Claims

[Claim 1]

A pharmaceutical composition for external use comprising (A) 0.2 to 2 wt% of a pharmacologically acceptable salt of diclofenac, (B) 0.1 to 1 wt% of at least one member selected from the group consisting of tocopherol, esters of tocopherol and carboxylic acid, and diesters of tocopherol and phosphoric acid, (C) 1 wt% or more of menthol, (D) water, and (E) 50 to 75 wt% of a lower alcohol.

[Claim 2]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to claim 1, wherein a content of the component (D) is 15 to 45 wt%.

[Claim 3]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the component (B) is tocopherol acetate.

[Claim 4]

The pharmaceutical composition for external use according to any of claims 1 to 3, which is a liquid or a gel.

[Claim 5]

A method for suppressing cloudiness and precipitation in a pharmaceutical composition for external use, the method comprising blending (C) 1 wt% or more of menthol into a pharmaceutical composition for external use comprising (A) 0.2 to 2 wt% of a

pharmacologically acceptable salt of diclofenac, (B) 0.1 to 1 wt% of at least one member selected from the group consisting of tocopherol, esters of tocopherol and carboxylic acid, and diesters of tocopherol and phosphoric acid, (D) water, and (E) 50 to 75 wt% of a lower alcohol.

[Claim 6]

A method for reducing yellowing of a pharmaceutical composition for external use, the method comprising blending (C) 1 wt% or more of menthol into a pharmaceutical composition for external use comprising (A) 0.2 to 2 wt% of a pharmacologically acceptable salt of diclofenac, (B) 0.1 to 1 wt% of at least one member selected from the group consisting of tocopherol, esters of tocopherol and carboxylic acid, and diesters of tocopherol and phosphoric acid, (D) water, and (E) 50 to 75 wt% of a lower alcohol.