



ABSTRACT

A protein curuculin obtained by extracting from fresh *Curuculigo latifolia* fruits or dried fruits thereof with an aqueous solution of a salt of a concentration of at least 0.01 M: a taste-modifier for a sour material comprising fresh *Curuculigo latifolia* fruits. dried fruits thereof or a curuculin-containing material obtained therefrom: a chewing gum composition comprising fresh *Curuculigo latifolia* fruits. dried fruits thereof or a curuculin-containing material obtained therefrom: and a mouth-wash composition comprising fresh *Curuculigo latifolia* fruits. dried fruits thereof or curuculin-containing material obtained therefrom are disclosed.