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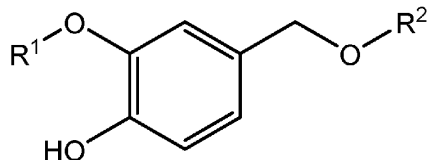


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** The present disclosure generally relates to the use of certain vanillyl ethers to modify the flavor of distilled spirits. In some embodiments, the flavor modification relates to enhancing the perceived smoothness of a distilled spirit, enhancing the mouthfeel of a distilled spirit, reducing the astringency of a distilled spirit, reducing the perceived burning effect of a distilled spirit, reducing the perceived bitterness of a distilled spirit, or any combination thereof. The disclosure also provides related methods of modifying the flavor of a distilled spirit, comprising introducing certain vanillyl ethers to a distilled spirit. The disclosure also provides beverage compositions that comprise a distilled spirit and certain vanillyl ethers.

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