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1. An oral composition comprising a zinc salt, a linear polyphosphate salt having an average chain length of 3 or less, and at least one of a potassium salt or a vitamin;

wherein the molar ratio of zinc ion to polyphosphate ion is in the range of greater than 1:1 to about 5:1.

2. The oral composition according to claim 1 wherein the molar ratio of zinc ion to polyphosphate ion is from about 2:1 to about 5:1.

3. The oral composition according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the at least one of a potassium salt or a vitamin is potassium citrate.

4. The oral composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the linear polyphosphate salt is a pyrophosphate.

5. The oral composition according to claim 4, wherein the linear polyphosphate salt is a tripolyphosphate.

6. The oral composition according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein the zinc salt has the general formula $Zn_3(C_6H_5O_7)_2$.

7. The oral composition according to any one of claims 1 to 6 further comprises a compound chosen from potassium tartrate, potassium chloride, potassium sulphate, potassium nitrate, sodium nitrate, sodium citrate or mixtures thereof.

8. The oral composition according to any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein the oral composition further comprises a copolymer of maleic anhydride and polyvinylmethylether and a polyphosphate agent.

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