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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a dry syrup preparation of procaterol having excellent stability, which comprises at least one active ingredient selected from procaterol or a salt thereof, an ascorbic acid, and a specific amount of citric acid. The preparation of the present invention is very stable and the active procaterol or a salt thereof can be kept without being decomposed even by diluting with a tap water owing to ascorbic acids, and further has excellent storage stability without decomposition of ascorbic acids owing to incorporation of citric acid.