Revision 4			
Human Interleukin-13 (hIL-13)	Ce T E		
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MW (kDa): 12	UniProt ID: #P35225	Entrez-Gene Id: 3596
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 (6). IL-13Rα2 is a different gene product, lacks the intracellular domain, does not complex with IL-4Rα and does not signal (1,6,7). The extracellular domain of IL-13Rα2 is often elevated in diseased states. IL-13 plays key roles in airway hyperresponsiveness (AHR) of allergic asthma (1,4,5) ar modulates resistance to parasitic organisms (1).
Endotoxin		Less than 0.01 ng endotoxin/1µg hIL-13.
Purity		>98% as determined by SDS-PAGE of 6 μg reduced (+) and non-reduced (-) recombinant hIL-13. All lots are greater than 98% pure.
Source / Purific	ation	Recombinant human IL-13 (hIL-13) Gly21-Asn132 (Accession #AAK53823) was produced in <i>E. coli</i> at Ce Signaling Technology.
Bioactivity		The bioactivity of recombinant hIL-13 was determined in a TF-1 cell proliferation assay. The ED_{50} of each lot is between 0.6-1.2 ng/ml.
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