CLAIMS

[Claim 1]

Use of a nutritional composition comprising N-acetylneuraminic acid as an active ingredient in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing bronchitis.

[Claim 2]

The use according to claim 1, wherein N-acetylneuraminic acid is bound to any one or more of a protein, a peptide, an oligosaccharide, or a lipid.

[Claim 3]

The use according to claim 1 or 2, wherein N-acetylneuraminic acid is an α-2,6-linked N-acetylneuraminic acid.

[Claim 4]

The use according to claim 3, wherein N-acetylneuraminic acid exists as 6'-sialyllactose.

[Claim 5]

The use according to claim 3, wherein N-acetylneuraminic acid exists as an N-linked glycan.

[Claim 6]

The use according to claim 5, wherein the N-linked glycan is α-2,6-disialo N-

linked glycan.

[Claim 7]

The use according to claim 6, wherein α-2,6-disialo N-linked glycan has a structure shown in (1) or (2) below.

(1) Neu5Acα2-6Galβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-2Manα1-3(Neu5Acα2-6Galβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-2Manα1-6)Manβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-4GlcNAc

(2) Neu5Acα2-6Galβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-2Manα1-3(Neu5Acα2-6Galβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-2Manα1-6)Manβ1-4GlcNAcβ1-4(Fucα1-6)GlcNAc

[Claim 8]

The use according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein said nutritional composition is for infants.

[Claim 9]

The use according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein the medicament is in the form of a food or drink.