CLAIMS

[Claim 1]

A composition for external use, comprising the following components (A) to (E):

(A) 1 to 5 mass% of at least one member selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, ~~derivatives thereof~~glucosides of ascorbic acid, and salts thereof;

(B) 0.05 to 0.2 mass% of an edetic acid salt;

(C) 0.05 to 2 mass% of a glycyrrhizic acid salt;

(D) 0.05 to 0.4 mass% of a heparinoid; and

(E) water~~.~~;

~~[Claim 2]~~

~~The composition for external use according to claim 1, wherein component (A) is present in a total amount of 0.01 to 10 mass%, based on the composition for external use taken as 100 mass%.~~

~~[Claim 3]~~

~~The composition for external use according to claim 1 or 2,~~ wherein component (D) is present in a total amount of ~~0.5~~3 to ~~500~~20 parts by mass relative to 100 parts by mass of component (A) in the composition~~ for external use~~.

[Claim ~~4~~2]

The composition for external use according to ~~any one of claims~~claim 1~~ to 3~~, which is a pharmaceutical product or a quasi-drug.

[Claim ~~5~~3]

A method for suppressing ~~precipitate~~ formation of precipitates during low-temperature storage of a composition for external use, comprising mixing the following components (A) to (E) to allow components (A),

(B), (C), and (E) to coexist with component (D):

(A) at least one member selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, ~~derivatives thereof~~glucosides of ascorbic acid, and salts thereof;

(B) an edetic acid salt;

(C) a glycyrrhizic acid salt:

(D) a heparinoid; and

(E) water~~.~~;

wherein the low-temperature storage is static storage at ordinary pressure and a temperature of 5°C for 2 days or more.