**Claims**

[Claim 1]

A composition for visualizing a degenerative site in articular cartilage wherein the composition contains a positively charged albumin labeled with indocyanine green.

[Claim 2]

A composition for visualizing a degenerative site in articular cartilage according to Claim 1 wherein the composition is to be sprayed, added dropwise, applied to, or dipped in a surface of articular cartilage having a degenerative site, thereby adsorbing the positively charged albumin to the degenerative site in the articular cartilage.

[Claim 3]

A composition for visualizing a degenerative site in articular cartilage according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the degenerative site of the articular cartilage is a state where a lamellar cell layer of a cartilage tissue is removed or a state where a defective portion is present from the surface layer toward the deep portion of a cartilage tissue.