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In one aspect, there is provided the use of a dry powder of one or more mushroom selected from the group consisting of: lion's mane mushroom (*Hericium erinaceus*), hon-shimeji (*Lyophyllum shimeji*), buna-shimeji (*Hypsizygus marmoreus*), oyster mushroom (*Pleurotus ostreatus*) and *Agaricus blazei*, for the manufacture of a growth promoting agent of non-pathogenic indigenous oral bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Streptococcus gordonii, Streptococcus mitis* and *Streptococcus oralis*, wherein the content of dry powder is 0.1 to 20% by weight in the overall growth promoting agent.

CLAIMS:

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