ABSTRACT

Title: Antiplaque Oral Compositions

An antiplaque oral composition, such as a toothpaste, gel dentifrice, tooth powder, mouthrinse or mouthwash, tooth hardener, antidalculus composition, gum or lozenge, comprises triclosan as an antiplaque component, the antiplaque action of which is unexpectedly and beneficially increased by the presence in the oral composition of a phenolic flavoring agent, such as eucalpytol, thymol, methyl salicylate, menthol, phenol, halogenated derivatives thereof, and mixtures thereof. Preferred such compositions are toothpastes, gel dentifrices and mouthrinses or mouthwashes. Also within the invention are processes of repeatedly applying such antiplaque oral compositions to the teeth to obtain the antiplaque benefits mentioned.