

# DNA ligase deficiency IV

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Description:

Defects in LIG4 are the cause of LIG4 syndrome. This disease is characterized by immunodeficiency and developmental and growth delay. Patients display unusual facial features, microcephaly, growth and/or developmental delay, pancytopenia, and various skin abnormalities.

### Alternative names:

- LIG4
- LIG4 syndrome

### Classification:

- DNA breakage associated syndromes and DNA epigenetic modification syndromes
  - DNA ligase deficiency

### Inheritance:

Autosomal recessive

### OMIM:

- #606593 LIG4 syndrome
- \*601837 Ligase IV, DNA, ATP-dependent; LIG4

### Cross references:

#### Phenotype related immunodeficiencies:

- IDR factfile for Nijmegen-breakage syndrome

### Incidence:

Incidence is not known.

## CLINICAL INFORMATION

### Description:

The clinical phenotype closely resembled the DNA damage response disorder, Nijmegen breakage syndrome. Patients displayed unusual facial features, microcephaly, growth and/or developmental delay, pancytopenia, and various skin abnormalities. Cell lines from the patients showed pronounced radiosensitivity.

### Diagnosis:

### Diagnostic laboratories:

#### Clinical:

- Nijmegen breakage syndrome, ORPHANET
- Nijmegen breakage syndrome, eMedicine

### Therapeutic options:

- Nijmegen breakage syndrome, eMedicine

### Research programs, clinical

#### trials:

- European Initiative for Primary Immunodeficiencies
- Molecular and Clinical Studies of Primary Immunodeficiency diseases, ClinicalTrials.gov

## GENE INFORMATION

### Names:

**HUGO name:** LIG4

**Alias(es):** Sealase, DNA joinase, DNA repair enzyme, Ligase IV, DNA, ATP-dependent, Polydeoxyribonucleotide synthase, Polynucleotide ligase, DNA ligase IV , EC 6.5.1.1, Polydeoxyribonucleotide synthase [ATP]

## Localization:

### Reference sequences:

**DNA:** X83441 (EMBL) AF479264 (EMBL) ,  
**cDNA:** X58957 (EMBL) , **Protein:** P49917  
(SWISSPROT)

### Chromosomal Location:

13q22-q34

### Maps:

LIG4 (Map View)

### Markers:

D13S1452, SGC35475, RH98317

## Variations / Mutations:

- LIG4base; Mutation registry for LIG4 syndrome

## Other gene-based resources:

Ensembl: ENSG00000174405, GENATLAS:  
LIG4, GeneCard: LIG4, UniGene: 166091,  
Entrez Gene: 3981, euGenes: 3981, GDB:  
624512, HomoloGene: 1736

## PROTEIN INFORMATION

### Description:

#### Protein function:

Efficiently joins single-strand breaks in a double-stranded polydeoxynucleotide in an ATP-dependent reaction. Involved in DNA nonhomologous end joining (NHEJ) required for double-strand break repair and V(D)J recombination. Binds to XRCC4. The LIG4-XRCC4 complex is responsible for the NHEJ ligation step, and XRCC4 enhances the joining activity of LIG4. Binding of the LIG4-XRCC4 complex to DNA ends is dependent on the assembly of the DNA-dependent protein kinase complex DNA-PK to these DNA ends.

#### Catalytic activity:

ATP + {deoxyribonucleotide}(n) +  
{deoxyribonucleotide}(m) = AMP +  
diphosphate + {deoxyribonucleotide}(n+m)

#### Subunit:

The LIG4-XRCC4 complex has probably a 1:2 stoichiometry. The LIG4-XRCC4 heteromer associates in a DNA-dependent manner with the DNA-dependent protein kinase complex DNA-PK, formed by the KU p70/p86 dimer (g22p1/g22p2) and PRKDC.

#### Subcellular location:

Nuclear

#### Tissue specificity:

Testis, thymus, prostate and heart.

#### Similarity:

Belongs to the ATP-dependent DNA ligase family.

## Structures (PDB):

1IK9 Crystal Structure Of A Xrcc4-DNA  
Ligase IV Complex

**Domains:**

BRCT 1 domain: 587-676

BRCT 2 domain: 741-844

**Other features:**

Amp binding site: 206

**Other related resources:**

PIR: I37079, InterPro: IPR001357;  
 BRCT, InterPro: IPR000977; DNA\_ligase,  
 Pfam: PF00533; BRCT, Pfam:  
 PF01068; DNA\_ligase, Pfam: PF04679;  
 DNA\_ligase\_A\_C, Pfam: PF04675;  
 DNA\_ligase\_A\_N, SMART: SM00292; BRCT,  
 PROSITE: PS50172; BRCT, PROSITE:  
 PS00697; DNA\_LIGASE\_A1, PROSITE:  
 PS00333; DNA\_LIGASE\_A2, PROSITE:  
 PS50160; DNA\_LIGASE\_A3

**Expression pattern for human:**

Tissue	Exp. (%)	Clones
juvenile granulosa tumor	18.16	1:2159
thymus	17.92	1:2187
fetal liver	8.83	1:4439
pituitary	6.80	1:5766
corresponding non cancerous liver tissue	5.94	2:13205
glioblastoma	5.54	1:7072
leukopheresis	5.05	1:7769
chondrosarcoma grade II	4.90	1:8000
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**Animal models:****Mouse:**

MGD: ; Lig4

**OTHER RESOURCES****Societies:****General:**

- International Patient Organization for Primary Immunodeficiencies
- Immune Deficiency Foundation
- European Society for Immunodeficiencies