

ABSTRACT

The present invention aims to provide 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, a method of screening for a substance having an effect of inhibiting formation of an elastin-elafin complex, a method of inhibiting formation of an elastin-elafin complex, a method of inhibiting a reduction in breakdown of denatured elastin, a method of maintaining normal elastin fibers, and the like. The present invention relates to, for example, an agent for inhibiting a reduction in breakdown of denatured elastin, the agent containing, as an active ingredient, at least one plant extract selected from the group consisting of passion fruit extract, pot marigold extract, white mustard extract, marshmallow extract, white willow extract, calamus extract, peach kernel extract, and soybean extract.