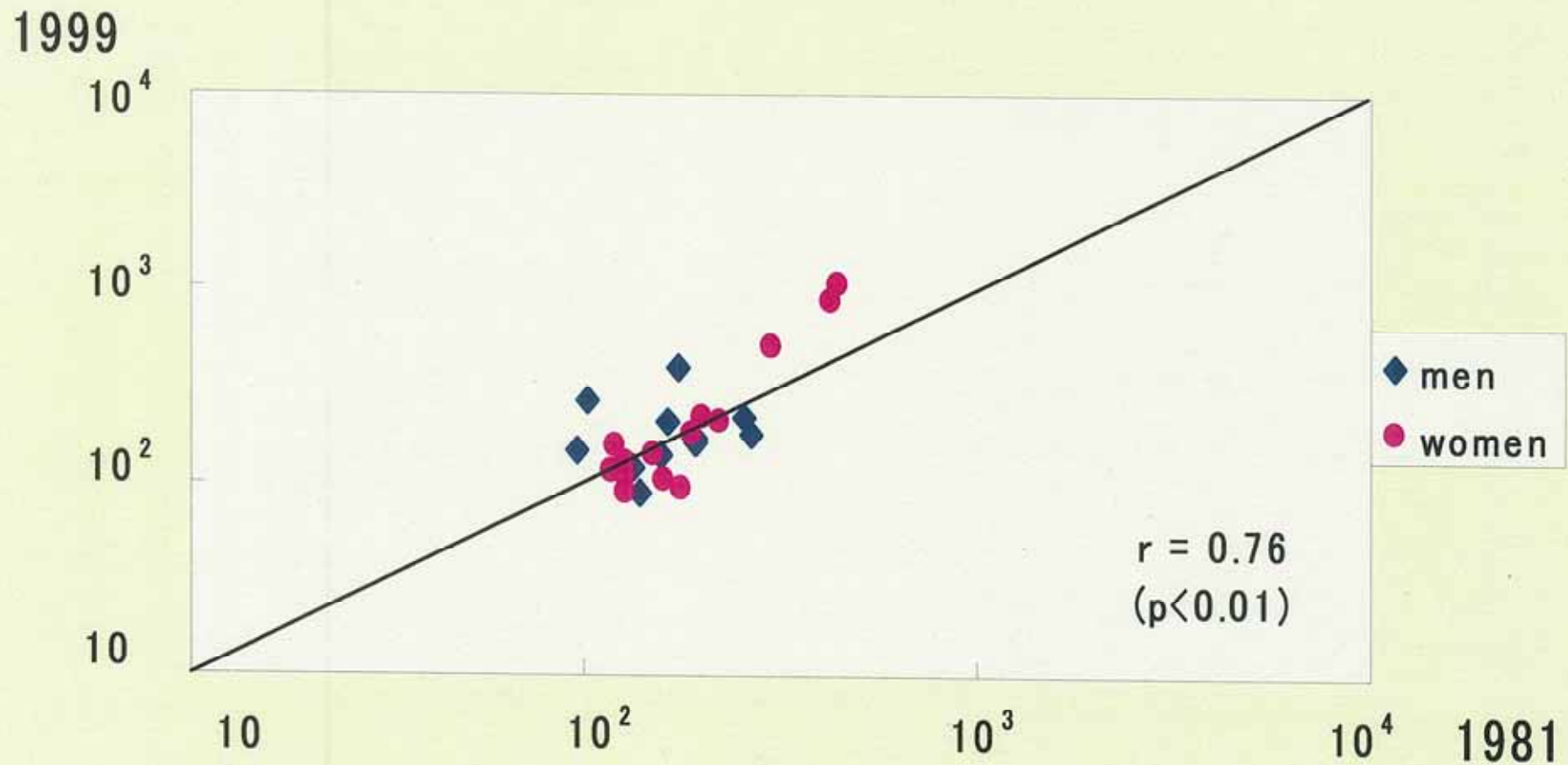


Fig. 4 Relationship between Urinary β_2 -MG in 1981 and 1999

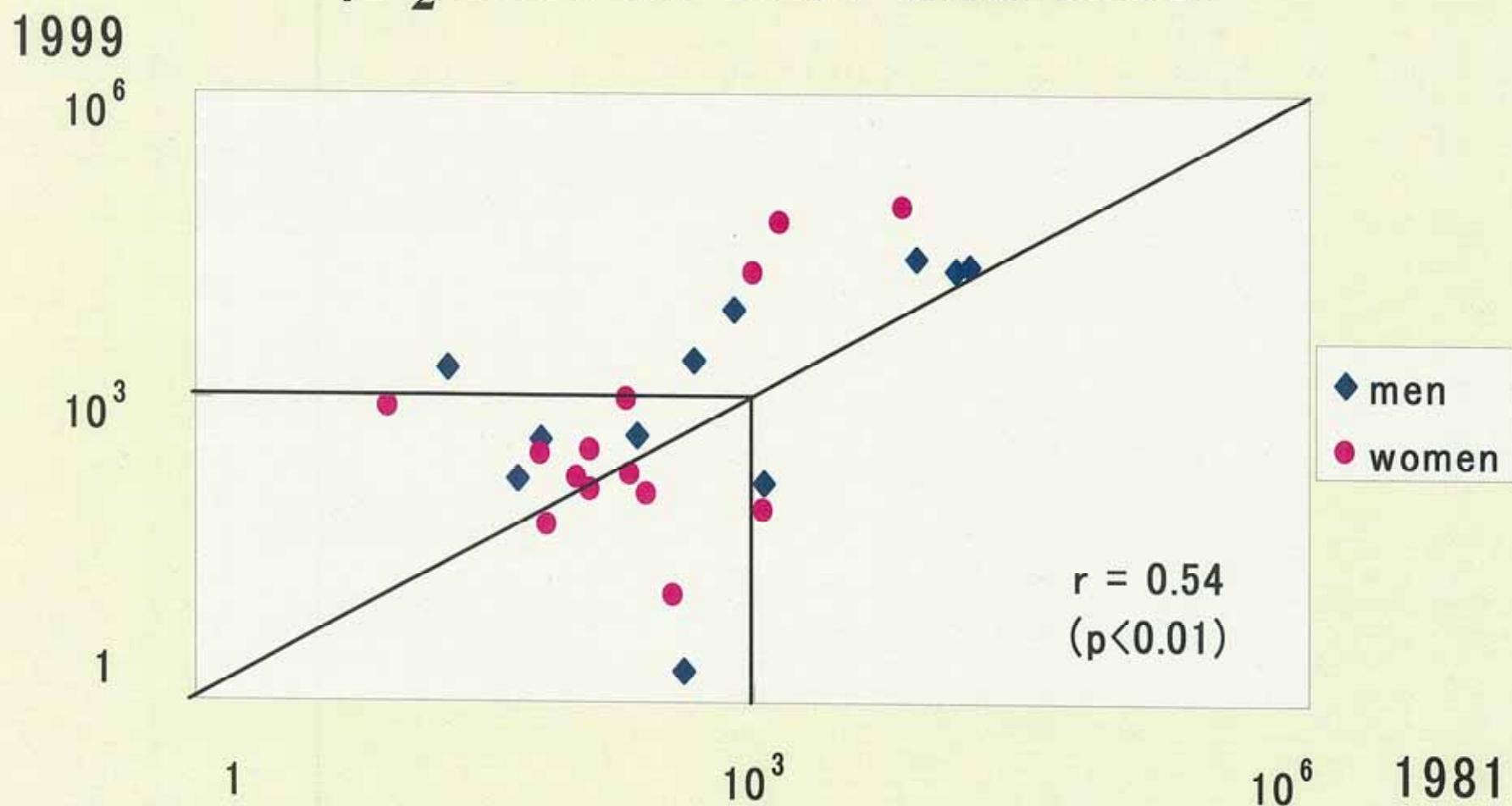
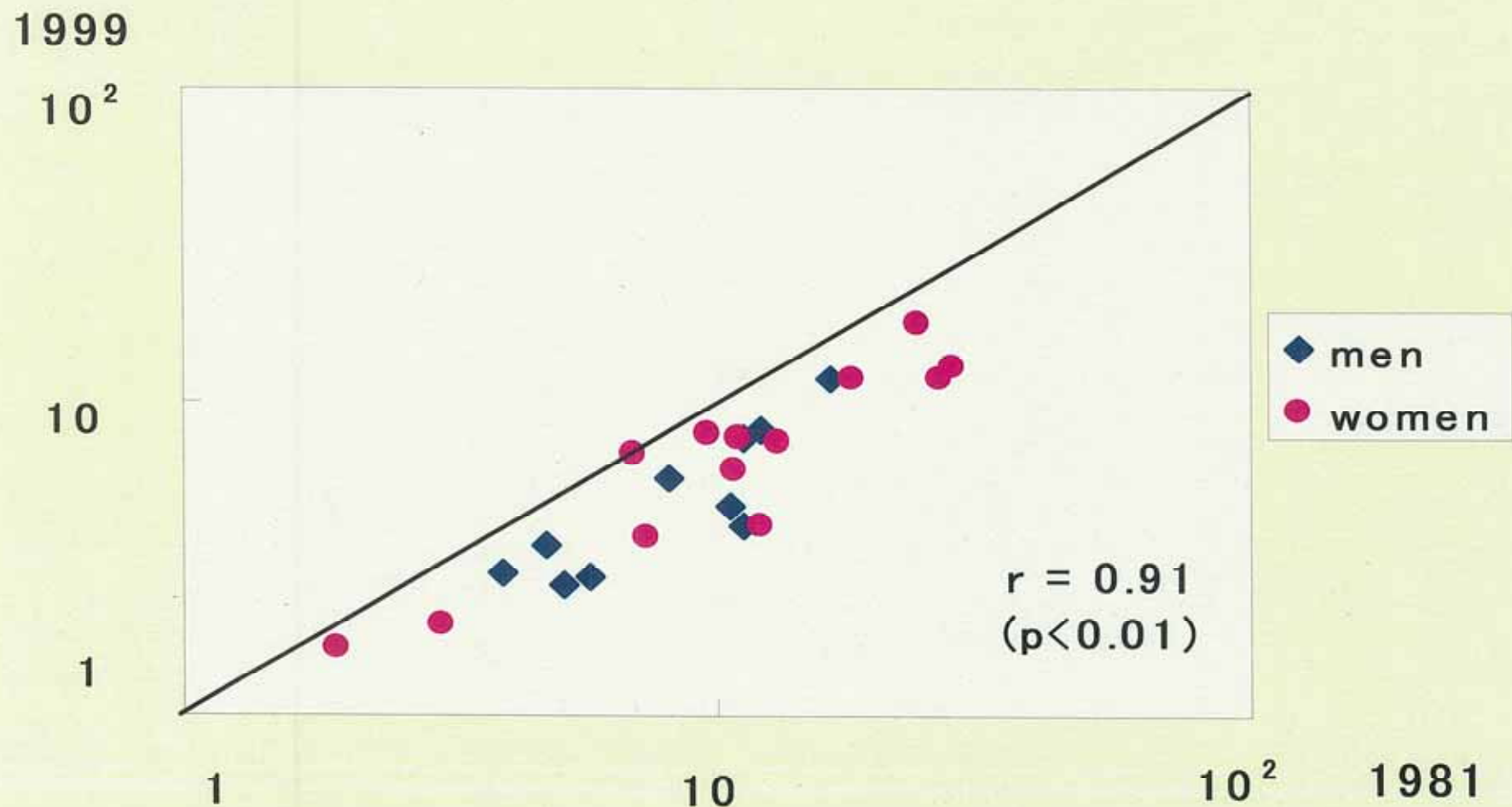


Fig. 5 Relationship between Urinary Cadmium in 1981 and 1999



**14-year follow-up study
of non-exposed subjects**

Fig.6 Urinary β_2 -MG in Cd-nonexposed Subjects in 1986 and 2000

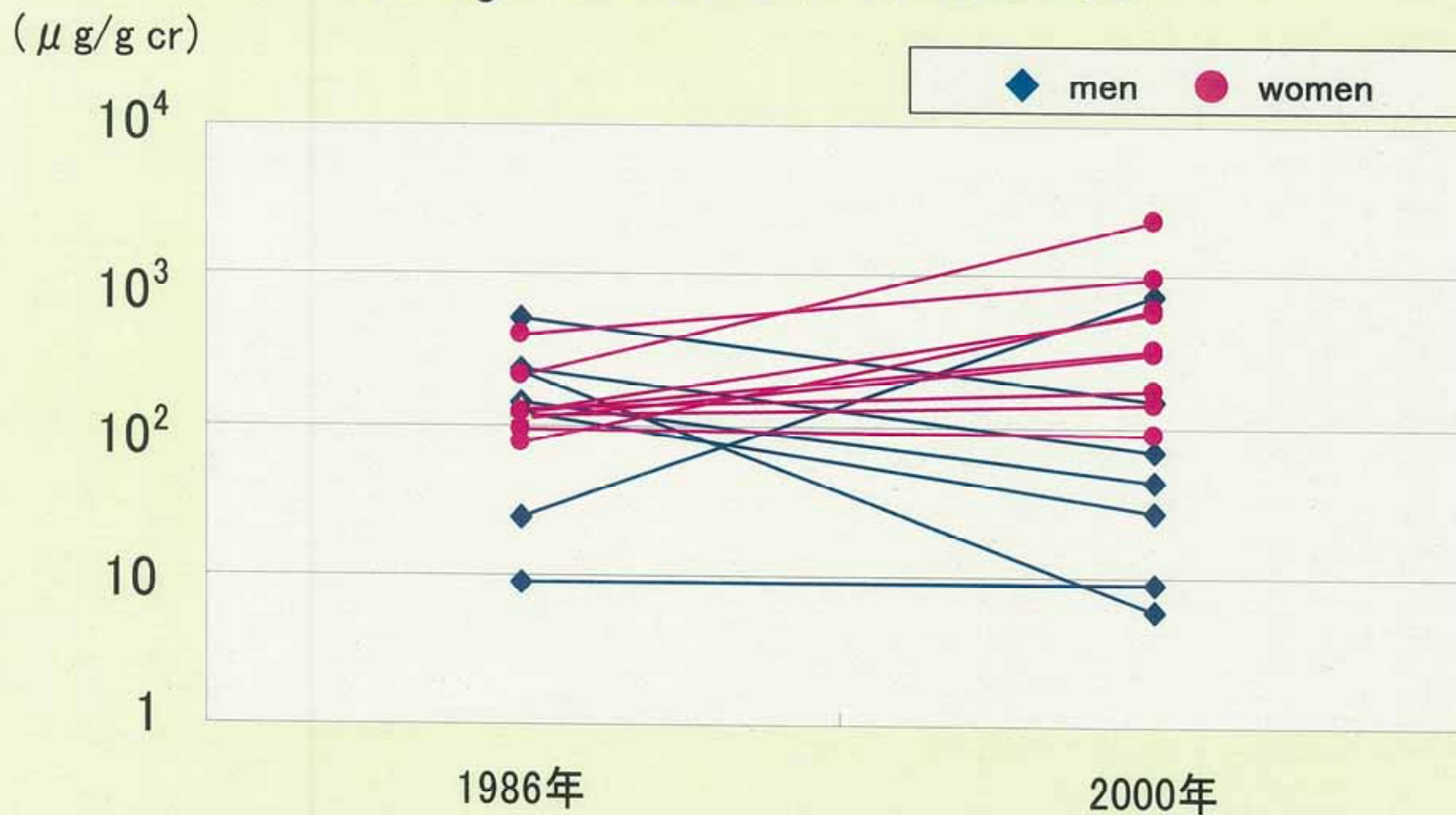


Fig. 7 Urinary Cadmium in Cd-nonexposed Subjects in 1986 and 2000

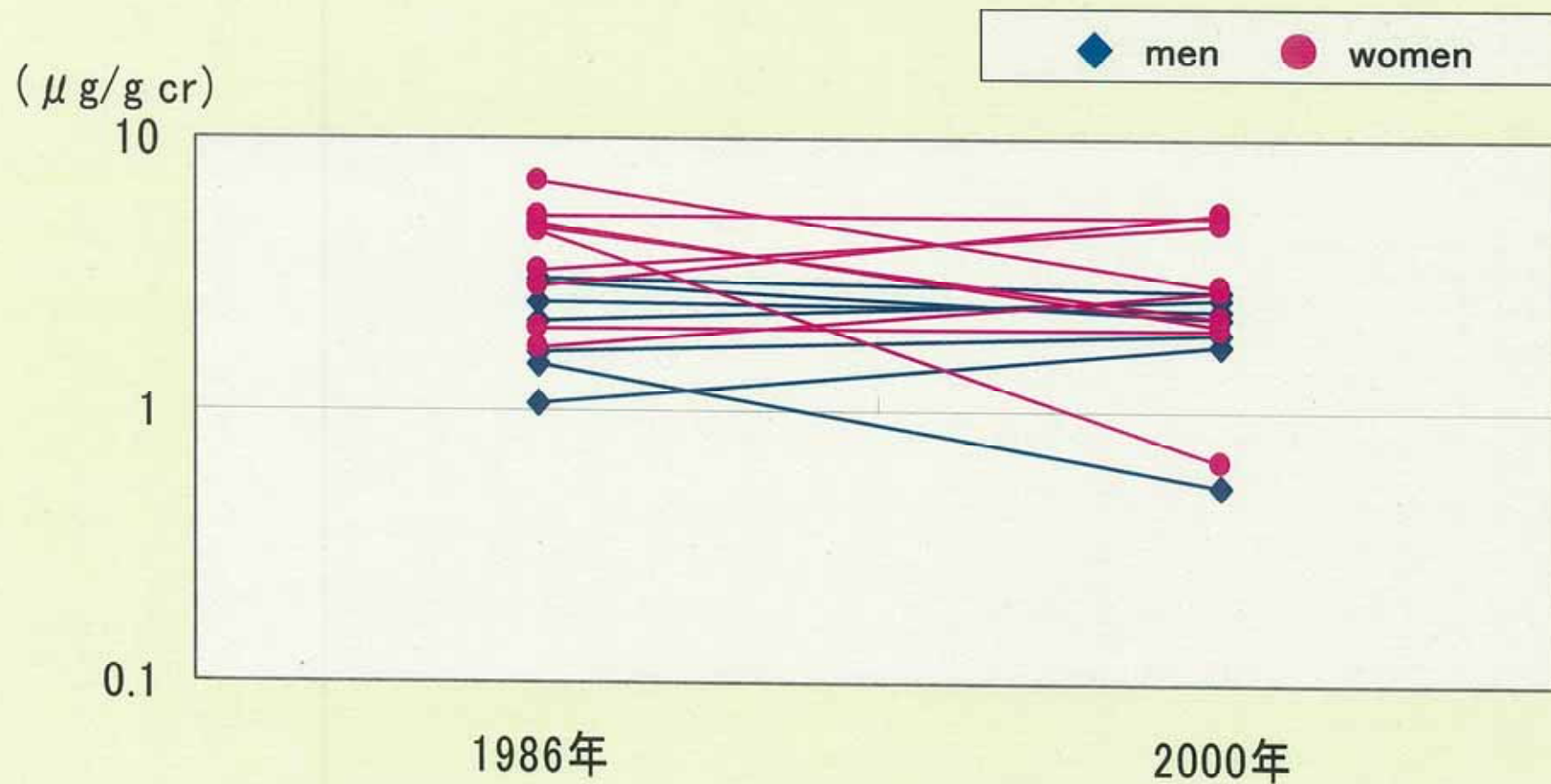


Fig. 8 Relationship between Urinary β_2 -MG in 1986 and Cd in 1986

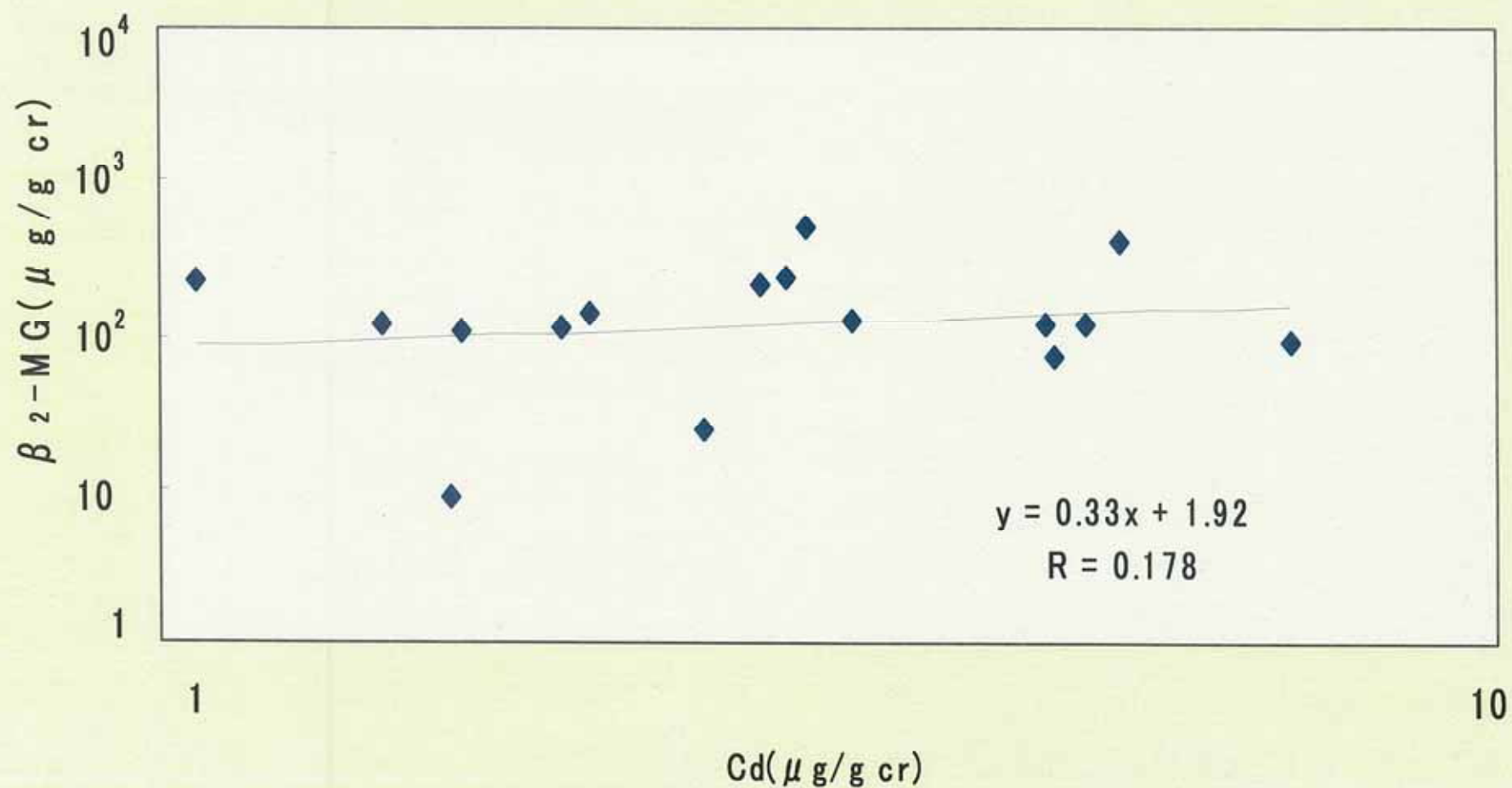
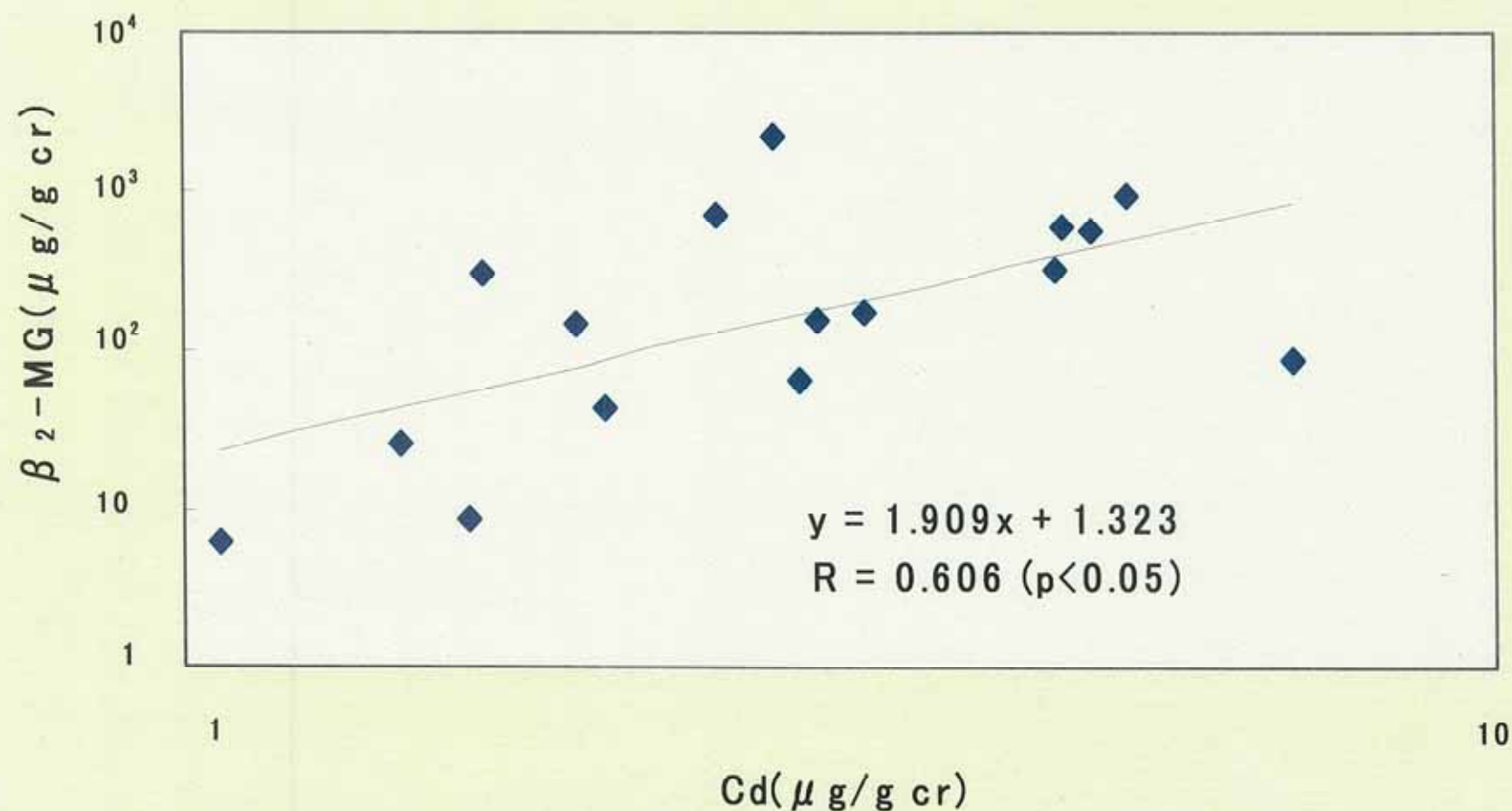
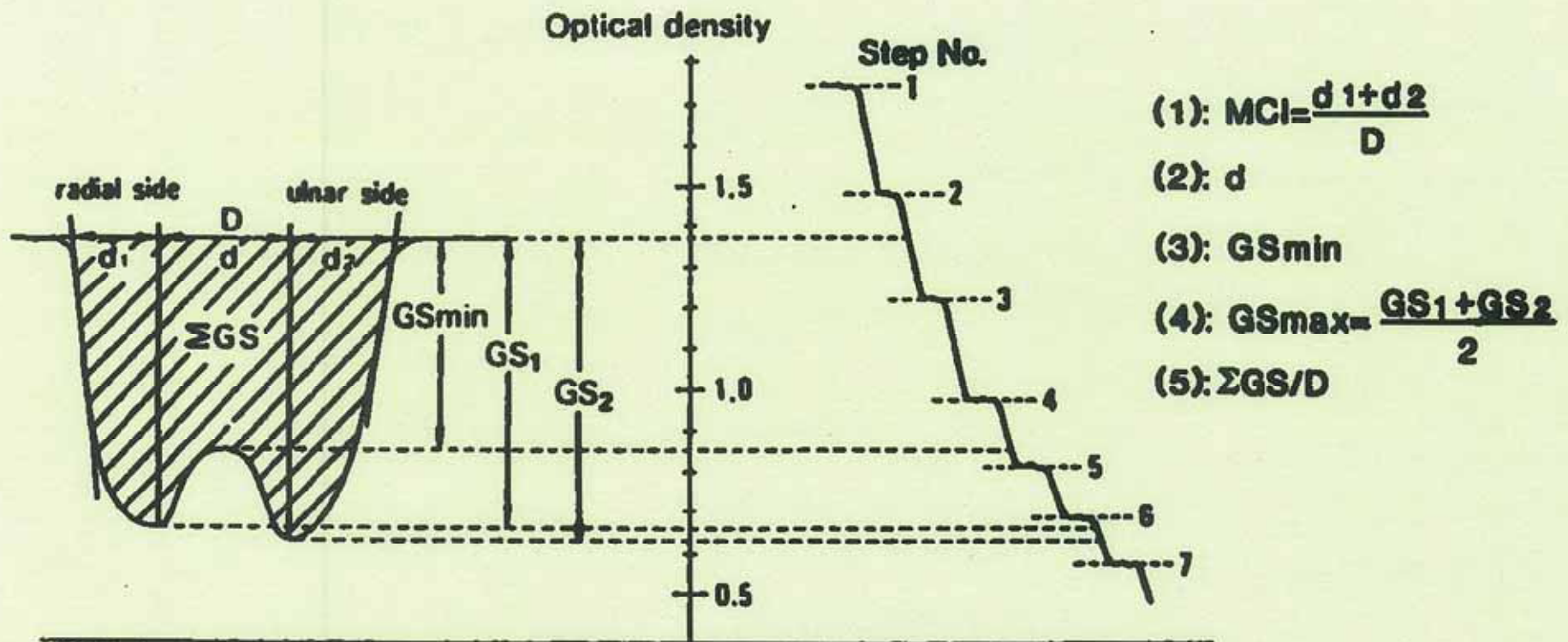


Fig. 9 Relationship between Urinary β_2 -MG in 2000 and Cd in 1986



III. Cadmium induced bone effects

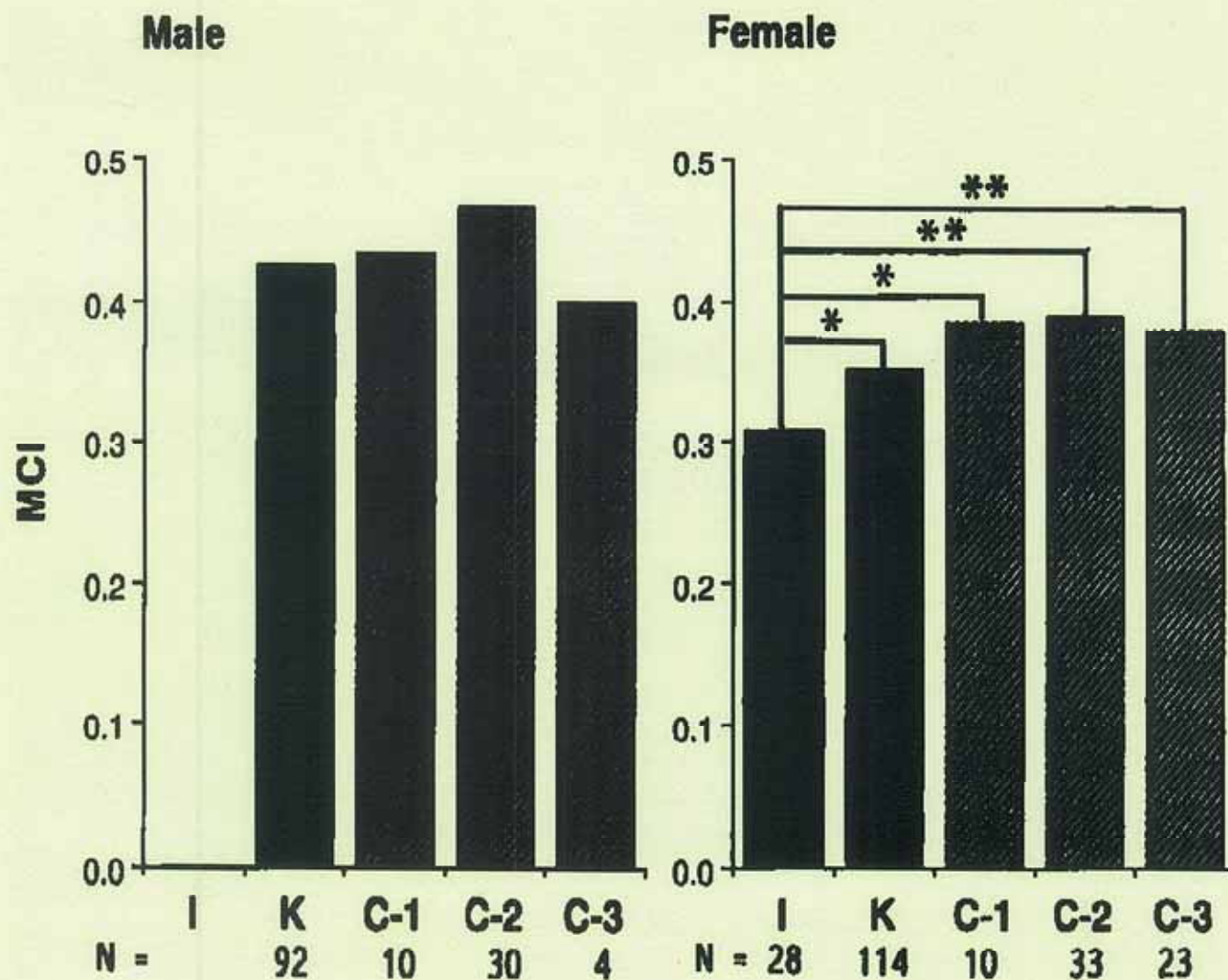
Densitometer chart



Number of subjects examined

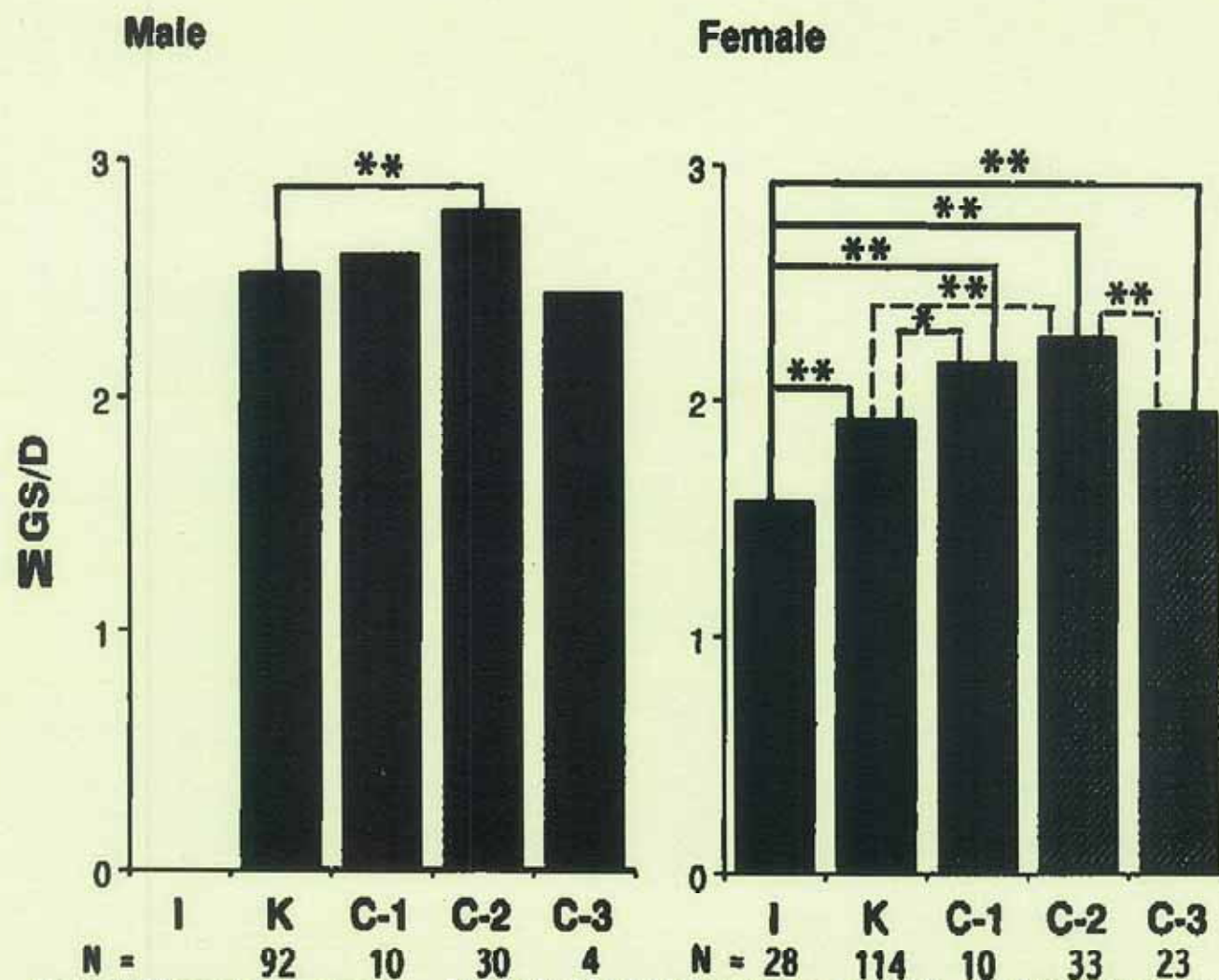
		Male	Female
Cd-exposed	I	-	28
	K	92	114
Nonexposed	C-1	10	10
	C-2	30	33
	C-3	4	23

Microdensitometry indicators in itai-itai disease patients, Cd-exposed and nonexposed subjects



Notes: Geometric mean. I; Itai-itai disease patients, K; inhabitants in the Cd-polluted Kakehashi River basin, C; nonexposed subjects in three different non-polluted areas. *; $P < 0.05$ **; $P < 0.01$

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Biological parameters selected by the stepwise backward regression analysis and significance of their standard partial regression coefficients to microdensitometrical indices (Male)

<u>Cd-exposed subjects (N=91)</u>						
	MC1	d	GSmax	GSmin	Σ GS/D	Sum of given scores
Age	*			**	*	
log(U-Cd/Cr)						
log(U- β_2 -mg/Cr)	**	**	*	**	**	**
log(S-Cr)	**	**	**	**	**	**
S-Ca		*				*
S-P						
log(B-Cd)						
R	0.51	0.51	0.43	0.50	0.43	0.47
	**	**	**	**	**	**

<u>Nonexposed subjects (N=25)</u>						
Age						
log(U-Cd/Cr)			*			
log(U- β_2 -mg/Cr)						
log(S-Cr)						
S-Ca		*				
S-P						
log(B-Cd)						
R	0.45	0.60	0.43	0.48		0.41

R:Multiple correlation coefficient.

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Biological parameters selected by the stepwise backward regression analysis and significance of their standard partial regression coefficients to microdensitometrical indices (Female)

<u>Cd-exposed subjects (N=112)</u>						
	MC1	d	GSmax	GSmin	zGS/D	Sum of given scores
Age	**	**		**	**	
log(U-Cd/Cr)						
log(U- β_2 -mg/Cr)	*	*	**	**	**	**
log(S-Cr)						
S-Ca						
S-P						
log(B-Cd)						
R	0.53	0.42	0.35	0.49	0.44	0.25
	**	**	**	**	**	**

<u>Nonexposed subjects (N=55)</u>						
Age	**			**	*	
log(U-Cd/Cr)						
log(U- β_2 -mg/Cr)						
log(S-Cr)			*			
S-Ca						
S-P						
log(B-Cd)		*	*			
R	0.41	0.37	0.37	0.54	0.46	0.38
	**	*		**	**	*

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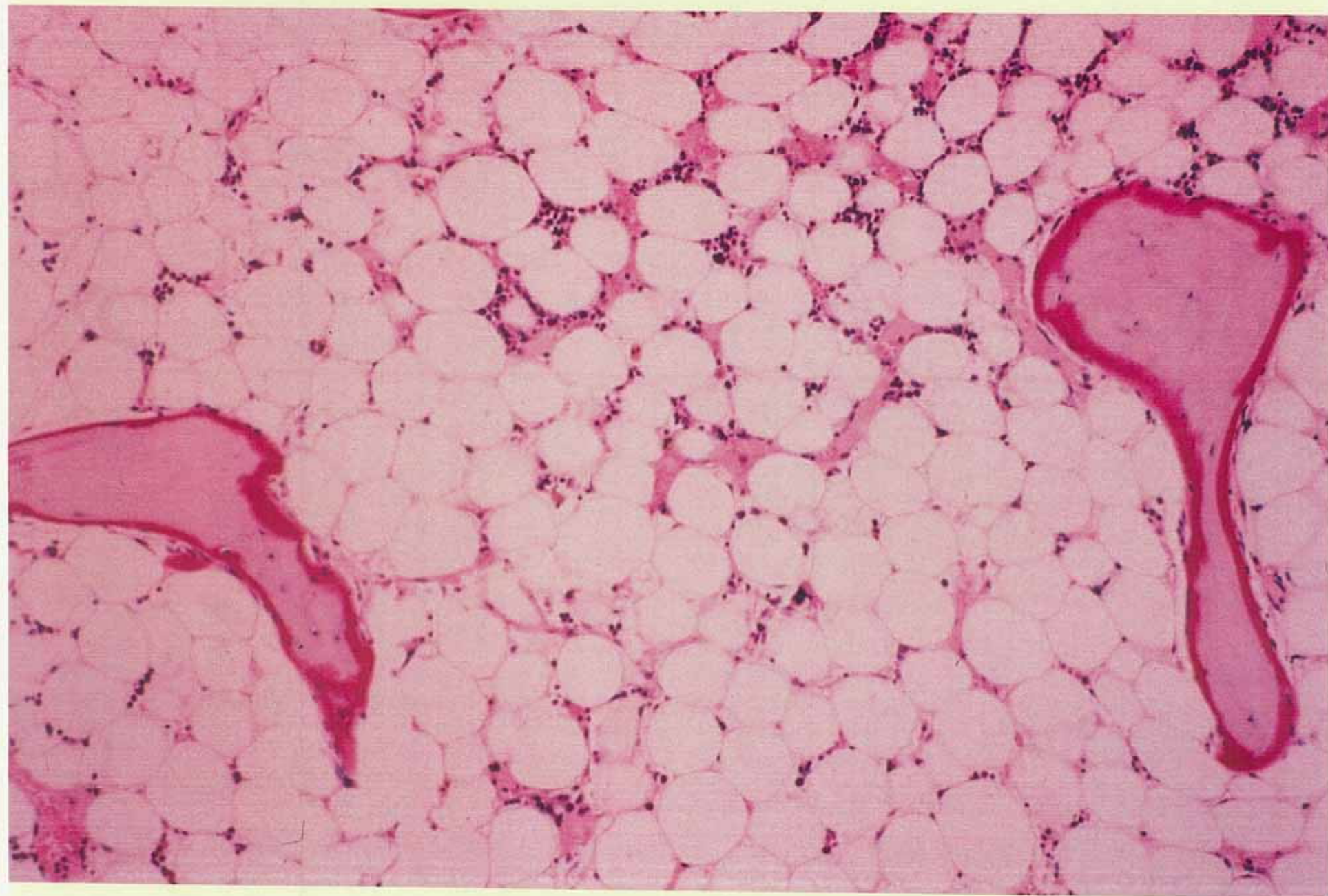
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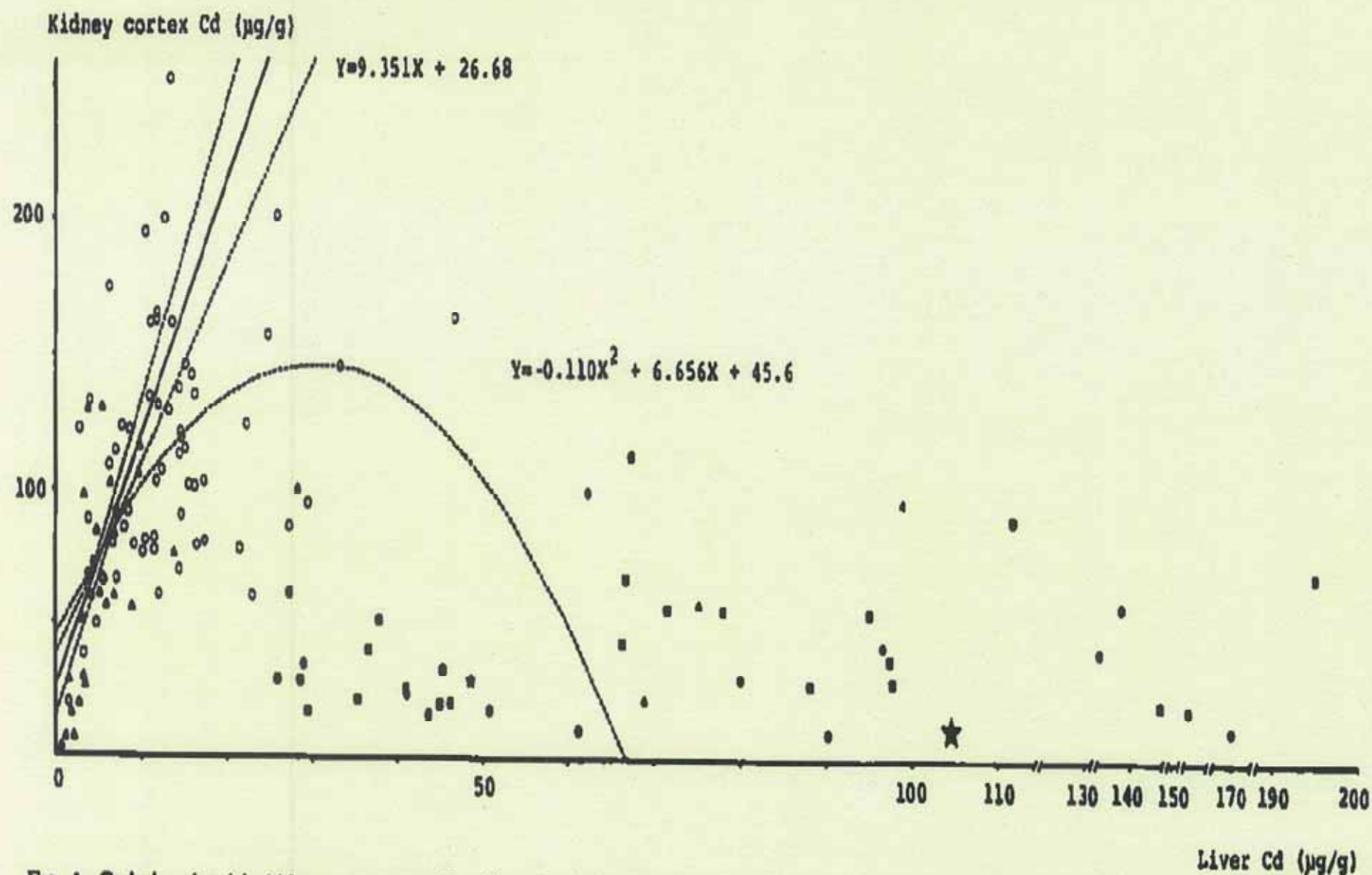


FIG. 1. Cadmium level in kidney cortex as a function of cadmium level in liver for the polluted persons (●, Itai-Itai disease patients; ■, suspected patients; ▲, inhabitants in the Cd-polluted Ichi River basin; ★, inhabitants in the Cd-polluted Jinzu River basin) and the control persons (○, subjects ages over 50; △, subjects ages less than 50).

カドミウム暴露中止後18年経過した
住民の尿中 Type 1 collagen
cross-linked N-teleopeptides

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研究の背景

- Cadmiumの慢性暴露による健康影響

石川県梯川流域に発生したカドミウム汚染（1968年）

土壌改善後

➤腎尿細管障害を有する住民への骨障害の存在

- Cadmiumと骨障害の関連

➤骨密度と尿中 β 2-MGに相関

➤非汚染地域に比して骨代謝機能の亢進

(Bone Gla-protein, ALP)

- 骨障害の測定

➤破骨細胞による骨吸収を反映

(Type 1 collagen cross-linked N-telopeptides (NTx))

研究目的

土壤改善後18年経過したCadmium汚染地域に暮らす住民の、慢性Cadmium中毒による骨への影響を、尿中NTxを用いて、汚染地域、非汚染地域の比較により検討

NTx(1992 Hanson):

- 算出されたNTx量は骨吸収面積の増加と相関する
- 骨粗鬆症の診断に有用

対 象

- 汚染地域 (Cd暴露群) 石川県梯川流域

50歳以上の住民106名

男性 49名 平均年齢65.2歳

女性 57名 平均年齢67.1歳

- 非汚染地域 (Cd非暴露群) 石川県内

50歳以上の住民60名

男性 22名 平均年齢76.5歳

女性 38名 平均年齢73.7歳

- 二次的骨粗鬆症に関連する疾患・治療なし
- 本人の同意を得て調査を実施
- 1999年12月に調査実施

方 法

- 検診時の早朝尿あるいは午前中の尿を採取
- 健康影響は尿中物質を指標
- 採取尿を-20℃で凍結保存後分析

統計学的処理

- 65歳以上, 65歳未満を分析……年齢影響の排除
 - 汚染地域と非汚染地域 : 65歳以上を比較
 - 汚染地域 :
 - ・指標ごとの相関
 - ・NTxと指標との関連
- NTxを従属変数として重回帰分析
- SPSS12.0を使用

結 果

暴露群、非暴露群間の比較 -65歳以上-

男性

	Cd-暴露群			非暴露群			
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.	
Age (year) §	27	73.5	7.57	22	76.5	5.67	
β_2 -MG (μ g/g cr.)	27	239	17.0	22	53.4	3.58	*
Cd (μ g/g cr.)	27	4.01	1.65	22	1.84	1.56	**
Mg (mg/g cr.)	27	69.4	2.01	22	42.6	6.17	
Ca (mg/g cr.)	27	111	1.69	22	68.2	1.81	**
P (mg/g cr.)	27	579	1.35	22	438	1.66	*
NTx (nM BCE/nM cr.) §	26	33.2	17.8	20	26.0	18.9	

* $P < 0.05$ ** $P < 0.01$

§ : 算術平均, それ以外は幾何平均

暴露群、非暴露群間の比較 -65歳以上-

女性

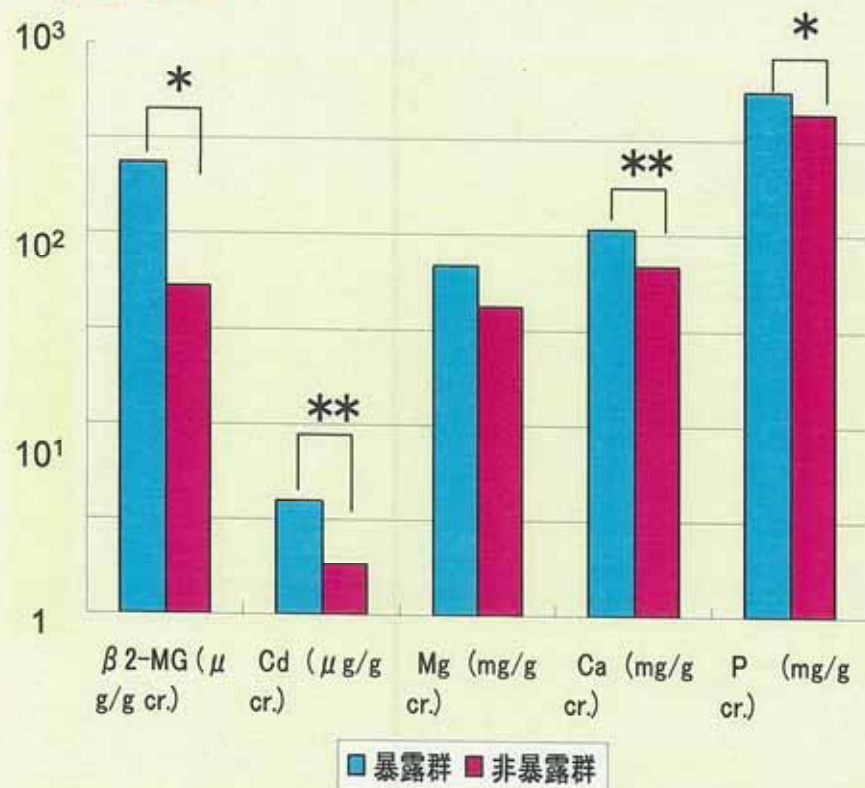
	Cd-暴露群			非暴露群			
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.	
Age (years) §	34	73.4	6.19	38	73.7	8.62	
β_2 -MG (μ g/g cr.)	34	336	11.1	32	229	2.81	
Cd (μ g/g cr.)	34	6.03	2.37	35	2.86	1.82	**
Mg (mg/g cr.)	34	94.7	1.76	37	52.6	4.92	*
Ca (mg/g cr.)	34	157	1.66	37	109	1.79	**
P (mg/g cr.)	34	638	1.31	37	552	1.56	
NTx (nM BCE/nM cr.) §	34	73.1	39.9	35	37.3	17.2	**

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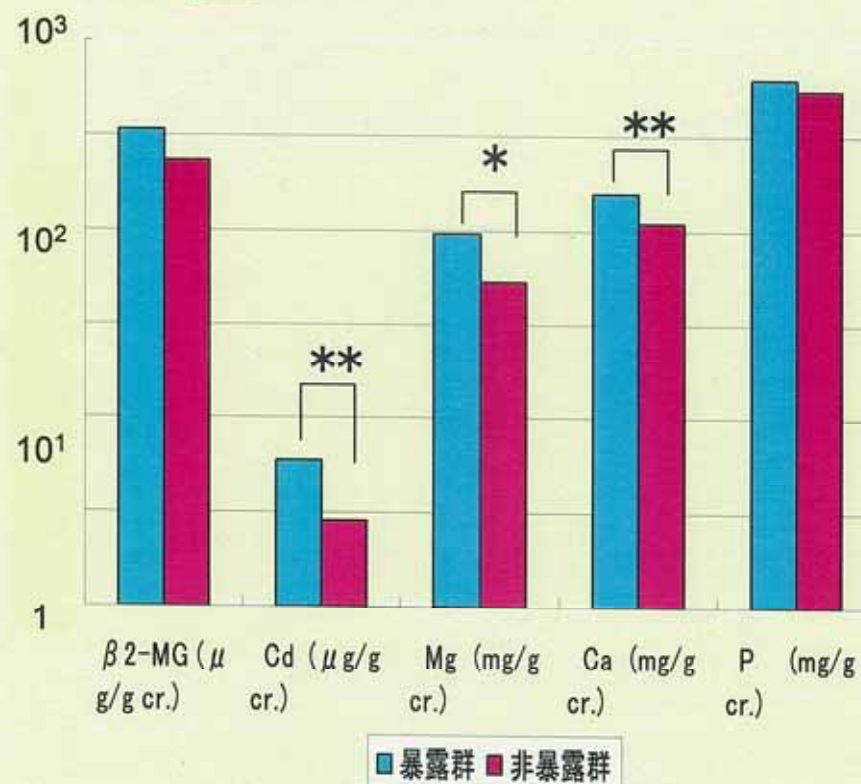
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男性



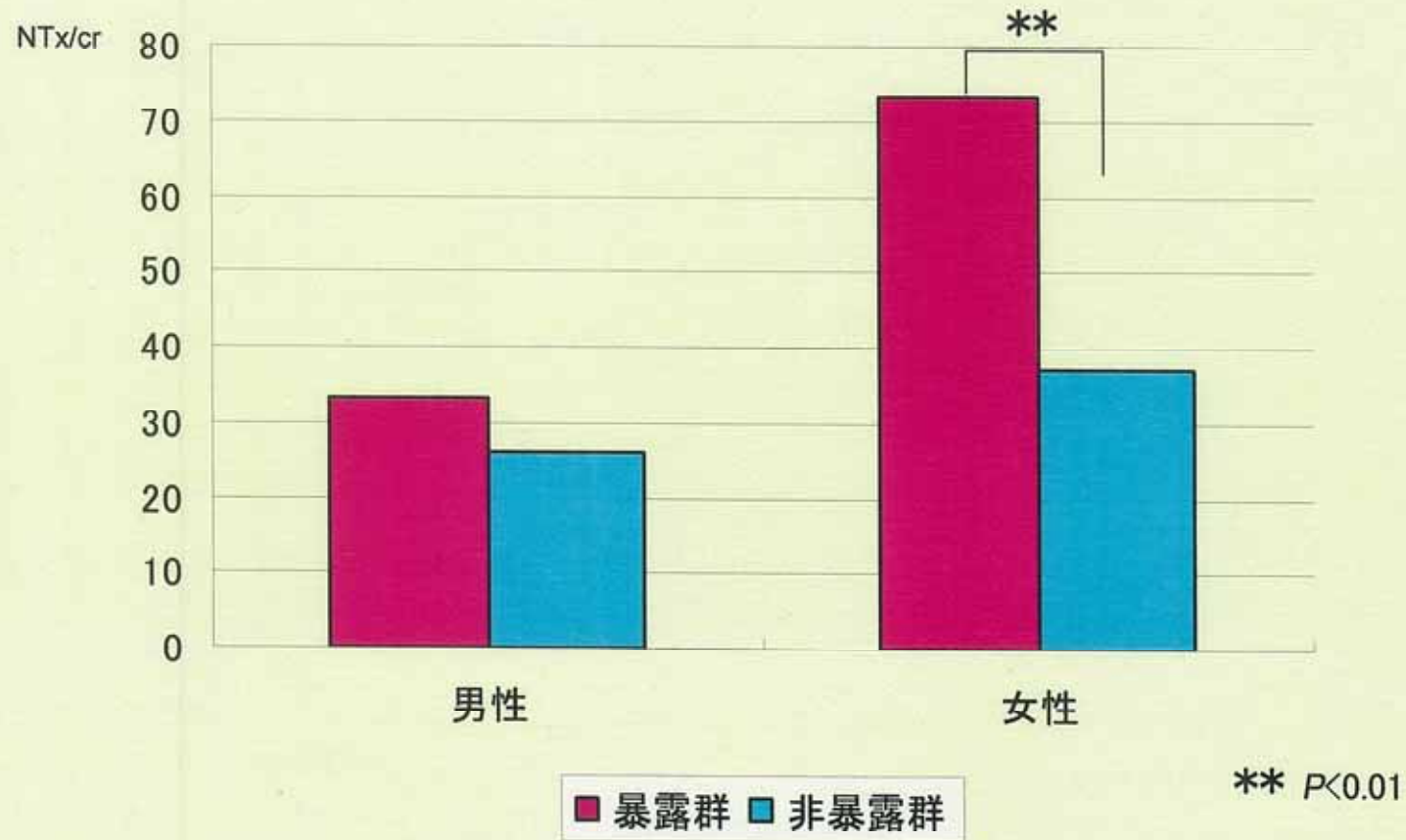
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* $P < 0.05$ ** $P < 0.01$ 幾何平均

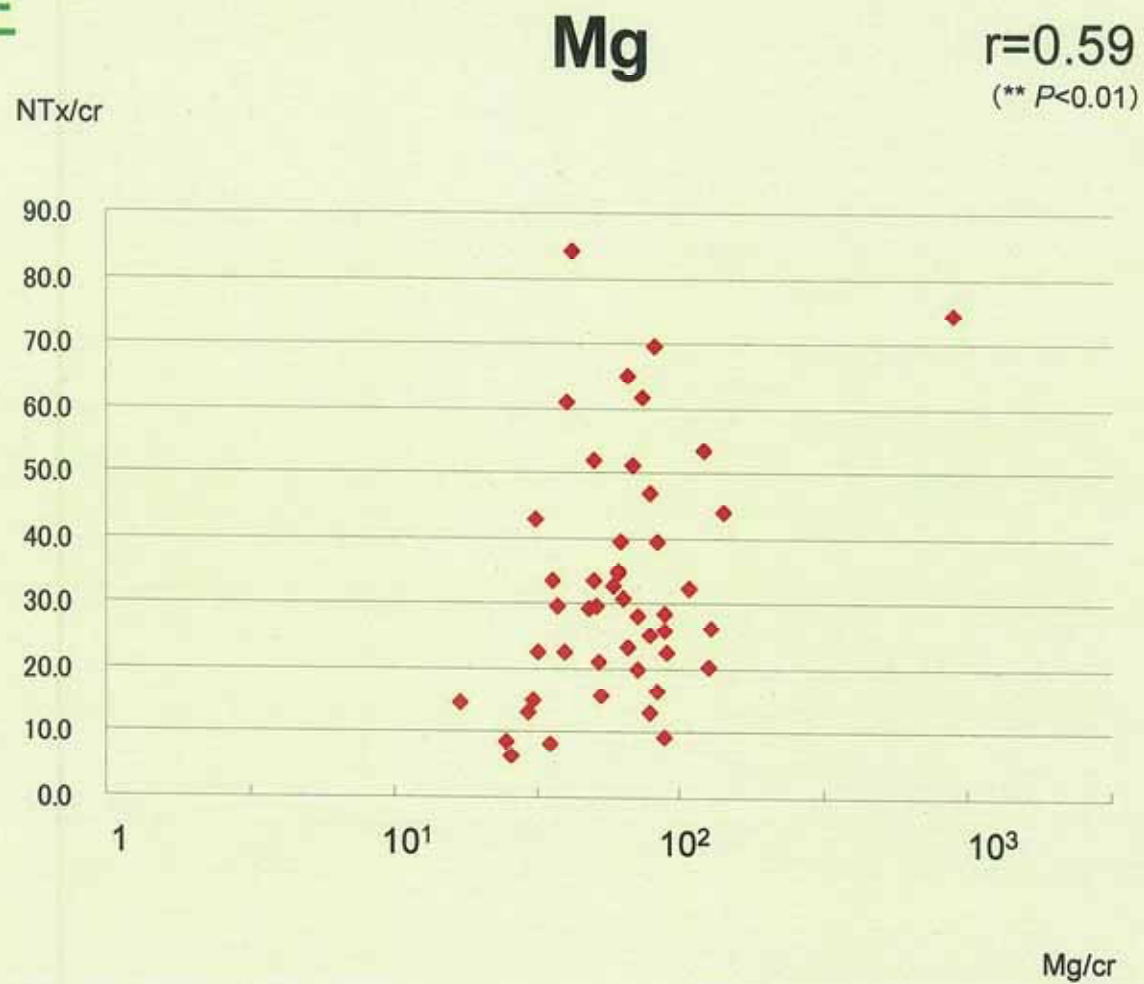
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NTx男女比較



NTxとの相関 -Cd汚染地域-

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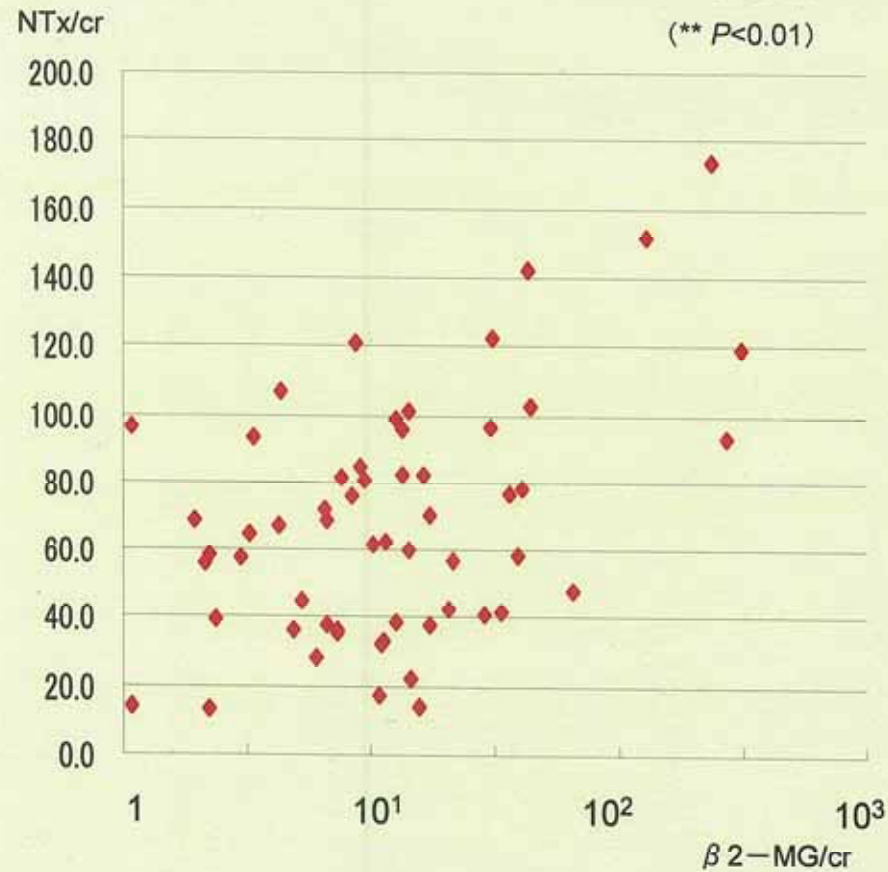
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$\beta 2-MG$

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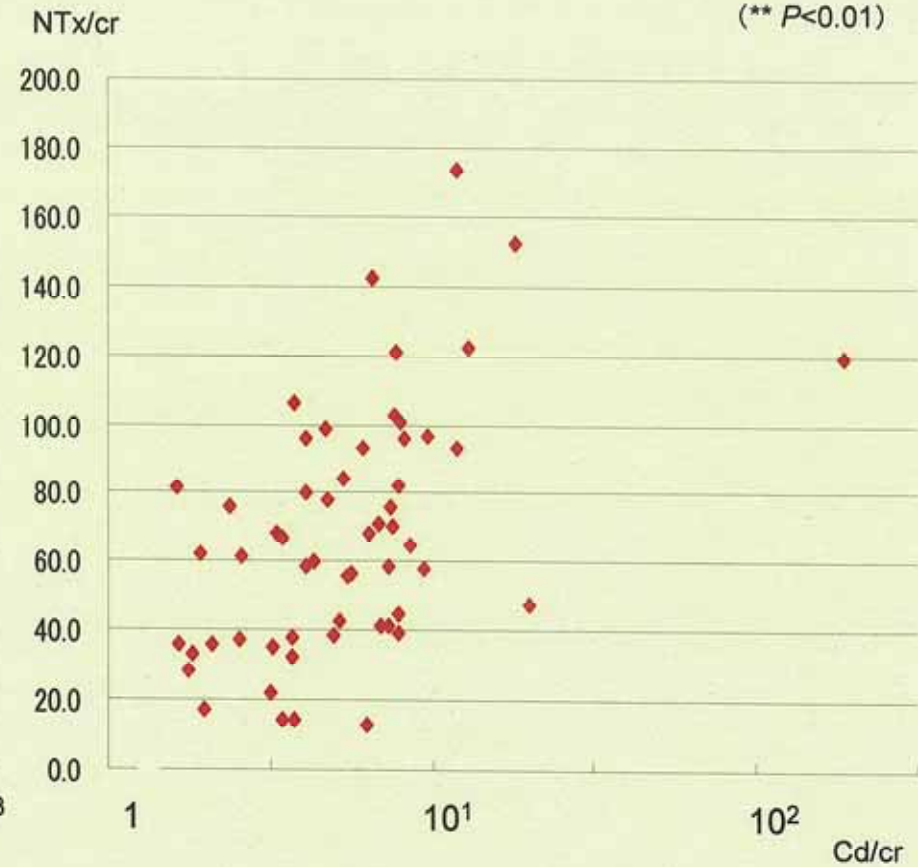
(** $P<0.01$)



Cd

$r=0.58$

(** $P<0.01$)



尿中NTxと生化学指標の関連 -Cd汚染地域-

	男 性			女 性	
	N	β		N	β
Age	47	-0.045	Age	57	-0.047
log aminoN	47	-0.157	log aminoN	57	0.327 **
log NAG	47	0.043	log NAG	57	0.072
log Total Protein	47	0.071	log Total Protein	57	0.119
log β_2 -MG	47	-0.034	log β_2 -MG	57	0.195
log Cu	47	0.099	log Cu	57	-0.049
log Cd	47	0.085	log Cd	57	0.339 **
log Mg	47	0.378 **	log Mg	57	-0.022
log Ca	47	-0.338	log Ca	57	0.144
log P	47	-0.131	log P	57	0.106
R		0.378 **	R		0.564 **

β : 標準化回帰係数

R : 重相関係数

* $P < 0.05$ ** $P < 0.01$

結 論

⊕ NTxを指標とした骨障害は、Cadmium汚染地

の女性のみ観察

- 汚染地の女性は加齢に伴う骨の再吸収に加えて Cadmiumによる骨障害が進行する可能性が示唆
- 男性の骨への影響は明らかにならなかった

⊕

Cadmium汚染地では土壌改善後も、長期にわたり健康影響があり、経過観察が必要

IV. Dose-response relationship between cadmium exposure and adverse health effects

TABLE IV

PREVALENCE RATES OF β -MICROGLOBULINURIA IN RELATION TO URINARY CADMIUM CONCENTRATIONS AMONG INHABITANTS OVER 50 YEARS OF AGE

Men

Cd ($\mu\text{g/g.cr.}$)	0.0-0.9	1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6.0-6.9	7.0-7.9	8.0-8.9	9.0-9.9	10.0-14.9	15.9-19.9	20.0-
Median Cd ($\mu\text{g/g.cr.}$)	0.8	1.7	2.5	3.5	4.4	5.4	6.4	7.5	8.5	9.4	11.5	18.5	
N	10	111	240	231	208	153	110	82	61	42	116	39	
Prevalence rates (%)													
$\beta_2\text{-mg} \geq 927 \mu\text{g/l}$	0.0	4.5	2.9	3.5	6.3	8.5	14.5	14.6	16.4	23.8	43.1	48.7	
$\beta_2\text{-mg} \geq 1129 \mu\text{g/g.cr.}$	0.0	3.6	4.6	4.3	7.2	8.5	15.5	14.6	21.3	26.2	42.2	53.8	

Women

Cd ($\mu\text{g/g.cr.}$)	0.0-0.9	1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9	4.0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6.0-6.9	7.0-7.9	8.0-8.9	9.0-9.9	10.0-14.9	15.9-19.9	20.0-
Median Cd ($\mu\text{g/g.cr.}$)	0.9	1.7	2.6	3.5	4.5	5.3	6.5	7.4	8.4	9.5	11.8	17.0	23.4
N	4	27	99	140	177	176	188	159	142	112	347	83	62
Prevalence rates (%)													
$\beta_2\text{-mg} \geq 503 \mu\text{g/l}$	0.0	3.7	3.0	5.0	7.3	8.0	9.0	8.2	22.5	21.4	32.0	37.3	56.5
$\beta_2\text{-mg} \geq 1059 \mu\text{g/g.cr.}$	0.0	7.4	3.0	5.0	7.3	9.1	8.5	8.8	21.1	18.8	31.4	41.0	59.7

N: Number of persons examined.

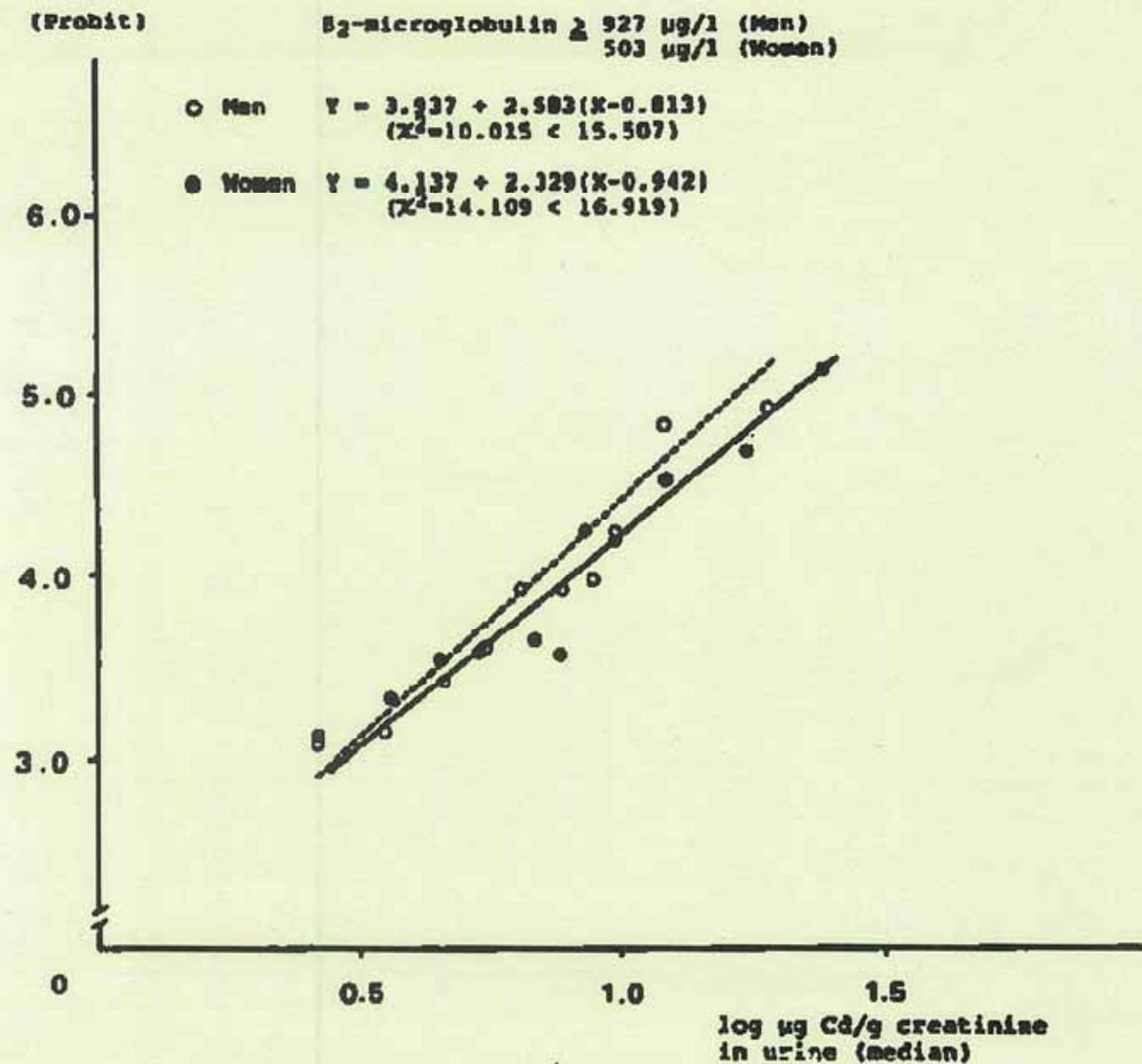


Fig. 1. Probit linear regression line between urinary cadmium concentration and prevalence of β_2 -microglobulinuria.

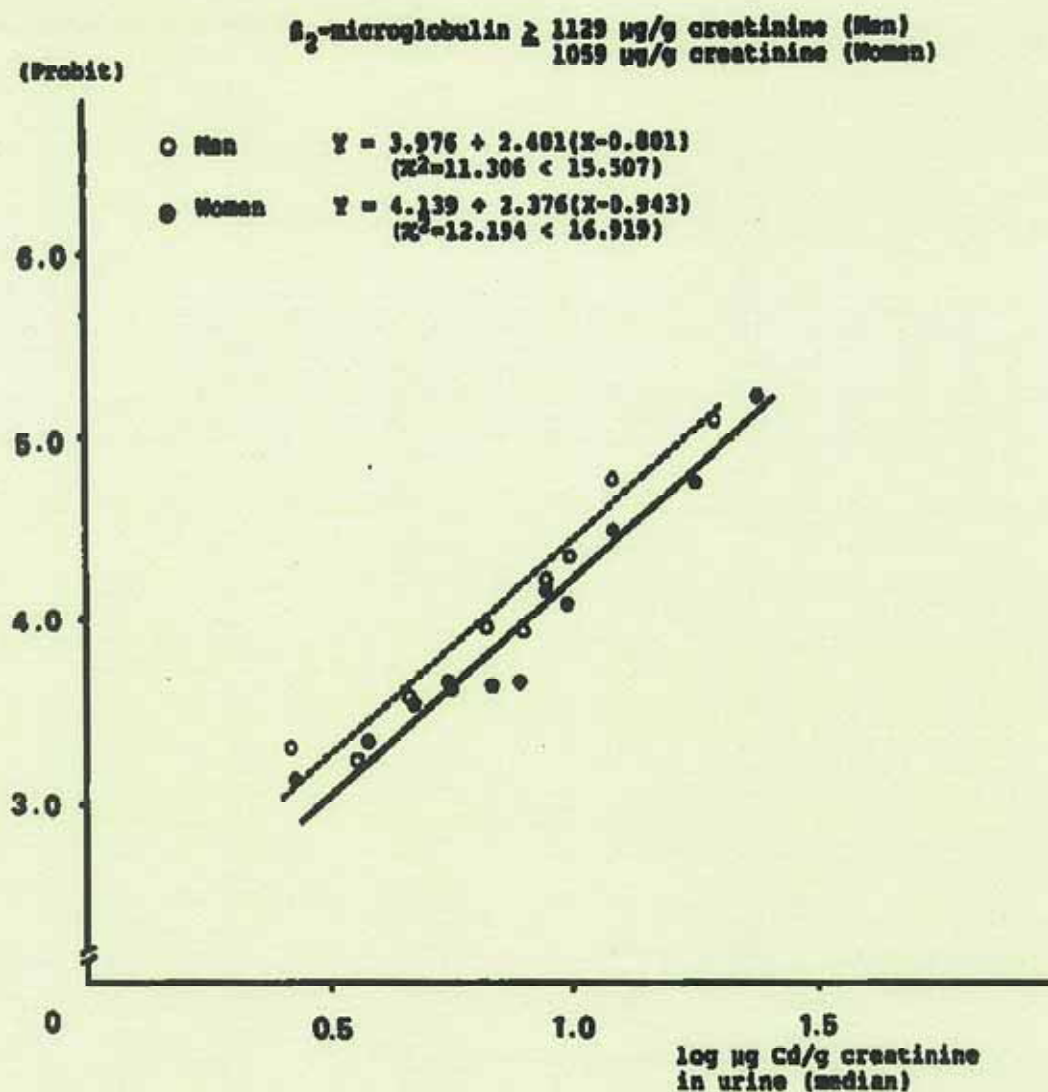
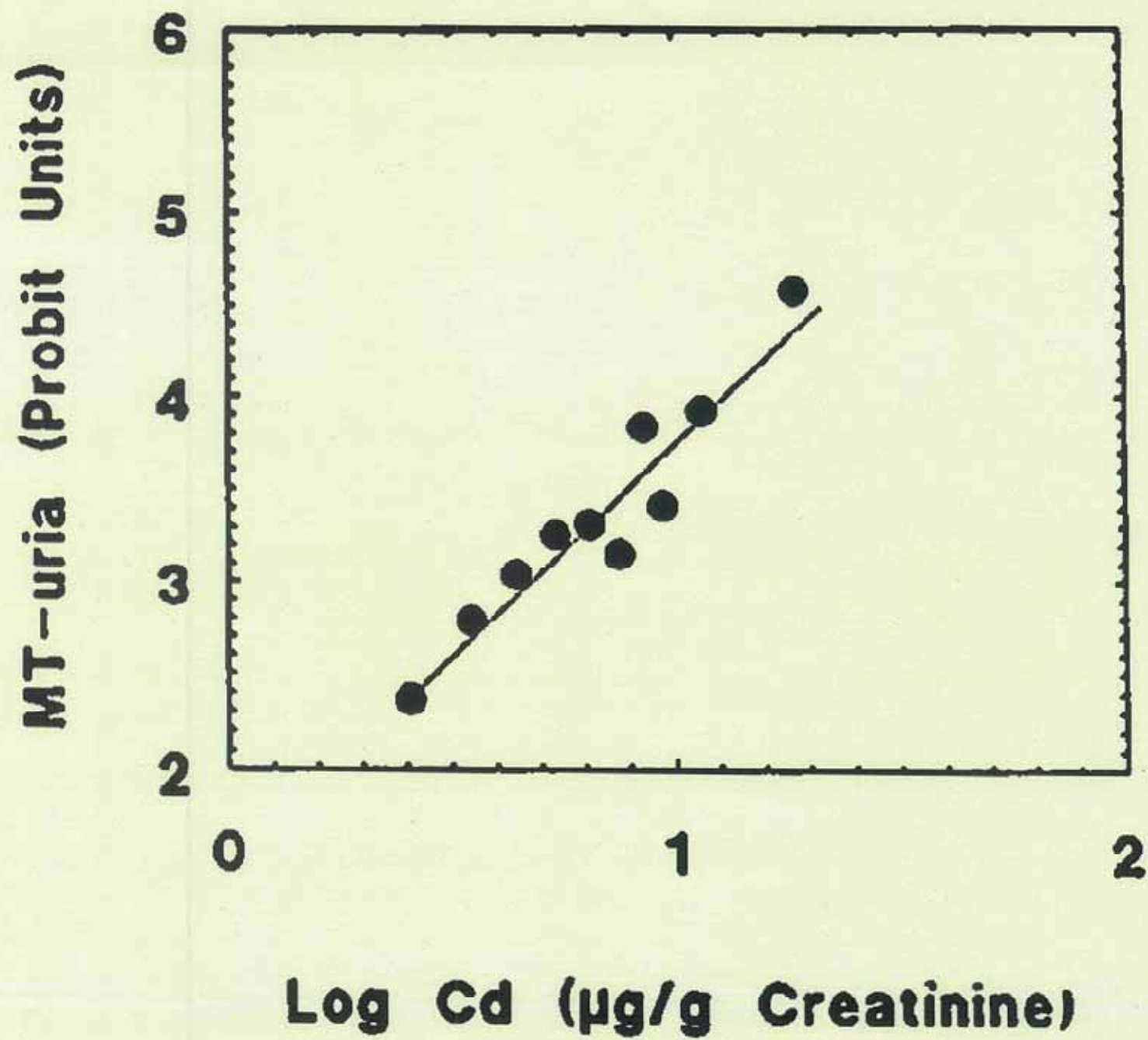
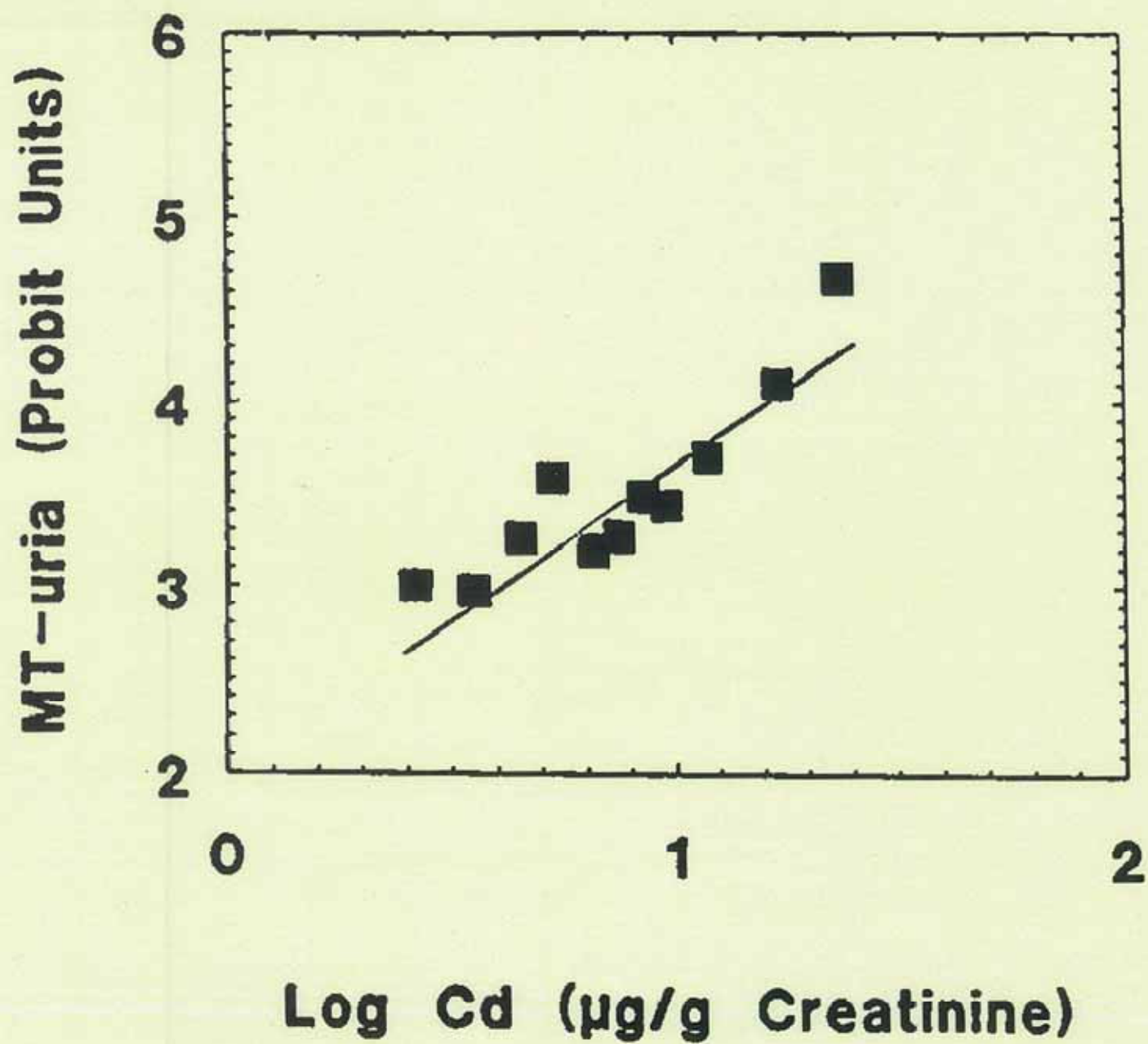


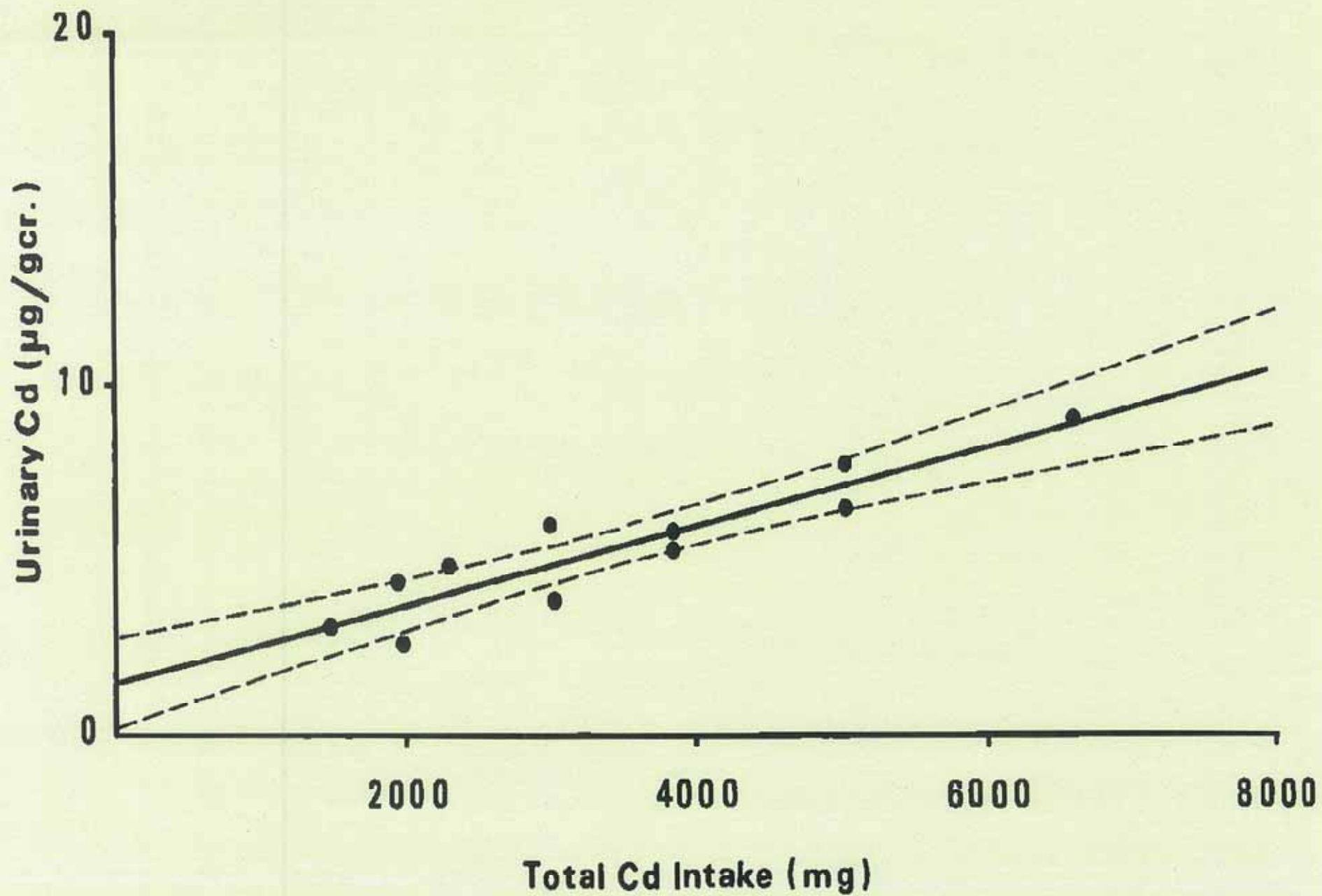
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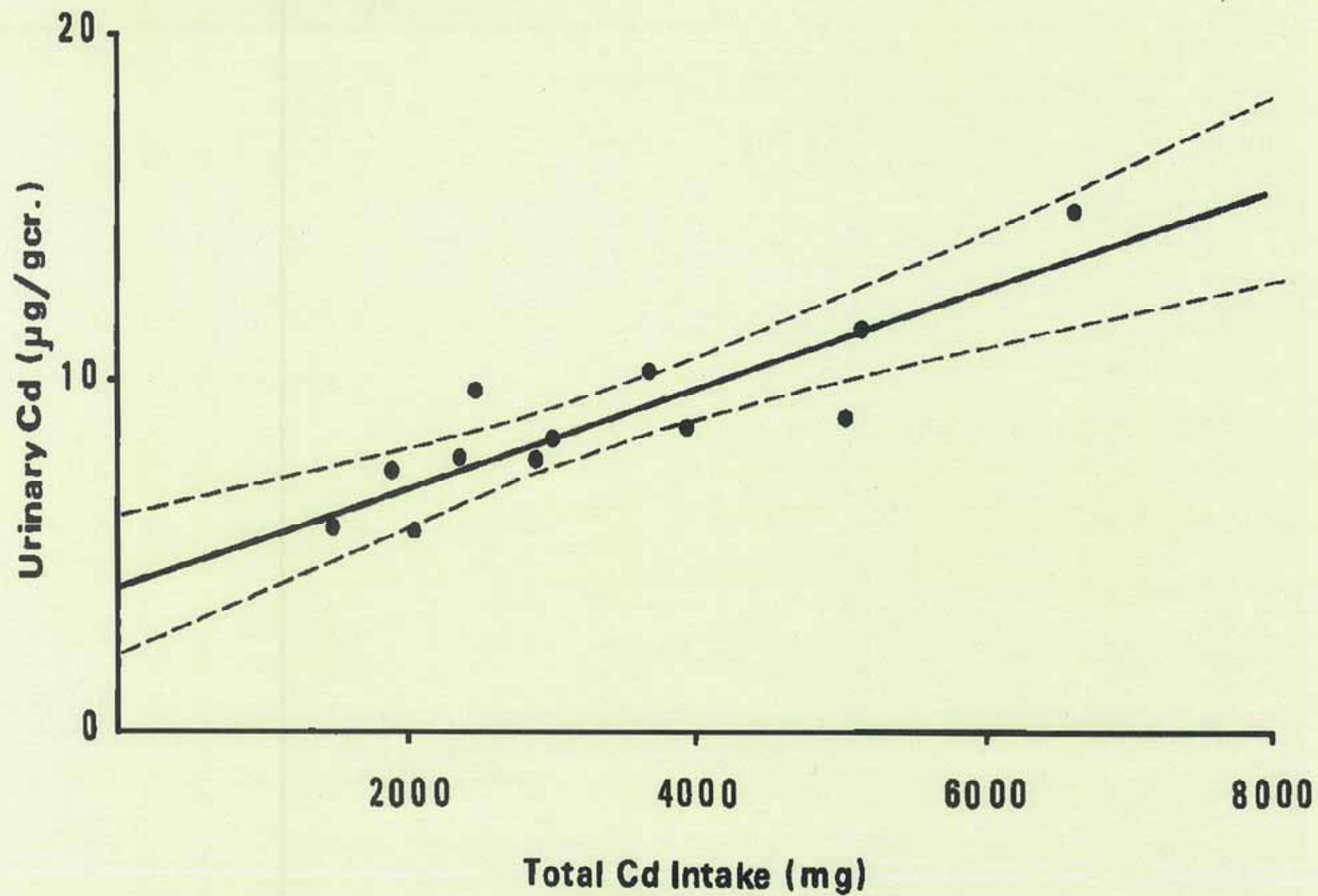




Total Cd intake calculated by formula as follows.

([village average Cd concentration in rice] ×
[the average daily intake of rice] + [daily
intake of Cd from foods other than rice]) ×
[duration of residence in the Cd-polluted
areas] + [average daily intake of Cd in non-
polluted areas of Japan] × [duration of
residence in non-polluted areas].





DOSE RESPONSE OF Cd AND Cd INTAKE LIMIT

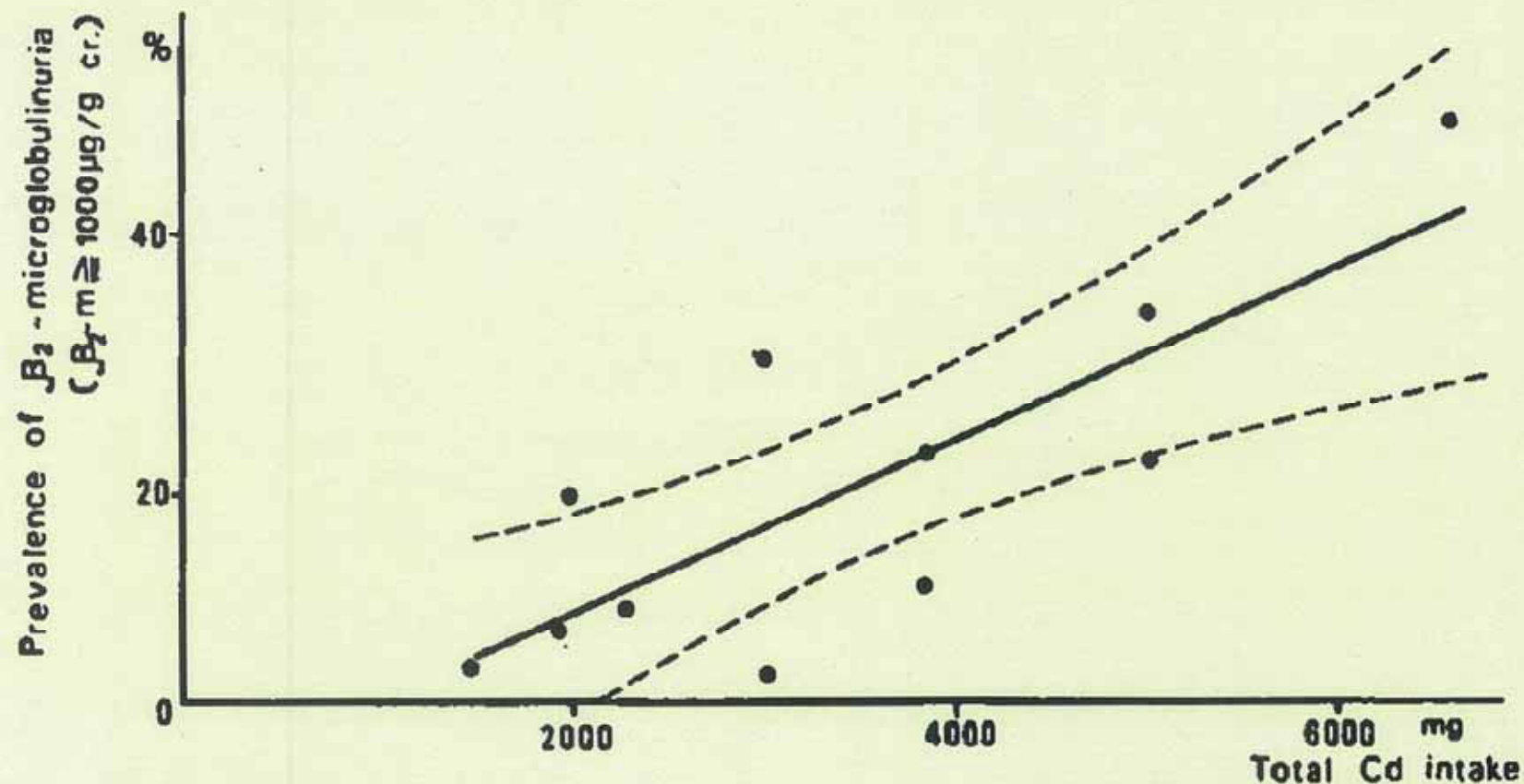


FIG. 2. Correlation between total Cd intake and prevalence of β_2 -m-uria (β_2 -m $\geq 1000 \mu\text{g/g cr.}$) for the Cd-exposed male group. The regression line is $Y = 0.0083X - 7.93$ ($r = 0.81$; $P < 0.01$).

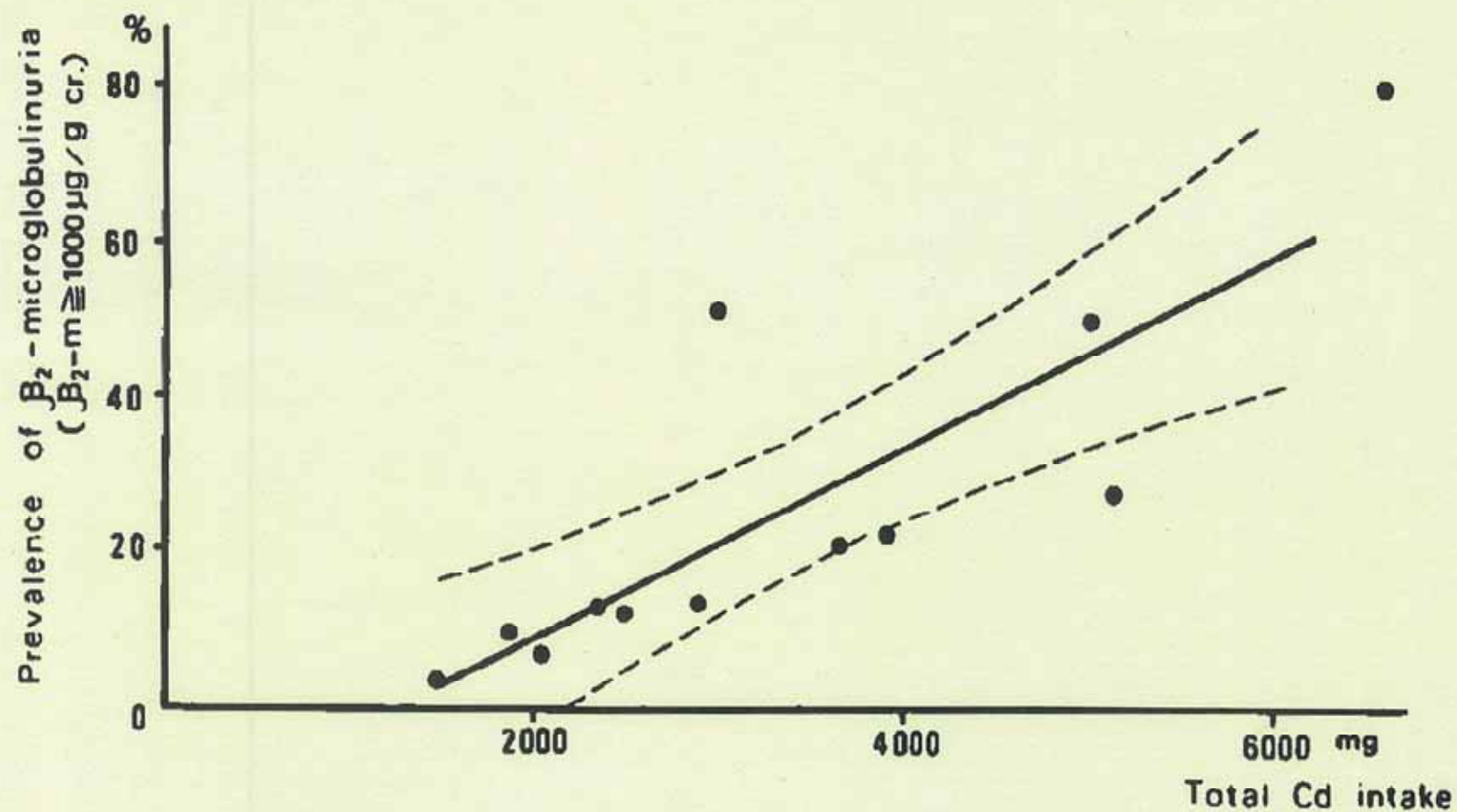
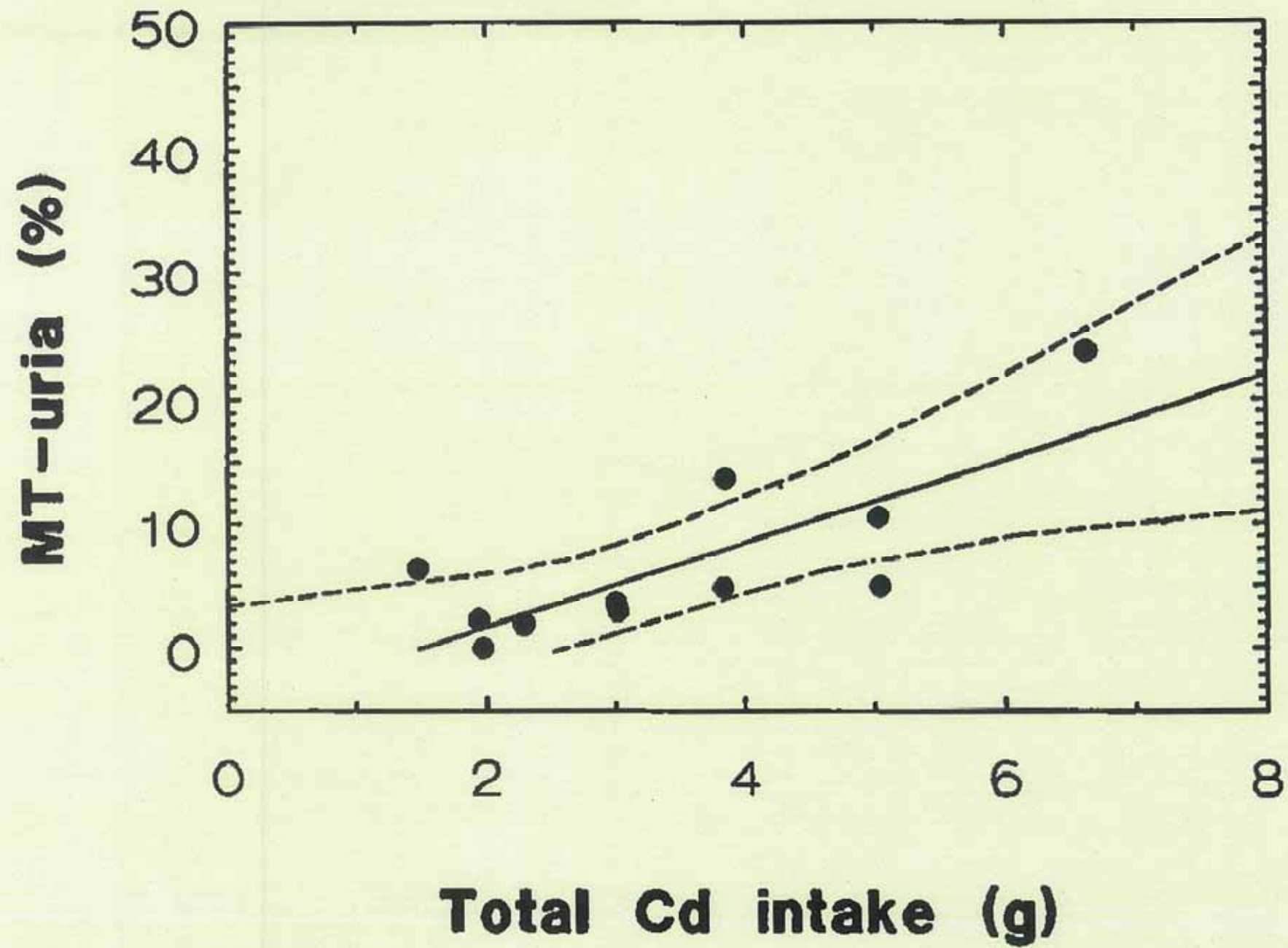
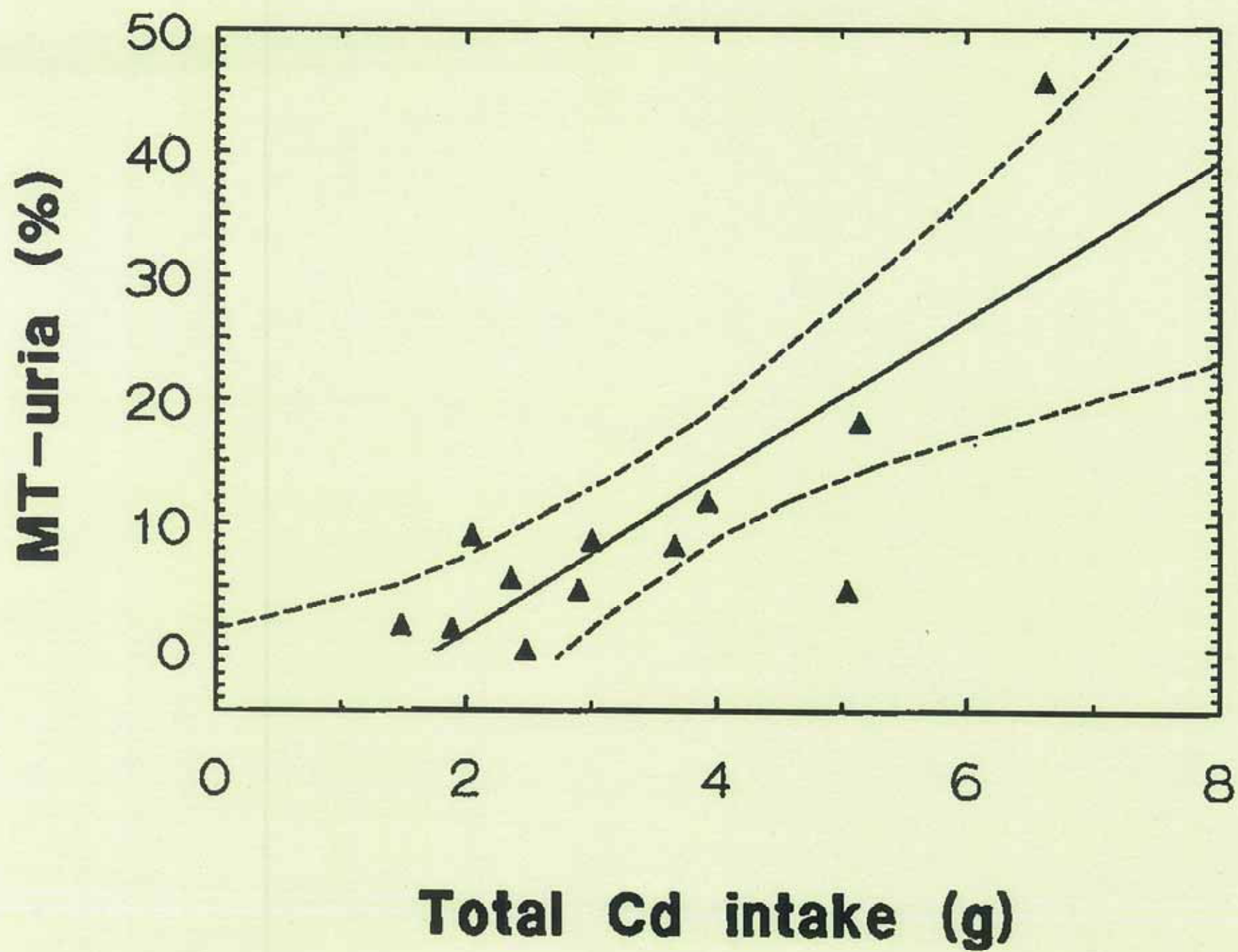


FIG. 4. Correlation between total Cd intake and prevalence of β_2 -m-uria (β_2 -m $\geq$ 1000 μ g/g cr.) for the Cd-exposed female group. The regression line is $Y = 0.012X - 16.16$ ($r = 0.84$; $P < 0.001$).





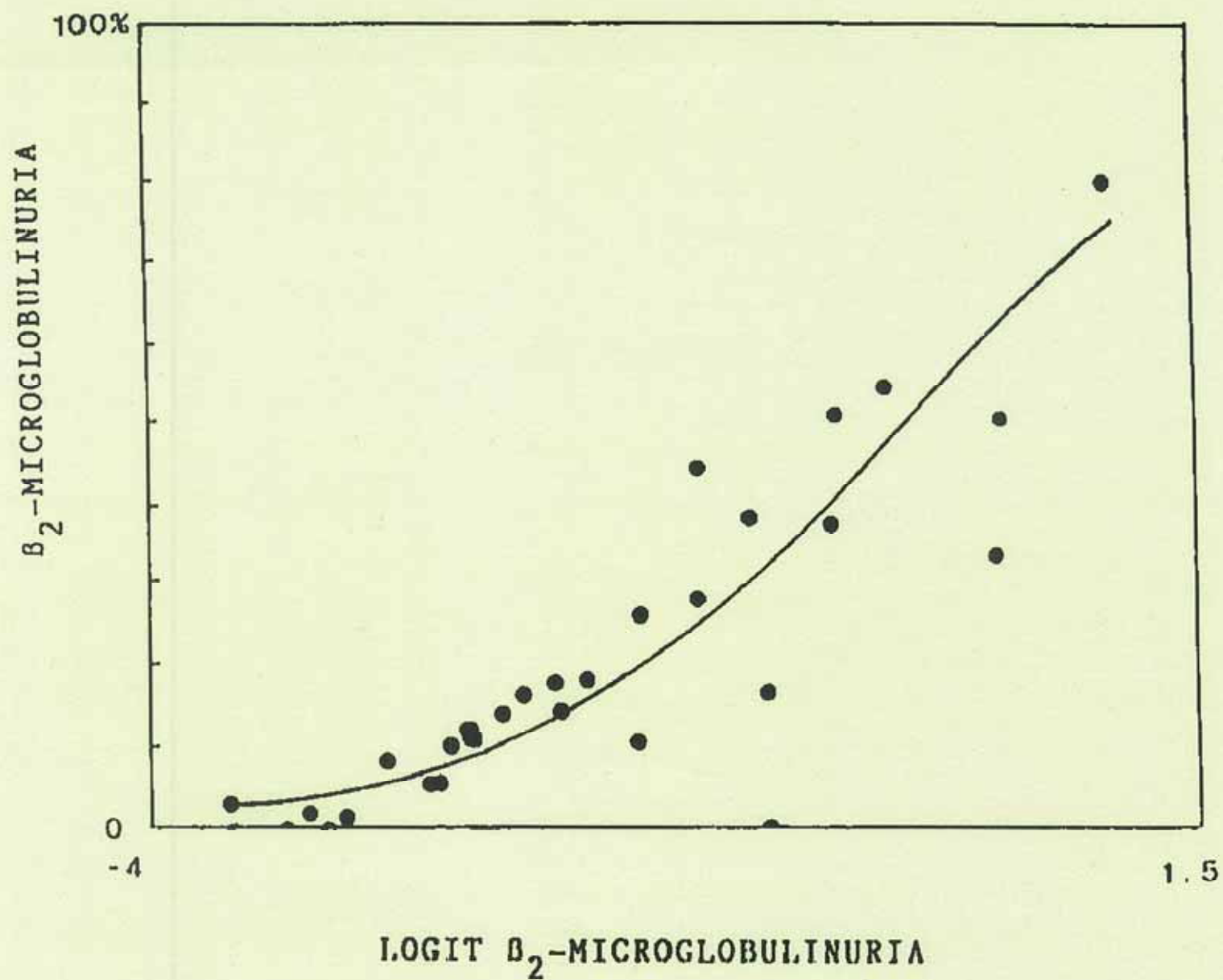


Fig. 1. Prevalence of β_2 -MGI-uria in the Cd-exposed women and their logistic model in the case of β_2 -MGI expressed as $\mu\text{g/g} \cdot \text{cr}$.

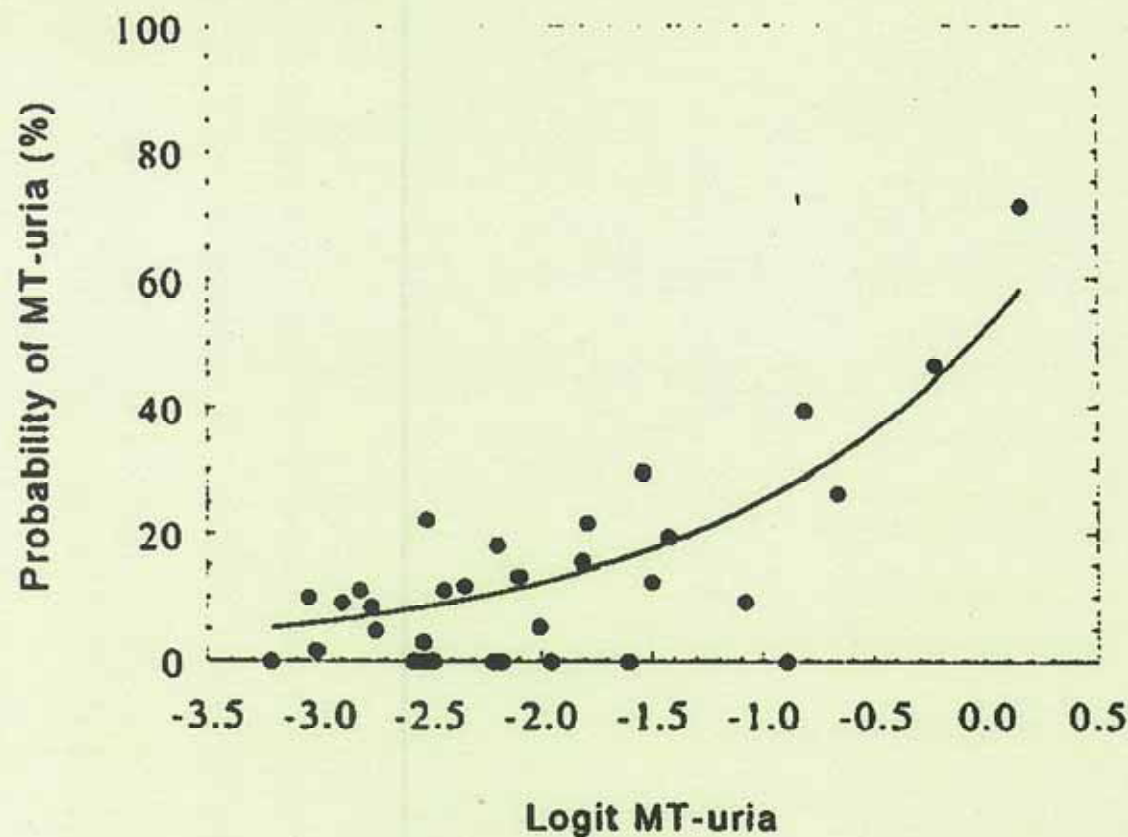


Fig. 1. Logistic regression analysis of the prevalence of MT-uria in the Cd-exposed women. Data are for MT values expressed as $\mu\text{g/g}$ creatinine. The probability of MT-uria (prevalence, %) and ln odds (logit) MT-uria are plotted. Exponential fit, correlation coefficient = 0.75.

$$\text{Logit MT-uria} = -4.6773 + 0.0119 (\text{Age}) + 0.000566 (\text{Total Cd intake})$$

Fig. 7 Prevalence of metallothioneinuria ($\mu\text{g/l}$) corresponding to each age and total cadmium intake calculated by general linear model

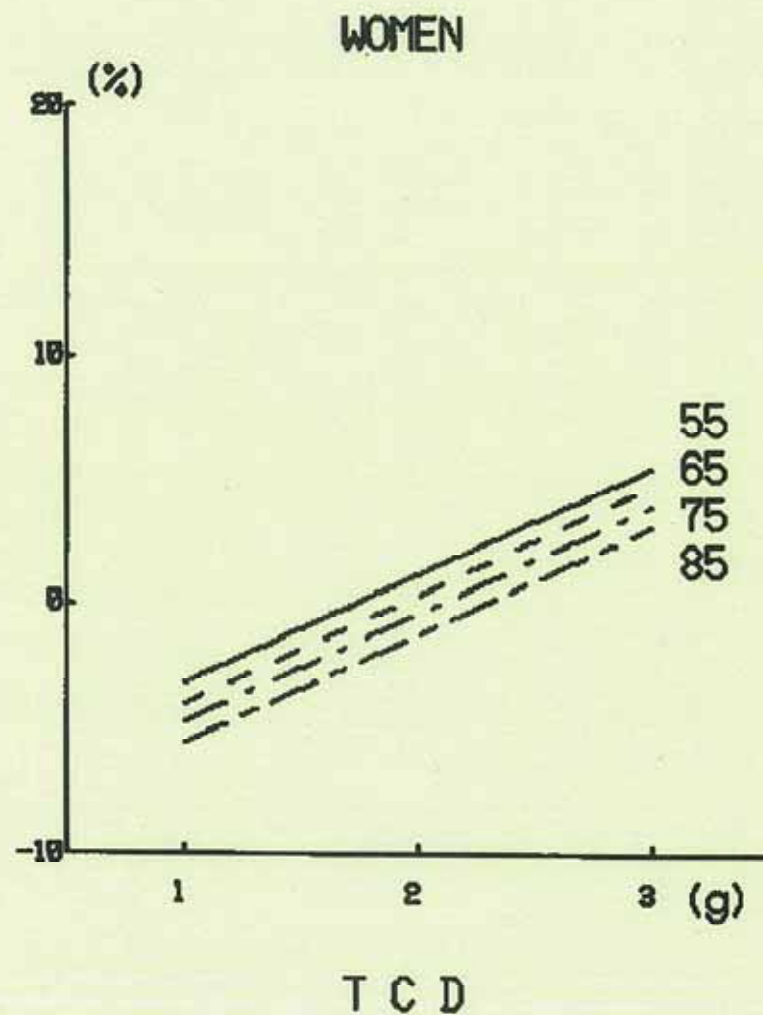
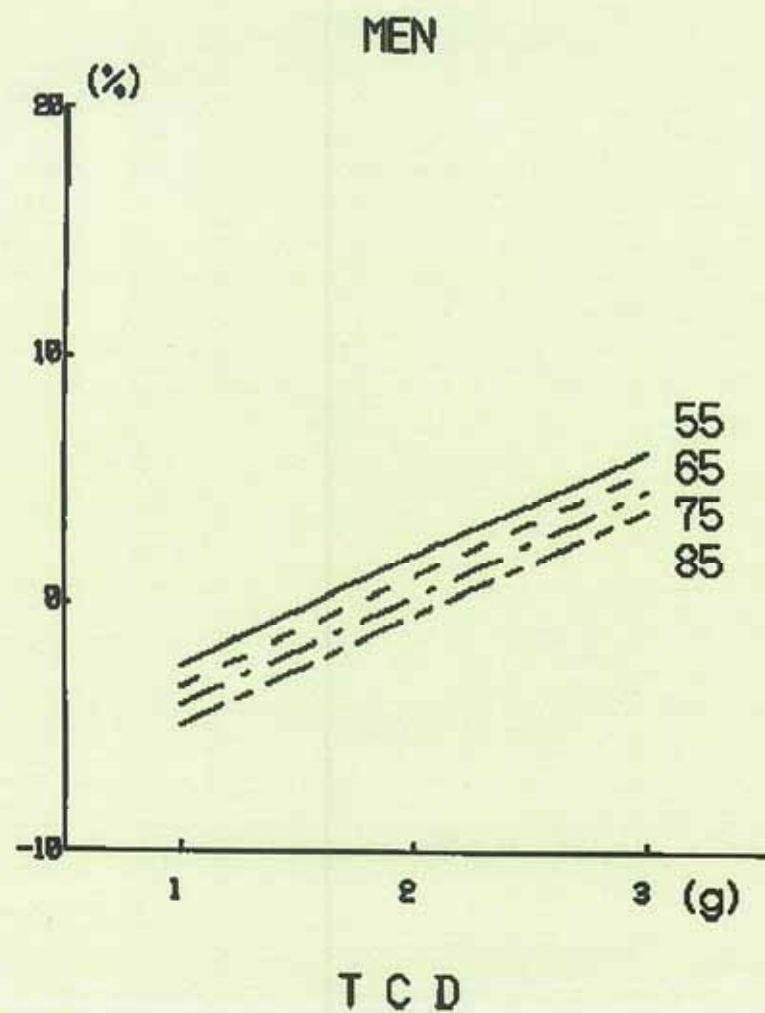
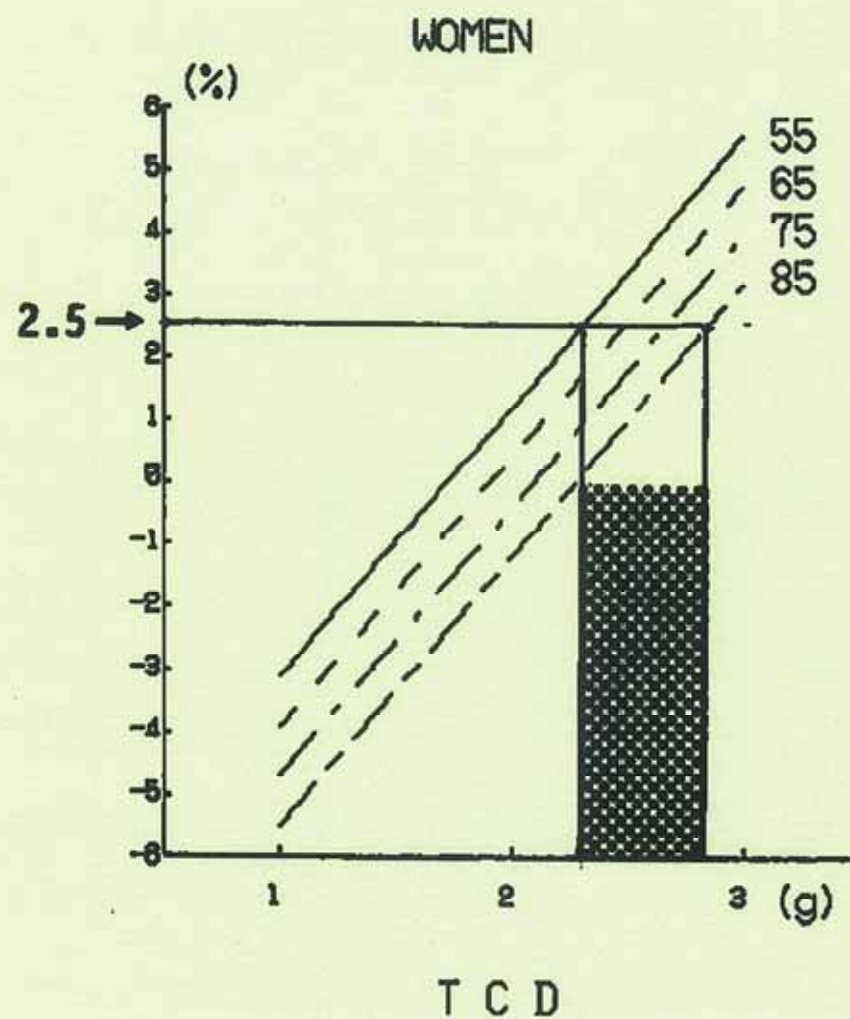
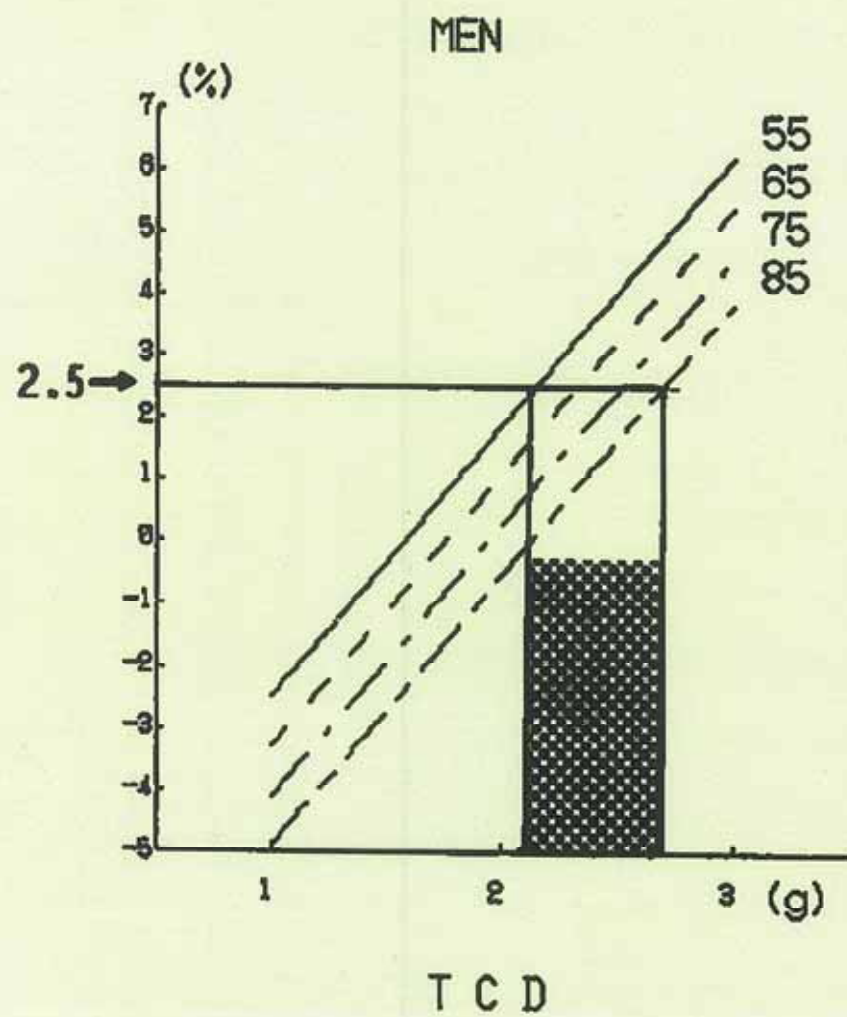


Fig. 10 Ranges of total Cd intakes corresponding to 2.5 % of prevalence of metallothioneinuria in the nonexposed men and women



2g of total Cd intake

[Example]

In case of 80 yr is

= 25 mg / yr (2000 mg / 80 yr)

= 68 μ g / day (25,000 μ g / 365 days)

< 80 μ g (0.4 ppm x 200 g) + α

Cut-off value of rice in Japan

Other foods

Conclusion(1)

- Prevalence of β_2 -MG-uria ($> 1,000 \mu\text{g} / \text{g cr.}$) was 14.3 % in men and 18.7% in women in Cd-polluted areas of Kakehashi River basin, while it was 6.0 % and 5.0 % in men and women in unpolluted areas, respectively.

Conclusion(2)

- Once Cd-induced renal tubular dysfunction occurred, it was **irreversible** even after cessation of Cd-exposure.
- Bone damage such as osteopenia was also found in Cd-exposed subjects with renal tubular dysfunction.

Conclusion(3)

- Total Cd intake corresponding to maximum allowable Cd concentration in urine was calculated as approximately **2 g** for both of men and women using linear regression and multivariate analysis.