

DESCRIPTION

Source	<i>E. coli</i> -derived Pro28-Arg190 Accession # AAD29682
N-terminal Sequence Analysis	Pro28
Structure / Form	Disulfide-linked homodimer
Predicted Molecular Mass	19 kDa (monomer)

SPECIFICATIONS

Activity	Measured in a cell proliferation assay using HUVEC human umbilical vein endothelial cells. Conn, G. <i>et al.</i> (1990) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 87:1323. The ED ₅₀ for this effect is 1.5-7.5 ng/mL.
Endotoxin Level	<0.10 EU per 1 µg of the protein by the LAL method.
Purity	>95%, by SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions and visualized by silver stain.
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in Acetonitrile and TFA. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Reconstitution	Reconstitute at 100 µg/mL in sterile PBS.
Shipping	The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.
Stability & Storage	Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied. ● 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution. ● 3 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

BACKGROUND

Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF or VEGF-A), also known as vascular permeability factor (VPF), is a potent mediator of both angiogenesis and vasculogenesis in the fetus and adult. It is a member of the PDGF family that is characterized by the presence of eight conserved cysteine residues. In human, at least eight alternately spliced isoforms of VEGF ranging from 206 amino acids (aa) to 121 aa in length are known. Three isoforms, VEGF₁₈₈, VEGF₁₈₂, and VEGF₁₆₄, have been identified in canine. Canine VEGF₁₆₄ shares 91%, 90%, and 98% aa sequence identity with the rat, mouse, and feline homologs, respectively. Two type I transmembrane receptor tyrosine kinases, VEGF R1 and VEGF R2, that bind VEGF with high affinity, have been identified. Neuropilin-1, a receptor for semaphorin, also binds VEGF and acts as a co-receptor to enhance the affinity between VEGF and VEGF R2. Neuropilin-1 alone can also mediate VEGF-induced endothelial cell migration. VEGF regulates cell proliferation, migration, and survival of endothelial cells. These functions are partially mediated through the induction of nitric oxide, prostacyclin, and metalloproteinases. Together with angiopoietins or other vascular-specific growth factors, VEGF plays a separate but complementary role in angiogenesis and vasculogenesis (1 - 7).

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