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[54] **METHOD OF REDUCING NUTRIENT ABSORPTION**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

This invention relates to a method of reducing the rate of nutrient absorption in the small intestine of a mammal. For this purpose a composition containing a polysaccharide polymer and a divalent ion is administered to the host in an effective amount to provide a coating for the small intestine and thus controlling absorption of nutrients.

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