

# Mouse Interleukin-4 (mIL-4)



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**MW (kDa):**  
16

**UniProt ID:**  
#P07750

**Entrez-Gene Id:**  
16189

## Background

IL-4 is produced by T cells, NK T cells,  $\gamma\delta$  cells, and mast cells (1). Target cells include B cells, T cells, and macrophages (1). IL-4 induces the polarization of naive helper T cells into the TH2 phenotype (1,2). IL-4 also promotes B cell proliferation, antibody class switching and the production other TH2 cytokines including IL-5 and IL-9. IL-4 induced TH2 polarization is important in developing humoral immunity against extracellular pathogens (1) and is involved in the development of allergy and asthma (3). IL-4 binds to two distinct receptors, the Type I receptor and Type II receptor. Type I receptor is a heterodimer consisting of IL-4Ra chain and the common gamma chain,  $\gamma_c$  (4,5). Type II receptor, which is shared with IL-13, is a heterodimer of IL-4Ra and IL-13Ra1. Signaling initiated via Type I receptor results in the activation of Jak1/Stat6, Jak3 and the PI3K/Akt pathways (4). The Type II receptor activates the Jak1/Stat6 and the Tyk2/Stat3 pathways (4).

## Endotoxin

Less than 0.01 ng endotoxin/1  $\mu$ g mIL-4.

## Purity

>98% as determined by SDS-PAGE of 6  $\mu$ g reduced (+) and non-reduced (-) recombinant mIL-4. All lots are greater than 98% pure.

## Source / Purification

Recombinant mouse IL-4 (mIL-4) His21-Ser140 (Accession #NP\_067258) was expressed in human 293 cells at Cell Signaling Technology.

## Bioactivity

The bioactivity of recombinant mIL-4 was determined in an HT-2 cell proliferation assay. The ED<sub>50</sub> of each lot is between 100-400 pg/ml.

## Background References

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