

Cytokines

Human Recombinant IL-4



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Interleukin 4

Catalog #	78045.1	20 µg
	78045	100 µg
	78045.2	1000 µg

Product Description

Human Interleukin 4 (IL-4) is important for immune responses to helminth infection as well as in allergic responses (Olphiant et al.). The IL-4 receptor consists of a heterodimer of IL-4Ra and common gamma chain. IL-4 receptor engagement leads to activation of JAK1/3 and the recruitment of STAT6 and IRS1/2 (Nelms et al.). IL-4 drives immunoglobulin class switching in B cells (to IgE, IgG4), mast cell hyperplasia, mucus production, and the differentiation of naive T cells into T helper type 2 (Th2) cells, which produce IL-4, IL-5, IL-10, and IL-13 (Bao et al.; Olphiant et al.; Nelms et al.). In addition to Th2 T cells, IL-4 is produced by CD4+ NK T cells, $\gamma\delta$ T cells, activated basophils, eosinophils, and mast cells. IL-4 consists of 130 amino acids with a predicted molecular weight of 15.1 kDa. Human IL-4 does not cross-react with mouse cells (Park et al.).

Product Information

Alternative Names:	B cell stimulating factor, BCDF, BCGF, BSF-1, Interleukin-4
Accession Number:	P05112
Amino Acid Sequence:	MHKCDITLQE IIKTLNSLTE QKTLCTELTV TDIFAASKNT TEKETFCRAA TVLRQFYSHH EKDTRCLGAT AQQFHRHKQL IRFLKRLDRN LWGLAGLNSC PVKEANQSTL ENFLERLKI MREKYSKCSS
Predicted Molecular Mass:	15.1 kDa
Species:	Human
Cross Reactivity:	Species-specific
Formulation:	Lyophilized from a sterile filtered aqueous solution containing 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid.
Source:	E. coli

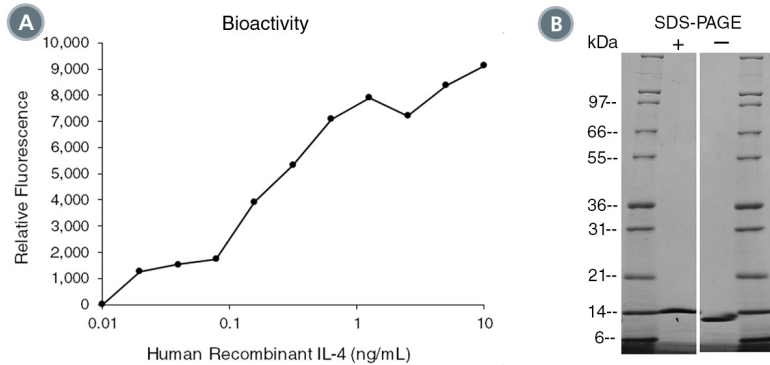
Specifications

Activity:	The specific activity is $\geq 4 \times 10^6$ units/mg ($EC_{50} \leq 0.25$ ng/mL) as determined by a cell proliferation assay using TF-1 cells.
Purity:	$\geq 95\%$
Endotoxin Level:	Measured by kinetic Limulus amebocyte lysate (LAL) analysis and is ≤ 1 EU/µg protein.

Preparation and Storage

Storage:	Store at -20°C to -80°C.
Stability:	Stable as supplied for 12 months from date of receipt.
Preparation:	Centrifuge vial before opening. Resuspend the product in sterile water containing 0.1% bovine serum albumin (BSA) to at least 0.1 mg/mL by pipetting the solution down the sides of the vial. Do not vortex. Store at 2 - 8°C for up to 1 month or at -20°C to -80°C for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. NOTE: If reconstituted product will be used immediately BSA is not required.

Data



(A) The biological activity of Human Recombinant IL-4 was tested by its ability to promote the proliferation of TF-1 cells. Cell proliferation was measured after 72 hours of culture using a fluorometric assay method. The EC₅₀ is defined as the effective concentration of the growth factor at which cell proliferation is at 50% of maximum. The EC₅₀ in the above example is 0.16 - 0.24 ng/mL.

(B) 1 µg of Human Recombinant IL-4 was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (+) and non-reducing (-) conditions and visualized by Coomassie Blue staining. Human Recombinant IL-4 has a predicted molecular mass of 15.1 kDa.

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