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Quality Control Assays:

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**SDS-PAGE analysis of Histone H4 Human, Recombinant.** Lane 1 & 7: NEB Protein Ladder (NEB #P7703), Lane 2 thru 6: 0.5–10.0 μg Histone H4 Human, Recombinant. (Please see Quality Control section for more information)

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**Protein Sequence:**

SGRGKGGKGLGKGGAKRH
RKVLRDNIQGITPAIRRRLARRGGVKRISGLIYEE
TRGVLKVFLENVIRDAVTYEHAKRKTAMVDV
YALKRQGRTLYGFGG (Genbank accession number: AAM83108)

**References:**