

## DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b> | Bovine                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Specificity</b>        | Detects bovine IL-4 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, less than 25% cross-reactivity with recombinant porcine, canine, rhesus, cotton rat, equine, or rabbit IL-4 is observed and no cross-reactivity with recombinant human, mouse, rat, o             |
| <b>Source</b>             | Monoclonal Mouse IgG <sub>2B</sub> Clone # 701214                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Purification</b>       | Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Immunogen</b>          | <i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant bovine IL-4<br>His25-Cys135<br>Accession # P30367.2                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Conjugate</b>          | Alexa Fluor 488<br>Excitation Wavelength: 488 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 515-545 nm                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Formulation</b>        | Supplied 0.2mg/ml in 1X PBS with RDF1 and 0.09% Sodium Azide<br><br>*Contains <0.1% Sodium Azide, which is not hazardous at this concentration according to GHS classifications. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for additional information and handling instructions. |

## APPLICATIONS

**Please Note:** Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application. *General Protocols* are available in the *Technical Information* section on our website.

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| <b>Western Blot</b>        | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |
| <b>Immunocytochemistry</b> | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |

## PREPARATION AND STORAGE

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| <b>Shipping</b>                | The product is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below. |
| <b>Stability &amp; Storage</b> | Protect from light. Do not freeze. 12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied                          |

## BACKGROUND

Interleukin-4 (IL-4), also known as B cell-stimulatory factor-1, is a monomeric, approximately 13 kDa-18 kDa Th2 cytokine that shows pleiotropic effects during immune responses (1-3). It is a glycosylated polypeptide that contains three intrachain disulfide bridges and adopts a bundled four α-helix structure (4). Bovine IL-4 is synthesized with a 24 amino acid (aa) signal sequence. Alternate splicing generates two additional isoforms with internal deletions (5). Mature bovine IL-4 shares 60%, 91%, 93%, 78%, 55%, 39%, and 41% aa sequence identity with equine, goat, ovine, porcine, human, mouse, and rat IL-4, respectively. IL-4 exerts its effects through two receptor complexes (6, 7). The type I receptor, which is expressed on hematopoietic cells, is a heterodimer of the ligand binding IL-4 Rα and the common γ chain (a shared subunit of the receptors for IL-2, -7, -9, -15, and -21). The type II receptor on nonhematopoietic cells consists of IL-4 Rα and IL-13 Rα1. The type II receptor also transduces IL-13 mediated signals. IL-4 is primarily expressed by Th2-biased CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, mast cells, basophils, and eosinophils (1, 2). It promotes cell proliferation, survival, and immunoglobulin class switch to IgE in B cells, acquisition of the Th2 phenotype by naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, priming and chemotaxis of mast cells, eosinophils, and basophils, and the proliferation and activation of epithelial cells (8-11). IL-4 plays a dominant role in the development of allergic inflammation and asthma (10, 12).

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