

Recombinant Human Neurotrophin-4

(rhNT-4)

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Description

Neurotrophin-4 (NT-4) is a member of the NGF family of neuronal and epithelial growth factors. Neurotrophins have six conserved cysteine residues that are involved in the formation of three disulfide bonds. Human NT-4 shares 48 - 52% amino acid (aa) sequence identity with human beta-NGF, BDNF, and NT-3. It shares 91% and 95% as sequence identity with mouse and rat NT-4/5, respectively. The mature protein is secreted as a homodimer and can also form heterodimers with BDNF or NT-3. NT-4 binds and induces receptor dimerization and activation of TrkB. NT-4 promotes the development and survival of selected peripheral and CNS neurons. NT-4 induced TrkB signaling augments NMDA receptor activity and increases neuronal sensitivity to excitotoxic cell death. It also promotes the proliferation of keratinocytes and accelerates hair follicle regression during the follicular cycle. NT-4 is secreted by activated T cells and granulocytes at sites of inflammation where it contributes to tissue regeneration.

Synonyms NT-5, GLC10, GLC10, NT-4/5

AA Sequence GVSETAPASR RGELAVCDAV SGWVTDRRTA VDLRGREVEV LGEVPAAGGS

PLRQYFFETRC KADNAEEGGP GAGGGGCRGV DRRHWVSECK AKQSYVRALT

ADAQGRVGWR WIRIDTACVC TLLSRTGRA

Source Escherichia coli

Molecular Weight Approximately 28 kDa, a noncovalently linked homodimer of two 14.0 kDa polypeptide

monomers (260 total amino acid residues).

Purity >97% by SDS-PAGE and HPLC analyses.

Biological Activity Fully biologically active. The ED₅₀ is is 20-50ng/ml, as determined by choline acetyl

transferase activity in rat basal forebrain primary septal cell cultures

Physical Appearance White lyophilized powder.

Formulation Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered concentrated (0.5 mg/ml) solution in 20 mM PB, pH 7.4,

150mM NaCl.

Endotoxin $< 1EU/\mu g$ of growth factor as determined by LAL method.

Reconstitution Reconstitute in sterile distilled water containing 0.1% BSA to a concentration of 0.1-1.0

mg/mL.

Storage Storage Store at -20°C after receiving. Upon reconstitution, store at 2-8°C for up to one week. For

maximal stability, aliquot and store at -20°C. Avoid repeated freeze/ thaw cycles.

Usage This product is for research use only. It is not approved for use in humans, animals, or *in vitro*

diagnostic procedures.