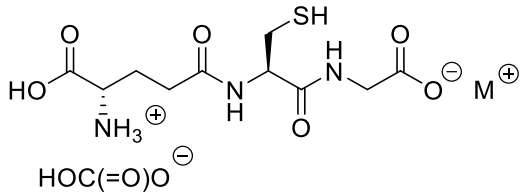
What is claimed is:

1. A preparation comprising an aqueous solution in a closed container with a headspace, wherein:

(i) the aqueous solution comprises a salt having Formula **I**:



I;

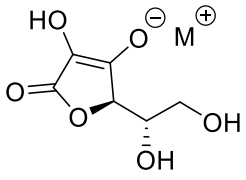
(ii) the atmosphere of the headspace comprises 90% or more carbon dioxide by volume; and

(iii) M^+ is Na^+, Li^+, K^+ or Cs^+.

2. The preparation of claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution has a pH of 6.0 ± 0.4 for 24 hours or more at about 5 ºC.

3. The preparation of claim 2, wherein the aqueous solution has a pH of 6.0 ± 0.1 for 24 hours or more at about 5 ºC.

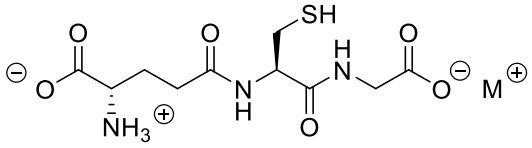
4. The preparation of claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution further comprises a salt having Formula **II**:



II

wherein M^+ is Na^+, Li^+, K^+ or Cs^+.

5. The preparation of claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution further comprises a salt having Formula **III**:



III

wherein M^+ is Na^+, Li^+, K^+ or Cs^+.

6. The preparation of claim 1, wherein the atmosphere of the headspace comprises 95% or more of carbon dioxide by volume.

7. The preparation of claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution comprises about 10 wt % to about 20 wt % of the salt having Formula **I**.

8. The preparation of claim 7, wherein the aqueous solution comprises about 13 wt % to about 17 wt % of the salt having Formula **I**.

9. The preparation of claim 8, wherein the aqueous solution comprises about 14.7 wt % of the salt having Formula **I**.

10. The preparation of claim 4, wherein the aqueous solution comprises about 5 wt % to about 15 wt % of the salt having Formula **II**.

11. The preparation of claim 10, wherein the aqueous solution comprises about 7 wt % to about 11 wt % of the salt having Formula **II**.

12. The preparation of claim 11, wherein the aqueous solution comprises about 9.1 wt % of the salt having Formula **II**.

13. The preparation of claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution has a density of about 1.13 g/L.

14. The preparation of claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution is frozen.

15. The preparation of claim 1, wherein M^+ is Na^+.

16. The preparation of claim 1, packaged as a single unit dose.

17. The preparation of claim 1, wherein the preparation is a pharmaceutical product.