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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS:

1) A method for increasing unstimulated whole saliva in a human patient in need of such effect, said method comprising the step of orally administering to said patient a composition comprising an effective amount of a disaccharide selected from the group consisting of maltose and trehalose and promoting its contact with the patient's oral mucosa.

2) A method for increasing unstimulated whole saliva in a human patient in need of such effect, said method comprising the step of orally administering to said patient a composition comprising an effective amount of a disaccharide selected from the group consisting of maltose and trehalose in combination with an effective amount of vitamin C, or a derivative thereof, and promoting its contact with the patient's oral mucosa.