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54 **A method of image formation.**

57 A method of image formation is provided, wherein a recording material is subjected to image-wise heating substantially in the absence of water and a base or precursor thereof, wherein the recording material comprises a support having coated thereon a 1,3-sulfur-nitrogen-containing compound capable of being cleaved in the presence of a silver ion or silver complex ion, an organic silver salt and a thermal solvent, and wherein the 1,3-sulfur-nitrogen-containing compound is represented by the following formula.

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