

Recombinant Ebola Virus Envelope GP, His-tagged

Cat. No. EBO-199 **Lot. No.** (See product label)

SPECIFICATION

Product Overview

Recombinant Ebolavirus (subtype Zaire, strain Kikwit-95) Envelope Glycoprotein (GP), comprising amino-acids 33-637. Ebola virus glycoprotein GP is produced in mammalian cells with greater than 85% purity and incorporates a C-terminal 6x His-tag.

Tag His

Background

Ebola hemorrhagic fever (EHF) is a severe disease caused by several species of Ebolavirus (EBOV), in the family Filoviridae. Prior to 2007, four species of EBOV had been identified, with two (Zaire ebolavirus and Sudan ebolavirus) having caused significant disease outbreaks in humans. The presence of a fifth EBOV virus species, Bundibugyo ebolavirus (BEBOV) was identified after an outbreak of EHF in the Bundibugyo District of western Uganda in 2007. Outbreaks of EHF are associated with person-to-person transmission after the virus is introduced into humans from a zoonotic reservoir. During outbreaks the virus is commonly transmitted through direct contact with infected persons or their bodily fluids. The onset of EHF is associated with nonspecific signs and symptoms, including fever, myalgias, headache, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea. In the later stages of disease, overt haemorrhage has been reported in up to 50% of cases.

The Zaire subtype of the Ebola virus family is currently the most important in relation to outbreaks of disease in humans. This subtype has been responsible for the largest ever outbreak of EHF, which started in West Africa in 2014, and was finally declared over only in early 2016. The Kikwit-95 strain was isolated from an outbreak occurring in the city of Kikwit in Zaire in 1995. This outbreak has been especially well studied.

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There were 314 cases, with 244 fatalities, a mortality rate of greater than 75%. Ebola virus envelope glycoprotein is initially produced as a precursor known as pre-GP, which is cleaved by furin into two subunits, GP1 and GP2, which remain associated through a disulfide linkage between Cys53 of GP1 and Cys609 of GP2. This heterodimer assembles into a 450- kDa trimer at the surface of nascent virions. The virion-attached GP is critical in the EBOV life cycle, as it is solely responsible for attachment, fusion and entry of target cells. Moreover, GP is responsible for critical pathogenic differences among viral species. The role of Ebola virus envelope glycoprotein (GP) in EBOV pathogenesis is unclear, but is examined in detail by Lee and Saphire (2009).

Notes

This product is intended for research and manufacturing uses only. It is not a diagnostic device. The user assumes all responsibility for care, custody and control of the material, including its disposal, in accordance with all regulations.

Type

Recombinant

ClassID 1

Infectious Disease

GENE INFORMATION**Synonyms**

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