CLAIMS

1. Use of ~~an anti-inflammatory~~ pharmaceutical and/or dermocosmetic composition comprising tamarind seed polysaccharide in combination with an extract of *Helichrysum italicum* or *Echinacea* spp as active ingredients, mixed with one or more acceptable excipients in the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of microbial infections.

2. ~~An anti-inflammatory~~ pharmaceutical and/or dermocosmetic composition comprising tamarind seed polysaccharide in combination with an extract of *Echinacea* spp as active ingredients, mixed with one or more acceptable excipients.

3. A composition according to claim 2, for topical administration.

4. A composition according to claim 2 or 3, in the form of cream, ointment, gel, lotion, gum, toothpaste, mouthwash or shampoo.

5. A composition according to claims 2-4, comprising at least a further active ingredient selected from the group consisting of antimicrobial agents, anti-inflammatory agents, analgesic agents and wound-healing agents.

6. A composition according to claims 2-5, wherein the tamarind seed polysaccharide quantity ranges from 0.1% to 5% by weight.

7. A composition according to any one of claims 2-6 for use as a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of microbial infections.