CLAIMS

1. A method for producing porous cellulose beads, comprising the steps of:

mixing a cold alkaline aqueous solution and cellulose to prepare a cellulose dispersion, wherein the temperature of the cold alkaline aqueous solution is not more than 15°C; and

bringing the cellulose dispersion into contact with a coagulating solvent.

2. The method for producing porous cellulose beads according to claim 1, wherein an alkali concentration in the alkaline aqueous solution is not less than 5 wt% and not more than 15 wt%.

3. The method for producing porous cellulose beads according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a median particle diameter of the cellulose is not less than 10 μm and not more than 500 μm.

4. The method for preparing porous cellulose beads according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a cellulose concentration in the cellulose dispersion is not less than 1 wt% and not more than 10 wt%.

5. The method for producing porous cellulose beads according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the coagulating solvent contains an alcohol.

6. The method for producing porous cellulose beads according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the coagulating solvent is acidified.

7. The method for producing porous cellulose beads according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein a temperature for preparing and preserving the cellulose dispersion is not less than -20°C and not more than 10°C.