CLAIMS

~~1. Use of tamarind seed polysaccharide for the manufacture of a medicament to prevent and/or treat microbial infections.~~

~~2. The use of tamarind seed polysaccharide according to claim 1, wherein the infection is caused by a bacterium, a yeast, a virus or a fungus.~~

~~3. The use of tamarind seed polysaccharide according to claim 2, wherein the infection is a bacterial infection.~~

~~4. The use of tamarind seed polysaccharide according to claims 1-3, wherein the medicament is for use in prevention and/or treatment of microbial infections of skin or mucosa.~~

~~5. The use of tamarind seed polysaccharide according to claims 1-4, wherein the medicament is for topical administration.~~

~~6. The use of tamarind seed polysaccharide according to claims 1-5, wherein the medicament is for use in treatment of mucositis and stomatitis.~~

1~~7~~. Use of a~~A~~n anti-inflammatory~~microbial~~ pharmaceutical and/or dermocosmetic composition comprising~~containing~~ 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~~8~~. A composition according to claim 2~~7~~, for topical administration.

4~~9~~. A composition according to claim 2~~7~~ or 3~~8~~, in the form of cream,

ointment, gel, lotion, gum, toothpaste, mouthwash or shampoo.

5~~10~~. A composition according to claims 2~~7~~-4~~9~~, comprising at least a further active ingredient selected from the group consisting of antimicrobial agents, anti-inflammatory agents, analgesic agents and wound-healing agents.

~~11. A composition according to claims 7-10, further comprising an extract of *Helichrysum italicum, Echinacea* spp., *Aesculus hippocastanum, Zanthoxylum bungeanum* or mixtures thereof.~~

6~~12~~. A composition according to claims 2~~7~~-5~~11~~, wherein the tamarind seed polysaccharide quantity ranges from 0.1% to 5% by weight.