

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

ANTI-BIOFILM CARBONATE COMPOUNDS FOR USE IN ORAL CARE COMPOSITIONS

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention relates to oral compositions comprising carbonate compounds that inhibit dental plaque and caries-associated *A. naeslundii* growth and biofilm formation.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

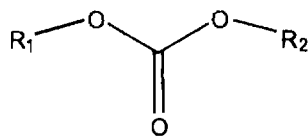
Caries and periodontal diseases are two of the most common chronic infectious diseases affecting humankind and are always associated with dental plaque formed as a
10 biofilm on tooth surfaces. Dental plaque is produced by sequential attachment of a variety of bacteria, which is dependent on both the species involved and the surface composition. *Actinomyces naeslundii* (*A. naeslundii*) are Gram-positive, rod-shaped bacteria that are among the first species to occupy the oral cavity and colonize the tooth's surface. *A. naeslundii* have been implicated in periodontal disease and root caries.

15 Quorum sensing is a means of intercellular communication between bacterial cells that allows bacteria to control gene expression and respond to population density as a group. Bacteria occupying the oral cavity, including *A. naeslundii*, use quorum-sensing systems to regulate several physiological processes, including the incorporation of foreign DNA, acid tolerance, biofilm formation, and virulence. Thus, through quorum sensing, *A. naeslundii* can
20 optimize their physiology to adapt to environmental stimuli and can behave as a collective, thereby resulting in better colonization of hosts, evolution as a species, and improved responses to mechanical, physical, and chemical stresses. Consequently, bacteria in biofilms have an increased resistance to antimicrobials and host defenses.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

25 The present invention includes oral care compositions and methods for inhibiting growth and formation of oral biofilms by quorum sensing inhibition and/or bactericidal activity.

In some embodiments, the present invention discloses an oral care composition including a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1** and at least one excipient:



Formula 1

5 wherein,

R_1 and R_2 are independently: an aliphatic radical; a hydroxyaliphatic radical; or an aryl radical.

In some embodiments, R_1 is chosen from a cyclic or branched aliphatic radical having up to 10 carbon atoms and R_2 is chosen from a linear or branched hydroxyaliphatic radical.

10 In some embodiments, R_1 is an unsubstituted aryl radical and R_2 is chosen from a linear or branched hydroxyaliphatic radical having up to 10 carbon atoms.

In some embodiments, the present invention discloses a method of providing oral care benefits including applying to an oral cavity an oral care composition containing a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1** and at

15 least one excipient. In some embodiments, the oral care benefits include biofilm anti-attachment, anti-oxidant, and anti-microbial benefits.

In some embodiments, the present invention discloses a method of up-regulating or down-regulating periodontal disease metabolites including applying to an oral cavity an oral care composition containing a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate

20 compound of **Formula 1** and at least one excipient. In some embodiments, the oral care composition up-regulates or down-regulates at least one member chosen from: a compound generated by amino acid metabolism; a compound generated in the urea cycle; a compound generated in glutathion conversion; a compound generated in lipid metabolism; a compound generated in carbohydrate metabolism; a compound generated by nucleic acid metabolism;

25 vitamins; and co-factors.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows the anti-oxidant efficacy of carbonate compounds of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

5 As used throughout, ranges are used as shorthand for describing each and every value that is within the range. Any value within the range can be selected as the terminus of the range. In addition, all references cited herein are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

As used herein, the term "biofilm formation" refers to the attachment of
10 microorganisms to surfaces and the subsequent development of multiple layers of cells.

As used herein, the term "dental plaque" refers to the diverse microbial community (predominantly bacteria) found on the tooth surface, embedded in a matrix of polymers of bacterial and salivary origin. Further, "dental plaque-associated *A. naeslundii*" refers to *A. naeslundii* that is a component of the dental plaque.

15 As used herein, the term "inhibition" refers to at least a decrease of dental plaque-associated bacterial (e.g., *A. naeslundii*) growth and biofilm formation.

As used herein, the term "oral care" refers to both therapeutic and prophylactic treatment of diseases and disorders affecting the oral cavity or associated medical conditions. Oral diseases and disorders include, but are not limited to: dental caries; periodontal diseases
20 (e.g., gingivitis, adult periodontitis, early-onset periodontitis, etc.); mucosal infections (e.g., oral candidiasis, herpes simplex virus infections, recurrent aphthous ulcers, etc.); oral and pharyngeal cancers; and precancerous lesions.

As used herein, the term "quorum sensing" refers to the control of gene expression in response to cell density. Bacterial cells communicate amongst the cells of the biofilm
25 utilizing secreted signalling molecules. Typically, gram-positive bacteria, including *A. naeslundii*, utilize small peptides as effector signalling molecules.

As used herein, the term "therapeutically effective amount" refers to a quantity of a composition high enough to provide a significant positive modification of the subject's

condition(s) to be treated. A “therapeutically effective amount” as used herein includes a prophylactic amount, for example, an amount effective for preventing or protecting against dental caries and related diseases, and symptoms thereof, and amounts effective for alleviating or healing dental caries, related diseases, and symptoms thereof.

5 As used herein, “healthy oral status” means the absence of gingivitis and/or periodontal disease.

 As used herein, “periodontal disease” means an inflammation of the periodontium including the gingival, or gum tissue; the cementum, or outer layer of the roots of teeth; the alveolar bone, or the bony sockets into which the teeth are anchored; and the periodontal
10 ligaments which are the connective tissue fibers that run between the cementum and the alveolar bone and includes gingivitis.

 The present invention includes oral care compositions and methods for inhibiting growth and formation of oral biofilms by quorum sensing inhibition and/or bactericidal activity.

15 I. Oral Care Compositions

 In some embodiments, the present invention discloses an oral care composition for providing oral health care benefits. In some embodiments, the present invention discloses an oral care composition for providing at least one oral health care benefit selected from: oral
20 biofilm anti-attachment, anti-oxidant, and anti-microbial benefits. In some embodiments, the present invention discloses an oral care composition for providing multiple oral health care benefits. In some embodiments, the present invention discloses an oral care composition for providing oral health care benefits including oral biofilm anti-attachment, anti-oxidant, and anti-microbial benefits.

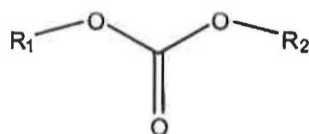
 In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present
25 invention up-regulates and/or down-regulates at least one periodontal disease metabolite. In some embodiments, the present invention discloses an oral care composition for up-regulating at least one periodontal disease metabolite. In some embodiments, the present invention discloses an oral care composition for down-regulating at least one periodontal disease metabolite. In some embodiments, the present invention discloses an oral care

composition for up-regulating and/or down-regulating multiple periodontal disease metabolites.

In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention is suitable for use in an oral cavity. In some embodiments, the oral care composition is suitable for ingestion through an oral cavity. In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes, but is not limited to: cremes, gels, pastes, foams, emulsions, suspensions, aerosols, sprays, mouthwashes, pharmaceuticals, capsules, granules, lozenges, tablets, sweets and chewing gum. In some embodiments, the oral care composition is a dentifrice composition. In some embodiments, the dentifrice composition is a member chosen from: toothpastes, gels, mouth washes, dental floss, powders, gum adhering strips, toothbrushes, and the like. In some embodiments, the dentifrice composition in accordance with the present invention is a toothpaste.

A. Carbonate Compounds

In some embodiments, the present invention discloses an oral care composition including a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1** and at least one excipient. Carbonate compounds suitable for use in the present invention conform to **Formula 1**:



Formula 1

wherein,

R_1 and R_2 are independently: an aliphatic radical; a hydroxyaliphatic radical; or an aryl radical.

In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1**, wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently: a cyclic or branched aliphatic radical; a linear or branched hydroxyaliphatic radical; or an unsubstituted aryl radical. In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1**, wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently: a cyclic or branched aliphatic radical having up to 10

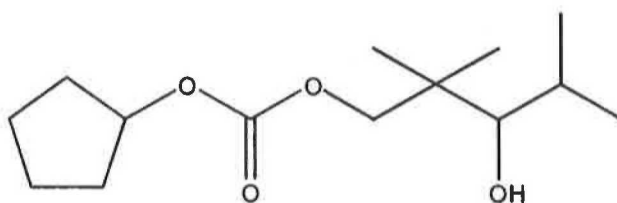
carbon atoms; a linear or branched hydroxyaliphatic radical having up to 10 carbon atoms; or an unsubstituted aryl radical.

In some embodiments, R_1 is a cyclic or branched aliphatic radical. In some embodiments, R_1 is a cyclic or branched aliphatic radical having up to 10 carbon atoms. In some embodiments, R_1 is a cyclic or branched aliphatic radical having between 5 and 10 carbon atoms. In some embodiments, R_1 is a cyclic or branched aliphatic radical having between 5 and 8 carbon atoms. In some embodiments, R_1 is an aromatic ring. In some embodiments, R_1 is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl radical. In some embodiments, R_1 is an unsubstituted aryl radical.

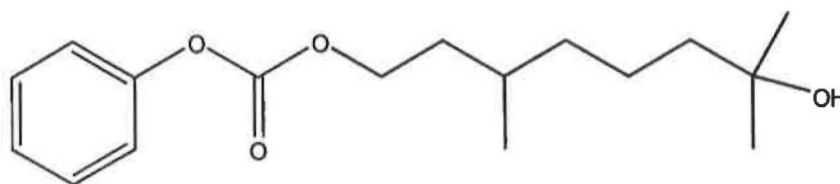
10 In some embodiments, R_2 is a linear or branched hydroxyaliphatic radical. In some embodiments, R_2 is a linear or branched hydroxyaliphatic radical having up to 10 carbon atoms. In some embodiments, R_2 is a linear or branched hydroxyaliphatic radical having between 6 and 10 carbon atoms.

In some embodiments, R_1 is chosen from a cyclic or branched aliphatic radical having up to 10 carbon atoms and R_2 is chosen from a linear or branched hydroxyaliphatic radical. In some embodiments, R_1 is an unsubstituted aryl radical and R_2 is chosen from a linear or branched hydroxyaliphatic radical having up to 10 carbon atoms.

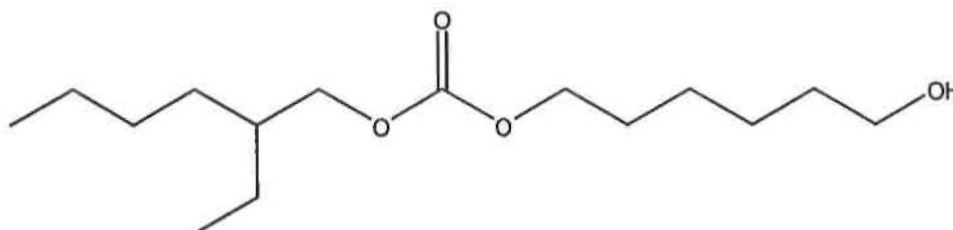
In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1**, wherein the at least one carbonate compound is:



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In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes the at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1** in a therapeutically effective amount of from 0.05 wt. % to 5 wt. %. In some embodiments, the at least one carbonate compound is present in an effective amount of 0.1 wt. % to 1.5 wt. %. In some

10 embodiments, the at least one carbonate compound is present in an effective amount of 0.3 wt. % to 1.2 wt. %.

B. Excipients

In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes at least one excipient. Excipients suitable for use in the present invention

15 include any compound that is conventionally used in oral care compositions and that does not alter the efficacy of a carbonate compound of **Formula 1**.

Suitable excipients for an oral composition in accordance with the present invention may be chosen from: preservatives, abrasives (smoothing agents), further antibacterial agents, inflammation-inhibiting agents, irritation-preventing agents, irritation-inhibiting agents,

20 further antimicrobial agents, antioxidants, binders, (mineral) fillers, buffers, carrier materials, chelating agents (chelate formers), cleaning agents, care agents, surface-active substances, emulsifiers, enzymes, foam-forming agents, foam stabilizers, foam boosters, gelling agents, gel-forming agents, bleaching agents, smell- and/or taste-modulating agents, smell- and/or

taste-reducing agents, smell- and/or taste-enhancing agents, plasticizers, (mucous membrane)/skin cooling agents (cooling substances), (mucous membrane)/skin soothing agents (mucous membrane)/skin cleansing agents, (mucous membrane)/skin care agents, (mucous membrane)/skin healing agents, mucous membrane-protecting agents, stabilisers, 5 suspending agents, vitamins, colorants, colour-protecting agents, pigments, surfactants, electrolytes, silicone derivatives, polyols, calcium carbonate, calcium hydrogen phosphate, aluminium oxide, fluorides, zinc, tin, potassium, sodium and strontium salts, pyrophosphates, hydroxyapatites.

In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present 10 invention includes at least one excipient, wherein the at least one excipient is chosen from: surfactants, desensitizing agents, whitening agents, tartar control agents, antibacterial agents, abrasives including silica, binders and thickening agents, detergents, adhesion agents, foam modulators, pH modifying agents, mouth-feel agents, sweeteners, flavoring agents, colorants, preservatives, combinations thereof, and the like.

15 1. Flavoring agents

In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes a flavoring agent. In some embodiments, the flavoring agent is a member chosen from: mucous membrane cooling agents, mucous membrane warming agents, sharp-tasting substances, sweeteners, sugar substitutes, organic or inorganic acidifiers (*e.g.*, malic 20 acid, acetic acid, citric acid, tartaric acid, phosphoric acid), bitter principles (*e.g.*, quinine, caffeine, limonine, amarogentine, humolones, lupolones, catechols, tannins), edible mineral salts (*e.g.*, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride and sodium phosphates), essential oils (*e.g.*, oils of spearmint, peppermint, wintergreen, sassafras, clove, sage, eucalyptus, marjoram, cinnamon, lemon, lime, grapefruit, and orange), menthol, 25 carvone, anethole, and combinations thereof.

2. Abrasives

Abrasives suitable for use in the present invention include silica materials and particularly silica gels and precipitated amorphous silica having an oil absorption value of less than 100 cc/100 g silica and preferably in the range of from 45 cc/100 g to less than 70 30 cc/100 g silica. Oil absorption values are measured using the ASTM Rub-Out Method D281. Low oil absorption silica abrasives particularly useful in the practice of the present invention

are marketed under the trade designation Sylodent® XWA (Davison Chemical Division of W. R. Grace & Co., Baltimore, Md. 21203). Sylodent® 650 XWA, a silica hydrogel composed of particles of colloidal silica having a water content of 29% by weight averaging from 7 to 10 microns in diameter, and an oil absorption of less than 70 cc/100 g of silica is a preferred example of a low oil absorption silica abrasive useful in the practice of the present invention. Another low oil absorption silica abrasive particularly useful in the practice of the present invention is marketed under the trade designation DP-105™ (J. M. Huber Chemicals Division, Havre de Grace, Md. 21078) is a precipitated amorphous silica having an average particle size distribution from 5 to 12 microns and an oil absorption in the range of 50 to 70 cc/100 g. Other abrasives which may be used in the practice of the present invention include precipitated silicas having a mean particle size of up to 20 microns, such as Zeodent® 115, (J. M. Huber Chemicals Division, Havre de Grace, Md. 21078), or Sylodent® 783 (Davison Chemical Division of W. R. Grace & Company), sodium metaphosphate, potassium metaphosphate, tricalcium phosphate, dihydrated dicalcium phosphate, aluminum silicate, calcined alumina, bentonite or other siliceous materials, or combinations thereof.

In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes an abrasive excipient. In some embodiments, the abrasive excipient is a silica material. In some embodiments, the silica material is colloidal particles having an average particle size ranging from 3 microns to 12 microns. In some embodiments, the colloidal particles have an average particle size ranging from 5 to 10 microns and a pH range from 4 to 10 preferably 6 to 9 when measured as a 5 wt. % slurry. In some embodiments, the silica material is a low oil absorption silica abrasive. In some embodiments, the low oil absorption silica abrasive is present in the oral care compositions of the present invention at a concentration of 5 wt. % to 40 wt. %. In some embodiments, the low oil absorption silica abrasive is present at a concentration of 10 wt. % to 30 wt. %.

In some embodiments, the abrasive excipient is a member chosen from: silicic acids, calcium carbonates, calcium phosphates, aluminium oxides and/or hydroxyapatites, sodium metaphosphate, potassium metaphosphate, tricalcium phosphate, dihydrated dicalcium phosphate, aluminum silicate, calcined alumina, bentonite, surface-active substances (*e.g.*, sodium lauryl sulfate, sodium lauryl sarcosinate, and cocamidopropylbetaine), and other siliceous materials, and combinations thereof.

In some embodiments, the abrasive excipient may be used individually as the sole abrasive in preparing an oral care composition of the present invention or in combination with other known dentifrice abrasives. In some embodiments, the total quantity of abrasive excipient present in the dentifrice compositions of the present invention is 5 wt. % to 60 wt. %.

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In some embodiments, the abrasive excipient is present in an amount of 10 wt. % to 55 wt. % by weight when the dentifrice composition is a toothpaste.

3. Anti-Microbial Agents

Anti-microbial agents suitable for use in the present invention include nonionic antibacterial agents, including halogenated diphenyl ether compounds such as 2,4,4'-trichloro-2'-hydroxydiphenyl ether (Triclosan) and 2,2'-dihydroxy-5,5'-dibromodiphenyl ether. Other useful nonionic antibacterial agents include phenolic compounds including phenol and its homologs, mono and polyalkyl and aromatic halophenols, resorcinol and its derivatives and bisphenolic compounds, such phenolic compounds being more fully disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,368,844, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

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In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes an anti-microbial agent. In some embodiments, the anti-microbial agent is a member chosen from: triclosan, chlorhexidine and its salts (*e.g.*, its acetate, gluconate or hydrochloride), peroxides, phenols and their salts, domiphen bromide (phenododecinium bromide), bromochlorophene, Zn salts, chlorophylls, Cu salts, Cu gluconate, Cu chlorophyll, sodium lauryl sulfate, quarternary monoammonium salts such as cocoaliphaticbenzyldimethylammonium chloride or also pyridinium salts such as cetyl pyridinium chloride, and combinations thereof.

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In some embodiments, the anti-microbial agent is a nonionic antibacterial agent. In some embodiments, the nonionic antibacterial agent is included in a dentifrice composition at a concentration of 0.10 wt. % to 5 wt. %.

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In some embodiments, the nonionic antibacterial agent is present in an amount of 0.3 wt. % to 1.2 wt. %.

4. Anti-Caries Agents

In some embodiments, an oral composition in accordance with the present invention includes an anti-caries agent. In some embodiments, the anti-caries agent is a fluoride ion source chosen from: inorganic fluoride salts, such as soluble alkali metal, alkaline earth metal

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salts (e.g., sodium fluoride, potassium fluoride, ammonium fluoride, calcium fluoride), a copper fluoride such as cuprous fluoride, zinc fluoride, barium fluoride, sodium fluorosilicate, ammonium fluorosilicate, sodium fluorozirconate, ammonium fluorozirconate, sodium monofluorophosphate, aluminum mono- and di-fluorophosphate, fluorinated sodium calcium pyrophosphate, and combinations thereof.

5. Dentifrice Vehicles

In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes an orally-acceptable dentifrice vehicle. In some embodiments, the dentifrice vehicle includes a humectant therein. Humectants suitable for use in the present invention include glycerin, sorbitol, xylitol, and/or propylene glycol of molecular weight in the range of 200 to 1,000. As used herein, "sorbitol" refers to the material typically commercially available as a 70% aqueous solution. In some embodiments, the humectant concentration is from 5 wt. % to 70 wt. % of the oral composition.

In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes water. Water employed in the preparation of commercially suitable toothpastes should preferably be deionized and free of organic impurities. In some embodiments, water is present in an amount of 15 wt. % to 30 wt. % of the oral composition. In some embodiments, water is present in an amount of 10 wt. %. In some embodiments, these amounts of water include the free water which is added in addition to that which is introduced with other materials such as with sorbitol.

6. Surfactants

Surfactants suitable for use in the compositions of the present invention include any material able to achieve increased prophylactic action and render the oral care compositions more cosmetically acceptable. The surfactant is preferably a deterative material that imparts to the oral care composition deterative and foaming properties.

In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes a surfactant. In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes a combination of surfactants. In some embodiments, the surfactant is an anionic surfactant including higher alkyl sulfates such as sodium lauryl sulfate. In some embodiments, the surfactant is an enzyme-compatible

surfactants chosen from: nonanionic polyoxyethylene surfactants such as Pluronic® F127, Polyoxamer 407, Steareth 30, Polysorbate 20; and amphoteric surfactants such as cocamidopropyl betaine and cocamidopropyl betaine lauryl glucoside. In some embodiments, an oral composition in accordance with the present invention includes a
5 surfactant or a combination of surfactants at a total surfactant concentration in the dentifrice composition of 2 wt. % to 10 wt. %. In some embodiments, the surfactant or combination of surfactants is present in an amount of 3.5 wt. % to 6.5 wt % by weight.

7. Anti-Tartar Agents

In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present
10 invention includes an anti-tartar agent. In some embodiments, the anti-tartar agent is chosen from: pyrophosphate salts including dialkali or tetraalkali metal pyrophosphate salts such as $\text{Na}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$, $\text{K}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$, $\text{Na}_2\text{K}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$, $\text{Na}_2\text{H}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ and $\text{K}_2\text{H}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$; sodium tripolyphosphate; long chain polyphosphates such as sodium hexametaphosphate; and cyclic phosphates such as sodium trimetaphosphate. In some embodiments, an anti-tartar agent is present in a dentifrice
15 composition of the present invention at a concentration of 1 wt. % to 5 wt. %.

8. Thickening Agents

In some embodiments, an oral care composition in accordance with the present invention includes a thickening agent. In some embodiments, the thickener is selected from the group consisting of, but not limited to: calcium carbonate, titanium dioxide, silicon
20 dioxide, talcum, aluminium oxide, dicalcium phosphate, tricalcium phosphate, magnesium hydroxide, cellulose thickeners such as carboxymethyl cellulose, hydroxyalkyl celluloses such as hydroxypropyl cellulose hydroxyethyl cellulose, gums such as xanthan gum, polyglycols and polyethylene glycol, inorganic thickeners (e.g., amorphous silica compounds, natural and synthetic clays, lithium magnesium silicate and magnesium aluminum silicate), and
25 combinations thereof.

In some embodiments, the thickening agent is an organic thickener chosen from: natural and synthetic gums and colloids including cellulose thickeners such as carboxymethyl cellulose; hydroxyalkyl celluloses such as hydroxypropyl cellulose hydroxyethyl cellulose; gums such as xanthan gum; polyglycols of varying molecular weights sold under the
30 tradename Polyox™; and polyethylene glycol. In some embodiments, the thickening agent is an inorganic thickener chosen from: amorphous silica compounds such as colloidal silicas

compounds available under the trade designation Cab-o-Sil® (manufactured by Cabot Corporation and distributed by Lenape Chemical, Bound Brook, N.J.); Zeodent® 165 (J.M. Huber Chemicals Division, Havre de Grace, Md. 21078); Sylodent® 15 (Davison Chemical Division of W.R. Grace Corporation, Baltimore, Md. 21203); natural and synthetic clays; 5 lithium magnesium silicate (Laponite); and magnesium aluminum silicate (Veegum). In some embodiments, the thickening agent is present in a dentifrice composition of the present invention in amounts of 0.1 wt. % to 10 wt. %. In some embodiments, the thickening agent is present in an amount of 0.5 wt. % to 4.0 wt. %.

9. Anti-oxidants

10 In some embodiments, an oral composition in accordance with the present invention includes an anti-oxidant. In some embodiments, the anti-oxidant is chosen from: naturally occurring tocopherols and their derivatives (*e.g.*, Vitamin E acetate), Vitamin C and its salts and derivatives (*e.g.*, ascorbyl palmitate, Mg ascorbyl phosphate, ascorbyl acetate), Vitamin A and derivatives (Vitamin A palmitate), tocotrienols, flavonoids, alpha-hydroxy acids (*e.g.*, 15 citric acid, lactic acid, malic acid, tartaric acid) and their Na, K and Ca salts, flavonoids, quercetin, phenolic benzylamines, propyl gallate, octyl gallate, dodecyl gallate, butylhydroxyanisole (BHA, E320), butylhydroxytoluene (BHT, 2,6-di-tert.-butyl-4-methylphenol, E321), lecithins, mono- and diglycerides of edible fatty acids esterified with citric acid, carotenoids, carotenes (*e.g.*, α -carotene, β -carotene, lycopene) and their 20 derivatives, phytic acid, lactoferrin, EDTA, EGTA), folic acid and its derivatives, ubiquinone and ubiquinol and their derivatives, ferulic acid and its derivatives, zinc and its derivatives (*e.g.*, ZnO, ZnSO₄), selenium and its derivatives (*e.g.*, selenium methionine), orthophosphates and Na, K and Ca salts of mono-phosphoric acids, and constituents, extracts and fractions thereof isolated from plants, (*e.g.*, tea, green tea, algae, grapeseeds, wheat germ, camomile, 25 rosemary, oregano), and combinations thereof.

II. Methods of Providing Oral Care Benefits

In some embodiments, the present invention discloses a method of providing oral care benefits including applying to an oral cavity an oral composition containing a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1** and at least one excipient.

- 5 In some embodiments, the oral care benefits include biofilm anti-attachment, anti-oxidant, and anti-microbial benefits. In some embodiments, a method of providing oral care benefits includes applying to an oral cavity an oral composition including a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1** and at least one excipient as previously discussed in the above sections.

10 A. Oral Biofilm Anti-Attachment

Oral biofilms – comprising bacteria, bacterial extracellular byproducts, proteins, lipids, and glycolipids – are matrices formed on oral surfaces that provide loci for calculus or tartar formation.

- In some embodiments, the present invention discloses a method for providing an oral
15 biofilm anti-attachment benefit. In some embodiments, the oral biofilm anti-attachment benefit provided includes quorum sensing inhibition by a carbonate compound of **Formula 1**. In some embodiments, the oral biofilm anti-attachment benefit provided includes a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** interacting with oral bacteria to disable it from attaching to an oral surface. In some embodiments, a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** interacts with adhesins,
20 ligands, or other moieties on the surface of oral bacteria that would ordinarily facilitate a linkage with a receptor or other moiety on the oral surface. In some embodiments, the oral biofilm anti-attachment benefit provided includes a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** interacting with an oral surface to form a protective layer, such that the bacteria and biofilm components cannot adhere to the oral or tooth surface, thereby preventing an initial anchoring
25 layer from forming on the oral surface. In some embodiments, a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** may substantially cover an oral surface, and prevent attachment of the bacteria and other components of the biofilm matrix.

- The oral biofilm anti-attachment benefit of the oral compositions including a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of the present invention
30 was investigated using the crystal violet assay (SOP No. ATO-5345-00) in a 384-well plate over a 0.0004–2500 ppm concentration range.

B. Anti-Oxidant

Oxidation is a chemical reaction that transfers electrons from a substance to an oxidizing agent and may produce free radicals that initiate tissue-damaging chain reactions and inflammation. Oxidative stress is the result of an imbalance between the production of reactive oxygen and a biological system's ability to readily detoxify the reactive intermediates or repair the resulting damage, and may be an important factor in many disease states. Antioxidants are reducing agents capable of slowing or preventing the oxidation of other molecules.

In some embodiments, the present invention discloses a method for providing an anti-oxidant benefit. In some embodiments, the anti-oxidant benefit provided includes a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** terminating a free radical chain reaction. In some embodiments, a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** removes free radical intermediates. In some embodiments, a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** inhibits other oxidation reactions by being oxidized itself without generating a free radical. In some embodiments, a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** provides an anti-oxidant benefit efficacy comparable to existing anti-oxidants. In some embodiments, a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** provides an anti-oxidant benefit efficacy comparable to Vitamin E.

The anti-oxidant activity was determined using the lipid peroxidases assay (Kamiya Biomedical Co., Seattle, WA) which is a colorimetric method that measures reduction of cumene hydroperoxide radicals.

C. Anti-Microbial

In some embodiments, the present invention discloses a method for providing an anti-microbial benefit. In some embodiments, the anti-microbial benefit provided includes a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** perturbing the lipid fraction of microorganism plasma membrane. In some embodiments, a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** alters microbial membrane permeability resulting in leakage of intracellular materials and cell death. In some embodiments, a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** crosses microbial cell membranes, penetrating into the interior of the cell and interacting with intracellular sites critical for antimicrobial activity. In some embodiments, the anti-microbial benefit provided includes a carbonate compound of **Formula 1** inhibiting the formation of an oral biofilm.

The anti-microbial test was measured according to the SOP No. ATO-5308-00 for determination of Minimal Inhibitory Concentration (MIC).

III. Methods of Regulating Periodontal Disease Metabolites

Periodontal disease metabolites in gingival crevicular fluid correspond to healthy
5 and/or periodontal disease oral status and allow differential diagnosis of oral health.
Periodontal disease metabolites may be chosen from: a compound generated by amino acid
metabolism; a compound generated in the urea cycle; a compound generated in glutathion
conversion; a compound generated in lipid metabolism; a compound generated in
carbohydrate metabolism; a compound generated by nucleic acid metabolism; vitamins; and
10 co-factors.

The periodontal disease metabolites described herein were discovered using
metabolomic profiling techniques. Such metabolomic profiling techniques are described in
U.S. Patent Nos. 7,005,225 and 7,329,489; and U.S. Patent Appln. Nos. 11/357,732;
11/301,077 (Publication No. 2006/0134676); 11/301,078 (Publication No. 2006/0134677);
15 11/301,079 (Publication No. 2006/0134678) and 11/405,033 (Publication No.
2007/0072203); the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

In some embodiments, the present invention discloses methods of up-regulating or
down-regulating periodontal disease metabolites including applying to an oral cavity an oral
care composition containing a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate
20 compound of **Formula 1** and at least one excipient. In some embodiments, the up-regulated
or down-regulated metabolite is at least one compound chosen from: a compound generated
by amino acid metabolism, a compound generated in urea cycle; a compound generated in
glutathion conversion; a compound generated in lipid metabolism; a compound generated in
carbohydrate metabolism; a compound generated by nucleic acid metabolism; vitamins; and
25 co-factors.

A. Up-Regulation

In some embodiments, the present invention discloses a method for up-regulating
periodontal disease metabolites. In some embodiments, the method for up-regulating
periodontal disease metabolites includes applying to an oral cavity an oral care composition
30 containing a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of **Formula
1** and at least one excipient. In some embodiments, the method of up-regulating periodontal

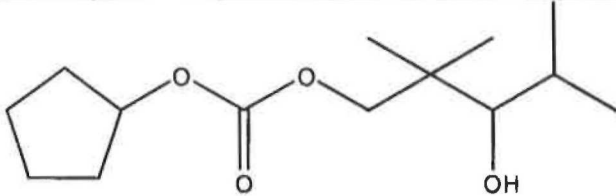
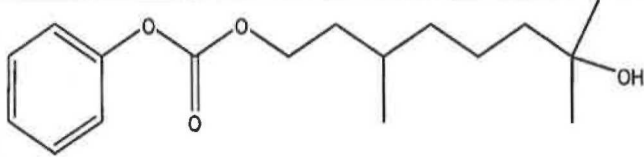
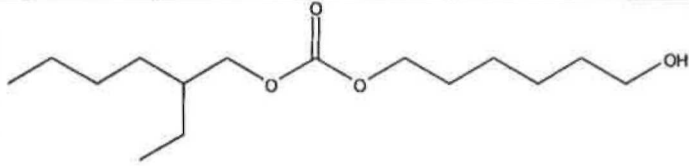
disease metabolites includes applying to an oral cavity an oral composition including a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1** and at least one excipient as previously discussed in the above sections. In some embodiments, the oral care composition up-regulates at least one metabolite selected from the radical consisting of: uric acid, reduced glutathione, oxidized glutathione, ascorbic acid, and glutamine.

B. Down-Regulation

In some embodiments, the present invention discloses a method for down-regulating periodontal disease metabolites. In some embodiments, the method for down-regulating periodontal disease metabolites includes applying to an oral cavity an oral care composition containing a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1** and at least one excipient. In some embodiments, the method of down-regulating periodontal disease metabolites includes applying to an oral cavity an oral composition including a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1** and at least one excipient as previously discussed in the above sections. In some embodiments, the oral care composition down-regulates at least one metabolite selected from the radical consisting of: inosine, hypoxanthine, guanosine, guanine, leucine, isoleucine, lysine, methionine, phenylalanine, proline, serine, threonine, tryptophan, tyrosine, valine, phenylacetic acid, α -hydroxyisocaproic acid, 5-amino valeric acid, choline, glycerol-3-phosphate, and N-acetylneuraminic acid.

EXAMPLES

Example 1**Table 1. Summary of structural information and anti-biofilm/bactericidal activity for a set of three compounds containing a carbonate moiety.**

Compounds	Molecular Weight	MBEC ¹ (ppm)*	MIC ² (ppm)*
 Compound 58	258.35	156	625
 Compound 59	294.39	78	156
 Compound 60	274.4	39	78
¹ MBEC = Minimum Biofilm Eradication Concentration (anti-biofilm) ² MIC = Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (bactericidal) * Based on a single species of <i>A. naeslundii</i> biofilm			

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Example 2

The carbonate compounds of the present invention formulated in a toothpaste may have the ability to up-regulate or down-regulate at least one member chosen from: a compound generated by amino acid metabolism; a compound generated in the urea cycle; a compound generated in glutathione conversion; a compound generated in lipid metabolism; a

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compound generated in carbohydrate metabolism; a compound generated by nucleic acid metabolism; vitamins; and co-factors.

Compound 58

As discussed in the specification and the examples above, contacting an oral cavity
5 with **Compound 58** formulated in a toothpaste may down-regulate the production of one or more of the following metabolites: inosine, hypoxanthine, guanosine, guanine, leucine, isoleucine, lysine, methionine, phenylalanine, proline, serine, threonine, tryptophan, tyrosine, valine, phenylacetic acid, α -hydroxyioscaproic acid, 5-amino valeric acid, choline, glycerol-3-phosphate, and N-acetylneuraminic acid.

10 Contacting an oral cavity with **Compound 58** formulated in a toothpaste may up-regulate the production of one or more of the following metabolites: uric acid, reduced glutathione, oxidized glutathion, ascorbic acid, and glutamine.

Compound 59

As discussed in the specification and the examples above, contacting an oral cavity
15 with **Compound 59** formulated in a toothpaste may down-regulate the production of one or more of the following metabolites: inosine, hypoxanthine, guanosine, guanine, leucine, isoleucine, lysine, methionine, phenylalanine, proline, serine, threonine, tryptophan, tyrosine, valine, phenylacetic acid, α -hydroxyioscaproic acid, 5-amino valeric acid, choline, glycerol-3-phosphate, and N-acetylneuraminic acid.

20 Contacting an oral cavity with **Compound 59** formulated in a toothpaste may up-regulate the production of one or more of the following metabolites: uric acid, reduced glutathione, oxidized glutathion, ascorbic acid, and glutamine.

Compound 60

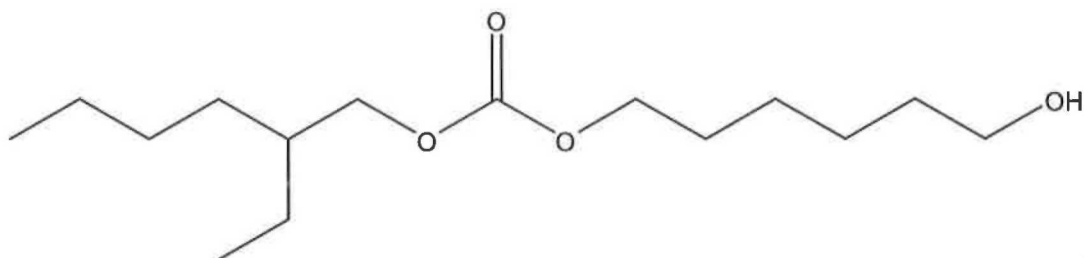
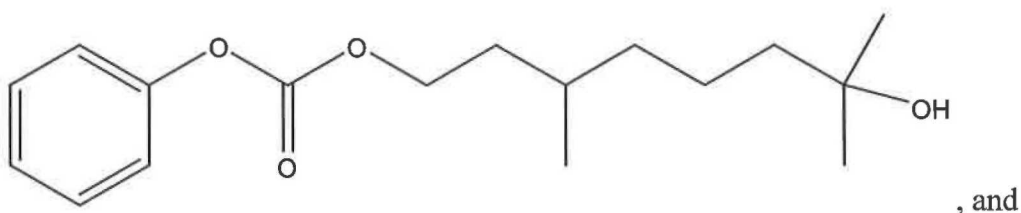
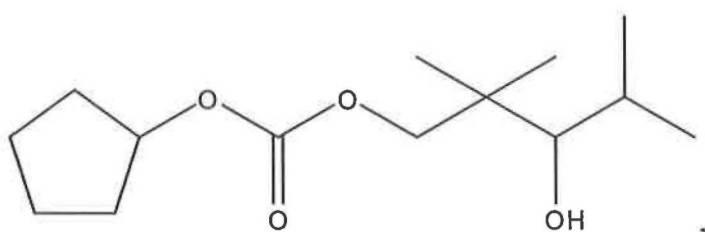
As discussed in the specification and the examples above, contacting an oral cavity
25 with **Compound 60** formulated in a toothpaste may down-regulate the production of one or more of the following metabolites: inosine, hypoxanthine, guanosine, guanine, leucine, isoleucine, lysine, methionine, phenylalanine, proline, serine, threonine, tryptophan, tyrosine, valine, phenylacetic acid, α -hydroxyioscaproic acid, 5-amino valeric acid, choline, glycerol-3-phosphate, and N-acetylneuraminic acid.

Contacting an oral cavity with **Compound 60** formulated in a toothpaste may up-regulate the production of one or more of the following metabolites: uric acid, reduced glutathione, oxidized glutathione, ascorbic acid, and glutamine.

CLAIMS

What is claimed:

1. An oral care composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1** selected from the group consisting of:



and at least one excipient,

and wherein the oral care composition has at least one of the following oral care

10 benefits:

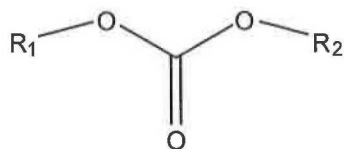
anti-microbial activity,

anti-oxidant activity,

and biofilm anti-attachment activity.

2. An oral care composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1** and at least one excipient:

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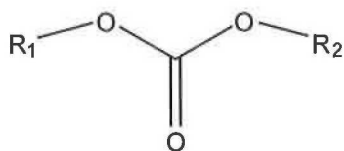


Formula 1

wherein,

R₁ is an aryl radical, and R₂ is a hydroxyaliphatic radical.

3. An oral care composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbonate compound of **Formula 1** and at least one excipient:



Formula 1

wherein,

R₁ is a branched aliphatic radical, and R₂ is a hydroxyaliphatic radical.

4. The oral care composition of any one of claims 1-3, wherein at least one excipient is selected from the group consisting of: surfactants, desensitizing agents, whitening agents, tartar control agents, antibacterial agents, abrasives including silica, binders and thickening agents, detergents, adhesion agents, foam modulators, pH modifying agents, mouth-feel agents, sweeteners, flavorants, colorants, preservatives, combinations thereof, and the like.