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) 0.15 to 1 wt% of lactic acid and/or a salt thereof, (D) water, and (F) 50 to 80 wt% of a lower alcohol.

[Claim 2]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to claim 1, further comprising (E) menthol.

[Claim 3]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to any of claim 1 or 2, wherein a content of the component (C) is 0.05 to 1 wt%.

[Claim 4]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein a content of the component (D) is 15 to 50 wt%.

[Claim 5]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to any of claims 2 to 4, wherein a content of the component (E) is 5 wt% or more.

[Claim 6]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the component (B) is tocopherol acetate.

[Claim 7]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to any of claims 1 to 6, which is a liquid or a gel.

[Claim 8]

A method for suppressing yellowing of a pharmaceutical composition for external use comprising blending (C) 0.15 to 1 wt% of lactic acid and/or a salt thereof 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 (F) 50 to 80 wt% of a lower alcohol.