CLAIMS

1. Use of a liquid antimicrobial composition comprising

a cationic, cell membrane-disrupting biocide being any or a combination of chlorhexidine, a polymeric biguanide, octenidine dihydrochloride and a quaternary ammonium compound; and

a cationic dendrimer capable of inhibiting an efflux pump mechanism of said cell membrane and being any of a generation 0 to generation 3 dendrimer and any one of or a combination of poly(propylene imine), polyamidoamine (PAMAM) dendrimers, polylysine, and dendrimers with surface groups based on a sugar

in the manufacture of a medicament having a pH no less than 5.5 for the treatment of the skin of a human or an animal against bacterial infection.

2. Use of a composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the cationic, cell membrane-disrupting biocide comprises chlorhexidine in the form of a gluconate or of an acetate salt.

3. Use of a composition as claimed in any of Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the cationic, cell membrane-disrupting biocide is present in a concentration between 0.25% and 6.00% w/v inclusive.

4. Use of a composition as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the dendrimer is poly(propylene imine).

5 Use of a composition as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the dendrimer comprises between 0.01% w/v and 2% w/v inclusive of the composition.

6. Use of composition as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 5, additionally comprising a surfactant.

7. Use of a composition as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the surfactant is a poloxamer tri block copolymer surfactant.

8 Use of a composition as claimed in Claim 6 or Claim 7, wherein the surfactant has a hydrophilic-lipophilic balance (HLB) with a value between 10 and 17 inclusive.

9. Use of a composition as claimed in any of Claims 6 to 8, wherein the surfactant is present at a concentration at least 10% below its critical micelle concentration.

10. Use of a composition as claimed in any of Claims 6 to 9, wherein the surfactant comprises between 0.05% w/v and to 5.00% w/v inclusive of the composition.

11. Use of a composition as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 10, additionally comprising a chelating agent.

12. Use of a composition as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the chelating agent comprises any or a combination of etidronic acid (1-hydroxyethane 1,1-diphosphonic acid (HEDP)), ethylene diamine, di or tetra acetate, a phosphonate and a nitriloacetate.

13. Use of a composition as claimed in Claim 11 or Claim 12, wherein the chelating agent comprises between 0.05% w/v and 1.00% w/v inclusive of the composition.

14. Use of a composition as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 13, additionally comprising an essential oil or essential oil component in combination with a solvent for same.

15. Use of a composition as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the solvent is ethanol or polyethylene glycol.

16. Use of a composition as claimed in Claim 14 or Claim 15, wherein the essential oil or essential oil component comprises any or a combination of berberine, helichrysum italicum, geraniol, a pinene, alpha zingiberine, a terpene and tea tree oil.

17. Use of a composition as claimed in any of Claims 14 to 16, wherein the essential oil or essential oil component comprises between 0.01% w/v and 1.00% w/v inclusive of the composition.

18. Use of a composition as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 17, in the form of an aqueous or aqueous alcohol solution or dispersion.

19. Use of a composition as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 18, in combination with a wipe, a sponge or a shampoo cap.

20. Use of a composition as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the composition has been adsorbed by the wipe, sponge or shampoo cap and the wipe, sponge or shampoo cap is packaged ready to be dispensed from a tub, a bucket, a flow-wrap pack or an individually sealed wrapper.