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Micronutrient premix concepts for plant-based and vegan products



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health benefits



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Micronutrients bring new ideas The health megatrend: Individual concepts for plantbased products

Ahrensburg, September 2021 – Health is one of the twelve megatrends recently defined by the Future Institute in Frankfurt. It informs all facets of daily life and dominates entire lifestyles. "Physical well-being has grown in importance to be a key resource since the COVID-19 pandemic," say the futurologists of the institute. Nutrition plays a central role in this. The focus is on plant-based products. "Plant-based alternatives are considered not just good for one's own personal health, but also for the environment and the entire planet," according to the researchers.

Various scientific studies have shown that vegetarian and vegan diets offer multiple health benefits. These include less obesity, lower cholesterol, and lower risk of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. However, an all-vegan diet brings with it the disadvantage of critical supply of certain micronutrients. Among these are vitamins B₁₂, B₂ and D, and calcium, iron, selenium, and zinc, as well as the amino acid lysine and certain omega-3 fatty acids. To prevent deficiencies, many plant-based products are fortified with micronutrients. SternVitamin takes this a step further and develops premixes that not only prevent deficiencies, but also meet certain target-group-specific needs, such as strengthening the bones, the immune system or gut health. "Customer interest in micronutrient premixes for plant-based products is growing," notes SternVitamin Product Manager Dr Christina Mesch. "So together with our sister company Planteneers we have developed further concepts for plant-based drinks that address the current health trend."

New oat drinks for mental power and the immune system

SternVitalityV and SternDefenceV are new to the product line. SternVitality is for a coffee oat drink with important micronutrients to support mental performance. The vitamins and minerals of the premix reduce tiredness and fatigue, and provide new energy. SternDefenceV was developed for a fruity oat drink and contains vitamins, minerals, and botanicals. B-vitamins are important for antibody synthesis and can act as immunomodulators. Sea buckthorn, vitamins B₂, C and E, and the trace elements selenium and zinc protect the cells from oxidative stress, while vitamin D contributes to the growth, maturation, and activity of immune cells.

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