CLAIMS

[Claim 1]

A composition for external use, comprising the following components (A) to (E):

(A) 1 to 5 mass% of at least one member selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, glucosides of ascorbic acid, and salts thereof;

(B) 0.05 to 0.2 mass% of an edetic acid salt;

(C) 0.05 to 2 mass% of a glycyrrhizic acid salt;

(D) 0.05 to 0.4 mass% of a heparinoid; and

(E) water;

wherein component (D) is present in a total amount of 3 to 20 parts by mass relative to 100 parts by mass of component (A) in the composition.

[Claim 2]

The composition for external use according to claim 1, which is a pharmaceutical product or a quasi-drug.

[Claim 3]

A method for suppressing formation of precipitates during low-temperature storage of a composition for external use, comprising mixing the following components (A) to (E) to allow components (A), (B), (C), and (E) to coexist with component (D):

(A) at least one member selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, glucosides of ascorbic acid, and salts thereof;

(B) an edetic acid salt;

(C) a glycyrrhizic acid salt:

(D) a heparinoid; and

(E) water;

wherein the low-temperature storage is static storage at ordinary pressure and a temperature of 5°C for 2 days or more.