

ABSTRACT

To provide a medicine useful for protecting renal function or reducing a dietary acid load on the kidney in mammals, particularly humans.

Provided is a pharmaceutical composition containing citric acid, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of citric acid, a hydrate of citric acid, a hydrate of the pharmaceutically acceptable salt of citric acid, or a mixture thereof. Administration of the present pharmaceutical composition makes it possible to protect renal function or reduce a dietary acid load on the kidney.