CLAIMS

1. A composition consisting of at least 3.0% by weight of the composition of one or more biguanide-containing compounds, 40% to 70% by weight of the composition of one or more alcohols, and water, and having a pH of 5 to 9,

   wherein the one or more biguanide-containing compounds is a polyhexamethylene biguanide (PHMB), polyaminopropyl biguanide (PAPB), 1,1'-(1,6-Hexanediyl)bis{2-[N'-(2-ethylhexyl)carbamimidoyl]guanidine} (alexidine), or any combination thereof; and

   wherein the one or more alcohols do not include ethanol.

2. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the one or more alcohols is methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, butanol, pentanol, and 1-hexadecanol.

3. The composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the one or more biguanide-containing compounds are in an amount of 4% to 12% by weight of the composition.

4. The composition according to claim 3, wherein the one or more biguanide-containing compounds are in an amount of 6% to 10% by weight of the composition.

5. The composition according to claim 3, wherein the one or more biguanide-containing compounds are in an amount of 8% to 12% by weight of the composition.

6. The composition according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein the one or more alcohols are in an amount of 40% to 60% by weight of the composition.

7. The composition according to any one of claims 1-6, wherein the one or more alcohols are in an amount of 45% to 60% by weight of the composition.

8. The composition according to claim 7, wherein the one or more alcohols are in an amount of at most 55% by weight of the composition.

9. A composition consisting of at least 3.0% by weight of the composition of polyhexamethylene biguanide, 40% to 70% by weight of the composition of an isopropanol, and water, the composition having a pH of 5 to 9.

10. The composition according to claim 9, wherein the polyhexamethylene biguanide is in an amount of 4.0% to 12% by weight of the composition.

11. The composition according to claim 10, wherein the polyhexamethylene biguanide is in an amount of 6.0% to 10% by weight of the composition.

12. The composition according to claim 10, wherein the one or more biguanide-containing compounds are in an amount of 8% to 12% by weight of the composition.

13. The composition according to any one of claims 9-12, wherein the isopropanol is in an amount of 40% to 60% by weight of the composition.

14. The composition according to any one of claims 9-13, wherein the isopropanol is in an amount of 45% to 60% by weight of the composition.

15. The composition according to claim 13 or 14, wherein the isopropanol is in an amount of at most 55% by weight of the composition.

16. A composition consisting of 6% to 15% by weight of the composition of one or more biguanide-containing compounds, 35% to 70% by weight of the composition of one or more alcohols, 2% to 10% of one or more quaternary ammonium surfactants, and water, and having a pH of 5 to 9,

    wherein the one or more biguanide-containing compounds is a polyhexamethylene biguanide (PHMB), polyaminopropyl biguanide (PAPB), 1,1'-(1,6-Hexanediyl)bis{2-[N'-(2-ethylhexyl)carbamimidoyl]guanidine} (alexidine), or any combination thereof;

    wherein the one or more quaternary ammonium surfactants include cetylpyridinium chloride; and

    wherein the one or more alcohols do not include ethanol.

17. The composition according to claim 16, wherein the one or more alcohols is methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, butanol, pentanol, and 1-hexadecanol.

18. The composition according to claim 16 or 17, wherein the one or more biguanide-containing compounds are in an amount of 4.0% to 12% by weight of the composition.

19. The composition according to claim 18, wherein the one or more biguanide-containing compounds are in an amount of 6.0% to 10% by weight of the composition.

20. The composition according to claim 16 or 17, wherein the polyhexamethylene biguanide is in an amount of 7% to 13% by weight of the composition.

21. The composition according to claim 20, wherein the polyhexamethylene biguanide is in an amount of 8% to 12% by weight of the composition.

22. The composition according to any one of claims 16-21, wherein the one or more alcohols are in an amount of 35% to 55% by weight of the composition.

23. The composition according to claim 22, wherein the one or more alcohols are in an amount of 40% to 50% by weight of the composition.

24. The composition according to any one of claims 16-21, wherein the one or more alcohols are in an amount of 45% to 60% by weight of the composition.

25. The composition according to claim 24, wherein the one or more alcohols are in an amount of at most 55% by weight of the composition.

26. A composition consisting of 8% to 12% by weight of the composition of a polyhexamethylene biguanide, 40% to 50% by weight of isopropanol, 2% to 7% of cetylpyridinium chloride, and water and having a pH of 5 to 9.

27. A composition consisting of at most 1% by weight of the composition of a polyhexamethylene biguanide, 60% to 80% by weight of the composition of one or more alcohols, and water, wherein the one or more alcohols do not include ethanol.

28. The composition of Claim 27, wherein the polyhexamethylene biguanide is in an amount of 0.1% to 1% by weight of the composition.

29. The composition according to claim 27 or 28, wherein the one or more alcohols is methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, butanol, pentanol, and 1-hexadecanol.

30. A kit comprising a composition as defined in any one of claims 1-29.

31. The kit according to Claim 30, further comprising one or more delivery or application systems, and/or instructions, and/or a container.

32. A method to clean, disinfect and/or sterilize a device, the method comprising applying a composition as defined in any one of clams 1-29 or applying the components as defined in any one of claims 30 or 31, to a device, wherein application of the composition cleans, disinfects and/or sterilizes the device.

33. A composition as defined in any one of clams 1-29 or the components as defined in any one of claims 30 or 31 for use in cleaning, disinfecting and/or sterilizing a device.

34. Use of a composition as defined in any one of clams 1-29 or use of the components as defined in any one of claims 30 or 31 to clean, disinfect and/or sterilize a device.

35. A method to clean, disinfect and/or sterilize a surface area, the method comprising applying a composition as defined in any one of clams 1-29 or applying the components as defined in any one of claims 30 or 31, to a device, wherein application of the composition cleans, disinfects and/or sterilizes the device.

36. A composition as defined in any one of clams 1-29 or the components as defined in any one of claims 30 or 31 for use in cleaning, disinfecting and/or sterilizing a surface area.

37. Use of a composition as defined in any one of clams 1-29 or use of the components as defined in any one of claims 30 or 31 to clean, disinfect and/or sterilize a surface area.

38. The method of claim 35, or the use of claim 36 or 37, wherein the surface area is a porous surface area or a non-porous surface area.

39. The method of claim 35 or 38, or the use of any one of claims 36-38, wherein the surface area comprises a table top, counter top, floor, wall, ceiling, window, door, door handle, shower, bath, sink, faucet, toilet, toilet seat, drain, equipment, machinery, personal protective gear, personal biohazard gear, a medical device, dental device, pharmaceutical device, veterinary device, mortuary device or human skin.

40. The method of claim 39, or the use of claim 26, wherein the medical device is a surgical instrument, a respiratory therapy instrument, an anesthesia instrument, a catheter, an implant, a probe, an endoscope, an arthroscope, a laparoscope, a blade, a cystoscope, a spirometer, a CPAP mask and

tubing, dialysis instrument and accessories, a heart-lung machine and accessories, a heart-lung bypass machine and accessories, and a diaphragm fitting ring.

41. A composition as defined in any one of clams 1-29 or the components as defined in any one of claims 30 or 31 for use in cleaning, disinfecting and/or sterilizing a microbial infection in an individual, wherein application of the composition is applied topically.

42. Use of a composition as defined in any one of clams 1-29 or use of the components as defined in any one of claims 30 or 31 in the manufacture of a medicament to clean, disinfect and/or sterilize a microbial infection in an individual.

43. The use of claim 42, wherein application of the composition is applied topically or administered enterally or parenterally.

44. A method to clean, disinfect or sanitize a skin region of an individual, the method comprising topically applying a composition to the skin region, wherein the composition as defined in any one of claims 1-29.