CLAIMS

Claim 1. Use of at least one extract selected from the group consisting of an extract of a rose petal containing at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a delphinidin-type anthocyanin, a rosacyanin compound, and a rosadelphin compound, an extract of a yeast belonging to the genus *Yarrowia*, an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Camellia* of the family Theaceae, and an extract of meadowsweet in the manufacture of a medicament for suppressing a decrease in or improving skin barrier function by suppressing a decrease in or improving expression of type IV collagen.

Claim 2. The use according to claim 1,

wherein the yeast belonging to the genus *Yarrowia* is *Yarrowia lipolytica*, and

the plant belonging to the genus *Camellia* of the family Theaceae is tea plant.

Claim 3. The use according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein the plant belonging to the genus *Camellia* of the family Theaceae is a tea plant leaf, and

the meadowsweet is a meadowsweet flower.

Claim 4. Use of an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Hamamelis* of the family Hamamelidaceae and/or an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Plantago* of the family Plantaginaceae in the manufacture of a medicament for suppressing a decrease in or improving skin barrier function by suppressing a decrease in or improving basement membrane function.

Claim 5. The use according to claim 4,

wherein the plant belonging to the genus *Hamamelis* of the family Hamamelidaceae is American witch-hazel and

the plant belonging to the genus *Plantago* of the family Plantaginaceae is greater plantain.

Claim 6. The use according to claim 4 or 5,

wherein the plant belonging to the genus *Hamamelis* of the family Hamamelidaceae is an American witch-hazel leaf and

the plant belonging to the genus *Plantago* of the family Plantaginaceae is a greater plantain seed.

Claim 7. The use according to claim 4 or 5,

wherein suppressing a decrease in or improving basement membrane function is achieved by suppressing a decrease in or improving expression of type IV collagen.

Claim 8. Use of at least one extract selected from the group consisting of an extract of a rose petal containing at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a delphinidin-type anthocyanin, a rosacyanin compound, and a rosadelphin compound, an extract of a yeast belonging to the genus *Yarrowia*, an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Camellia* of the family Theaceae, an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Hamamelis* of the family Hamamelidaceae, an extract of meadowsweet, and an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Plantago* of the family Plantaginaceae in the manufacture of a medicament for suppressing a decrease in or improving expression of type IV collagen.

Claim 9. The use according to claim 8,

wherein the yeast belonging to the genus *Yarrowia* is *Yarrowia lipolytica*,

the plant belonging to the genus *Camellia* of the family Theaceae is tea plant,

the plant belonging to the genus *Hamamelis* of the family Hamamelidaceae is American witch-hazel, and

the plant belonging to the genus *Plantago* of the family Plantaginaceae is greater plantain.

Claim 10. The use according to claim 8 or 9,
wherein the plant belonging to the genus *Camellia* of the family Theaceae is a tea plant leaf,
the plant belonging to the genus *Hamamelis* of the family Hamamelidaceae is an American witch-hazel leaf,
the meadowsweet is a meadowsweet flower, and
the plant belonging to the genus *Plantago* of the family Plantaginaceae is a greater plantain seed.

Claim 11. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 10,
wherein the composition is a topical agent for skin.

Claim 12. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 11,
wherein the composition is a cosmetic.

Claim 13. Non-therapeutic use of an extract for suppressing a decrease in skin barrier function or improving the skin barrier function by suppressing a decrease in or improving expression of type IV collagen,
the extract comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of an extract of a rose petal containing at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a delphinidin-type anthocyanin, a rosacyanin compound, and a rosadelphin compound, an extract of a yeast belonging to the genus *Yarrowia*, an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Camellia* of the family Theaceae, and an extract of meadowsweet.

Claim 14. Non-therapeutic use of an extract for suppressing a decrease in skin barrier function or improving the skin barrier function by suppressing a

decrease in or improving basement membrane function,

the extract comprising an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Hamamelis* of the family Hamamelidaceae and/or an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Plantago* of the family Plantaginaceae.

Claim 15. Non-therapeutic use of an extract for suppressing a decrease in expression of type IV collagen or improving the expression,

the extract comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of an extract of a rose petal containing at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a delphinidin-type anthocyanin, a rosacyanin compound, and a rosadelphin compound, an extract of a yeast belonging to the genus *Yarrowia*, an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Camellia* of the family Theaceae, an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Hamamelis* of the family Hamamelidaceae, an extract of meadowsweet, and an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Plantago* of the family Plantaginaceae.

Claim 16. A non-therapeutic method of suppressing a decrease in skin barrier function or improving skin barrier function by suppressing a decrease in or improving expression of type IV collagen, the method comprising

administering at least one extract selected from the group consisting of an extract of a rose petal containing at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a delphinidin-type anthocyanin, a rosacyanin compound, and a rosadelphin compound, an extract of a yeast belonging to the genus *Yarrowia*, an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Camellia* of the family Theaceae, and an extract of meadowsweet.

Claim 17. A non-therapeutic method of suppressing a decrease in skin barrier function or improving skin barrier

function by suppressing a decrease in or improving basement membrane function, the method comprising

administering an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Hamamelis* of the family Hamamelidaceae and/or an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Plantago* of the family Plantaginaceae.

Claim 18. A non-therapeutic method of suppressing a decrease in expression of type IV collagen or improving the expression, the method comprising

administering at least one extract selected from the group consisting of an extract of a rose petal containing at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a delphinidin-type anthocyanin, a rosacyanin compound, and a rosadelphin compound, an extract of a yeast belonging to the genus *Yarrowia*, an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Camellia* of the family Theaceae, an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Hamamelis* of the family Hamamelidaceae, an extract of meadowsweet, and an extract of a plant belonging to the genus *Plantago* of the family Plantaginaceae.