

[54] **STABLE NUTRITIONAL VITAMIN AND MINERAL SUPPLEMENTED BEVERAGE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Vitamin and mineral-fortified beverages, especially carbonated beverages are disclosed. These beverages are stable and contain vitamin A in the form of encapsulated  $\beta$ -carotene, vitamin C and riboflavin. The beverages show enhanced calcium and iron absorption.

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