CLAIMS

1. Use of a composition comprising a carboxylic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as active ingredient in the manufacture of a medicament for treating and/or preventing a skin disease and/or for alleviating the symptoms thereof.

2. The use according to claim 1, wherein the carboxylic acid comprises between two and four carbon atoms.

3. The use according to any one of claims 1 or 2, wherein the carboxylic acid is acetic acid, propionic acid or butyric acid, preferably propionic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the skin disease is dermatitis or eczema.

5. The use according to claim 4, wherein the dermatitis is an atopic dermatitis or a contact dermatitis.

6. The use according to claim 5, wherein the contact dermatitis is an allergic contact dermatitis, preferably due to metals, preferably wherein the metal is chromium or nickel, preferably nickel.

7. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the carboxylic acid is the only active ingredient comprised in said composition.

8. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the composition is administered topically.

9. Cosmetic use of a composition comprising a carboxylic acid or a salt thereof for reducing redness of the skin, skin lesions, wrinkles, impurities and/or irregularities of the skin.

10. Cosmetic use of a composition comprising a carboxylic acid or a salt thereof for improving softness and appearance of the skin.

11. The use of claim 9 or 10, wherein the carboxylic acid comprises between two and four carbon atoms.

12. The use of any one of claims 9 to 11, wherein the carboxylic acid is acetic acid, propionic acid or butyric acid or a salt thereof, preferably propionic acid or a salt thereof.