

# p-MEK-4 (Thr 261): sc-7990

## BACKGROUND

A family of protein kinases located upstream of the MAP kinases and responsible for their activation has been identified. The prototype member of this family, designated MAP kinase kinase, or MEK-1, specifically phosphorylates the MAP kinase regulatory threonine and tyrosine residues present in the Thr-Glu-Tyr motif of ERK. A second MEK family member, MEK-2, resembles MEK-1 in its substrate specificity. MEK-3 (or MKK-3) functions to activate p38 MAP kinase, and MEK-4 (also called SEK1 or MKK-4) activates both p38 and JNK MAP kinases. MEK-5 appears to specifically phosphorylate ERK-5, whereas MEK-6 phosphorylates p38 and p38 $\beta$ . MEK-7 (or MKK-7) phosphorylates and activates the JNK signal transduction pathway.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: MAP2K4 (human) mapping to 17p11.2; Map2k4 (mouse) mapping to 11 B3.

## SOURCE

p-MEK-4 (Thr 261) is available as either goat (sc-7990) or rabbit (sc-7990-R) polyclonal affinity purified antibody raised against a short amino acid sequence containing phosphorylated Thr 261 of MEK-4 of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-7990 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## STORAGE

Store at 4° C, \*\*DO NOT FREEZE\*\*. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

## PROTOCOLS

See our web site at [www.scbt.com](http://www.scbt.com) or our catalog for detailed protocols and support products.

## APPLICATIONS

p-MEK-4 (Thr 261) is recommended for detection of Thr 261 phosphorylated MEK-4 of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2  $\mu$ g per 100-500  $\mu$ g of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)], immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

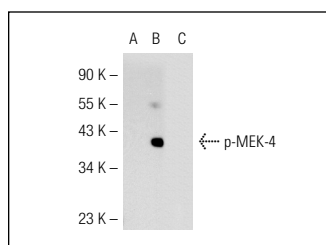
p-MEK-4 (Thr 261) is also recommended for detection of correspondingly phosphorylated Thr on MEK-4 in additional species, including equine, canine, bovine, porcine and avian.

Suitable for use as control antibody for MEK-4 siRNA (h): sc-35909, MEK-4 siRNA (m): sc-35910, MEK-4 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-35909-SH, MEK-4 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-35910-SH, MEK-4 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35909-V and MEK-4 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35910-V.

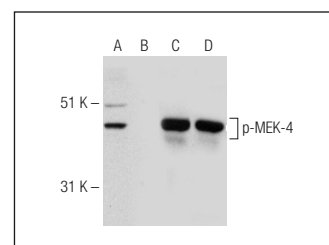
Molecular Weight of p-MEK-4: 45 kDa.

Positive Controls: UV irradiated HEK293 whole cell lysate or NIH/3T3 whole cell lysate: sc-2210.

## DATA



p-MEK-4 (Thr 261)-R: sc-7990-R. Western blot analysis of MEK-4 phosphorylation in untreated (A), UV irradiated (B) and lambda protein phosphatase (sc-200312A) treated and UV irradiated (C) HEK293 whole cell lysates.



Western blot analysis of MEK-4 phosphorylation in untreated (A, C) and lambda protein phosphatase (sc-200312A) treated (B, D) rat brain tissue extracts. Antibodies tested include p-MEK-4 (Thr 261)-R: sc-7990-R (A, B) and MEK-4 (G-6): sc-166168 (C, D).

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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## RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.