

## DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b>                                                                                                                                                                               | Porcine                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Specificity</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | Detects porcine IL-4 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs and Western blots, no cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) IL-4, recombinant mouse IL-4, recombinant rat IL-4, recombinant cotton rat IL-4, and rhIL-13 is observed. |
| <b>Source</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           | Monoclonal Mouse IgG <sub>1</sub> Clone # 99613                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Purification</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     | Protein A or G purified from ascites                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Immunogen</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant porcine IL-4<br>His25-Cys133<br>Accession # Q04745                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Conjugate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | Alexa Fluor 700<br>Excitation Wavelength: 675-700 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 723 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.

**Western Blot** Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.

## PREPARATION AND STORAGE

**Shipping** The product is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.

**Stability & Storage** 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 13-18 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). Porcine IL-4 is synthesized with a 24 amino acid (aa) signal sequence. Mature porcine IL-4 shares 78%, 59%, 41%, and 41% aa sequence identity with bovine, human, mouse, and rat IL-4, respectively. Human IL-4 is active on porcine vascular endothelial cells (5). 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 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 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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