CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. Use of an orally acceptable vehicle having distributed therein silicone oil beads and an anionic surfactant in the manufacture of a medicament~~dentrifice~~ for ameliorating dry mouth.

2. The use of claim 1, wherein the silicone oil comprises at least one member chosen from trisiloxane, dimethicone, simethicone, phenyltrimethicone, and cyclomethicone.

3. The use of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the medicament~~dentrifice~~ composition further comprises an active agent.

4. The use according to any one of claims 1-3, wherein the medicament~~dentrifice~~ composition further comprises at least one member chosen from benzalkonium chloride, salicylanilide, domiphen bromide, cetylpyridinium chloride (CPC), tetradecylpyridinium chloride (TPC) and N-tetradecyL4-ethylpyridinium chloride (TDEPC).

5. The use according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein the medicament~~dentrifice~~ composition further comprises at least one member chosen from humectant, flavorant, and surfactant.

~~6. The use according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein the dentifrice composition is applied directly to teeth of a user.~~

6~~7~~. The use according to any one of claims 1-5~~6~~, wherein said silicone oil beads comprise from ~~about~~ 1% to ~~about~~ 3%, by weight, of the medicament~~dentifrice~~ composition.

7~~8~~. The use of claim 6~~7~~, wherein said silicone oil beads comprise from about 2%, by weight, of the medicament~~dentifrice~~ composition.

8~~9~~. The use according to any one of claims 1-7~~8~~, wherein said anionic surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate.