Claims

1. An encapsulate composition comprising:

at least one oral care and/or personal care ingredient encapsulated in a matrix comprising:

a lactose monohydrate; and

a microcrystalline cellulose, wherein the lactose monohydrate is present in an amount of 50% to 75% by weight.

2. The encapsulate of claim 1, wherein the encapsulate further comprises a coloring agent.

3. The encapsulate of claim 2, wherein the coloring agent comprises at least one coloring agent chosen from titanium dioxide, a dye, a pigment, a colorant, or an opacifying agent.

4. The encapsulate of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the at least one oral care and/or personal care ingredient comprises at least one ingredient chosen from of zinc citrate, stannous fluoride, cetylpyridinium chloride, and L-arginine.

5. The encapsulate of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the microcrystalline cellulose is present in an amount of 25% to 40% by weight.

6. The encapsulate of claim 3, wherein the titanium dioxide is present in an amount of 0.1% to 2% by weight.

7. The encapsulate of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the at least one oral care and/or personal care ingredient is present in an amount of 0.1% to 50% by weight.

8. The encapsulate of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the encapsulate has a size of 0.5 mm to 5 mm in diameter.

9. The encapsulate of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the encapsulate contains a combination of lactose monohydrate and microcrystalline cellulose such that when used in an oral care composition, the encapsulate is capable of dissolving in the oral cavity during the use of the oral care composition to release an ingredient to the oral cavity.

10. A composition comprising the encapsulate composition of any one of the preceding claims and a carrier.

11. The composition of claim 10, where in the carrier is an orally acceptable carrier, and the composition is an oral care composition.

12. The composition of claim 10 or 11, wherein the encapsulate is present in an amount of 0.1% to 20% by weight.

13. Use of ~~A method of providing oral health benefits to an oral surface comprising contacting the~~ an encapsulate composition according to any one of claims 1-9 or the composition of any one of claims 10-12 ~~with the oral surface~~for the manufacture of a medicament for providing oral health benefits to an oral surface.

14. The ~~method~~ use of claim 13, ~~further comprising disrupting~~wherein the encapsulates is to be disrupted after ~~the~~ topical application.

15. An encapsulate composition according to any one of claims 1 to 9 or a composition according to any one of claims 10 to 12 for use in a method of providing oral health benefits to an oral surface.