CLAIMS

1. An acidic protein beverage comprising a protein-containing raw material, and soybean polysaccharide and/or pea polysaccharide as a protein stabilizer, wherein the acidic protein beverage comprises 2.5 to 20% by weight of plant-derived protein with respect to the total weight of the beverage, wherein a content of the soybean polysaccharide and/or pea polysaccharide in the acidic protein beverage is 5 to 40% by weight with respect to the plant-derived protein content, wherein the acidic protein beverage is liquid form, wherein a viscosity of the acidic protein beverage after heat sterilization is 10 mPa·s or less, wherein pH of the acidic protein beverage is pH of 3 to 5, wherein a proportion of centrifuge precipitate is 3% by weight or less after a centrifugation of the beverage under the condition at 700 × G for 20 minutes, wherein an average particle size of particles dispersed in the beverage is 5 μm or less, wherein the beverage is filled in a hermetic container after heat sterilization and the container is sealed, and wherein at least one of the protein-containing raw material is a powdery protein material which meets the following a) to c):

a) the powdery protein material is a protein hydrolysate, and a degree of hydrolysis of the protein

hydrolysate is 10 to 28% as a 0.22 M trichloroacetic acid (TCA) solubility,

b) Nitrogen Solubility Index (NSI) of the powdery protein material is 20 to 70, and

c) dilute acid NSI of the powdery protein material is 10 to 70.

2. The acidic protein beverage according to claim 1, wherein the plant-derived protein is soybean protein.

3. The acidic protein beverage according to claim 2, wherein the protein content of the powdery protein material is 40% by weight or more in a dry basis.

4. The acidic protein beverage according to claim 3, wherein a content of insoluble dietary fiber of the powdery protein material is 2% by weight or less in a dry basis.

5. The acidic protein beverage according to claim 4, wherein a transmittance, which is obtained by measuring a 5% by weight dispersion liquid of the powdery protein material with a spectrophotometer at 600 nm, is 1%T or less.

6. The acidic protein beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage is an enteral nutrient.