We claim

~~1. A method of using Calebin A in effective amounts to protect mammalian articular cartilage from pathological damage, said method comprising the step of administering effective dose of Calebin A to mammals in need of said protection.~~

~~2. A method of protecting mammalian articular cartilage from pathological damage, said method comprising the step of administering effective dose of Calebin A to mammals in need of said protection.~~

1. The use of Calebin A for the manufacture of a medicament for the preventative treatment of mammalian articular cartilage from necrotic damage following microbial infection.

2. The use of Calebin A according to claim 1 wherein an effective dose of the medicament is based on a body weight of the mammal using Calebin A.

3. The use of Calebin A according to any of claim 1 or 2, wherein the microbial infection is caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and antigens thereof.