Claims:

1. Personal care compositions comprising:

a) 0.1%wt to 20%wt of at least one non-sulfonate anionic surfactant,

b) 0.01%wt to 10%wt of at least one amphoteric surfactant,

c) at least two carboxylic acids or salts thereof, comprising lactic acid or a salt thereof in an amount of from 0.1%wt. to 5% wt and critic acid or a salt thereof in an amount of from 0.1%wt. to 5% wt, ~~and~~

wherein the lactic acid is present in a higher wt% than the citric acid,

and wherein the ~~at least two carboxylic acids or salts thereof comprises citric acid and the~~ compositions contain no more than 30% of the total wt% of a) and b) of sulfonated compounds,

and, further wherein the compositions do not contain para-chloro-meta-xylenol in an amount above 0.15%wt and do not contain salicylic acid in an amount above 0.25%wt.

~~2.~~ ~~Personal care compositions comprising:~~

~~a) at least one non-sulfonate anionic surfactant,~~

~~b) at least one amphoteric surfactant,~~

~~c) at least two carboxylic acids or salts having different number of carboxylic acid groups, and~~

~~and wherein the compositions comprise a higher %wt of the carboxylic acid~~+ ~~having the lowest number of carboxylic acid groups, and no more than 30% of the total wt% of a) and b) of sulfonated compounds, and, further wherein the compositions do not contain para-chloro-meta-xylenol in an amount above 0.15%wt and do not contain salicylic acid in an amount above 0.25%wt.~~

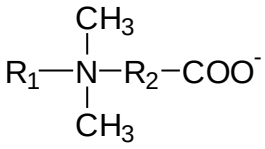
2~~3~~. A personal care composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the composition is an aqueous composition and comprises water in an amount of from 65%wt to 99%wt, based on the total weight of the composition.

34. A personal care composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the non-sulfonate anionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of alkyl sulfates or salts thereof and alkyl ether sulfates or salts thereof.

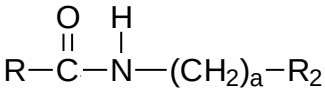
45. A personal care composition according to claim 34, wherein the alkyl sulfates or salts thereof are selected from the group consisting of C_8-C_{18} alkyl sulfates and their salts and C_8-C_{18} alkyl ether sulfates and their salts.

56. A personal care composition according to any preceding claim~~claim 1 or 2~~, wherein the composition comprises of from 0.5%wt to 15%wt of the at least one non-sulfonate anionic surfactant, based on the total weight of the composition.

67. A personal care composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the amphoteric surfactant is selected from the group consisting of betaine surfactants represented by the general formula:



wherein: R_1 is an alkyl group containing from 8 to 18 carbon atoms, or the amido radical which may be represented by the following general formula:



wherein: R is an alkyl group having from 8 to 18 carbon atoms,
a is an integer having a value of from 1 to 4 inclusive, and R_2 is a C_1-C_4 alkylene group.

~~8. A personal care composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the composition comprises of from 0.01%wt to 10%wt of the at least one amphoteric surfactant, based on the total weight of the composition.~~

~~9.~~ ~~A personal care composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the at least two carboxylic acids or salts thereof comprise at least one monocarboxylic acid or salt thereof.~~

7~~10~~. A personal care composition according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~any preceding claim, wherein the composition is substantially free of at least one of: salicylic acid, sulfonated compounds, para-chloro-meta-xylenol, or combinations thereof.

~~11.~~ ~~A personal care composition according to claim 2, wherein the at least two carboxylic acids or salts thereof comprise at least one tricarboxylic acid or salt thereof.~~

8~~12~~. A personal care composition according to any preceding claim ~~claim 11~~, wherein a further~~the at least one~~ tricarboxylic acid is present, selected from the group consisting of ~~citric acid,~~ propane-1,2,3-tricarboxylic acid, aconitic acid, agaric acid and trimesic acid, or salts thereof.

- 9. A personal care composition according to any preceding claim, wherein a further monocarboxylic acid is present, selected from the group comprising acetic acid, glycolic acid, butanoic acid, benzoic acid and nicotinic acid, or salts thereof.

~~13.~~ ~~A personal care composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the at least two carboxylic acids or salts thereof comprise at least one monocarboxylic acid and at least one tricarboxylic acid.~~

~~14.~~ ~~A personal care composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the composition comprises the at least two carboxylic acids or salts thereof in a total amount of from about 0.1%wt to about 10%wt based on the total weight of the composition.~~

~~15.~~ ~~A personal care composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the composition comprises at least one monocarboxylic acid or a salt thereof in an amount of from 0.1%wt. to 5%wt based on the total weight of the composition.~~

~~16.~~ ~~A personal care composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the composition comprises at least one tricarboxylic acid or a salt thereof in an amount of from 0.1%wt. to 5%wt based on the total weight of the composition.~~

~~17.~~ ~~A personal care composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises at least one tricarboxylic acid and at least one monocarboxylic acid in a weight ratio in the range of from 5:1 to 1:5.~~

~~18.~~ ~~A personal care composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises at least one tricarboxylic acid and at least one monocarboxylic acid in a weight ratio in the range of from 1:1 to 1:5.~~

10~~19~~. A personal care composition according to any preceding claim~~claim 2~~, wherein the ~~composition comprises at least one tricarboxylic acid and at least one monocarboxylic acid~~ citric acid and lactic acid or salts thereof are present in a weight ratio in the range of from 1:1.1 to 1:4.

11. A personal care composition according to claim 10, wherein the citric acid and lactic acid or salts thereof are present in a weight ratio in the range of from 1:1.25 to 1:3.

12. A personal care composition according to claim 11, wherein the citric acid and lactic acid or salts thereof are present in a weight ratio in the range of from 1:1.3 to 1:2.5.

13~~20~~. A personal care composition according ~~to claim 1 or 2~~any preceding claim, wherein the composition has at a pH in the range of from ~~about~~ 3.3 to ~~about~~ 5.

14~~21~~. A personal care composition according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~any preceding claim, wherein the composition further comprises a nonionic surfactant in an amount of from 0.01%wt. to 15%wt.

15~~22~~. A composition according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~any preceding claim, wherein the personal care composition is selected from the group consisting of showering or bathing products, hand washing products, body care products, hand care products, foot care products, facial care products, scalp care products and haircare products.

16~~23~~. A dispenser containing a composition according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~any preceding claim.

17~~24~~. A disposable wipe comprising a composition according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~any of claims 1 to 15.

18~~25~~. A method for providing an antimicrobial benefit to skin and/or hair, comprising the steps of contacting a composition according to any of claims 1 to 15~~or 2~~ with an area of skin and/or hair in a suitable amount and for sufficient time to provide an antimicrobial effect thereon.