

# Human Recombinant GDF-15, ACF

Growth differentiation factor 15

Catalog #100-2076

100 µg

## Product Description

Growth differentiation factor-15 (GDF-15), also known as macrophage inhibitory cytokine-1 (MIC-1), is a member of the transforming growth factor  $\beta$  (TGF- $\beta$ ) superfamily. In human somatic tissues, physiological GDF-15 expression is low or absent, but elevated GDF-15 levels have been associated with cellular stress, inflammation, metabolic conditions, cancer, and other diseases (Emmerson et al.; Wischhusen et al.). GDF-15 signals through GFRAL (GDNF family receptor alpha like) and the co-receptor RET, resulting in phosphorylation of RET and activation of signaling via ERK and AKT pathways (Emmerson et al.). Human recombinant GDF-15 has been used in mouse studies (Kim et al.). This product was tested negative for TGF- $\beta$  activity, a common contaminant of commercial sources of GDF-15 (Olsen et al.). This product is animal component-free (ACF).

## Product Information

Alternative Names:	Macrophage inhibitory cytokine 1 (MIC-1), NSAID-activated gene 1 protein (NAG-1), NSAID-regulated gene 1 protein (NRG-1)
Accession Number:	Q99988
Predicted Molecular Mass:	25 kDa (dimer)
Species:	Human
Product Formulation:	Lyophilized from a solution containing acetonitrile and trifluoroacetic acid.
Source:	E. coli
Purity:	≥ 98% by SDS-PAGE

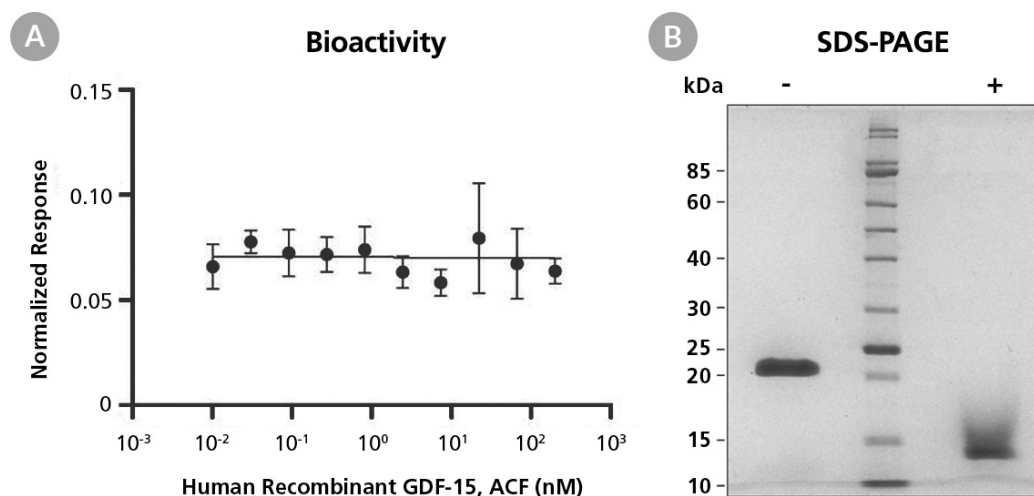
## Specifications

Activity:	Bioactivity assay shows no detectable levels of contaminating TGF- $\beta$ 1 activity, as determined by SMAD2/3 activity using HEK293 cells.
Endotoxin Level:	Measured by kinetic Limulus amebocyte lysate (LAL) analysis and is $\leq$ 0.1 EU/ $\mu$ g protein.

## Preparation and Storage

Stability and Storage:	Store at -20 to -80°C. Stable as supplied for 12 months from date of receipt.
Preparation:	<p>Centrifuge vial before opening. Reconstitute the product in 10 mM hydrochloric acid to at least 0.1 mg/mL by pipetting the solution down the sides of the vial. Do not vortex.</p> <p>OPTIONAL: After reconstitution, if product will not be used immediately, dilute with concentrated bovine serum albumin (BSA) to a final BSA concentration of 0.1 - 1%. The effect of storage of stock solution on product performance should be tested for each application. As a general guide, do not store at -20 to -80°C for more than 12 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.</p>

## Data



**Figure 1. Biological Activity and Molecular Mass of Human Recombinant GDF-15, ACF**

(A) Human Recombinant GDF-15, ACF was tested by its ability to activate SMAD2/3 in HEK293T cells using a luciferase reporter assay. Firefly luciferase activity was normalized to the control Renilla luciferase activity. Increasing concentration of Human Recombinant GDF-15 did not result in increasing SMAD2/3 activity, indicating it is free of contamination with TGF- $\beta$  or related growth factors. (B) 7  $\mu$ g of Human Recombinant GDF-15, ACF was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (+) and non-reducing (-) conditions and visualized by Coomassie Blue staining. Human Recombinant GDF-15, ACF has a predicted molecular mass of 25 kDa (dimer).

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