5. A composition according to claim 4, wherein the zinc ions are provided by one or more zinc-containing compounds selected from the group consisting of zinc acetate, zinc citrate, zinc gluconate, zinc glycinate, zinc oxide, zinc sulfate, sodium zinc citrate, and mixtures thereof.

6. A composition according to any preceding claim, wherein the composition further comprises at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of humectants, abrasives, anticaries agents, anticalculus or tartar control agents, anionic carboxylate polymers, viscosity modifiers, surfactants, flavorants, pigments, and mixtures thereof.

7. A composition according to any preceding claim, wherein the composition is a dentifrice in a form selected from the group consisting of: powder; toothpaste or dental gel; a periodontal gel; a liquid suitable for painting a dental surface; a chewing gum; a dissolvable, partially dissolvable or non-dissolvable film or strip; a bead, a wafer; a wipe or towelette; an implant; a mouthrinse, a foam, and dental floss.

8. A composition according to any preceeding claim, wherein the mixture of extracts from at least three of *Punica granatum, Myristica fragrans, Zingiber officinale*, and *Zizyphus joazeiro* contains an equal weight percentage of each extract.

9. ~~A method of treating a disease or condition of oral cavity soft tissue comprising administering to the oral cavity of a patient in need thereof,~~ Use of a composition according to any of claims 1 to 8 in the manufacture of a medicament for treating a disease or condition of oral cavity soft tissue in a patient in need thereof.

10. The ~~method~~ use according to claim 9, wherein the disease or condition is xerostomia.

11. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 8 for use in the treatment of xerostomia.