

THICKENING COMPOSITION FOR DYSPHAGIA PATIENTS

ABSTRACT

An object of the present invention is to provide, when preparing food products for dysphagia patients, a food product for dysphagia patients having useful functions of probiotics and capable of delivering probiotics administered to a dysphagia patient to the intestines as viable cells by imparting functions of probiotics to such food products, and a thickening composition therefor. For achieving these objects, the present invention provides a thickening composition for dysphagia patients prepared as a powder mixture by mixing dried probiotic cells or a dried probiotic cell preparation and one or more polysaccharides selected from the group consisting of polysaccharides consisting of xanthan gum or guar gum and hydrolysates of these polysaccharides, wherein in the powder mixture, the probiotics and the polysaccharides are allowed to coexist in a contact state. The thickening composition for dysphagia patients is prepared as a powder mixture and the probiotics in the thickening composition can be stably retained without employing special conditions, and when a food product for dysphagia patients is produced by using the thickening composition, a probiotics-containing food product for dysphagia patients having stability against decomposition action by gastric juice after such a food product is eaten can be provided.

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