



## CD4 (Du CD4-2): sc-80725

### BACKGROUND

The T cell receptor (TCR) is a heterodimer composed of either  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  or  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  chains. CD3 chains and the CD4 or CD8 co-receptors are also required for efficient signal transduction through the TCR. The TCR is expressed on T helper and T cytotoxic cells that can be distinguished by their expression of CD4 and CD8; T helper cells express CD4 proteins and T cytotoxic cells display CD8. CD4 is also expressed on cortical cells, mature medullary thymocytes, microglial cells and dendritic cells. CD4 (also designated T4 and Leu 3), is a membrane glycoprotein that contains four extracellular immunoglobulin-like domains. The TCR in association with CD4 can bind class II MHC molecules presented by the antigen-presenting cells. The CD4 protein functions by increasing the avidity of the interaction between the TCR and an antigen-class II MHC complex. An additional role of CD4 is to function as a receptor for HIV.

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### SOURCE

CD4 (Du CD4-2) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against Pekin duck CD4 from 293T cells.

### PRODUCT

Each vial contains 100  $\mu$ g IgG<sub>2a</sub> in 1.0 ml PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

### STORAGE

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

### APPLICATIONS

CD4 (Du CD4-2) is recommended for detection of CD4 of duck origin by immunoprecipitation [1-2  $\mu$ g per 100-500  $\mu$ g of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)] and flow cytometry (1  $\mu$ g per 1 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells).

### RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Immunoprecipitation: use Protein A/G PLUS-Agarose: sc-2003 (0.5 ml agarose/2.0 ml).

### RESEARCH USE

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

### PROTOCOLS

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