

## DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b>                                                                                                                                                                               | Rat                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Specificity</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | Detects rat IL-4 in ELISAs and Western blots. Does not cross-react with recombinant human IL-4 or recombinant mouse IL-4. |
| <b>Source</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           | Monoclonal Mouse IgG <sub>2B</sub> Clone # 56567                                                                          |
| <b>Purification</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     | Protein A or G purified from ascites                                                                                      |
| <b>Immunogen</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant rat IL-4<br>Cys25-Ser147<br>Accession # P20096.2                                      |
| <b>Conjugate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | Alexa Fluor 532<br>Excitation Wavelength: 534 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 553 nm                                           |
| <b>Formulation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | Supplied 0.2mg/ml in 1X PBS with RDF1 and 0.09% Sodium Azide                                                              |
| *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>ELISA Capture (Matched Antibody Pair)</b>   | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |
| <b>ELISA Detection (Matched Antibody Pair)</b> | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |
| <b>Western Blot</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  $\alpha$ -helix structure (4). Rat IL-4 is synthesized with a 24 aa signal sequence. Mature rat IL-4 shares 41%, 43%, and 59% aa sequence identity with bovine, human, and mouse IL-4, respectively. Human, mouse, and rat IL-4 are species-specific in their activities (5-7). IL-4 exerts its effects through two receptor complexes (8, 9). The type I receptor, which is expressed on hematopoietic cells, is a heterodimer of the ligand binding IL-4 R $\alpha$  and the common  $\gamma$  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 R $\alpha$  and IL-13 R $\alpha$ 1. 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 IgG1 and IgE in rodent 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 (10-13). IL-4 plays a dominant role in the development of allergic inflammation and asthma (12, 14).

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