4. A composition according to claim 3, wherein the zinc ions are provided by one or more zinc-containing compounds selected from the group consisting of zinc acetate, zinc citrate, zinc gluconate, zinc glycinate, zinc oxide, zinc sulfate, sodium zinc citrate, and mixtures thereof.

5. A composition according to any preceding claim, wherein the composition further comprises at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of humectants, abrasives, anticaries agents, anticalculus or tartar control agents, anionic carboxylate polymers, viscosity modifiers, surfactants, flavorants, pigments, and mixtures thereof.

6. ~~A method of treating a disease or condition of oral cavity soft tissue comprising administering to the oral cavity of a patient in need thereof,~~ Use of a composition according to any of claims 1 to 5 in the manufacture of a medicament for treating a disease or condition of oral cavity soft tissue in a patient in need thereof.

7. The ~~method~~ use according to claim 6, wherein the disease or condition is xerostomia.

8. A composition according any of claims 1 to 5 for use in the treatment of xerostonia.