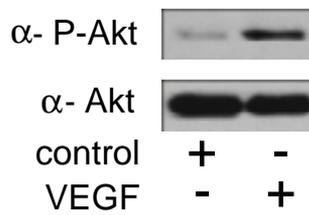
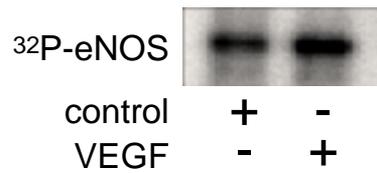


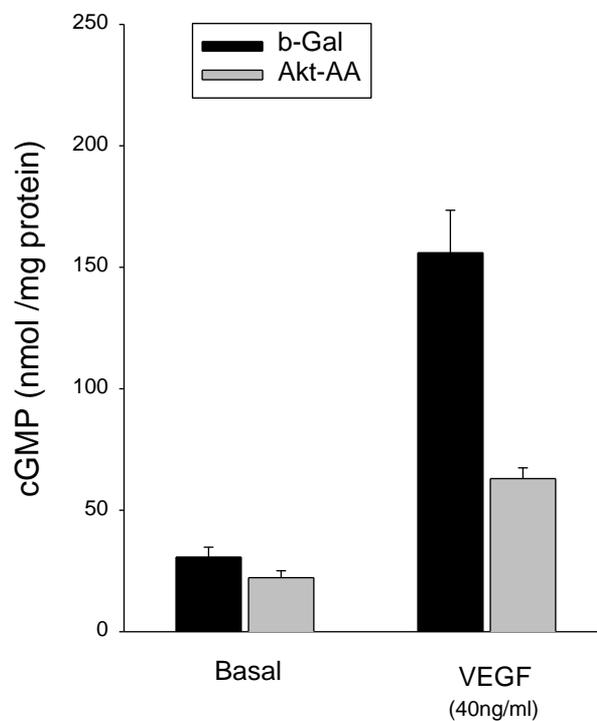
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C



In A, VEGF stimulates phosphorylation of Akt in human endothelial cells (HUVEC). In B, VEGF stimulates eNOS phosphorylation. In C, VEGF-induced NO release from HUVEC is mediated via an Akt-dependent mechanism. HUVEC were serum starved followed by agonist treatment for 15 minutes. cGMP was used as a bioassay for NO production.