

# Human Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor-165 (hVEGF<sub>165</sub>)

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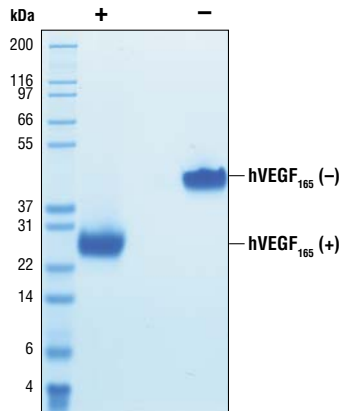
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**Source:** Recombinant human VEGF<sub>165</sub> (hVEGF<sub>165</sub>) Ala207-Arg371 (Accession #NP\_001020539) was expressed in human 293 cells at Cell Signaling Technology.

**Molecular Characterization:** Recombinant hVEGF<sub>165</sub> contains no "tags" and has a calculated MW of 19,165. DTT-reduced protein migrates as a 24 kDa polypeptide and the non-reduced cystine-linked homodimer migrates as a 40 kDa protein. The expected amino-terminal APMAE of recombinant hVEGF<sub>165</sub> was verified by amino acid sequencing.

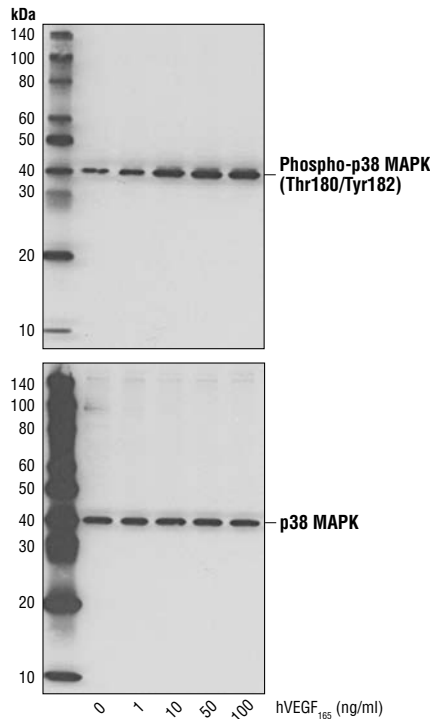
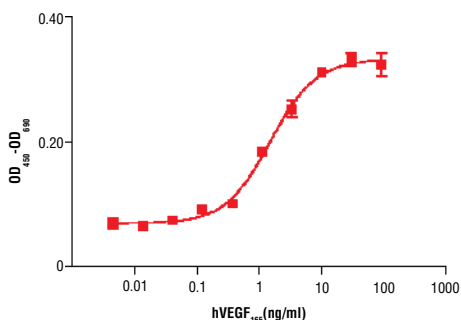
**Endotoxin:** Less than 0.01 ng endotoxin/1 μg hVEGF<sub>165</sub>.

**Purity:** >98% as determined by SDS-PAGE of 6 μg reduced (+) and non-reduced (-) recombinant hVEGF<sub>165</sub>. All lots are greater than 98% pure.



The purity of recombinant hVEGF<sub>165</sub> was determined by SDS-PAGE of 6 μg reduced (+) and non-reduced (-) recombinant hVEGF<sub>165</sub> and staining overnight with Coomassie Blue.

**Bioactivity:** The bioactivity of recombinant hVEGF<sub>165</sub> was determined in a cell proliferation assay using HUVEC. The ED<sub>50</sub> of each lot is between 1-6 ng/ml.



Western blot analysis of extracts from HUVEC untreated or treated with hVEGF<sub>165</sub> for 15 minutes, using Phospho-p38 MAPK (Thr180/Tyr182) (3D7) Rabbit mAb #9215 (upper) and p38 MAPK Antibody #9212 (lower).

◀ The proliferation of HUVEC treated with increasing concentrations of hVEGF<sub>165</sub> was assessed. After 72-hour treatment with hVEGF<sub>165</sub>, cells were incubated with a tetrazolium salt and the OD<sub>450</sub> - OD<sub>650</sub> was determined.

**Formulation:** With carrier: Lyophilized from a 0.22 μm filtered solution of PBS, pH 7.2 containing 20 μg BSA per 1 μg hVEGF<sub>165</sub>.

Carrier free: Lyophilized from a 0.22 μm filtered solution of PBS, pH 7.2.

**Reconstitution:**

With carrier: Add sterile PBS or PBS containing 1% bovine or human serum albumin or 5-10% FBS to a final hVEGF<sub>165</sub> concentration of greater than 50 μg/ml. Solubilize for 30 minutes at room temperature with occasional gentle vortexing.

Carrier free: Add sterile PBS or PBS containing protein to minimize absorption of hVEGF<sub>165</sub> to surfaces. Solubilize for 30 minutes at room temperature with occasional gentle vortexing. Stock hVEGF<sub>165</sub> should be greater than 50 μg/ml.

**Storage:** Stable in lyophilized state at -20°C for 1 year after receipt. Sterile stock solutions reconstituted with carrier protein are stable at 4°C for 2 months and at -20°C for 6 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Maintain sterility. Storage at -20°C should be in a manual defrost freezer.

**Applications:** Optimal concentration for the desired application should be determined by the user.

**Background:** VEGF<sub>165</sub> is the most abundant splice variant of VEGF-A (1,2). VEGF<sub>165</sub> is produced by a number of cells including endothelial cells, macrophages and T cells. VEGF<sub>165</sub> is involved in angiogenesis, vascular endothelial cell survival, growth, migration and vascular permeability (1). VEGF gene expression is induced by hypoxia, inflammatory cytokines and oncogenes (1,2). VEGF<sub>165</sub> binds to heparan sulfate and is retained on the cell surface and in the extracellular matrix (2,3). VEGF<sub>165</sub> binds to the receptor tyrosine kinases, VEGFR1 and VEGFR2 (1). VEGF<sub>165</sub> is the only splice variant that binds to co-receptors NRP-1 and NRP-2 (1-3) that function to enhance VEGFR2 signaling (1). Binding of VEGF<sub>165</sub> to VEGFR1 and VEGFR2 leads to activation of the PI3K/AKT, p38 MAPK, FAK and paxillin (1). VEGF plays a key role in tumor angiogenesis in many cancers (2).

**Background References:**

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