

Abstract

According to the present invention, a crystal of an alkali metal N-acetylneuraminate anhydrate, and a process for producing a crystal of an alkali metal N-acetylneuraminate anhydrate, comprising adding or adding dropwise a solvent selected from the group consisting of alcohols and ketones to an aqueous N-acetylneuraminic acid solution containing an alkali metal-containing compound and having a pH of 3.0 to 9.0 to precipitate a crystal of an alkali metal N-acetylneuraminate anhydrate, and collecting the crystal of an alkali metal N-acetylneuraminate anhydrate from the aqueous solution, can be provided.