

Abstract

Provided is a novel compound which has excellent ultraviolet-absorbing function (especially UVA absorbing function) and excellent hydrophilicity. A benzylidene azolidine derivative of the present invention or a salt thereof is characterized by being a benzylidene azolidine derivative represented by specific structural formula (I) or a salt thereof. (In structural formula (I), n represents an integer of 1-5; A¹ represents O, S or N-A⁴; and each of A², A³ and A⁴ independently represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group which may be substituted by a hydroxyl group and has 1-8 carbon atoms, or the like (provided that at least one of A², A³ and A⁴ contains one or more hydroxyl groups). In this connection, when n is an integer of 2-5, the plurality of A³O- moieties may be the same as or different from each other.)

[Formula 1]

