CLAIMS

Claim 1. Use of fructose in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing or ameliorating solar elastosis by inhibiting a reduction in breakdown of denatured elastin, by maintaining normal elastin fibers, or by inhibiting formation of an elastin-elafin complex.

Claim 2. The use according to claim 1, wherein the medicament is a topical agent for skin.

Claim 3. The use according to claim 1, wherein the medicament is a cosmetic.

Claim 4. The use according to claim 1, wherein the medicament is a food or beverage.

Claim 5. Non-therapeutic use of fructose for inhibiting formation of an elastin-elafin complex, for inhibiting a reduction in breakdown of denatured elastin, or for maintaining normal elastin fibers.