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Description

"Improved mouthwash preparation"

Background of the art

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Chlorhexidine is known since more than twenty 5 years as the gold standard for its antiplaque and antibacterial activity.

It is in fact capable of inhibiting the formation of new plaque and of disaggregating the layers already deposited on the tooth surface acting on its matrix thanks to its competitive mechanism with the calcium ions.

Chlorhexidine based mouthwashes are very useful in the treatment of periodontal pathologies and for enhancing the post-surgical healing process.

15 The antiseptic effect of chlorhexidine is due to its ability to establish chemical bonds with anionic groups (phosphate, sulfate, carboxyl group) present at the level of the bacterial cell wall and to induce a marked increase in cell permeability and alteration of the osmotic equilibrium.

Chlorhexidine has however the major drawback of causing brownish staining on the surface of the teeth as well as on prosthesis and tongue, which reduce significantly the patient compliance.

In order to overcome said problem, antidisclororant systems (ADS) have been developed, which
comprise adding in the chlorhexidine formulation
sodium metabisulphite, for its property of preventing
the Maillard reaction, and ascorbic acid, which
interfere with the formation of ferric disulfur
organic compound.

Though the above, there is the need of improved mouthwash preparations, which could solve the problem of the teeth discoloration.

15 Summary of the invention

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It has been surprising found that a combination of a metabisulfite salt of an alkali or an alkaline-earth metal thereof, ascorbic acid or an alkali or an alkaline-earth metal salt thereof, hyaluronic acid or a salt thereof and polyvinylpirrolidone-vinylacetate can be used as an improved anti-pigmentation system in a mouthwash preparation based on chlorhexidine.

Brief description of the figures

Fig. 1 shows the results of the test on the composition of the invention.

Object of the invention

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In a first object, the present invention discloses an anti-pigmentation system for a chlorhexidine based mouthwash.

5 The mouthwash comprising said system represents itself a further object of the invention.

According to another aspect, it is disclosed a process for the preparation of a mouthwash based on chlorhexidine and comprising the anti-pigmentation system of the invention.

In a preferred aspect, it is disclosed a method for the prevention and treatment of plaque comprising the use of the mouthwash of the invention.

In a preferred aspect, it is disclosed a method

15 for the cosmetic prevention and treatment of plaque
comprising the use of the mouthwash of the invention.

In a preferred aspect, it is disclosed a method for the prevention of stains on the surface of the teeth comprising the use of the mouthwash of the invention.

In a preferred aspect, it is disclosed a method for the cosmetic prevention of stains on the surface of the teeth comprising the use of the mouthwash of the invention.

In ad additional aspect, it is disclosed the use of the mouthwash of the invention for the protection of gingiva and oral mucosa and for the prevention and treatment of gingivitis.

5 Detailed description of the invention

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According to a first object of the invention, it is disclosed an anti-pigmentation system that can be used for preparing chlorhexidine based mouthwashes.

In particular, according to the present 10 invention, the mouthwash comprises an amount of chlorhexidine of from about 0.01% to 0.3% (w/w) and preferably of from about 0.09% to 0.25% (w/w).

According to an even preferred embodiment, chlorhexidine is comprised in a quantity of about 0.2% (w/w).

Chlorhexidine may be present as such or in the form of a salt or a complex thereof.

A salt may be represented by chlorhexidine digluconate.

As per the anti-pigmentation system of the invention, it is represented by a composition comprising: a metabisulfite salt of an alkali or an alkaline-earth metal, ascorbic acid or an alkali or an alkaline-earth metal salt thereof, hyaluronic acid or a salt thereof and polyvinylpirrolidone-vinylacetate.

In particular, said metabisulfite salt can be present in a quantity of about 0.1% to about 0.5% and preferably of about 0.15% to about 0.28% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).

In a preferred embodiment, the metabisulfide salt is represented by sodium metabisulfite.

In a particular embodiment, the ascorbic acid or the salt above referred can be substituted, partially or completely, by citric acid and/or an alkali or an alkaline-earth metal salt thereof.

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For instance, sodium citrate tribasic can be used.

In a preferred embodiment, the ascorbic acid and a salt thereof, can be present in a quantity of about 1.0% to about 1.5% and preferably of about 1.0% to about 1.2% (total weight of the acid plus salt/total volume of the mouthwash).

In the other preferred embodiment, citric acid can be present in a quantity of about 0.01% to about 0.02% (w/total volume of the mouthwash), while if present, a citrate salt can be present in a quantity of about 0.8% to about 2.0% and preferably of about 1% to about 1.5% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).

As per the hyaluronic acid, it can be present in the form of sodium or potassium salt or a mixture of the two salts.

Preferably, the hyaluronic acid or the hyaluronate salt is present in an amount of about 0.01% to about 1.5% and preferably of about 0.05% to about 1.2% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).

The mouthwash of the invention may further comprise additives like: sweeteners and/or flavorings, a source of fluorine, humectant, preservatives, surfactants, pH regulators, coloring agents.

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Preferably, flavorings are present in an amount of about 0.05-0.15% (w/total volume of the mouthwash) and can be selected in the group comprising peppermint, menthol, anethole, *viridis* mint, cinnamon, clove, eucalyptus, etc.

Sweeterners can be present in a quantity of about 6-10% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).

In a preferred aspect, sweeteners can be selected

20 in the group comprising non-cariogenic sugars like

xylitol, saccharin or an alkali or alkaline-earth

metal salts thereof, acesulfame or an alkali or

alkaline-earth metal salts thereof, sucralose, Stevia

rebaudiana extract.

The source of fluorine can be represented by fluoride or alkali or alkaline-earth metal salts thereof.

Humectants can be present in a quantity of about 0.1-0.2% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).

Preferably, the humectant may be selected in the group comprising sorbitol, glycerin or propylene glycol.

Preservatives may be selected in the group 10 comprising the benzoates, phenossietanolo, chlorphenesin.

The surfactants are present in an amount of about 1.0-3% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).

In a preferred embodiment, the surfactants may be selected in the group comprising hydrogenated castor oil PEG40, Poloxamer 407 or other surfactants suitable for the purposes of the present invention.

pH regulators can be selected in the group comprising citric acid and its salts, like sodium salt.

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Coloring agents may be present in an amount of about 0.0005-0.001% (w/total volume of the mouthwash) selected among those agents suitable for use in the field, like for instance CI 1940, CIU 42090, CI 17200.

As per the polyvinylpirrolidone-vinylacetate, according to the present invention, it can be comprised in an amount of about 0.02% to about 0.5% (w/total weight of the mouthwash).

Preferably, the polyvinylpirrolidone-vinylacetate may be comprised in an amount of about 0.02% to about 0.5%, preferably of about 0.15% to about 0.2% and more preferably it is comprised in an amount of about 0.09% to about 0.12% (w/total weight of the mouthwash).

As above indicated, the mouthwash comprising the anti-pigmentation system disclosed represents a further object of the invention.

According to another aspect, it is disclosed a process for the preparation of a mouthwash based on chlorhexidine and comprising the anti-pigmentation system of the invention.

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In an additional object, it is disclosed a method for the prevention and treatment of plaque comprising the use of the mouthwash of the invention.

In a preferred aspect, it is disclosed a method for the cosmetic prevention and treatment of plaque comprising the use of the mouthwash of the invention.

In an additional object, it is disclosed a method for the prevention of stains on the surface of the

teeth comprising the use of the mouthwash of the invention.

In a preferred aspect, it is disclosed a method for the cosmetic treatment of stains on the surface of the teeth comprising the use of the mouthwash of the invention.

In another object, it is disclosed the use of the mouthwash according to the invention for the therapeutic prevention and treatment of plaque.

In a still further object, it is disclosed the use of the mouthwash of the invention for the cosmetic prevention and treatment of plaque.

In a still further object, it is disclosed the use of the mouthwash of the invention for the prevention of stains on the surface of the teeth.

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In another object, it is disclosed the use of the mouthwash according to the invention for the cosmetic prevention of stains on the surface of the teeth.

In a still further object, it is disclosed the 20 use of the mouthwash of the invention for the prevention, protection and treatment of gingivitis.

In particular, for the purposes of the present invention, the use of the disclosed mouthwash once or twice a day for at least one minute and for a period of from 7 to 15 days may be helpful in the prevention

and treatment of plaque and/or of gengivitis, in the prevention of the bacteria growth, as an antibacterial.

According to a further embodiment, the mouthwash of the invention can be used in the treatment of parodontitis when used once or twice a day for at least one minute and a period of from 7 to 15 days at the concentration of 0.2% followed by the use once or twice a day for at least one minute for about 21 days at the concentration of 0.12%.

According to an additional object of the invention, it is disclosed the use of polyvinylpirrolidone-vinylacetate combined with chlorhexidine in a mouthwash for the treatment of or the prevention of the formation of plaque.

EXAMPLE 1

According to the above description, the following mouthwash preparation can be:

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COMPONENT	QUANTITY	
water	q.b. to 100%	
sugar	6-10%	
humectants	0.1-0.2%	
surfactants	1.0-3%	

Ascorbic acid	0.1-1.5% (w/v)	
Chlorhexidine	0.05-0.3% (w/w)	
digluconate		
PVP-VA copolymer	0.05-0.3%	
sodium	0.05-1.2%	
hyaluronate		
arome	0.05-0.15%	
sodium	0.1-0.5% (w/v)	
metabisulfite		
sodium citrate	1.0-1.5%	
citric acid	0.01-0.015	
coloring agent	0.0005-0.0009%	

EXAMPLE 2

The purpose of the clinical trial was to evaluate the effectiveness against pigmentations by a dental mouthwash containing 0.2% chlorhexidine, PVP-VA, hyaluronic acid and ADS® (Anti Discoloration System) compared to a mouthwash only containing 0.2% chlorhexidine and the ADS® system.

Materials and Methods

17 volunteers have been enrolled in the study, selected at the Clinica Universitaria at the IRCCS Istituto Ortopedico Galeazzi (Milan).

Patients had to meet the following requirements:

1. Patients in good health, absence of systemic diseases;

- 2. Adhesion through informed consent;
- 3. Older than 18 years;

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- 5 4. Non-smokers or light smokers (less than 5 cigarettes a day);
 - 5. Good oral hygiene with low levels of plaque index (FMPS FMBS and $\leq 25\%$).

Before the study, patients have been subjected to 10 professional oral hygiene session, in order to remove possibly plaque and pigmentations already present on the dental surface. There have been prepared anonymous packs marked only with two letters:

A:	mouthwash	(HA + ADS)
B:	mouthwash	(ADS)

Patients volunteers have been then divided into 15 two groups randomly and they have been given a box corresponding to the randomization list.

Patients have been asked to suspend the operations of mechanical oral hygiene in the V sextant, i.e. only in the lower 33 to 43 (6 teeth in all).

In the remaining areas, the subjects continued to brush but with no toothpaste.

Everyone handed an identical toothbrush: model Curaprox 5460.

Patients have thus made a first cycle of rinses keeping the product in the mouth for one minute, twice a day, for 7 days, after which they recurred to the center investigator for clinical evaluations.

Soon after, a second session of oral hygiene was performed, to remove the stains and plaque formed, and the patient have been asked to recur after another 7 days.

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So, with the same mode of the previous rinse cycle, the patient have made a second rinse cycle with the mouthwash that had not received during the first cycle.

- During the visits at time zero (baseline) and after 7 days there have been detected the plaque index (PI, according to Loe and Silness, 1964), gingival index (GI, according to Loe, 1967) and the index of pigmentation (SI, according to Lobene, 1968).
- Information has been gathered about any adverse events or problems that emerged during the study through a questionnaire.

In this, patients have noted also the intake of chromogenic substances such as coffee, tea,

cigarettes, red wine, spinach and green vegetables in general.

At each session, intraoral photographs have been taken for the assessment of the pigmentation and the same has been made for the evaluation of the extent of pigmentation. The assessment of the Stain Index has been independently performed by 3 different experts operators.

Results

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Of the 17 subjects enrolled, 4 failed to meet the protocol because they performed mechanical procedures for the oral hygiene on the affected area, and have been therefore excluded. The remaining 13 subjects in the study completed the rinse cycles with good compliance.

The results are shown in Figure 1.

With respect to the accumulation of plaque, both mouthwashes proved to be effective in combating the dental plaque, which resulted mostly present at 7 days, although there was no evidence of any substantial deposits for the both 2 mouthwashes.

Even the Gingival Index was similar in the 2 mouthwashes, but in this case the presence of inflammation has been detected only in one patient in the group A and two patients in group B.

Regarding the Stain Index, a trend towards less pigmentation has been detected for the mouthwash with ADS + Hyaluronic Acid + PVP-VA. The level of pigmentation tends to be low also for the mouthwash with only ADS, the effectiveness of which has been known for a long time.

	PI 7 days	GI 7 days	SI 7 days
Mouthwash A	1.3	0.3	0.2
Mouthwash B	1.4	0.2	0.4

The values of PI, GI e SI have been determined considering a modification of at least 30% of the dental elements in order to give a value corresponding to an index in the corresponding scale (values 1, 2 or 3). For instance, in a healthy subject with 28 dental elements (teeth) at least 10 teeth must have slight stain in order to be given value 1 of Stain Index, to the contrary, 0 is given.

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According to the above, there will be evident to the person skilled in the art the advantages provided by the anti-pigmentation system of the invention.

20 First of all, the mouthwash comprising said system has proved to limit to a much wider extent the formation of stain on the tooth surface, with respect

to a mouthwash comprising an anti-pigmentation system that does not include hyaluronic acid.

When polyvinylpirrolidone-vinylacetate is also included in the anti-pigmentation system of the invention, it has been observed a synergic action with chlorhexidine against bacteria and against the formation of the bacterial biofilm.

In addition to that, polyvinylpirrolidone-vinylacetate has also been seen as acting in synergy with hyaluronic acid in the formation of a mechanical barrier, which can protect both the teeth surface and the soft tissues (gingiva and oral mucosa).

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Polyvinylpirrolidone-vinylacetate (PVP-VA) is a safe ingredient: no adverse reactions after intake are known at present, PVP VA is widely used on industrial scale in cosmetics, food preparations and medications. The value of the acceptable daily dose is high (i.e., 50 mg/kg), and is far above the values established for food and pharmacological products. In addition, the component is highly soluble in water.

Surprisingly, the above advantageous effects have been noticed to be not be to the detriment of the anti-bacterial effect.

Those skilled in the art will be able to make modifications or adaptations to the present invention,

without anyhow departing from the scope of the claims set forth below.

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CLAIMS

1. An anti-pigmentation system for a chlorhexidine based mouthwash, comprising a metabisulfite salt of an alkali or an alkaline-earth metal, ascorbic acid or an alkali or an alkaline-earth metal salt, hyaluronic acid or a salt thereof and polyvinylpirrolidone-vinylacetate.

- 2. A mouthwash comprising chlorhexidine in a quantity of about 0.01% to 0.3% (w/w) and preferably of about 0.09% to about 0.25% (w/w) comprising the anti-pigmentation system according to the preceding claim.
 - 3. The mouthwash according to the preceding claim, wherein chlorhexidine is comprised in a quantity of about 0.2% (w/w).

- 4. The mouthwash according to the preceding claim 2 or 3, wherein chlorhexidine is in the form of a salt or a complex thereof.
- 5. The mouthwash according to the preceding 20 claim 2, 3 or 4, wherein chlorhexidine is in the form of chlorhexidine digluconate.
 - 6. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 5, wherein the metabisulfite salt is comprised in an amount of about 0.1% to about

0.5% and preferably of about 0.15% to about 0.28% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).

7. The mouthwash according to the preceding claims 2 to 6, wherein the metabisulfite salt is sodium metabisulfite.

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- 8. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 7, wherein the ascorbic acid and a salt thereof can be present in a quantity of about 1.0% to about 1.5% and preferably in an amount of about 1.0% to about 1.2% (total weight acid and salt/total volume of the mouthwash).
 - 9. The mouthwash according to the preceding claim, wherein the ascorbic acid or a salt thereof, can be substituted, partially or completely, by a citric acid or an alkali or an alkaline-earth metal salt thereof.
 - 10. The mouthwash according to the preceding claim 8 or 9, wherein the alkali or the alkaline-earth metal salt of citric acid is sodium citrate tribasic.
 - 11. The mouthwash according to the preceding claims 9 or 10, wherein the citric acid can be present in a quantity of about 0.01% to about 0.02% (weight/total volume of the mouthwash), while if present a citrate salt can be present in a quantity of

about 0.8% to about 2.0% and preferably of about 1% to about 1.5% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).

- 12. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 11, wherein the hyaluronic acid salt thereof can be present in the form of sodium or potassium salt or a mixture of the two salts.
- 13. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 12, wherein hyaluronic acid or a salt thereof is comprised in an amount of about 0.01% to about 1.5% and preferably of about 0.05% to about 1.2% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).

- 14. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 13, wherein polyvinylpirrolydone-vinyl acetate is comprised in an amount of about 0.02% to about 0.5% (w/total weight of the mouthwash), preferably in an amount of about 0.15% to about 0.2% and more preferably of about 0.09% to about 0.12% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).
- 20 15. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 14, further comprising one of more of the following additives: sweeteners and/or flavorings, a source of fluorine, humectant, preservatives, surfactants, pH regulators, coloring agents.

16. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 15, wherein the sweetener is selected in the group comprising non-cariogenic sugars like xylitol, saccharin or an alkali or alkaline-earth metal salts thereof, acesulfame or an alkali or alkaline-earth metal salts thereof, sucralose, Stevia rebaudiana extract.

17. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claim 15 or 16, wherein the flavoring is selected in the group comprising peppermint, menthol, anethole, *viridis* mint, cinnamon, clove, eucalyptus.

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- 18. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claim 15 to 17, wherein the flavorings are present in an amount of about 0.05% to about 0.15% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).
- 19. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 15 to 18, wherein the source of fluorine is represented by fluoride or alkali or alkaline-earth metal salts thereof.
- 20. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 15 to 19, wherein the humectant is selected in the group comprising sorbitol, glycerin or propylene glycol.
- 21. The mouthwash according to any one of the
 25 preceding claims 15 to 20, wherein the humectants are

present in an amount of about 0.1% to about 0.2% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).

- 22. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 16 to 21 wherein the preservatives selected in the group comprising the benzoates, phenossietanolo, chlorphenesin.
- 23. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 16 to 22, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of about 0.1% to about 0.2% (w/total volume of the mouthwash).

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- 24. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 16 to 24, wherein the surfactant is selected in the group comprising hydrogenated castor oil PEG40, Poloxamer 407 or other suitable surfactants.
- 25. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 16 to 24, wherein the pH regulators is selected in the group comprising citric acid and its salts, like sodium salt.
- 26. The mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 16 to 25, wherein the coloring agent is selected in the group comprising CI 1940, CIU 42090, CI 17200 and other suitable coloring agents.
- 27. A method for the cosmetic prevention and
 25 treatment of plaque comprising the use of the

mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 26.

- 28. A method for the therapeutic prevention and treatment of plaque comprising the use of the mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 26.
- 29. A method for the therapeutic prevention and treatment of gingivitis comprising the use of the mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 26.
 - **30.** A method for the prevention of stains on the surface of the teeth comprising the use of the mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 26.
- 29. A method for the prevention, protection and treatment of gingiva comprising the use of the mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 24.
- 31. Use of the mouthwash according to any one of 20 the preceding claims 2 to 26 for the cosmetic prevention and treatment of plaque.
 - **32.** Use of the mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 26 for the therapeutic prevention and treatment of plaque.

33. Use of the mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 26 for the prevention of stains on the surface of the teeth.

- 34. Use of the mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 26 for the cosmetic prevention of stains on the surface of the teeth.
- 35. Use of the mouthwash according to any one of the preceding claims 2 to 26 for the protection of gingiva and oral mucosa and for the prevention and treatment of gingivitis.

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FIG. 1

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case 1				
case 2				
case 3				
case 4				
case 5				
case 6				
case 7				

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