

<b>MW (kDa):</b> 12-20	UniProt ID: #P20109	Entrez-Gene Id: 16163
Background		IL-13 is produced by T cells and is important in the TH2 response. IL-13 targets include B cells, eosinophils, fibroblasts, mast cells and macrophages (1-3). IL-13 binds specifically to IL-13Rα1 that complexes with IL-4Rα to form the Type II IL-4R. Jak1 and Tyk2 are activated and signal through Stat3 and Stat6 (4). IL-13Rα2 is a different gene product, lacks the intracellular domain, does not complex with IL-4Rα and does not signal (1,4,5). The extracellular domain of IL-13Rα2 is often elevated in diseased states. IL-13 plays key roles in airway hyperresponsiveness (AHR) of allergic asthma (1,6,7) and modulates resistance to parasitic organisms (1).
Endotoxin		Less than 0.01 ng endotoxin/1µg mIL-13.
Purity		>98% as determined by SDS-PAGE of 6 $\mu g$ reduced (+) and non-reduced (-) recombinant mIL-13. All lots are greater than 98% pure.
Source / Purificat	ion	Recombinant mouse IL-13 (mIL-13) Ser26-Phe131 (Accession #NP_032381) was expressed in human 293 cells at Cell Signaling Technology.
Bioactivity		The bioactivity of recombinant mIL-13 was determined in a B9 cell proliferation assay. The ED <sub>50</sub> of each lot is between 0.5 - 20 ng/ml.
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