management of Iron Deficiency...

# FIFCAL Chewable Tablets ADVANCE

**AB-FORTIS** (Ferric Saccharate in Microencapsulated form) 75 mg Equivalent to elemental Iron 30 mg

Formulated with AB-Fortis Microencapsulated Oral Iron Supplementation

- Well-tolerated and safe option for improving iron nutrition
- No metallic taste, oxidation or negative gastrointestinal side effects
- Better alternative compared to conventional irons

#### **Indications**

- ❖Iron deficiency anemia
- ❖ Pregnancy
- Hemodialysis
- ❖Intestinal mal-absorption



#### Advantages

- ✓ No Metallic Taste
- ✓ No Side effects of Iron
- ✓ Stable at High temperatures & low pH
- ✓ 40 % Elemental Iron
- ✓ High Bioavailability clinically proven.

**Dosage** One tablet daily





#### **Introducing FIFCAL-ADVANCE:**

Microencapsulated Iron Salt with patented technology.

Providing highly stable microencapsulation that prevents the release of free iron in the food matrix.

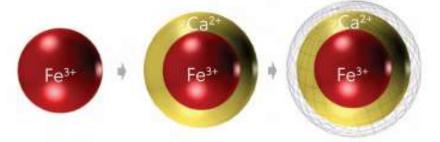
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#### **Process of Microencapsulation**

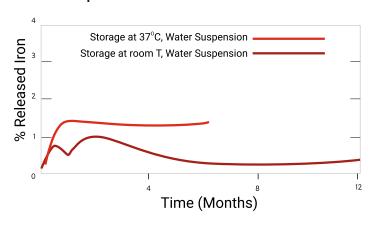
**FIFCAL-ADVANCE** is a microencapsulated form of Ferric Saccharate.

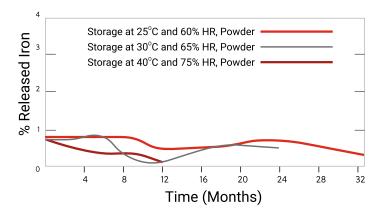


- ► The microcapsules are produced by ionotropic gelation of alginate with calcium, entrapping the iron salt inside.
- ► Calcium displays a strong interaction with alginate, stabilizing the microcapsules and avoiding the release of iron.

#### **Stability**

**FIFCAL-ADVANCE** is made with a organic polymer, which offers an excellent degree of protection and minimal release of iron into the medium during storage of the fortified product.





# **Pressure Stability**

**FIFCAL-ADVANCE** is very stable under high pressure of 1000 bars.

Pressure(bars)	0	200	350	500	1000
Total Iron (ppm)	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4
Free Iron (ppm)	0.10	0.16	0.18	0.18	0.19
% Released	0.96	1.54	1.73	1.73	1.83

Less than 2% of iron is released at 1000 bar.

## **Temperature Stability**

**FIFCAL-ADVANCE** is very stable under high temperature of 125°C.

Time at 125°C	30 min	3h	
Total Iron (ppm)	11.0	11.0	
Free Iron (ppm)	0.04	0.03	
% Released	0.36	0.27	

Less than 2% of iron is released at 1000 bar.

#### **Particle Size of FIFCAL-ADVANCE**

Approximate Particle size of 20µg.

No taste and an excellent stability.

Suitable for the fortification of liquid and solid foodstuffs.

Iron fortified products can be manufactured with minimal organoleptic modification.

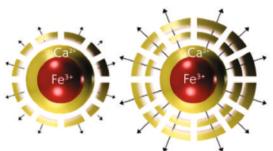
### **Iron Absorption**

Calcium coating of iron salts is highly stable in storage and during fortified product preparation.



Calcium-polymer interaction is destabilized during digestion at basic pH.

The iron is then released from the microcapsule and made available for absorption.



# **Comparison with other forms of iron**

	Insoluble Iron Salts	Soluble Iron Salts	FIFCAL		
Taste	None	Metallic taste	None		
Oxidation	Not Reactive	Reactive	Not Reactive		
Bioavailability	Low or No bioavailability	High bioavailability	Controlled release & high bioavailability		
Side Effects	No reactivity	Unpleasant taste & Gastro-intestinal discomfort	Reduced side effects		