CLAIMS

Claim 1. Use of a flavan-3-ol polymer having a weight-average molecular weight of ~~4500~~10000 to ~~20000~~16000 in the manufacture of a medicament for improving intestinal barrier function.

~~Claim 2. The use according to claim 1, wherein the flavan-3-ol polymer has a weight-average molecular weight of 9000 to 16000.~~

Claim ~~3~~2. The use according to claim 1~~ or 2~~, wherein the flavan-3-ol polymer is contained in at least one grape-derived raw material selected from the group consisting of grape pulp, grape seed coat, and grape seed.

Claim ~~4~~3. The use according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1 or 2, wherein the medicament is an oral composition.

Claim ~~5~~4. The use according to claim ~~4~~3, wherein the oral composition is a food or beverage, a pharmaceutical product, or a quasi-pharmaceutical product.

Claim ~~6~~5. The use according to any one of claims 1 to ~~5~~4, wherein the medicament is for intestinal regulation.

Claim ~~7~~6. The use according to any one of claims 1 to ~~6~~5, wherein the medicament is for preventing or relieving abdominal discomfort.

Claim ~~8~~7. The use according to any one of claims 1 to ~~7~~6,

wherein the medicament is labeled as having an intestinal regulation action.

Claim ~~9~~8. A non-therapeutic method for improving intestinal barrier function, the method comprising:

administering a flavan-3-ol polymer having a weight-average molecular weight of 4500 to 20000 to a subject,

wherein the method does not comprise medical activities including surgery, therapy and diagnosis.

Claim 9. The method according to claim 8, wherein the method is for preventing abdominal discomfort.

Claim 10. Non-therapeutic use of a flavan-3-ol polymer having a weight-average molecular weight of 4500 to 20000 for improving intestinal barrier function,

wherein the use does not comprise medical activities including surgery, therapy and diagnosis.

Claim 11. The use according to claim 10, wherein the use is for preventing abdominal discomfort.