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(54) Title: ANTI-MICROBIAL COMPOSITION

(57) Abstract: This invention relates to anti-microbial compositions comprising: an amino acid, a derivative of an amino acid, a salt of an amino acid, a salt of a derivative of an amino acid or mixtures thereof; an anti-microbial component comprising two or more anti-microbial quaternary ammonium compounds, or at least one anti-microbial quaternary ammonium compound and chlorhexidine or a salt thereof; and a polar solvent, and to formulations including the anti-microbial compositions. In particular, the invention relates to anti-microbial compositions that can be used on skin.

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2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
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1. claims: 1-7, 9-11, 14-41(all partially)

An anti-microbial composition comprising:(i) an amino acid, a derivative of an amino acid, a salt of an amino acid, or a salt of a derivative of an amino acid or a mixture thereof; (ii) an anti-microbial component comprising two or more anti-microbial quaternary ammonium compounds; and (iii) a polar solvent.

The use of the above composition to substantially reduce or control the formation of microbial colonies on or at a surface

A method of substantially reducing or controlling the formation of microbial colonies on or at a surface, which method comprises applying the above composition to that surface.

A method of disrupting, preventing or reducing the adhesion and/or attachment of micro-organisms to a surface, which method comprises applying the above composition to that surface.

Various products comprising said antimicrobial composition.

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### 2. claims: 8, 12, 13(completely); 1-7, 9-11, 14-41(partially)

An anti-microbial composition comprising:(i) an amino acid, a derivative of an amino acid, a salt of an amino acid, or a salt of a derivative of an amino acid or a mixture thereof; (ii) an anti-microbial component comprising at least one anti-microbial quaternary ammonium compound and chlorhexidine or a chlorhexidine salt; and (iii) a polar solvent.

The use of the above composition to substantially reduce or control the formation of microbial colonies on or at a surface.

A method of substantially reducing or controlling the formation of microbial colonies on or at a surface, which method comprises applying the above composition to that surface.

A method of disrupting, preventing or reducing the adhesion and/or attachment of micro-organisms to a surface, which method comprises applying the above composition to that surface.

Various products comprising said antimicrobial composition.

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