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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides methods for producing a fusion protein capable of binding vascular endothelial cell growth factor (VEGF). The methods of the invention comprise growing recombinant cells in suspension culture, wherein the recombinant cells contain an expression vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding a fusion protein that binds VEGF, and isolating the fusion protein from the suspension culture. The fusion protein may comprise a VEGF receptor component having an immunoglobulin-like (Ig) domain 2 of a first VEGF receptor, an Ig domain 3 of a second VEGF receptor, and a multimerizing component.

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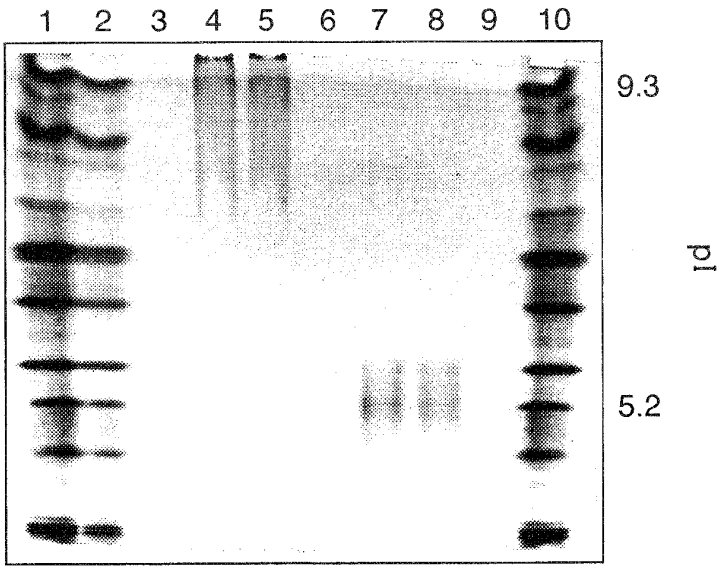

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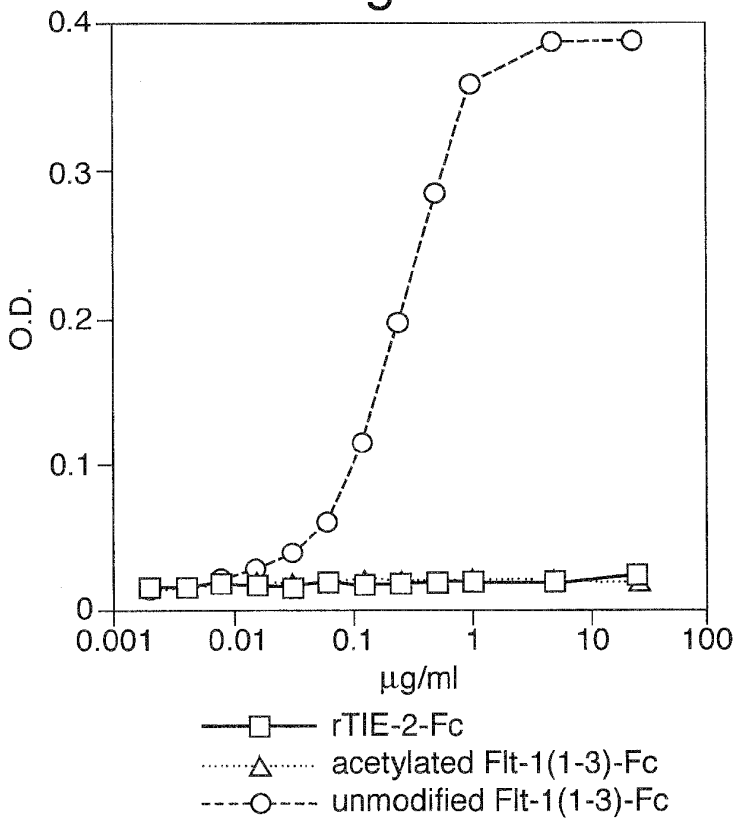

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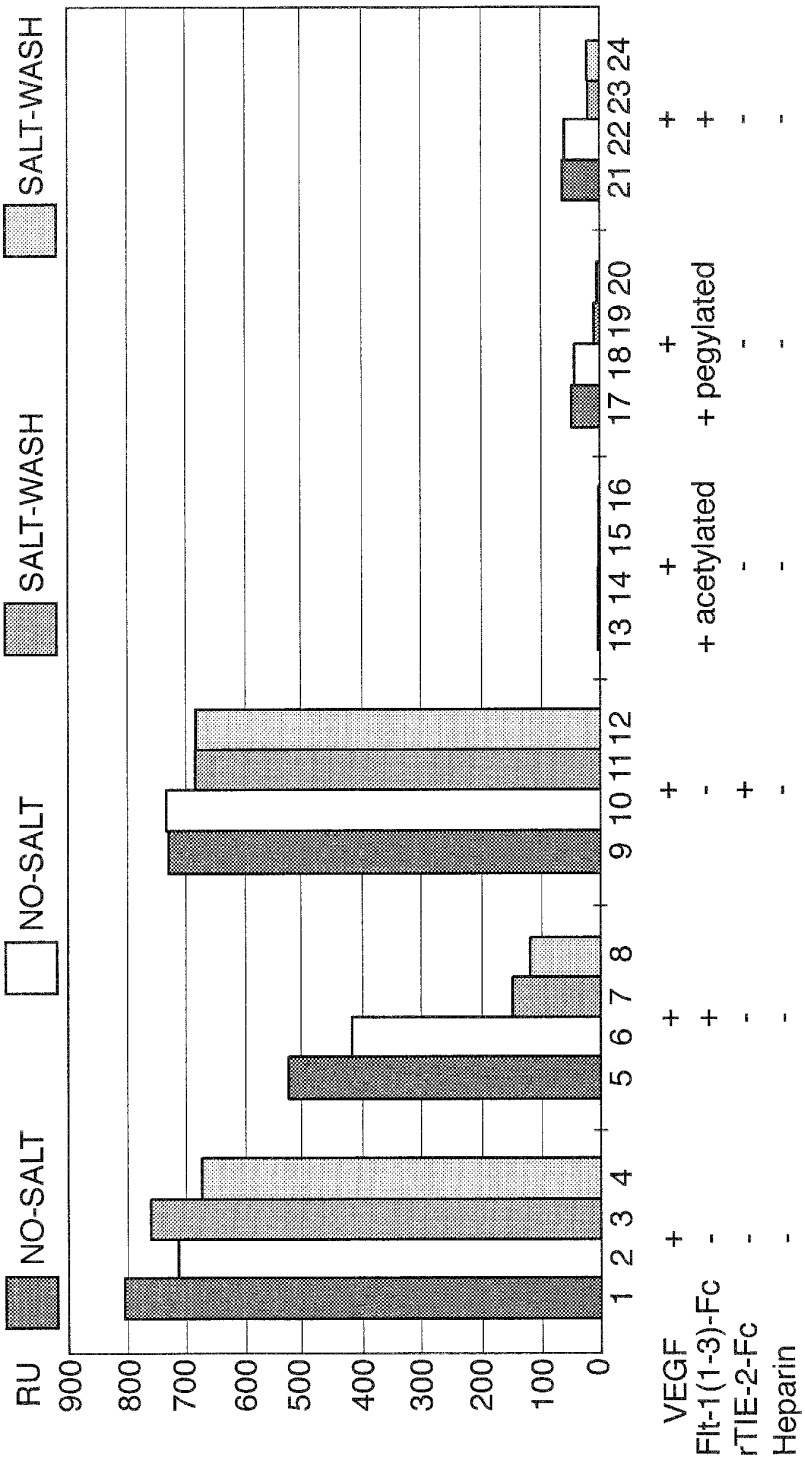

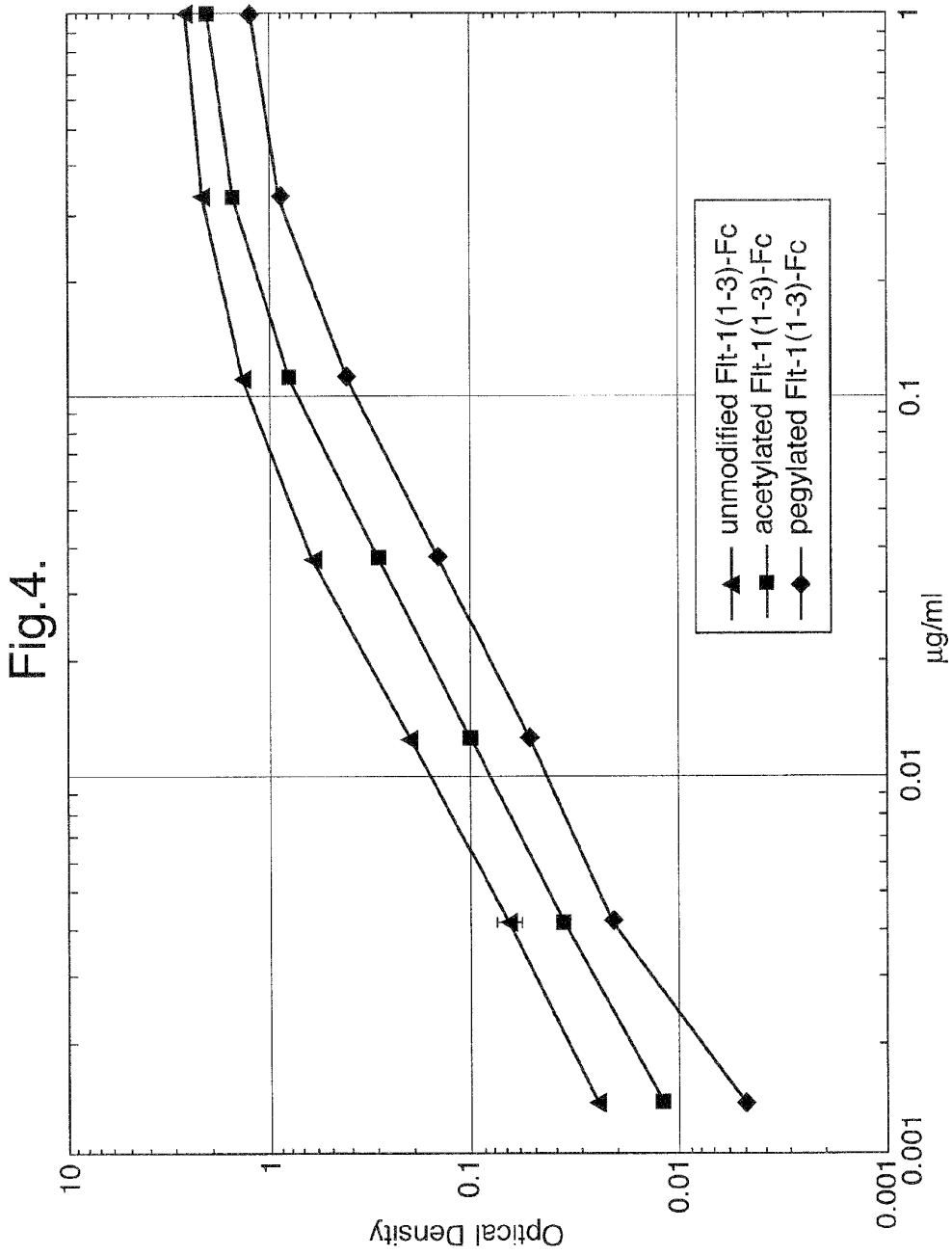

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