

Orf Virus Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor-E (ovVEGF)

ORDERING INFORMATION

Catalog No: rAP-0015;

Size: 2 μg; 10 μg Storage: <- 20° C

Description:

A DNA sequence encoding the mature variant of ovVEGF-E isolate D1701 (Dehio et al., 1999; GenBank accession No. AF106020) was expressed in *E. coli* as a 132 amino acid residue fusion protein with an N-terminal His-tag sequence and a thrombin cleavage site. Recombinant VEGF-E homodimer was dimerized *in vitro* and has a predicted mass of approximately 35 kDa. Based on sequence similarity to VEGF-A, a gene encoding a VEGF homologue has recently been discovered in the genome of Orf virus (OV) (Lyttle et al., 1994). Different isolates of Orf virus show significant amino acid sequence similarity to VEGF-A and described as a viral virulence factor that appears to be derived from captured host genes. All eight cysteine residues of the central cysteine knot motif characteristic of members of the VEGF family are conserved among other residues in the VEGF-E proteins (Dehio et al., 1999; Wise et al., 1999). Alignment of all mammalian VEGF sequences indicated that VEGF-E is distinct from the previously described VEGFs but most closely related to VEGF-A. Like VEGF-A, VEGF-E was found to bind with high affinity to VEGF receptor-2 (KDR) resulting in receptor autophosphorylation, whilst in contrast to VEGF-A, VEGF-E can not bind to VEGF receptor-1 (Flt-1). Furthermore VEGF-E can also not bind to VEGF receptor-2/KDR.

Source:

Sf9, Insect Cells

Physical Appearance:

Sterile Filtered White lyophilized (freeze-dried) powder.

Formulation:

The protein was lyophilized from a concentrated (1mg/ml) solution containing 0.5x PBS pH-7.4.

Solubility:

It is recommended to reconstitute the lyophilized Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor-E (Orf Virus) in sterile $18M\Omega$ -cm H_2O not less than $100\mu g/ml$, which can then be further diluted to other agueous solutions.

Stability:

Lyophilized Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor-E Orf Virus although stable at room temperature for 3 weeks, should be stored desiccated below -18°C. Upon reconstitution VEGF E -OV should be stored at 4°C between 2-7 days and for future use below -18°C.

Please prevent freeze-thaw cycles.

Purity:

Greater than 90.0% as determined by:

- (a) Analysis by RP-HPLC.
- (b) Analysis by SDS-PAGE.

Biological Activity:

The ED_{50} for stimulation of 3 H-thymidine incorporation and cell proliferation by human umbilical vein endothelial cells for VEGF-E Orf Virus has been determined to be in the range of 5 - 20 ng/ml, corresponding to a specific activity of 5 x 10^{3} Units/mg.



Usage:

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