

# **Evaluation of pH Values of Products Managing Xerostomia**

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## **Objective**

Acidity causes oral complications to xerostomia patients. Numerous commercially available products claim of managing xerostomia. But only a small number of products have known pH values. The objective of this study is to determine the pH values of popular commercial products for dry mouth management, and assess if some of the products pose risks for promoting acidic environment and subsequent tooth demineralization.

#### Methods

- 28 products were order from Amazon, out of which 12 were solutions and 16 were solids like Lozenges or mouth patches
- Batch number, date of expiration, manufacturer, and brand names were documented.
- Lozenges and patches were dissolved in deionized water in the ratio of 1:5 w/v, using electronic mixer.
- After the devices were dissolved in water, if necessary, the tubes were centrifuged to separate the non-dissolvable debris.
- Products in liquid form were directly measured by a pH meter or diluted by double deionized water when necessary.
   The pH of each solution prepared was measured by a pH meter
- after calibration with standard buffered solutions.
- Each solution was measured 3 times and the average value was generated from the three measurements.

#### Results

A total 28 products were measured. Among them, only 17 products with pH greater than 6, 11 products (39%) have pH Less than 6, among the acidic products, 4 of them are lower than pH 3.

#### Conclusion

A large portion of products claiming to manage xerostomia are associated with demineralization risks. Highly acidic products could lead to enamel and dentin erosion, sensitivity, periodontal disease, and other complications in xerostomia patients. In addition, except for MighTeaFlow, none of the products was found to have double blind, randomized clinical trial evidence for increasing unstimulated saliva. Dental professionals must carefully evaluate each product for xerostomia management before recommending to patients, in order to lower the risks of acid-induced complications.

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5	TheraBreath	Thera Breath oral rinse	9.82	
				Yes
3	Camellix	MighTeaFlow-Rinse	7.37	
	Xlear	Spry - moisture mouth spray	6.98	
		Biotene- 16 oz		
3	Biotene	Dry Mouth Oral Rinse Oasis- Mild Mint	6.72	
Oasis		Flavour		
	Oasis	Moisturizing Mouth Wash	6.71	
		ACT- Totalcare Anti-		
		cavity Mouth Wash		
	ACT mouth wash	Soothing Mint	6.51	
1	Camellix	MighTeaFlow Organic Neutral pH spray	6.43	Yes
	Current	MedActive Rinse-SnF	0,70	
	MedActive Oral	Base	6.18	
	MedActive Oral	Med Active -Oral Spray	5.92	
	The driette of dr	MedActive Rinse-SnF		
	MedActive Oral	Complete	5.4	
7	Biotene	Biotene - 33 oz,PBF Moisturizing Oral Rinse	5.39	
17	Parnell Pharmaceuticals		3.33	
	Inc	Mouth Kote Spray	3.02	
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	Nuvora Inc	Salese- Winter green	8.52	
-	Nuvora Inc	Salese-Mild Lemon	8.29	
8	Travora me	Suice Wild Lettion	0.25	
	Nuvora Inc	Salese- New with ACP	8.2	
Table 1		OraCoat - Xylimelts(Mint Free		
	Orahealth	Disc)	8.1	
-	Marble Medical	Orajel	7.11	
				Vor
	Camellix	MighTeaFlow- lozenge	6.44	Yes
	Chattem Inc	ACT-Dry Mouth Lozenge with Xylitol	6.31	
	SmartMouth	Smart Mouth	6.15	
-	Hyalogic	Hylogic (Hylamint)	4.84	
-	Quantum DenTek Oral	OraMoist-Dry Mouth		
-	care	Patch	3.54	
•	Thayers	Thayers- Sugar free Lozenges	3.17	
2		Ludens-Pectin Lozenges		
	Ludens	Kiwi-Strawberry	2.93	
藏	MedActive oral	MedActive (Ruby Raspberry)	2.73	
		MedActive (Natural	2110	
	MedActive oral	Spring)	2.46	
*	MedActive oral	Med Active (orange crème)	2.43	

<sup>\*</sup>Unstimulated whole saliva