



**User's Manual**

# Mouse IL-4 ELISA Development Kit



**DEIA114**



**15 plates, 45 plates**



This product is for research use only and is not intended for diagnostic use.

For illustrative purposes only. To perform the assay the instructions for use provided with the kit have to be used.

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## PRODUCT INFORMATION

### Intended Use

Mouse IL-4 ELISA Development Kit contains the key components required for the quantitative measurement of natural and/or recombinant IL-4 in a sandwich ELISA format. Using the ELISA protocol described below, this kit provides sufficient reagents to assay IL-4 in approximately 1500 ELISA plate wells.

### General Description

Interleukin-4 (IL-4) is a pleiotropic immune cytokine secreted by activated Th2 cells that inhibits bone resorption.<sup>1</sup> IL-4 is critical for inducing allergic responses.<sup>2</sup> It has many biological roles, including the stimulation of activated B-cell and T-cell proliferation, and the differentiation of CD4+ T-cells into Th2 cells. It is also a key regulator in humoral and adaptive immunity. IL-4 is required for the pathogenesis of atopic diseases and immune regulation.<sup>3</sup>

### Reagents And Materials Provided

1. Capture Antibody
2. Detection Antibody
3. Standard
4. StreptAvidin-HRP
5. TMB Liquid Substrate "Ready to Use"

### Materials Required But Not Supplied

#### Additional Required Materials

ELISA microplates

BSA

Dulbecco's PBS (DPBS) [10×

Stop Solution: 450 nm Stop Reagent for TMB Microwell

#### Required Solutions

PBS: dilute 10×PBS to 1×PBS, pH 7.2, in sterile water

Wash Buffer: 0.05% Tween-20 in PBS

Reagent Diluent: 1.0% BSA in PBS\*

Blocking Buffer 1.0% BSA in PBS

Note: Other acceptable blocking buffers such as CD's Ultra-FISH Block or Ultra-Synthetic Block may be used for assay optimization.

### Storage

See "Reagent Preparation"

## Plate Preparation

1. Dilute the capture antibody to the working concentration in PBS without carrier protein and immediately add 100  $\mu$ L to each ELISA plate well. Seal the plate and incubate overnight at room temperature.
2. Aspirate the wells to remove liquid and wash the plate 4 times using 300-400  $\mu$ L of wash buffer per well.

Note: We recommend using an autowasher, although a squirt bottle or manifold dispenser would suffice.

3. After the last wash, invert plate to remove residual buffer and blot on paper towel.
4. Add 300  $\mu$ L block buffer to each well and incubate for at least 1 hour at room temperature.
5. Aspirate and wash plate 4 times.

Note: Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential for good performance and sensitivity of assay.

## Reagent Preparation

**Rat Anti-Mouse IL-4 Capture Antibody:** Centrifuge vial prior to opening. Reconstitute in 0.5 mL sterile PBS. Refer to the lot-specific datasheet for amount supplied and dilute in PBS without carrier protein to the working concentration indicated on the C of A. Following reconstitution the capture antibody may be stored at 2-8°C for up to 6 months. For long term storage, it is recommended to aliquot into working volumes and store at -70°C in a manual defrost freezer. Avoid repeated freeze and thaw cycles.

**Biotinylated Goat Anti-Mouse IL-4 Detection Antibody:** Refer to the lot-specific datasheet for amount supplied. Centrifuge vial prior to opening. Reconstitute with 1.0 mL of Reagent Diluent. Dilute in Reagent Diluent to the working concentration indicated on the C of A. Detection antibodies may be stored at 2-8°C for up to 6 months. For long term storage, it is recommended to aliquot into working volumes and store at -70°C in a manual defrost the freezer. Avoid repeated freeze and thaw cycles.

**E. coli - expressed Recombinant Mouse IL-4 Standard:** Centrifuge vial prior to opening. Reconstitute each vial with 0.5 mL of Reagent Diluent. Refer to the lot-specific datasheet for amount supplied. The rProtein may be stored at 2-8°C for one (1) month or aliquoted and stored at -70°C for up to three months in a manual defrost freezer. Avoid repeated freeze and thaw cycles.

**TMB Liquid Substrate "Ready to Use"** (TMB Substrate should be at ambient temperature prior to use): 60.0 mL of TMB HRP Microwell Substrate Standard Kinetic One Component "Ready Use" is provided. The high quality of the substrate can be preserved by storing at temperatures between 2-8°C. When properly stored, TMB Microwell Substrate is stable for a minimum of 48 months from the manufactured date.

## Assay Procedure

**Standard/Sample:** Add 100  $\mu$ L of the working dilution with reagent dilution standard or sample to each well (duplicate recommended). Cover plate with an adhesive plate cover and incubate at room temperature for at least 2 hours.

**Detection:** Aspirate and wash plate 4 times. Add 100  $\mu$ L of the detection antibody, diluted in Reagent Diluent to each well. Cover with a new adhesive plate cover and incubate at room temperature for 2 hours.

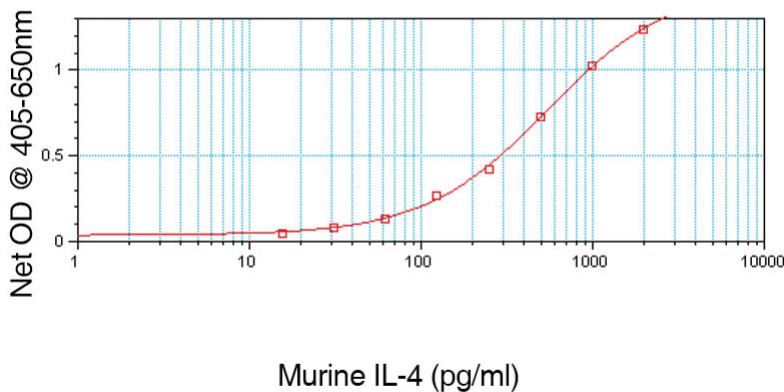
**StreptAvidin-HRP Conjugate:** Aspirate and wash plate 4 times. Add 100  $\mu$ L of the working dilution (the

dilution factor may require optimization) to each well. Cover and incubate at room temperature for 20-30 minutes. Exposure to direct light should be avoided.

**TMB Liquid Substrate:** Aspirate and wash plate 4 times. Add 100  $\mu$ L of TMB HRP Microwell Substrate Standard Kinetic One Component "Ready "Ready Use" to each well. Incubate at room temperature for 20-30 minutes and monitor color development. Exposure to direct light should be avoided.

**Stop Solution:** Add 50-100  $\mu$ L of Stop Solution to each well. Monitor color development with an ELISA plate reader at 450 nm with wavelength correction set at 540 nm or 570 nm.

## Typical Standard Curve



## Precautions

Some of the required components may contain acid and/or cause allergic reactions. Breathing in product mist or fumes should be avoided. Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye, and face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Please refer to the MSDS on our website prior to use.

## References

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