wherein the formulation releases an amount of 25-hydroxyvitamin D during *in vitro* dissolution after two months exposure to storage of 25 °C and 60% relative humidity that varies at any given dissolution time point compared to the amount released at the same dissolution time point during *in vitro* dissolution conducted prior to exposing the formulation to the storage conditions by 30% or less in the absence of the cellulosic stabilizing agent.

5. The formulation according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the cellulosic compound or cellulosic stabilizing agent comprises a cellulose ether.

6. The formulation according to claim 5, wherein the cellulose ether is selected from the group consisting of methylcellulose, hydroxyl propyl methylcellulose, hydroxyl ethyl methylcellulose, hydroxyl ethyl cellulose, and hydroxyl propyl cellulose.

7. The formulation according to claim 5, wherein the cellulosic compound or cellulosic stabilizing agent comprises hydroxyl propyl methylcellulose.

8. The formulation according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the formulation releases an amount of 25-hydroxyvitamin D during in vitro dissolution after exposure to storage conditions for one month at 40 °C and 75% relative humidity that varies at any given dissolution time point after four hours compared to the amount released at the same dissolution time point during *in vitro* dissolution conducted prior to exposing the formulation to the storage conditions, by 30% or less.

9. The formulation according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the matrix comprises a wax matrix comprising a controlled release agent, an emulsifier, and an absorption enhancer.

10. The formulation according to claim 9, wherein the controlled release agent comprises paraffin.

11. The formulation according to claim 9 or 10, wherein the emulsifier has a HLB value less than 7.

12. The formulation according to claim 11, wherein the emulsifier comprises glycerol monostearate.

13. The formulation according to any one of claims 9 to 12, wherein the absorption enhancer has a HLB value in a range of about 13 to about 18.

14. The formulation according to claim 13, wherein the absorption enhancer is a mixture of lauroyl macrogolglycerides and lauroyl polyoxylglycerides.

15. The formulation according to any one of claims 9-14, further comprising an oily vehicle.

16. The formulation according to claim 15, wherein the oily vehicle comprises mineral oil.

17. The formulation according to claim 16, wherein the formulation comprises about 20 wt% paraffin, about 20 wt% to about 25 wt% glycerol monostearate, about 10 wt% a mixture of lauroyl macrogolglycerides and lauroyl polyoxylglycerides, about 30 wt% to about 35 wt% mineral oil, and about 10 wt% to about 15 wt% hydroxyl propyl methylcellulose.

18. A formulation according to any one of claims 9-17 wherein the formulation comprises glycerol monostearate.

19. A formulation according to any one of claims 9-18, wherein the formulation comprises one or more polyglycolized glycerides.

20. A sustained release dosage form in the form of a capsule, tablet, sachet, dragee, or suppository comprising a formulation according to any one of the preceding claims.

21. The dosage form according to claim 20, comprising a capsule or tablet.

22. The dosage form according to claim 21, comprising a capsule.

23. The dosage form according to claim 20, comprising an oral capsule, tablet, sachet, or dragee.

24. A formulation or stabilized dosage form according to any one of the preceding claims characterized by a dissolution profile providing a release of vitamin D compound of

less than 30% at 2 hours;

greater than 45% at 6 hours; and

greater than 80% at 12 hours.

25. The formulation or stabilized dosage form according to claim 24, wherein the release of vitamin D compound at 6 hours is less than 60%.

26. A formulation or stabilized sustained release oral dosage form according to any one of claims 1 to 23, characterized by an *in vitro* dissolution profile providing release of vitamin D compound of

less than 30% at 100 to 140 minutes;

greater than 45% at 5 to 7 hours; and

greater than 80% at 11 to 13 hours.

27. The formulation or dosage form of claim 26, wherein the release of vitamin D compound is

less than 30% at 2 hours;

greater than 45% at 6 hours; and

greater than 80% at 12 hours.

28. The formulation or dosage form according to claim 26 or 27, wherein the release of vitamin D compound at 5 to 7 hours is less than 60%.

29. The formulation or dosage form according to claim 28, wherein the release of vitamin D compound at 6 hours is less than 60%.

30. A formulation or stabilized sustained release oral dosage form according to any one of claims 1 to 23, characterized by an *in vitro* dissolution profile providing release of vitamin D compound of

about 20% to about 40% at 2 hours;

at least 35% at 6 hours; and

at least 70% at 12 hours.

31. The formulation or dosage form of claim 30, wherein the release of vitamin D compound is about 25% to about 35% at 2 hours;

at least 40% at 6 hours; and

at least 75% at 12 hours.

32. The formulation or dosage form of claim 30 or 31, wherein the release of vitamin D compound is 75% or less at 6 hours.

33. The formulation or dosage form of claim 32, wherein the release of vitamin D compound is 65% or less at 6 hours.

34. The formulation or dosage form of claim 33, wherein the release of vitamin D compound is 60% or less at 6 hours.

35. A formulation or stabilized sustained release dosage form according to any one of the preceding claims characterized by a t_{max} following administration of the dosage form to a human patient, of at least 4 hours.

36. The formulation or dosage form of claim 35, wherein the t_{max} is at least 8 hours.

37. The formulation or dosage form of claim 36, wherein the t_{max} is at least 12 hours.

38. The formulation or dosage form of claim 37, wherein the t_{max} is at least 18 hours.

39. The formulation or dosage form of claim 38, wherein the t_{max} is at least 20 hours.

40. The formulation or dosage form of claim 39, wherein the t_{max} is at least 24 hours.