Claims

[Claim 1]

A pharmaceutical composition for external use comprising (A) diclofenac and/or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, (B) a tocopherol and/or a derivative thereof, (C) menthol, (D) water, and 50 wt% or more of (E) a lower alcohol.

[Claim 2]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to claim 1, wherein a content of the component (C) is 3 wt% or more.

[Claim 3]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a content of the component (D) is 15 to 45 wt%.

[Claim 4]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein a content of the component (E) is 50 to 80 wt%.

[Claim 5]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the component (B) is tocopherol acetate.

[Claim 6]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to any of claims 1 to 5, which is a liquid or a gel.

[Claim 7]

A method for suppressing cloudiness and precipitation in a pharmaceutical composition for external use, the method comprising blending (C) menthol into a

pharmaceutical composition for external use comprising (A) diclofenac and/or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, (B) a tocopherol and/or a derivative thereof, and (D) water.

[Claim 8]

A method for reducing yellowing of a pharmaceutical composition for external use, the method comprising blending (C) menthol into a pharmaceutical composition for external use comprising (A) diclofenac and/or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, (B) a tocopherol and/or a derivative thereof, (D) water, and 50 wt% or more of (E) a lower alcohol.