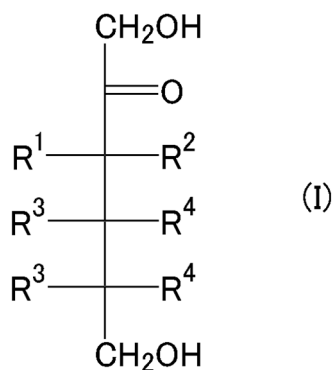


ABSTRACT

The present invention aims to provide, for example, an agent for inhibiting formation of an elastin-elafin complex and a composition for inhibiting formation of an elastin-elafin complex, which are capable of inhibiting formation of an elastin-elafin complex. The present invention relates to an agent for inhibiting a reduction in breakdown of denatured elastin, the agent containing, as an active ingredient, at least one of a compound represented by the following formula (I) or a derivative thereof as an active ingredient:



wherein in the formula (I), R^1 to R^4 may be the same or different and each represent a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy group, R^2 is a hydroxy group when R^1 is a hydrogen atom, R^2 is a hydrogen atom when R^1 is a hydroxy group, R^4 is a hydroxy group when R^3 is a hydrogen atom, and R^4 is a hydrogen atom when R^3 is a hydroxy group.