ABSTRACT

Provided is a draw solute which has a low viscosity, can be circulated during a forward-osmosis water treatment, and has a sedimentation under heating and a higher osmotic pressure than that of seawater, when used as a draw solution.

A draw solute comprising at least one of vinyl ether polymer containing an oxyethylene chain in a side chain and having a number average molecular weight (Mn) of 13,000 or less.

(No suitable figure)