Claims

[Claim 1]

A pharmaceutical composition for external use comprising (A) diclofenac and/or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, (B) 0.1 wt% or more of lactic acid and/or a salt thereof, (C) menthol, (D) water, and (E) 30 to 90 wt% of a lower alcohol.

[Claim 2]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to claim 1, wherein a content of the component (C) is 1 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 5 to 50 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 45 to 80 wt%.

[Claim 5]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to any of claims 1 to 4, which is a liquid or a gel.

[Claim 6]

A method for suppressing precipitation of diclofenac and/or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, the method comprising blending (C) menthol into a pharmaceutical composition for external use comprising (A) diclofenac

and/or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, (B) 0.1 wt% or more of lactic acid and/or a salt thereof, (D) water, and (E) 30 to 90 wt% of a lower alcohol.