

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

**Molecular Characterization:** Recombinant mIL-4 contains no "tags" and the nonglycosylated protein has a calculated MW of 13,557. DTT-reduced and non-reduced protein migrate as 16 kDa polypeptide due to glycosylation. The expected amino-terminal HIHGC of recombinant mIL-4 was verified by amino acid sequencing.

Endotoxin: Less than 0.01 ng endotoxin/1 µg 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.





The purity of recombinant mIL-4 was determined by SDS-PAGE of 6 µg reduced (+) and non-reduced (-) recombinant mIL-4 and staining overnight with Coomassie Blue.

**Bioactivity:** The bioactivity of recombinant mlL-4 was determined in an HT-2 cell proliferation assay. The  $ED_{s0}$  of each lot is between 100-400 pg/ml.



The proliferation of HT-2 cells treated with increasing concentrations of mIL-4 was assessed. After 48 hour treatment with mIL-4, cells were incubated with a tetrazolium salt and the OD<sub>450</sub> - OD<sub>550</sub> was determined.

(Tyr1022/1023) Antibody #3331 (upper) or Jak1(6G4) Rabbit

mAb #3344 (lower).

Formulation: With carrier: Lyophilized from a 0.22  $\mu m$  filtered solution of PBS, pH 7.2 containing 20  $\mu g$  BSA per 1  $\mu g$  mIL-4.

Carrier free: Lyophilized from a 0.22  $\mu m$  filtered solution of PBS, pH 7.2.

#### **Reconstitution:**

With carrier: Add sterile PBS or PBS containing 1% bovine or human serum albumin or 5-10% FBS to a final mIL-4 concentration of greater than 50  $\mu$ g/ml. Solubilize for 30 minutes at room temperature with occasional gentle vortexing.

Carrier free: Add sterile PBS or PBS containing protein to minimize absorption of mIL-4 to surfaces. Solubilize for 30 minutes at room temperature with occasional gentle vortexing. Stock mIL-4 should be greater than 50  $\mu$ g/mI.

**Storage:** Stable in lyophilized state at 4°C for 1 year after receipt. Sterile stock solutions reconstituted with carrier protein are stable at 4°C for 2 months and at -20°C for 6 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Maintain sterility. Storage at -20°C should be in a manual defrost freezer.

**Applications:** Optimal concentration for the desired application should be determined by the user.

**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 naïve 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-4R $\alpha$  chain and the common gamma chain,  $\gamma c$  (4,5). Type II receptor, which is shared with IL-13, is a heterodimer of IL-4R $\alpha$  and IL-13R $\alpha$ 1. 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).

#### **Background References:**

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- (4) Wills-Karp, M. and Finkelman, F.D. (2008) *Sci Signal* 1, pe55.
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# Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for Mouse Interleukin-4 (mIL-4)



# I. Identification:

Product name: Mouse Interleukin-4 (mIL-4) Product Catalog: 5208 CAS#: n/a Manufacturer Supplier: Cell Signaling Technology 3 Trask Lane Danvers, MA 01923 USA 978-867-2300 TEL 978-867-2400 FAX

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## II. Composition/Information:

Substance Name: Interleukin-4, mouse, recombinant, from Human 293 cells

Synonym: mIL-4

CAS#: n/a

## **III. Hazard Identification:**

**!! CAUTION: This product is not for use in humans. It is intended for research purposes only.** To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties of this material have not been established.

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**OSHA:** No known hazards. This substance is not classified as dangerous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.

## **IV. First Aid Measures:**

Inhalation: If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, get medical attention. Ingestion: If swallowed, wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Get medical attention.

Skin exposure: In case of contact, immediately wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. Wash clothing before reuse.

**Eye exposure:** In case of contact with eyes, immediately flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

# V. Fire Fighting Measures:

Flash Point: Data not available. Autoignition Temperature: Data not available. Explosion: Data not available.

**Fire extinguishing media:** Water spray, dry chemical, alcohol foam, or carbon dioxide. **Firefighting:** Wear protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus to prevent contact with skin and eyes. May emit toxic fumes under fire conditions.

VI. Accidental Release Measures: Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Sweep up material and avoid raising dust. Transfer to a closed chemical waste container for disposal. Wash spill site after material has been picked up for disposal.

# VII. Handling And Storage:

Store in tightly closed container at 4°C. Avoid inhalation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling.

#### VIII. Exposure Controls/Personal:

Ventilation System: A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended.
Skin Protection: Wear compatible chemical resistant gloves and protective clothing.
Eye protection: Wear protective safety glasses or chemical safety goggles. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

# IX. Physical And Chemical Properties

Appearance:	lyophilized powder
pH:	data not available
Melting Point:	data not available
Flash Point:	data not available
Boiling Point:	data not available
Freezing Point:	data not available
Volatile Organic Compounds:	data not available
Solubility in water:	soluble in water

# X. Stability and Reactivity:

Stability: Stable under normal conditions. Conditions to avoid: Strong oxidizing agents Hazardous Decomposition: Data not available.

#### XI. Toxicological Information:

Acute Effects: Not established. Chronic Effects: Not established. Potential Health Effects: Not established. Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation. Skin: May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation. Eyes: Causes eye irritation. Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed.

#### XII. Ecological Information: No data available.

XIII. Disposal Considerations: Dispose of in accordance with federal, state, local environmental regulations.

#### XIV. Transport Information:

DOT: Not dangerous goods. ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods. IMDG: Not dangerous goods. IATA : Not dangerous goods.

# XV. Regulatory Information:

Labeling according to EC Directives: This product does not need to be labeled, in accordance with EC Directives or respective laws. US Regulatory Information: SARA Listed: No. Canada (WHMIS): DSL No, NDSL No.

# XVI. Other Information:

This compound is sold only for research use only. It is not for use in humans. To the best of our knowledge, this document is accurate. It is intended to serve as a guide for safe use of this product in a laboratory setting by experienced personnel. The burden of safe use of this material rests entirely with the user. Cell Signaling Technology, Inc., shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from the handling of or from contact with the above product.