

**EX PARTE
REEXAMINATION CERTIFICATE
ISSUED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 307**

THE PATENT IS HEREBY AMENDED AS
INDICATED BELOW.

Matter enclosed in heavy brackets [] appeared in the patent, but has been deleted and is no longer a part of the patent; matter printed in italics indicates additions made to the patent.

AS A RESULT OF REEXAMINATION, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT:

Claims 1, 4 and 6 are cancelled.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 7-13 and 17 are determined to be patentable as amended.

Claims 14-16, dependent on an amended claim, are determined to be patentable.

2. The enteral composition of claim [1] 13 wherein the lipid source comprises approximately 20% to 50% of the calorie distribution of the composition.

3. The enteral composition of claim [1] 13 including 100% of U.S. RDA of vitamins and minerals in approximately 1500 kcal.

5. The enteral composition of claim [1] 13 further including a source of beta-carotene.

7. The method of claim [6] 17 wherein the lipid source comprises approximately 20% to 50% of the calorie distribution of the composition.

8. The method of claim [6] 17 wherein the composition includes 100% of U.S. RDA of vitamins and minerals in approximately 1500 kcal.

9. The method of claim [6] 17 wherein the composition is fed through a tube to the patient.

10. The method of claim [6] 17 wherein the composition contains approximately 0.37% of the calories as cysteine.

11. The method of claim [6] 17 wherein the composition includes per 1500 kcal of composition:

a zinc source providing from approximately 28.5 to 43.5 mg;

a vitamin C source providing from approximately 405 to 615 mg;

a selenium source providing from approximately 60 to 90 mg;

a taurine source providing from approximately 120 to 180 mg; and

5 a L-carnitine source providing from approximately 120 to 180 mg.

12. The method of claim [6] 17 wherein the composition further includes a source of beta-carotene.

13. An enteral, peptide-based, *flavored* composition for a metabolically stressed patient comprising:

about 15% to 18% of the calorie distribution of the composition including a protein source consisting of enzymatically hydrolyzed whey and free amino acids, and wherein said protein source is the sole protein source of the composition;

a carbohydrate source comprising at least 35% of the composition;

a lipid source comprising at least 20% by weight of the composition; and

the composition having a caloric density of 1.4 kcal/mL to 1.8 kcal/mL, a ratio of non-protein calories per gram of nitrogen of at least about 90:1, *and an osmolality of 500 to 700 mOsm/kg water.*

17. A method for providing nutrition to a metabolically stressed patient comprising the step of administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of an enteral, peptide-based, *flavored* composition comprising:

a protein source comprising approximately 15% to 18% of the calorie distribution of the composition, the protein source consisting of enzymatically hydrolyzed whey and free amino acids, and wherein said protein source is the sole protein source of the composition;

a carbohydrate source *comprising at least 35% of the composition;*

a lipid source *comprising at least 20% by weight of the composition;*

the enteral composition having a caloric density of 1.4 kcal/mL to 1.8 kcal/mL; and

the composition provides a ratio of non-protein calories per gram nitrogen of at least approximately 90:1 wherein the composition includes at least 0.1% free amino acids, *and an osmolality of 500 to 700 mOsm/kg water.*

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