

SCREENING METHOD

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ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a method for screening for a therapeutic agent for diabetes or a neurogenic disease by using ferrochelatase. Also disclosed is a ferrochelatase activator comprising a compound represented by the formula: (I) [wherein the ring A represents a 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring which has two or more nitrogen atoms and may have a substituent; B represents a hydrocarbon group which may be substituted or a heterocyclic ring which may be substituted; X represents a bivalent acyclic hydrocarbon group; Z represents -O-, -S-, -NR²-, -CONR²- or -NR²CO- (wherein R² represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group which may be substituted); Y represents a bond or a bivalent acyclic hydrocarbon group; and R¹ represents a cyclic group which may be substituted, an amino group which may be substituted, or an acyl group which may be substituted] or a salt thereof.

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