

CLAIMS

1. A non-fermented or semi-fermented tea beverage comprising a chitosan having a molecular weight of not more than 1.6 kDa at a concentration of not less than 10 ppm and not more than 150 ppm.
2. A non-fermented or semi-fermented tea beverage comprising a chitosan having a molecular weight of not more than 7 kDa at a concentration of not less than 1 ppm and not more than 50 ppm.
3. The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the chitosan is present at a concentration of 10 to 80 ppm.
4. The beverage according to claim 2, wherein the chitosan has a molecular weight of not more than 5 kDa.
5. The beverage according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the beverage is a green tea beverage or an oolong tea beverage.
6. The beverage according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the beverage has a pH of 3.5 to 7.5.
7. The beverage according to any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the beverage is a packaged beverage.
8. A method for producing a non-fermented or semi-fermented tea beverage, the method comprising adding a chitosan having a molecular weight of not more than 1.6 kDa at a concentration of not less than 10 ppm and not more than 150 ppm to the beverage.
9. A method for producing a non-fermented or semi-fermented tea beverage, the method comprising adding a chitosan having a molecular weight of not more than 7 kDa at a concentration of not less than 1 ppm and not more than 50 ppm to the beverage.

10. A method for preventing the generation of cloudiness in a non-fermented or semi-fermented tea beverage, the method comprising adding a chitosan having a molecular weight of not more than 1.6 kDa at a concentration of not less than 10 ppm and not more than 75 ppm to the beverage.