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DESCRIPTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present application for patent relates to microbicidal compositions, as well as methods of producing and using same.

BACKGROUND

[0002] Clinical laboratory instruments are utilized for analysis of body fluids, such as but not limited to, whole blood, serum or plasma, in order to diagnose various conditions. In order to utilize these instruments, a broad range of reagents are necessary. Because these reagents contain nutrients for microorganisms, microbial growth is frequently a problem, especially for commercially distributed products, which often require months or years of shelf life in order to be commercially practical products.

[0003] One subcategory of such instruments and chemicals are those which are used in the critical care area, where the analytical results must be obtained quickly. These are used to measure items such as but not limited to, the concentrations in the blood of such components as carbon dioxide, oxygen, total hemoglobin, sodium, potassium, chloride, calcium, magnesium, lactate or glucose, as well as physical properties such as pH. In this environment, it is especially important that the systems work properly, because of the need for personnel to quickly make decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment of the patient. Therefore, microbicidal compositions are typically included in reagents utilized with critical care instruments to both keep the reagents uncontaminated during manufacturing and particularly to keep the instrument and sensors free of contamination during their use. Microbial contamination of an instrument will cause erroneous results, while microbial contamination of the reagent will cause the reagent to be unstable and potentially compromise the instrument.

[0004] WO 95/13535 discloses a non-serum based glucose control reagent which comprises a predetermined amount of glucose, water and a soluble dihydroxy alcohol comprising more than 5 carbon atoms. The composition is useful in calibrating and validating test devices such as glucose test strips. It may additionally contain typical additives, such as a preservative or biocide. Among an extensive list of preservatives and biocides, gentamicin sulfate is mentioned. The glucose test strips can be used in an amperometric biosensor system.

[0005] US 2005/000867 A1 relates to a composition that inhibits the formation of biofilms on medical devices. The medical devices are coated with a composition comprising a lectin which binds a compound produced by a microorganism capable of forming a biofilm. As an additional component, the composition may contain antimicrobial, antibiotic, antifungal or antiviral agents, such as chlorhexidine, a tetracyclin or an aminoglycoside.

[0006] US 2010/0285084 A1 teaches an antimicrobial coating for medical devices, e.g. a glucose sensor. The surface of the medical device is coated with a first layer which includes a polypeptide that generates hydrogen peroxide upon exposure to a ligand of the polypeptide, and second layer that includes a polymer having a quaternary amine moiety. The coating may further include a biocidal agent such as an aminoglycoside.

[0007] There are presently various microbicidal compositions commercially available that are compatible with most prior art reagents and instruments. One example of a microbicidal composition utilized in such reagents is disclosed in US 5,464,850, issued to Voo et al., on November 7, 1995. However, these current microbicidal compositions are incompatible with enzyme based sensors; thus, the development of enzyme based sensors for use in these instruments requires that new and improved microbicidal compositions that are efficacious and do not adversely affect said enzymes be identified.

[0008] Thus, a need exists for new and improved microbicidal compositions that overcome the disadvantages and defects of the prior art compositions. It is to such compositions, and methods of producing and using same, that the presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) is directed.

BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF THE DRAWINGS

[0009]

Figure 1 graphically depicts the effects of exposure of a creatinine biosensor to various concentrations of gentamicin.

Figure 2 graphically depicts the effects of exposure of a creatinine biosensor to various concentrations of propionate.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

[0010] The following detailed description and appendices describe and illustrate various exemplary embodiments. The description and drawings serve to enable one skilled in the art to make and use the invention, and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention in any manner.

[0011] Before explaining at least one embodiment of the invention in detail by way of exemplary drawings, experimentation, results, and laboratory procedures, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited in its application to the details of construction and the arrangement of the components set forth in the following description or illustrated in the

drawings, experimentation and/or results. The invention is capable of other embodiments or of being practiced or carried out in various ways. As such, the language used herein is intended to be given the broadest possible scope and meaning; and the embodiments are meant to be exemplary - not exhaustive. Also, it is to be understood that the phraseology and terminology employed herein is for the purpose of description and should not be regarded as limiting.

[0012] Unless otherwise defined herein, scientific and technical terms used in connection with the presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) shall have the meanings that are commonly understood by those of ordinary skill in the art. Further, unless otherwise required by context, singular terms shall include pluralities and plural terms shall include the singular. Generally, nomenclatures utilized in connection with, and techniques of, cell and tissue culture, molecular biology, and protein and oligo- or polynucleotide chemistry and hybridization described herein are those well known and commonly used in the art. Standard techniques are used for recombinant DNA, oligonucleotide synthesis, and tissue culture and transformation (e.g., electroporation, lipofection). Enzymatic reactions and purification techniques are performed according to manufacturer's specifications or as commonly accomplished in the art or as described herein. The foregoing techniques and procedures are generally performed according to conventional methods well known in the art and as described in various general and more specific references that are cited and discussed throughout the present specification. See e.g., Sambrook et al. *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual* (2nd ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (1989) and Coligan et al. *Current Protocols in Immunology* (Current Protocols, Wiley Interscience (1994)). The nomenclatures utilized in connection with, and the laboratory procedures and techniques of, analytical chemistry, synthetic organic chemistry, and medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry described herein are those well known and commonly used in the art. Standard techniques are used for chemical syntheses, chemical analyses, pharmaceutical preparation, formulation, and delivery, and treatment of patients.

[0013] All publications and patent applications mentioned in the specification are indicative of the level of skill of those skilled in the art to which the presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) pertains.

[0014] All of the compositions and/or methods disclosed and claimed herein can be made and executed without undue experimentation in light of the present disclosure. While the compositions and methods of the presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) have been described in terms of preferred embodiments, it will be apparent to those of skill in the art that variations may be applied to the compositions and/or methods and in the steps or in the sequence of steps of the method described herein without departing from the concept, spirit and scope of the inventive concept(s). All such similar substitutes and modifications apparent to those skilled in the art are deemed to be within the spirit, scope and concept of the inventive concept(s) as defined by the appended claims.

[0015] As utilized in accordance with the present disclosure, the following terms, unless otherwise indicated, shall be understood to have the following meanings:

[0016] The use of the word "a" or "an" when used in conjunction with the term "comprising" in the claims and/or the specification may mean "one," but it is also consistent with the meaning of "one or more," "at least one," and "one or more than one." The use of the term "or" in the claims is used to mean "and/or" unless explicitly indicated to refer to alternatives only or the alternatives are mutually exclusive, although the disclosure supports a definition that refers to only alternatives and "and/or." Throughout this application, the term "about" is used to indicate that a value includes the inherent variation of error for the device, the method being employed to determine the value, or the variation that exists among the study subjects. The use of the term "at least one" will be understood to include one as well as any quantity more than one, including but not limited to, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 100, etc. The term "at least one" may extend up to 100 or 1000 or more, depending on the term to which it is attached; in addition, the quantities of 100/1000 are not to be considered limiting, as higher limits may also produce satisfactory results.

[0017] The term "about" is used to indicate that a value includes the inherent variation of error for the device, the method being employed to determine the value and/or the variation that exists among study subjects.

[0018] As used in this specification and claim(s), the words "comprising" (and any form of comprising, such as "comprise" and "comprises"), "having" (and any form of having, such as "have" and "has"), "including" (and any form of including, such as "includes" and "include") or "containing" (and any form of containing, such as "contains" and "contain") are inclusive or open-ended and do not exclude additional, unrecited elements or method steps.

[0019] The term "or combinations thereof" as used herein refers to all permutations and combinations of the listed items preceding the term. For example, "A, B, C, or combinations thereof" is intended to include at least one of: A, B, C, AB, AC, BC, or ABC, and if order is important in a particular context, also BA, CA, CB, CBA, BCA, ACB, BAC, or CAB. Continuing with this example, expressly included are combinations that contain repeats of one or more item or term, such as BB, AAA, MB, BBC, AAABCCCC, CBBAAA, CABABB, and so forth. The skilled artisan will understand that typically there is no limit on the number of items or terms in any combination, unless otherwise apparent from the context.

[0020] The term "microbicidal composition" refers to a preservative composition that can substantially inhibit the growth of and/or kill microbes. For the purposes of this description, "microbes" may include bacteria, mold, yeast and/or viruses. Particular examples of microbes may include, but are not limited to, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Pseudomonas putida*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Ralstonia pickettii*, Gram positive rods, *Aspergillus glaucus*, and *Penicillium notatum*.

[0021] Gentamicin is an aminoglycoside antibiotic that is known to be effective against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. Gentamicin is known to be particularly effective against *Pseudomonas* species.

[0022] Propionates refer to salts of propionic acid. They are used as preservatives in food products (such as but not limited to, bread, chocolate products, cheese, etc.) as they are known to be nontoxic and to exhibit antifungal properties.

[0023] The term "biosensor" refers to a device for the detection of an analyte that combines a biological component with a physicochemical detector component. The biosensor comprises a biological component, such as but not limited to, enzymes, antibodies, tissue, microorganisms, organelles, cell receptors, nucleic acids, etc. For example but not by way of limitation, the biosensors utilized in accordance with the presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) may be creatinine, blood urea nitrogen (BUN), glucose, lactate, etc.

[0024] As used herein, the phrase "does not substantially affect the biological activity of a sensor" means that a substantial amount of the sensor's biological (enzymatic) activity and stability is retained. For example but not by way of limitation, at least 30% of the biological activity of the sensor is retained, at least 40% of the biological activity of the sensor is retained, at least 50% of the biological activity of the sensor is retained, at least 60% of the biological activity is retained, at least 70% of the biological activity is retained, at least 80% of the biological activity is retained or at least 90% of the biological activity is retained. In addition, enzyme stability of the biosensor is substantially retained, whereby the enzyme stability of the biosensor extends for (for example but not by way of limitation) more than 4 days, more than 6 days, more than 8 days, more than 10 days, more than 12 days, more than 14 days, more than 20 days, more than 25 days, or more than 28 days.

[0025] The presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) is directed to a microbicidal composition that is efficacious against various microorganisms (including, but not limited to, bacteria and mold) for an extended period of time (i.e., to the end of life of the product/reagent to which said composition is added). In addition, said microbicidal composition is compatible with the reagent into which it is disposed as well as any sensors present therein (including biosensors such as but not limited to, enzyme-based sensors), and is also compatible with any instruments with which it comes into contact including biosensors of the instrument; thus, the microbicidal composition does not adversely affect said instruments and does not adversely affect a biological activity and/or stability of said sensors. Therefore, the microbicidal composition provides a viable preservative for sensor-containing reagents and instruments as described herein.

[0026] The microbicidal composition includes gentamicin and at least one propionate, wherein a microbicidal synergy is observed between gentamicin and the propionate. As demonstrated herein below, the synergistic relationship maintains or enhances the effectiveness of either compound by itself, particularly for mold inhibition.

[0027] In one embodiment, the propionate present in the microbicidal composition is selected from the group consisting of calcium propionate, sodium propionate and combinations thereof.

[0028] The presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) is also directed to a reagent

solution that comprises the microbicidal composition described herein above. When the reagent solution comes into contact with an enzyme-based biosensor, the microbicidal composition does not substantially affect a biological activity of the enzyme-based biosensor. The reagent solution may be, for example, but not by way of limitation, a clinical chemistry reagent, and said clinical chemistry reagent may have a pH in a range of from about 6.0 to about 8.0.

[0029] The gentamicin and the at least one propionate may be present in the microbicidal composition and/or reagent solution at any concentration that allows the microbicidal composition to be efficacious against microorganisms while not substantially affecting the biological activity of at least one sensor present in the reagent solution, and thus any concentration that allows the microbicidal composition to function in accordance with the presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) falls within the scope of the presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s).

[0030] In certain embodiments, the at least one propionate present in the microbicidal composition is calcium propionate, the concentration of calcium propionate in the microbicidal composition and/or reagent solution may be in a range of from about 0.25 mmol/L to about 2.5 mmol/L. In other embodiments, the propionate is sodium propionate, and the concentration of sodium propionate in the microbicidal composition and/or reagent solution may be in a range of from about 4 mmol/L to about 40 mmol/L. In certain embodiments, the concentration of gentamicin in the microbicidal composition and/or reagent solution may be in a range of from about 0.1 % to about 1%.

[0031] The reagent solution may further include at least one biosensor, wherein the microbicidal composition does not substantially affect a biological activity of the at least one biosensor. Any biosensors known in the art or otherwise contemplated may be utilized in accordance with the presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s). For example but not by way of limitation, the biosensor may comprise creatinine, blood urea nitrogen (BUN), glucose and/or lactate. These types of sensors may utilize several enzymes (such as but not limited to, urease, creatinine amidohydrolase, creatinine amidinohydrolase, sarcosine oxidase, etc.) that are known to be adversely affected by the microbicidal compositions prior art, thus demonstrating one of the advantages of the presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s).

[0032] One or more biosensors may be part of an instrument. The instrument may be configured to bring the reagent solution into contact with the at least one of the biosensors. Alternatively, the Instrument may be part of a system in which the biosensors are brought into contact with the reagent solution of the present invention. The system may comprise the instrument containing the at least one biosensor and the microbicidal solution described above for cleaning the instruments and or its biosensors. The microbicidal solution may be part of a reagent solution that performs other functions for the instrument or sensors as further described herein. A kit containing at least one biosensor and the microbicidal solution or a reagent solution described herein may also be part of the system.

[0033] The presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) is further directed to a method for killing microorganisms on an enzyme-based biosensor that is brought into contact with an aqueous solution. Said method includes introducing to the aqueous solution the microbicidal composition described herein above.

[0034] The presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) is further directed to a method for inhibiting growth of microorganisms in an aqueous/reagent solution. Said method includes introducing to the aqueous/reagent solution the microbicidal composition described herein above.

[0035] The presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) is also directed to a method for killing microorganisms on a solid surface that is brought into contact with an aqueous/reagent solution. Said method includes introducing to the aqueous/reagent solution the microbicidal composition described herein above.

[0036] The presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) is yet further directed to a method for inhibiting growth of microorganisms on a solid surface that is brought into contact with an aqueous/reagent solution. Said method includes introducing to the aqueous/reagent solution the microbicidal composition described herein above, and contacting a portion of the aqueous/reagent solution with the solid surface.

[0037] In certain embodiments, the microbicidal composition of the presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) meets the following requirements: (1) soluble in aqueous solution at neutral pH and at an ionic strength in the range of 70 mM to 240 mM and preferably of 160 mM, and maintains pH within ± 0.005 over the life of the product; (2) effective against one or more of the following - gram negative bacteria, gram positive bacteria, molds and yeast; (3) stable so that at the end of life, the microbicidal composition retains microbial efficacy against the organisms of interest; (4) microbicide degradation products must not affect any of the analytical parameters (i.e., pH) or performance of the instrument; (5) compatible with all reagent components, including but not limited to, analytes, buffer, surfactant, etc.; (6) compatible with sensors, including but not limited to, biosensors (i.e., no interference, drift, or shortening of use life); (7) compatible with the instrument (i.e., no destruction, discoloration, etc. of parts); (8) compatible with all sample types used on the instrument (such as but not limited to, whole blood, serum, plasma, urine, control, etc.) without causing precipitation, color changes, or shifts in analytical values; (9) compatible with other microbicides contained in different reagents utilized on the same instrument; (10) non-hazardous to the user and easily disposed of at the concentration required in the reagents; (11) no toxicity hazard posed to production workers in the specific method for handling of the raw material during processing; and (12) material must meet US and WW regulatory requirements.

[0038] A summary of results shown in the Examples and obtained in the MBC (minimum bactericidal concentration) screen with various different compounds is shown in Table 1. These results demonstrate that the combination of gentamicin and propionate provided a greatly

enhanced activity over either compound alone. Further, the combination was also much more efficacious against the tested bacteria and mold when compared to sulfamethoxazole, sodium azide, or a combination of sodium azide and propionates.

Table 1: Summary of MBC Results					
Organism	Propionates	Na Azide	Azide/ Propionates	Sulfamethoxazole	
<i>P. fluorescens</i>	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	
<i>P. putida</i>	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	Total Kill @70% @ 48h	Total Kill @20% @ 72h
<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i>	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	
<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	No kill @ 100% @ 72h	
Gram positive rods	No kill @ 100% @ 14d	No kill @ 100% @ 14d	No kill @ 100% @ 14d	No kill @ 100% @ 14d	
<i>Aspergillus glaucus</i>	No kill @ 100% @ 14d	No kill @ 100% @ 14d	No kill @ 100% @ 14d	No kill @ 100% @ 14d	
<i>Penicillium notatum</i>	No kill @ 100% @ 14d	Total kill @ 50% @ 14d	Total kill @ 30% @ 14d	No kill @ 100% @ 14d	

Table 1 Continued: Summary of MBC Results				
Organism	Gentamicin			Gentamicin/ Propionates
<i>P. fluorescens</i>	Total kill @ 100% @ 24h	Total kill @ 70% @ 48h	Total kill @ 30% @ 72h	Total kill @ 10% @ 8h
<i>P. putida</i>	Total kill @ 10% @ 8h			Total kill @ 10% @ 8h
<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Total kill @ 90% @ 48h	Total kill @ 50% @ 72h		Total kill @ 70% @ 24h
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i>	Total kill @ 10% @ 8h			Total kill @ 10% @ 48h
<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Total kill @ 30% @ 8h	Total kill @ 10% @ 24h		Total kill @ 10% @ 8h
Gram positive rods	Total kill @ 10% @ 8h			Total kill @ 10% @ 8h
<i>Aspergillus glaucus</i>	No Kill @ 100% @ 14d			Total kill @ 100% @ 14d
<i>Penicillium notatum</i>	No Kill @ 100% @ 14d			Total kill @ 10% @ 14d

[0039] Examples are provided hereinbelow. However, the present invention is to be understood to not be limited in its application to the specific experimentation, results and laboratory procedures. Rather, the Examples are simply provided as one of various embodiments and are meant to be exemplary, not exhaustive.

EXAMPLE 1

Minimum Bactericidal Concentration-1200XL Wash NEXT Reagent with Gentamicin and Sulfamethoxazole

[0040] Wash NEXT base pool samples were prepared using 1% gentamicin, 1% sulfamethoxazole, 1% tetracycline and 1% novobiocin to be set up for minimum bactericidal testing. The tetracycline and novobiocin samples were not able to be used for this testing since neither antibiotic completely dissolved in the Wash reagent. The tetracycline sample resulted in a brownish-colored liquid which was also unable to be used due to its color. The gentamicin and sulfamethoxazole samples were tested against organisms isolated from manufacturing and field reagents.

[0041] The following is a summary of results obtained for Example 1, where either Gentamicin or sulfamethoxazole were added to the Wash NEXT Reagent.

[0042] When Gentamicin was added to the Wash NEXT reagent, the microbicidal activity against the following organisms was observed:

<i>P. fluorescens</i> (D)	had total kill at 100% preservative at 24 hours
	had total kill at 70% preservative at 48 hours
	had total kill at 30% preservative at 72 hours
<i>P. putida</i> -DRO (K)	had total kill at 10% preservative at 8 hours
<i>P. aeruginoso</i> -KTO (L)	had total kill at 90% preservative at 48 hours
	had total kill at 50% preservative at 72 hours
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)	had total kill at 10% preservative at 8 hours
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (AY)	had total kill at 30% preservative at 8 hours
	had total kill at 10% preservative at 24 hours
Gram positive rods (S)	had total kill at 10% preservative at 8 hours

The molds were carried out to the 14-day time period, as they were still alive at the 72-hour time point.

<i>Aspergillus glaucus</i> - DMO (Q)	never achieved total kill by the 14-day time point
<i>Penicillium notatum</i> -KMO (R)	never achieved total kill by the 14-day time point

[0043] When Sulfamethoxazole was added to the Wash NEXT reagent, the microbicidal activity against the following organisms was observed:

<i>P. fluorescens</i> (D)	never achieved total kill by the 72-hour time point
<i>P. putida</i> -DRO (K)	had total kill at 70% preservative at 48 hours
	had total kill at 20% preservative at 72 hours
<i>P. aeruginoso</i> -KTO (L)	never achieved total kill by the 72-hour time point
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)	never achieved total kill by the 72-hour time point
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (AY)	never achieved total kill by the 72-hour time point

The molds and gram positive rods were carried out to the 14-day time period, as they were still alive at the 72-hour time point.

<i>Aspergillus glaucus</i> -DMO (Q)	never achieved total kill at the 14-day time point
<i>Penicillium notatum</i> -KMO (R)	never achieved total kill at the 14-day time point
Gram positive rods (S)	never achieved total kill at the 14-day time point

Materials and Methods for Example 1:

[0044] The stock organisms were thawed and subbed prior to beginning the MBC test. Molds were subbed to SDA plates one week before, and the bacteria were subbed to TAT agar plates 24 hours prior to the start of the test. All plates were incubated at 32 degrees C.

[0045] Each bacterial organism was inoculated into 40 ml sterile saline in a centrifuge tube to create a density of MacFarland #1. Two serial dilutions of 1:100 were then made, resulting in 10^{-2} and 10^{-4} concentrations. Each dilution was vortexed before it was sampled, and sterile Eppendorf pipette tips were used to make each transfer. The 10^{-4} dilution was spiral plated to yield the initial inoculum concentration.

[0046] For the molds, each organism was inoculated into 40 ml sterile saline in a centrifuge tube to create a density of MacFarland #5. Two serial dilutions of 1:100 were then made, resulting in 10^{-2} and 10^{-4} concentrations. Each dilution was vortexed before it was sampled, and sterile Eppendorf pipette tips were used to make each transfer. The 10^{-4} dilution was spiral plated to yield the initial inoculum concentration.

[0047] MBC trays were set up with the prepared test reagent. Using a Matrix pipettor, 100 μ l aliquots of reagent were distributed into the wells, diluting the amount of preservative from 100% to 10% increments, using unpreserved reagent as the diluent. In one row, 100% non-preserved reagent acted as a positive control and served as a benchmark for a full mat of growth. In well #12H, 100 μ l unpreserved reagent was pipetted, and this well was not inoculated with organisms, as it served as the negative control. Once all of the trays were prepared, the prepared bacteria/mold suspensions were poured into the MBC inoculating trays. These were placed onto the reagent trays, and 0.01 ml inoculum was introduced into the 100 μ l of reagent in each well.

[0048] At time points of 8 hours, 24 hours, 48 hours and 72 hours for bacteria, and additionally 7-day and 14-day for molds (and Gram + rods for the sulfamethoxazole), a test for growth was performed. This was done by dipping a sterile cotton swab into each well, and absorbing all of the liquid in the well. The swab was rolled onto a TAT agar plate ensuring that the entire swab touches the agar. Plates were incubated at 32 degrees C for 48 hours to 7 days, depending on the organism. Observations for growth were performed by a scoring matrix using + for a full mat, +/- for some growth, a numerical value for an actual colony count, and - for no growth.

[0049] Below are tables that contain the data obtained in Example 1. The MBC test is scored by (+) indicating a full grown mat of organisms, equivalent to the organisms in the unpreserved reagent. (+/-) indicates there is some kill evident disturbing that mat or bringing the quantities down to an almost countable level. An actual number is the actual number of colonies growing at that concentration of preservative. (-) indicates no growth found. The MBC trays were stored at room temperature for the entire test.

[0050] Tables 2-9 illustrate the results obtained with Gentamicin.

Table 2				
<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> (D)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+/-	-	-	-
90%	+/-	1	-	-
80%	+/-	5	-	-
70%	+/-	5	-	-
60%	+/-	13	+/-	-
50%	+/-	14	+/-	-
40%	+	+/-	+/-	-
30%	+	+/-	+/-	-
20%	+	+	+/-	12
10%	+	+	+/-	15
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 3				
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (K)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	-	-	-	-
90%	-	-	-	-
80%	-	-	-	-
70%	-	-	-	-
60%	-	-	-	-
50%	-	-	-	-
40%	-	-	-	-
30%	-	-	-	-
20%	-	-	-	-
10%	-	-	-	-
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 4				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (L)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+/-	+/-	-	-
90%	+/-	+/-	-	-
80%	+/-	+/-	+/-	-
70%	+/-	+/-	+/-	-
60%	+/-	+/-	+/-	-
50%	+	+/-	+/-	-
40%	+	+/-	+/-	1
30%	+	+/-	+/-	2
20%	+	+	+/-	4
10%	+	+	+/-	8
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 5				
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	-	-	-	-
90%	-	-	-	-
80%	-	-	-	-
70%	-	-	-	-
60%	-	-	-	-
50%	-	-	-	-
40%	-	-	-	-
30%	-	-	-	-
20%	-	-	-	-
10%	-	-	-	-
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 6				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (AY)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	-	-	-	-
90%	-	-	-	-
80%	-	-	-	-
70%	-	-	-	-

Table 6				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (AY)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
60%	-	-	-	-
50%	-	-	-	-
40%	-	-	-	-
30%	-	-	-	-
20%	+/-	-	-	-
10%	+/-	-	-	-
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 7				
Gram + rods (S)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	-	-	-	-
90%	-	-	-	-
80%	-	-	-	-
70%	-	-	-	-
60%	-	-	-	-
50%	-	-	-	-
40%	-	-	-	-
30%	-	-	-	-
20%	-	-	-	-
10%	-	-	-	-
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 8						
<i>A. glaucus</i> (Q)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+/-	18	5	4
90%	+	+	+/-	22	10	9
80%	+	+	+/-	+/-	16	14
70%	+	+	+/-	+/-	21	20
60%	+	+	+/-	+/-	25	26
50%	+	+	+/-	+/-	29	28
40%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	35
30%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	36
20%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-

Table 8						
<i>A. glaucus</i> (Q)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
10%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 9						
<i>P. notatum</i> (R)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+/-	+/-	7	6
90%	+	+	+/-	+/-	11	9
80%	+	+	+/-	+/-	16	12
70%	+	+	+/-	+/-	23	18
60%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	23
50%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	25
40%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	28
30%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-
20%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-
10%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

[0051] Tables 10-17 illustrate the results obtained with Sulfamethoxazole.

Table 10				
<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> (D)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+/-
90%	+	+	+	+/-
80%	+	+	+	+/-
70%	+	+	+	+/-
60%	+	+	+	+/-
50%	+	+	+	+/-
40%	+	+	+	+/-
30%	+	+	+	+/-
20%	+	+	+/-	+/-
10%	+	+	+/-	+/-
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 11				
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (K)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	-	-
90%	+	+	-	-
80%	+	+	-	-
70%	+	+	-	-
60%	+	+/-	18	-
50%	+	+/-	16	-
40%	+	+/-	20	-
30%	+	+/-	22	-
20%	+	+/-	+/-	-
10%	+	2	+/-	+/-
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 12				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (L)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 13				
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+

Table 13				
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 14				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (AY)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 15						
Gram + Rods (S)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 15						
Gram + Rods (S)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
10%	+	+	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 16						
<i>A. glaucus</i> (Q)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+/-	12	3	2
90%	+	+	+/-	16	6	5
80%	+	+	+/-	20	7	6
70%	+	+	+/-	23	8	9
60%	+	+	+/-	+/-	12	10
50%	+	+	+/-	+/-	14	11
40%	+	+	+/-	+/-	16	12
30%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-
20%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-
10%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 17						
<i>P. notatum</i> (R)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+/-	7	4	2
90%	+	+	+/-	10	7	3
80%	+	+	+/-	14	8	6
70%	+	+	+/-	18	9	10
60%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	14
50%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	18
40%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	25
30%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	28
20%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	31
10%	+	+	+/-	+	+	+/-
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

[0052] Table 18 lists the results of the negative MBC Controls as well as the initial concentrations utilized for each species in Example 1.

Table 18		
Organism	Negative MBC Control	Initial Concentration
<i>P. fluorescens</i> (D)	-	4.0×10^6
<i>P. putida</i> (K)	-	4.2×10^6
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (L)	-	4.6×10^6
<i>R. pickettii</i> (AU)	-	5.0×10^6
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (AY)	-	4.3×10^6
Gram + rods (S)	-	1.6×10^6
<i>A. glaucus</i> (Q)	-	1.1×10^5
<i>P. notatum</i> (R)	-	1.1×10^5

EXAMPLE 2

[0053] Minimum Bactericidal Concentration-1200XL Wash NEXT Reagent with (1) Sodium Azide, (2) Sodium and Calcium Propionates, (3) Sodium and Calcium Propionates plus Sodium Azide, and (4) Sodium and Calcium Propionates plus Gentamicin

[0054] Wash NEXT base pool samples were prepared using 0.09% sodium azide and also sodium and calcium propionates as preservatives. Wash samples with the two propionates were also tested with sodium azide added to one and gentamicin added to the other. All four samples were set up for minimum bactericidal testing and were tested against organisms isolated from manufacturing and field reagents.

[0055] The following is a summary of results obtained for Example 2, where sodium azide, propionates and/or gentamicin were added to the Wash NEXT Reagent. In all instances, the molds were carried out to the 14-day time period, as they were still alive at the 72-hour time point. In all instances except when propionates and gentamicin were added to the Wash NEXT reagent, the gram positive rods were also carried out to the 14-day time period, as they were still alive at the 72-hour time point.

[0056] The materials and methods and analysis of the MBC test were the same as in Example 1.

[0057] When Sodium Azide was added to the Wash NEXT reagent, the microbicidal activity against the following organisms was observed:

<i>P. fluorescens</i> (D)	never achieved total kill by the 72 hour time point
<i>P. putida</i> -DRO (K)	never achieved total kill by the 72 hour time point

<i>P. aeruginoso</i> -KTO (L)	never achieved total kill by the 72 hour time point
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)	never achieved total kill by the 72 hour time point
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (AY)	never achieved total kill by the 72 hour time point
Gram positive rods (S)	never achieved total kill by the 14-day time point
<i>Aspergillus glaucus</i> -DMO (Q)	never achieved total kill by the 14-day time point
<i>Penicillium notatum</i> -KMO (R)	had total kill at 50% preservative at 14 days

[0058] When Sodium and Calcium Propionates were added to the Wash NEXT reagent, the microbicidal activity against the following organisms was observed:

<i>P. fluorescens</i> (D)	never achieved total kill by the 72-hour time point
<i>P. putida</i> -DRO (K)	never achieved total kill by the 72 hour time point
<i>P. aeruginoso</i> -KTO (L)	never achieved total kill by the 72-hour time point
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)	never achieved total kill by the 72-hour time point
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (AY)	never achieved total kill by the 72-hour time point
<i>Aspergillus glaucus</i> -DMO (Q)	never achieved total kill at the 14-day time point
<i>Penicillium notatum</i> -KMO (R)	never achieved total kill at the 14-day time point
Gram positive rods (S)	never achieved total kill at the 14-day time point

[0059] When Sodium and Calcium Propionates plus Sodium Azide were added to the Wash NEXT reagent, the microbicidal activity against the following organisms was observed:

<i>P. fluorescens</i> (D)	never achieved total kill by the 72-hour time point
<i>P. putida</i> -DRO (K)	never achieved total kill by the 72 hour time point
<i>P. aeruginoso</i> -KTO (L)	never achieved total kill by the 72-hour time point
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)	never achieved total kill by the 72-hour time point
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (AY)	never achieved total kill by the 72-hour time point
<i>Aspergillus glaucus</i> -DMO (Q)	never achieved total kill at the 14-day time point
<i>Penicillium notatum</i> -KMO (R)	had total kill at 30% preservative at 14 days
Gram positive rods (S)	never achieved total kill at the 14-day time point

[0060] When Sodium and Calcium Propionates plus Gentamicin were added to the Wash NEXT reagent, the microbicidal activity against the following organisms was observed:

<i>P. fluorescens</i> (D)	had total kill at 10% preservative at 8 hours
<i>P. putida</i> -DRO (K)	had total kill at 10% preservative at 8 hours
<i>P. aeruginoso</i> -KTO (L)	had total kill at 70% preservative at 24 hours
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)	had total kill at 10% preservative at 48 hours

<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (AY)	had total kill at 10% preservative at 8 hours
Gram positive rods (S)	had total kill at 10% preservative at 8 hours
<i>Aspergillus glaucus</i> - DMO (Q)	had total kill at 100% preservative at 14 days
<i>Penicillium notatum</i> -KMO (R)	had total kill at 10% preservative at 14 days

[0061] Below are tables that contain the data obtained in Example 2.

[0062] Tables 19-26 illustrate the results obtained with Sodium Azide.

Table 19				
<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> (D)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 20				
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (K)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+

Table 20				
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (K)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 21				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (L)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 22				
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+/-	+/-	2
90%	+	+/-	+/-	4
80%	+	+/-	+/-	7
70%	+	+	+/-	8
60%	+	+	+/-	10
50%	+	+	+/-	+/-
40%	+	+	+/-	+/-
30%	+	+	+/-	+/-
20%	+	+	+	+/-
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 23				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (AY)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 24						
Gram positive rods (S)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 25						
<i>A. glaucus</i> (Q)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
90%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
80%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
70%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
60%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
50%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-

Table 25						
<i>A. glaucus</i> (Q)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
40%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
30%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
20%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
10%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 26						
<i>P. notatum</i> (R)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+/-	6	3	-
90%	+	+	+/-	7	4	-
80%	+	+	+/-	9	6	-
70%	+	+	+/-	11	9	-
60%	+	+	+/-	13	10	-
50%	+	+	+/-	15	12	-
40%	+	+	+/-	18	15	6
30%	+	+	+/-	22	19	8
20%	+	+	+/-	22	19	11
10%	+	+	+/-	24	20	14
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

[0063] Tables 27-34 illustrate the results obtained with Sodium and Calcium Propionates.

Table 27				
<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> (D)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+

Table 27				
<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> (D)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 28				
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (K)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 29				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (L)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 30				
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 31				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (AY)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 32						
Gram + Rods (S)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 32

Gram + Rods (S)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
50%	+	+	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 33

<i>A. glaucus</i> (Q)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
90%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
80%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
70%	+	+	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 34

<i>P. notatum</i> (R)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+/-	2	3	3
90%	+	+	+/-	5	5	6
80%	+	+	+/-	9	8	7
70%	+	+	+/-	12	11	10
60%	+	+	+/-	16	13	11
50%	+	+	+/-	20	15	14
40%	+	+	+/-	22	17	16
30%	+	+	+/-	24	19	20
20%	+	+	+/-	27	23	23
10%	+	+	6	30	25	24
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

[0064] Tables 35-42 illustrate the results obtained with Sodium and Calcium Propionates and Sodium Azide.

Table 35				
<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> (D)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 36				
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (K)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 37				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (L)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+

Table 37				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (L)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 38				
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 39				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (AY)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+

Table 39						
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (AY)						
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour		
30%	+	+	+	+		
20%	+	+	+	+		
10%	+	+	+	+		
0%	+	+	+	+		

Table 40						
Gram + Rods (S)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+	+	+	+
90%	+	+	+	+	+	+
80%	+	+	+	+	+	+
70%	+	+	+	+	+	+
60%	+	+	+	+	+	+
50%	+	+	+	+	+	+
40%	+	+	+	+	+	+
30%	+	+	+	+	+	+
20%	+	+	+	+	+	+
10%	+	+	+	+	+	+
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 41						
<i>A. glaucus</i> (Q)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	10
90%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	12
80%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	16
70%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	20
60%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	22
50%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-
40%	+	+	+	+	+/-	+/-
30%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
20%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
10%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 42						
<i>P. notatum</i> (R)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+/-	+/-	2	-
90%	+	+	+/-	+/-	5	-
80%	+	+	+/-	+/-	6	-
70%	+	+	+/-	+/-	8	-
60%	+	+	+/-	+/-	10	-
50%	+	+	+/-	+/-	12	-
40%	+	+	+/-	+/-	14	-
30%	+	+	+/-	+/-	18	-
20%	+	+	+/-	+/-	21	20
10%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	25
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

[0065] Tables 43-50 illustrate the results obtained with Sodium and Calcium Propionates and Gentamicin.

Table 43				
<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> (D)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	-	-	-	-
90%	-	-	-	-
80%	-	-	-	-
70%	-	-	-	-
60%	-	-	-	-
50%	-	-	-	-
40%	-	-	-	-
30%	-	-	-	-
20%	-	-	-	-
10%	-	-	-	-
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 44				
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (K)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	-	-	-	-
90%	-	-	-	-

Table 44				
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (K)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
80%	-	-	-	-
70%	-	-	-	-
60%	-	-	-	-
50%	-	-	-	-
40%	-	-	-	-
30%	-	-	-	-
20%	-	-	-	-
10%	-	-	-	-
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 45				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (L)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+/-	-	-	-
90%	+/-	-	-	-
80%	+/-	-	-	-
70%	+/-	-	-	-
60%	+/-	+/-	-	-
50%	+/-	+/-	+/-	7
40%	+/-	+/-	+/-	13
30%	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-
20%	+	+/-	+/-	+/-
10%	+	+/-	+/-	+/-
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 46				
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	+	+/-	-	-
90%	+	+/-	-	-
80%	+	+/-	-	-
70%	+	+/-	-	-
60%	+	+/-	-	-
50%	+	+/-	-	-

Table 46				
<i>Ralstonia pickettii</i> (AU)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
40%	+	+/-	-	-
30%	+	+/-	-	-
20%	+	+/-	-	-
10%	+	+/-	-	-
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 47				
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (AY)				
	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	-	-	-	-
90%	-	-	-	-
80%	-	-	-	-
70%	-	-	-	-
60%	-	-	-	-
50%	-	-	-	-
40%	-	-	-	-
30%	-	-	-	-
20%	-	-	-	-
10%	-	-	-	-
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 48				
Gram + Rods (S)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour
100%	-	-	-	-
90%	-	-	-	-
80%	-	-	-	-
70%	-	-	-	-
60%	-	-	-	-
50%	-	-	-	-
40%	-	-	-	-
30%	-	-	-	-
20%	-	-	-	-
10%	-	-	-	-
0%	+	+	+	+

Table 49						
<i>A. glaucus</i> (Q)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	-
90%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	3
80%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	5
70%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	8
60%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	9
50%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	13
40%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
30%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
20%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
10%	+	+	+	+	+	+/-
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 50						
<i>P. notatum</i> (R)	8 hour	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	7 day	14 day
100%	+	+	+/-	+/-	4	-
90%	+	+	+/-	+/-	8	-
80%	+	+	+/-	+/-	12	-
70%	+	+	+/-	+/-	15	-
60%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	-
50%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	-
40%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	-
30%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	-
20%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	-
10%	+	+	+/-	+/-	+	-
0%	+	+	+	+	+	+

[0066] Table 51 lists the results of the negative MBC Controls as well as the initial concentrations utilized for each species in Example 2.

Table 51		
Organism	Negative MBC Control	Initial Concentration
<i>P. fluorescens</i> (D)	-	4.1×10^6
<i>P. putida</i> (K)	-	2.2×10^6
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (L)	-	1.7×10^6

Table 51		
Organism	Negative MBC Control	Initial Concentration
<i>R. pickettii</i> (AU)	-	4.6×10^6
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (AY)	-	4.9×10^6
Gram + rods (S)	-	1.6×10^6
<i>A. plaucus</i> (Q)	-	1.4×10^5
<i>P. notatum</i> (R)	-	1.2×10^5

[0067] Based on this testing, the best combination of preservatives used with Wash NEXT was Na and Ca propionates in combination with gentamicin. All organisms tested were killed off by the 14-day test point.

EXAMPLE 3

[0068] Analysis of the Effects of Gentamicin and Propionate on Enzymatic Activity of Biosensors

[0069] In Figure 1, the effects of various concentrations of gentamicin on the enzymatic activity of a creatinine biosensor (comprising the three enzymes creatinine amidohydrolase, creatinine amidinohydrolase and sarcosine oxidase) were determined. In Figure 2, the effects of various concentrations of propionate on the enzymatic activity of a creatinine biosensor (comprising three enzymes) were determined.

[0070] In both instances, a decreasing rate of $O_2\%$ is an indicator of enzyme activity; the faster the rate of $O_2\%$ decrease, the higher enzymatic activity is.

[0071] In Figure 1, a high concentration of gentamicin (210 μM) was utilized, and said concentration did not inactivate enzymatic activity of the three enzymes in the creatinine biosensor.

[0072] In Figure 2, a concentration of 40 mM propionate did not substantially affect the enzymatic activity of the three enzymes in the creatinine biosensor.

[0073] Therefore, Example 3 demonstrates that the microbicidal compositions of the presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s) do not degrade enzymatic activity of a biosensor.

[0074] Thus, in accordance with the presently disclosed and claimed inventive concept(s), there have been provided microbicidal compositions with enhanced microbial efficacy, as well as methods of producing and using same, which fully satisfy the objectives and advantages set

forth hereinabove. Although the invention has been described in conjunction with the specific drawings, experimentation, results and language set forth hereinabove, it is evident that many alternatives, modifications, and variations will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

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Patentkrav

1. Reagensopløsning, der omfatter en mikrobicid sammensætning, hvilken opløsning omfatter en synergistisk blanding af gentamicin og mindst et propionat til
5 at inhibere vækst af mikrober i reagensopløsningen, hvor, når den nævnte reagensopløsning kommer i kontakt med mindst en enzymbaseret biosensor, den mikrobicide sammensætning ikke væsentligt påvirker en biologisk aktivitet af den mindst ene enzymbaserede biosensor.
- 10 2. Reagensopløsningen ifølge krav 1, hvor den mindst ene propionat er udvalgt fra gruppen bestående af calciumpropionat, natriumpropionat og kombinationer deraf.
3. Reagensopløsning ifølge krav 1 eller 2, hvor propionatet er calciumpropionat,
15 og koncentrationen af calciumpropionat i reagensopløsningen er i et område på fra ca. 0,25 mmol/l til ca. 2,5 mmol/l.
4. Reagensopløsningen ifølge krav 1, hvor propionatet er natriumpropionat, og koncentrationen af natriumpropionat i reagensopløsningen er i området på fra ca.
20 4 mmol/l til ca. 40 mmol/l.
5. Reagensopløsningen ifølge krav 1, hvor koncentrationen af gentamicin i reagensopløsningen er i et område på fra ca. 0,1 % til ca. 1 %, baseret på vægten af reagensopløsningen.
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6. Reagensopløsningen ifølge krav 1, hvilken opløsning er yderligere defineret som et klinisk kemisk reagens, der har et pH i et område på fra ca. 6,0 til ca. 8,0.
7. Reagensopløsningen ifølge krav 1, hvor den mindst ene enzymbaserede biosensor omfatter kreatinin eller blodurinstof-nitrogen (BUN).
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8. Fremgangsmåde til at inhibere vækst af mikroorganismer i en vandig opløsning, hvilken fremgangsmåde omfatter, til den vandige opløsning, at indføre en

mikrobicid sammensætning, der omfatter en synergistisk blanding af gentamicin og mindst et propionat, hvor, når den nævnte reagensopløsning kommer i kontakt med mindst en enzymbaseret biosensor, den mikrobicide sammensætning ikke væsentligt påvirker en biologisk aktivitet af den mindst ene enzymbaserede biosensor.

9. Fremgangsmåden ifølge krav 8, hvor den mindst ene enzymbaserede biosensor omfatter kreatinin eller blodurinstof-nitrogen (BUN).

10. Fremgangsmåde til udryddelse af mikroorganismer på en enzymbaseret biosensor, som bringes i kontakt med en vandig opløsning, hvilken fremgangsmåde omfatter trinnene:

at indføre til den vandige opløsning en mikrobicid sammensætning, der omfatter en synergistisk blanding af gentamicin og mindst et propionat; og

at bringe en del af den vandige opløsning i kontakt med den enzymbaserede biosensor, hvor, når den nævnte reagensopløsning kommer i kontakt med mindst en enzymbaseret biosensor, den mikrobicide sammensætning ikke væsentligt påvirker en biologisk aktivitet af den mindst ene enzymbaserede biosensor.

11. Fremgangsmåden ifølge krav 10, hvor propionatet er calciumpropionat, og koncentrationen af calciumpropionat i den vandige opløsning er i området på fra ca. 0,25 mmol/l til ca. 2,5 mmol/l.

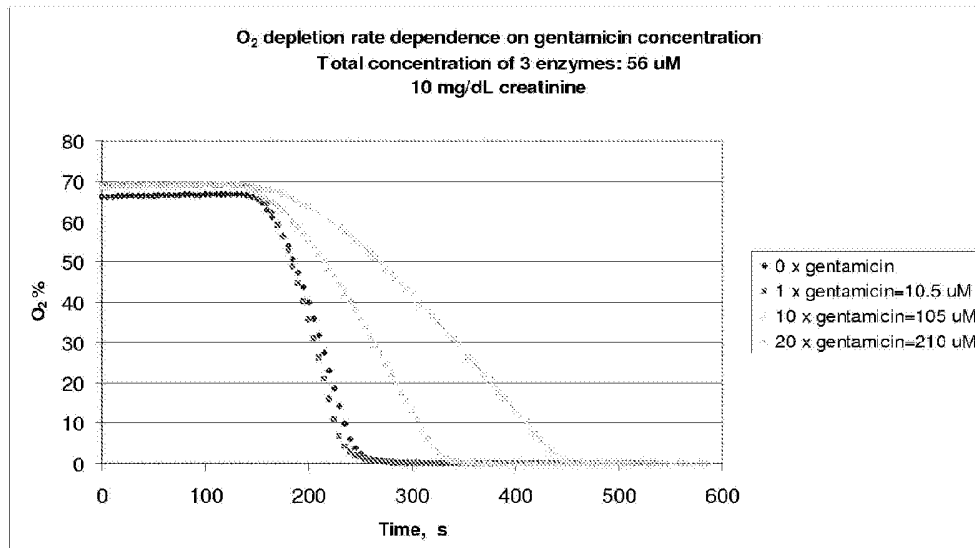
12. Fremgangsmåden ifølge krav 10, hvor propionatet er natriumpropionat, og koncentrationen af natriumpropionat i den vandige opløsning er i området på fra ca. 4 mmol/l til ca. 40 mmol/l.

13. Fremgangsmåden ifølge krav 10, hvor koncentrationen af gentamicin i den vandige opløsning er i området på fra ca. 0,1 % til ca. 1 %, baseret på vægten af den vandige opløsning.

14. Fremgangsmåden ifølge krav 10, hvor den mindst ene enzymbaserede biosensor omfatter kreatinin eller blodurinstof-nitrogen (BUN).

- 15.** System, der omfatter:
en mikrobicid sammensætning, som omfatter en synergistisk blanding af gentamicin og mindst et propionat til at inhibere vækst af mikrober;
5 mindst en enzymbaseret biosensor; og
midler til at anvende den nævnte mikrobicide sammensætning til mindst en del af den nævnte enzymbaserede biosensor og hvor den mikrobicide sammensætning ikke væsentligt påvirker en biologisk aktivitet af den mindst ene enzymbaserede biosensor.
- 10 **16.** Systemet ifølge krav 15, hvilket system er yderligere defineret som et klinisk kemisk reagens, der har et pH i et område på fra ca. 6,0 til ca. 8,0.
- 17.** Systemet ifølge krav 15, hvor den mindst ene biosensor omfatter kreatinin eller blodurinstof-nitrogen (BUN).
- 15 **18.** Systemet ifølge krav 15, hvor det mindst ene propionat er udvalgt fra gruppen bestående af calciumpropionat, natriumpropionat og kombinationer deraf.
- 19.** System ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 15 eller 18, hvor propionatet er
20 calciumpropionat, og koncentrationen af calciumpropionat i reagensopløsningen er i et område på fra ca. 0,25 mmol/l til ca. 2,5 mmol/l.
- 20.** Systemet ifølge krav 15, hvor propionatet er natriumpropionat, og koncentrationen af natriumpropionat i reagensopløsningen er i området på fra ca. 4 mmol/l
25 til ca. 40 mmol/l.
- 21.** Systemet ifølge krav 15, hvor koncentrationen af gentamicin i reagensopløsningen er i et område på fra ca. 0,1 % til ca. 1 %, baseret på vægten af reagensopløsningen.

DRAWINGS

Figure 1**Figure 2**