CLAIMS

1. An agent containing catechins, for use in disinfecting an item in oral cavity, by bringing the agent into contact with the item and irradiating the thus agent-contacted item with light having a wavelength of 350 nm to 500 nm.

2. The agent according to claim 1, wherein the catechins have a gallate group.

3. The agent according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said agent comprises an aqueous proanthocyanidin solution.

4. The agent according to claim 3, wherein the concentration of proanthocyanidin in the aqueous proanthocyanidin solution is 0.25 to 4 mg/mL.

5. The agent according to any one of claims 1 to 4, further containing a hydrogen peroxide solution.

6. A device for use in disinfecting an item in oral cavity, comprising:

an agent comprising:

an aqueous proanthocyanidin solution whose concentration of proanthocyanidin is 0.25 to 4 mg/mL, and

light emitting means provided to be capable of irradiating the agent in contact with the item with light having a wavelength of 350 to 500 nm.

CLAIMS

1. An agent containing catechins, for therapeutic use in disinfecting an item in oral cavity, by bringing the agent into contact with the item and irradiating the thus agent-contacted item with light having a wavelength of 350 nm to 500 nm.

2. The agent according to claim 1, wherein the catechins have a gallate group.

3. The agent according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said agent comprises an aqueous proanthocyanidin solution.

4. The agent according to claim 3, wherein the concentration of proanthocyanidin in the aqueous proanthocyanidin solution is 0.25 to 4 mg/mL.

5. The agent according to any one of claims 1 to 4, further containing a hydrogen peroxide solution.

6. A device for use in disinfecting an item in oral cavity,
comprising:
an agent comprising:
an aqueous proanthocyanidin solution whose concentration of proanthocyanidin is 0.25 to 4 mg/mL, and light emitting means provided to be capable of irradiating the agent in contact with the item with light having a wavelength of 350 to 500 nm.