containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted nitrogen-containing oxygen-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group or an optionally substituted nitrogen-containing sulfur-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group, the remaining three identically or differently each represent a group represented by a general formula C-R^{12}:

wherein R^{12} represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom;

wherein the substituents for the alkylamino group and the dialkylamino group of R^2 are one or more groups selected from among an amino group, a hydroxyl group, a carboxyl group and an alkoxy group;

the substituents for the alkyl group and the alkoxy group of R^2 are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a carboxyl group and an alkoxy group;

the substituents for the aryl group and the heterocyclic group of R^3 are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an acyl group, an acyloxy group, a sulfo group, a phosphoryl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an alkylsulfonylamide group, an acetamide group, a carbamoyl group, an oxo group, optionally protected carboxyl, amino, alkylamino and hydroxyl groups, and optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups;

the substituents for the alkylamino group and the dialkylamino group of R^5, R^6, R^7 or R^8 are one or more groups selected from among an amino group, a hydroxyl group and an alkoxy group;

the substituents for the 5- to 7-membered heterocyclic group formed by R^6 and R^7 together with carbon atoms, to which they bind, are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an acyl group, an acyloxy group, a sulfo group, a phosphoryl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an alkylsulfonylamino group, an acetamide group, a carbamoyl group, an oxo group, optionally protected carboxyl, amino, alkylamino and hydroxyl groups, and optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups;

the substituents for the alkylamino group and the dialkylamino group of R^9 are one or more groups selected from among a hydroxyl group, optionally protected carboxyl, amino and alkylamino groups, and optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups;

the substituents for the alkyl group and the alkoxy group of R^9 are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group and an alkoxy group;

the substituents for the aryl group, the aryloxy group, the heterocyclic group and the heterocyclic oxy group of R^9 are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a

nitro group, an acyl group, an acyloxy group, a sulfo group, a phosphoryl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an alkylsulfonylamino group, an acetamide group, a carbamoyl group, an oxo group, optionally protected carboxyl, amino, alkylamino and hydroxyl groups, and optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups;

the substituents for the acyl group and the acyloxy group of R^9 are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group and an alkoxy group;

the substituents for the lower alkyl group of R^{10} are one or more groups selected from among a hydroxyl group, optionally protected carboxyl, amino and alkylamino groups, and optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups;

the substituents for the aryl group, the nitrogen-containing 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group, the oxygen-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group, the nitrogen-containing oxygen-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group, and the nitrogen-containing sulfur-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group of R^{11}, are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an acyl group, an acyloxy group, a sulfo group, a phosphoryl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an alkylsulfonylamino group, an acetamide group, a carbamoyl group, an oxo group, optionally protected carboxyl, amino, alkylamino and hydroxyl groups, and optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups;

the substituents for the alkylene group of X^4 are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group and an alkoxy group;

the substituents for the alkylene groups, the alkenylene group and the alkynylene group of Y are one or more groups selected from among a hydroxyl group and an alkoxy group;

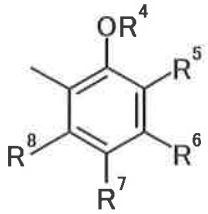
the substituent for the above described, optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an acyl group, a sulfo group, a phosphoryl group, a cyclic amino group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an alkylsulfonylamino group, an acetamide group, an aralkyl group, a carbamoyl group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkynyl group, an alkoxy group, an aryl group, a heterocyclic group, and optionally protected carboxyl, amino and hydroxyl groups;

the carboxyl protecting group denotes an alkyl group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, an acylalkyl group, an arylthioalkyl group, an arylsulfonylalkyl group, an oxygen-containing heterocyclic group, an alkylsilylalkyl group, an acyloxy alkyl group, a nitrogen-containing heterocyclic alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an alkoxyalkyl group, an aralkyloxyalkyl group, an

alkylthioalkyl group, an alkenyl group and a substituted silyl group;
the tetrazole protecting group denotes an acyl group, an alkyloxycarbonyl group, an aralkyloxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, an aralkyl group, an acylalkyl group, an alkoxyalkyl group, an arylsulfonyl group and a substituted silyl group;
the phenolic hydroxyl protecting group denotes an acyl group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group, an oxygen-containing heterocyclic group, a sulfur-containing heterocyclic group, an alkoxyalkyl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an arylsulfonyl group and a substituted silyl group;
the amino protecting group denotes an acyl group, an alkyloxycarbonyl group, an aralkyloxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, an aralkyl group, an alkoxyalkyl group, an aralkyloxyalkyl group, an arylthio group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an arylsulfonyl group and a substituted silyl group;
the imino protecting group denotes an acyl group, an alkyloxycarbonyl group, an aralkyloxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, an aralkyl group, an alkoxyalkyl group, an arylthio group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an arylsulfonyl group and a substituted silyl group;
and the hydroxyl protecting group denotes an acyl group, an alkyloxycarbonyl group, an aralkyloxycarbonyl group, a heterocyclic oxycarbonyl group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group, an oxygen-containing heterocyclic group, a sulfur-containing heterocyclic group, an alkoxyalkyl group, an aralkyloxyalkyl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an arylsulfonyl group and a substituted silyl group.

[Claim 2] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein A represents a group represented by the following general formula:

[Formula 4]



wherein

R^4 represents a hydrogen atom or a phenolic hydroxyl protecting group;

one of R^5, R^6, R^7 and R^8 represents a group represented by a general formula -Y-R^9:

wherein

R^9 represents a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an optionally protected hydroxyl

group, an optionally protected amino group, an optionally protected or substituted alkylamino group, an optionally substituted dialkylamino group, an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted alkoxy group, an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted aryloxy group, an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted heterocyclic oxy group, an optionally substituted acyl group or an optionally substituted acyloxy group;

Y represents an optionally substituted alkylene group, an optionally substituted alkenylene group, an optionally substituted alkynylene group, a bond, a group represented by a general formula $-(CH_2)_m-O-(CH_2)_n-$:

wherein m represents an integer of 0 to 4; and n represents an integer of 1 to 4, or

a group represented by a general formula $-(CH_2)_m-NR^{10}-(CH_2)_n-$:

wherein R^{10} represents a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted lower alkyl group or an imino protecting group; and m and n have the same meanings as above, and

the remaining others identically or differently each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom,

an optionally protected hydroxyl group, an optionally protected amino group, an optionally protected or substituted alkylamino group or an optionally substituted dialkylamino group; or R^5 and R^8 identically or differently each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an optionally protected hydroxyl group or an optionally protected amino group, and R^6 and R^7 each represent, together with carbon atoms to which they bind, an optionally substituted 5- to 7-membered heterocyclic group;

wherein the substituents for the alkylamino group and the dialkylamino group of R^5, R^6, R^7 or R^8, the alkylamino group, the dialkylamino group, the alkyl group, the alkoxy group, the aryl group, the aryloxy group, the heterocyclic group and the heterocyclic oxy group, the acyl group and the acyloxy group of R^9, the substituents for the alkylene group, the alkenylene group and the alkynylene group of Y, the substituents for the lower alkyl group of R^{10}, the substituents for the 5- to 7-membered heterocyclic group formed by R^6 and R^7 together with carbon atoms, to which they bind, the phenolic hydroxyl protecting group, the hydroxyl protecting group, the amino protecting group and the imino protecting group are defined as Claim 1.

[Claim 3] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 2, wherein X^4 represents an oxygen atom, an optionally protected imino group or a bond; wherein the imino protecting group is defined as Claim 1.

[Claim 4] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 2 or 3, wherein R^1 represents an optionally protected carboxyl group;

wherein the carboxyl protecting group is defined as Claim 1.

[Claim 5] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 2 to 4, wherein R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom.

[Claim 6] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 2 to 5, wherein R^3 represents an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted furanyl group;

wherein the substituents for the phenyl group and the furanyl group of R^3 are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an acyl group, an acyloxy group, a sulfo group, a phosphoryl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an alkylsulfonylamide group, an acetamide group, a carbamoyl group, an oxo group, optionally protected carboxyl, amino, alkylamino and hydroxyl groups, and optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups; and

the substituent for the above described, optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups, the carboxyl protecting group, the amino protecting group and the hydroxyl protecting group are defined as Claim 1.

[Claim 7] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of

claims 2 to 6, wherein R^4 represents a hydrogen atom.

[Claim 8] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 2 to 7, wherein X^4 represents a bond.

[Claim 9] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 2 to 8, wherein

one of R^5, R^6, R^7 and R^8 represents a group represented by a general formula $-Y^a-R^{9a}$:

wherein

R^{9a} represents a halogen atom, a nitro group, an optionally protected hydroxyl group, an optionally protected amino group, an optionally protected or substituted alkylamino group, an optionally substituted dialkylamino group, an optionally substituted alkyl group, an optionally substituted alkoxy group, an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted aryloxy group, an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted heterocyclic oxy group, an optionally substituted acyl group or an optionally substituted acyloxy group; and

Y^a represents an optionally substituted alkylene group, a bond, a group represented by a general formula $-O-(CH_2)_n-$:

wherein n represents an integer of 1 to 4, or a group represented by a general formula $-NR^{10a}-(CH_2)_n-$:

wherein R^{10a} represents a lower alkyl group; and n has the same meaning as above, and

the remaining others each represent a hydrogen atom;
wherein the substituents for the alkylamino group and the dialkylamino group of R^{9a} are one or more groups selected from among a hydroxyl group, optionally protected carboxyl, amino and alkylamino groups, and optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups;
the substituents for the alkyl group and the alkoxy group of R^{9a} are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group and an alkoxy group;
the substituents for the aryl group, the aryloxy group, the heterocyclic groupand the heterocyclic oxy group of R^{9a} are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an acyl group, an acyloxy group, a sulfo group, a phosphoryl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an alkylsulfonylamino group, an acetamide group, a carbamoyl group, an oxo group, optionally protected carboxyl, amino, alkylamino and hydroxyl groups, and optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups;
the substituents for the acyl group and the acyloxy group of R^{9a} are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group and an alkoxy group;
the substituents for the alkylene group of Y^a are one or more groups selected from among a hydroxyl group and an alkoxy group;
and the substituent for the above described, optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups, the carboxyl protecting group, the amino protecting group and the hydroxyl protecting group are defined as Claim 1.

[Claim 10] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 2 to 8, wherein
R^5, R^6 and R^8 each represent a hydrogen atom, and
R^7 represents a group represented by a general formula $-Y^b-R^{9b}$:
wherein
R^{9b} represents an optionally substituted heterocyclic group; and
Y^b represents an alkylene group, a bond, or a group represented by a general formula $-O-(CH_2)_n-$:
wherein n represents an integer of 1 to 4;
wherein the substituents for the heterocyclic group of R^{9b} are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an acyl group, an acyloxy group, a sulfo group, a phosphoryl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an alkylsulfonylamino group, an acetamide group, a carbamoyl group, an oxo group, optionally protected carboxyl, amino, alkylamino and hydroxyl groups, and optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino,

dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups;
and the substituent for the above described, optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups, the carboxyl protecting group, the amino protecting group and the hydroxyl protecting group are defined as Claim 1.

[Claim 11] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 2 to 8, wherein

R^5, R^6 and R^8 each represent a hydrogen atom, and

R^7 represents a group represented by a general formula $-Y^c-R^{9c}$:

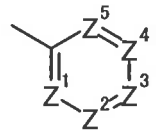
wherein

R^{9c} represents a heterocyclic group that may be substituted with a lower alkyl group; and

Y^c represents a methylene group, a bond, or a group represented by a general formula $-O-(CH_2)_2-$.

[Claim 12] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein A represents a group represented by the following general formula:

[Formula 5]



wherein

one of Z^1, Z^2, Z^3, Z^4 and Z^5 represents a nitrogen atom,

one of the remaining four represents a group represented by a general formula $C-R^{11}$:

wherein R^{11} represents an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted nitrogen-containing 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted oxygen-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group, an optionally substituted nitrogen-containing oxygen-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group or an optionally substituted nitrogen-containing sulfur-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group, and the remaining three identically or differently each represent a group represented by a general formula $C-R^{12}$:

wherein R^{12} represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom;
wherein the substituents for the aryl group, the nitrogen-containing 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group, the oxygen-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group, the nitrogen-containing oxygen-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group and the nitrogen-containing sulfur-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group of R^{11} are defined as Claim 1.

[Claim 13] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 12, wherein X^4 represents an oxygen atom, an optionally protected imino group or a bond; wherein the imino protecting group is defined as Claim 1.

[Claim 14] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 12 or 13, wherein R^1 represents an optionally protected carboxyl group;
wherein the carboxyl protecting group is defined as Claim 1.

[Claim 15] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 12 to 14, wherein R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom.

[Claim 16] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to claim 12, 14 or 15, wherein X^4 represents a bond.

[Claim 17] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 12 to 16, wherein R^3 represents an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted furanyl group;
wherein the substituents for the phenyl group and the furanyl group of R^3 are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an acyl group, an acyloxy group, a sulfo group, a phosphoryl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an alkylsulfonylamide group, an acetamide group, a carbamoyl group, an oxo group, optionally protected carboxyl, amino, alkylamino and hydroxyl groups, and optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups; and
the substituent for the above described, optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups, the carboxyl protecting group, the amino protecting group and the hydroxyl protecting group are defined as Claim 1.

[Claim 18] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 12 to 17, wherein
Z^1 represents CH,
Z^2 represents a nitrogen atom,
Z^3 represents CH,
Z^4 represents a group represented by a general formula C-R^{11a}:
wherein R^{11a} represents an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted nitrogen-

containing 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group or an optionally substituted oxygen-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group, and

Z^5 represents CH;

wherein the substituents for the aryl group, the nitrogen-containing 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group and the oxygen-containing 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group of R^{11a} are one or more groups selected from among a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an acyl group, an acyloxy group, a sulfo group, a phosphoryl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an alkylsulfonylamino group, an acetamide group, a carbamoyl group, an oxo group, optionally protected carboxyl, amino, alkylamino and hydroxyl groups, and optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups;

and the substituent for the above described, optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyclic amino, aralkyl and heterocyclic groups, the carboxyl protecting group, the amino protecting group and the hydroxyl protecting group are defined as Claim 1.

[Claim 19] The N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 12 to 17, wherein

Z^1 represents CH,

Z^2 represents a nitrogen atom,

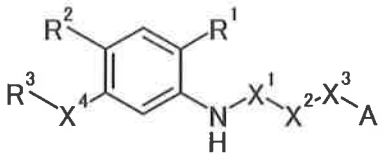
Z^3 represents CH,

Z^4 represents C-C_6H_5, and

Z^5 represents CH.

~~[Claim 20] A collagen production inhibitor, comprising an N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative represented by the following general formula or a salt thereof:~~

[Formula 6]



wherein

R^1 represents an optionally protected carboxyl group or an optionally protected 1H-tetrazol-5-yl group;

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an optionally protected hydroxyl group, an optionally protected amino group, an optionally protected or substituted alkylamino group, an optionally substituted dialkylamino group, an optionally substituted alkyl group or an optionally substituted alkoxy group;

R^3 represents an optionally substituted cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted aryl group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group;

X^1 represents a carbonyl group;

X^2 represents an optionally substituted alkylene group, an optionally substituted alkenylene group, an optionally substituted alkynylene group or a bond;

X^3 represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a bond;

X^4 represents a group represented by a general formula $-X^5-X^6-$ or $-X^6-X^5-$ (provided that the bond on the left side of each general formula binds to R^3), wherein

X^5 represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, an optionally protected imino group, a sulfinyl group, a sulfonyl group or a bond; and

X^6 represents an optionally substituted alkylene group, an optionally substituted alkenylene group, an optionally substituted alkynylene group or a bond; and

A represents an optionally substituted phenyl group, an optionally substituted cycloalkyl group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group.

[Claim 21] The collagen production inhibitor according to claim 20, wherein

R^1 represents an optionally protected carboxyl group,

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, and

R^3 represents an optionally substituted cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, an optionally substituted monocyclic heterocyclic group or an optionally substituted bicyclic heterocyclic group.

[Claim 22] The collagen production inhibitor according to claim 20 or 21, wherein

X^2 represents an optionally substituted alkylene group, an optionally substituted alkenylene group or a bond, and

X^3 represents a bond.

[Claim 23] The collagen production inhibitor according to any one of claims 20 to 22, wherein X^4 represents an oxygen atom, an alkylene group, an alkenylene group or a bond.

[Claim 24] The collagen production inhibitor according to any one of claims 20 to 23, wherein

A represents an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, and

R^3 represents an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted bicyclic heterocyclic group.

[Claim 25] The collagen production inhibitor according to claim 24, wherein

X^2 represents a bond,

X^3 represents a bond, and

X^4 represents a bond.

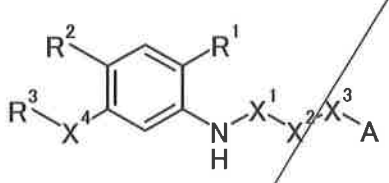
[Claim 26] The collagen production inhibitor according to claim 25, wherein

A represents an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted pyridyl group, and

R^3 represents an optionally substituted phenyl group.

[Claim 27] An agent for treating diseases associated with excessive production of collagen, comprising an N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative represented by the following general formula or a salt thereof:

[Formula 7]



wherein

R^1 represents an optionally protected carboxyl group or an optionally protected 1H-tetrazol-5-yl group;

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an optionally protected hydroxyl group, an optionally protected amino group, an optionally protected or substituted alkylamino group, an optionally substituted dialkylamino group, an optionally

substituted alkyl group or an optionally substituted alkoxy group;

R^3 represents an optionally substituted cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted aryl group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group;

X^1 represents a carbonyl group;

X^2 represents an optionally substituted alkylene group, an optionally substituted alkenylene group, an optionally substituted alkynylene group or a bond;

X^3 represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a bond;

X^4 represents a group represented by a general formula $-X^5-X^6-$ or $-X^6-X^5-$ (provided that the bond on the left side of each general formula binds to R^3), wherein

X^5 represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, an optionally protected imino group, a sulfinyl group, a sulfonyl group or a bond; and

X^6 represents an optionally substituted alkylene group, an optionally substituted alkenylene group, an optionally substituted alkynylene group or a bond; and

A represents an optionally substituted phenyl group, an optionally substituted cycloalkyl group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group.

[Claim 28] The agent for treating diseases associated with excessive production of collagen according to claim 27, wherein

R^1 represents an optionally protected carboxyl group,

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, and

R^3 represents an optionally substituted cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted cycloalkenyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, an optionally substituted monocyclic heterocyclic group or an optionally substituted bicyclic heterocyclic group.

[Claim 29] The agent for treating diseases associated with excessive production of collagen according to claim 27 or 28, wherein

X^2 represents an optionally substituted alkylene group, an optionally substituted alkenylene group or a bond, and

X^3 represents a bond.

[Claim 30] The agent for treating diseases associated with excessive production of collagen according to any one of claims 27 to 29, wherein X^4 represents an oxygen atom, an alkylene group, an alkenylene group or a bond.

[Claim 31] The agent for treating diseases associated with excessive production of collagen according to any one of claims 27 to 30, wherein

A represents an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, and

~~R^3 represents an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted bicyclic heterocyclic group.~~

~~[Claim 32] The agent for treating diseases associated with excessive production of collagen according to claim 31, wherein~~

~~X^2 represents a bond,~~

~~X^3 represents a bond, and~~

~~X^4 represents a bond.~~

~~[Claim 33] The agent for treating diseases associated with excessive production of collagen according to claim 32, wherein~~

~~A represents an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted pyridyl group, and~~

~~R^3 represents an optionally substituted phenyl group.~~

[Claim ~~34~~20] A collagen production inhibitor, comprising an N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 19.

[Claim ~~35~~21] An agent for treating diseases associated with excessive production of collagen, comprising an N-acyl anthranilic acid derivative or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 19.