



Supplementary Fig. 1. Itk is required for Th9 differentiation. (a) Sorted naïve CD4⁺ T cells from WT and ltk^{--} mice were differentiated under Th2. Th9 plus TL1A, or Th17 conditions, cells were restimulated with PMA and lonomycin and IL-4, IL9, IL17A and IFNy were evaluated by intracellular staining. (b,c) mRNA for *II4r* (**b**) and *Tqfbr1* (**c**) was determined by qRT-PCR from CD4 T cells from WT and Itk-/- mice differentiated under Th9 plus TL1A conditions. (d) Sorted naïve CD4⁺ T cells from WT and $ltk^{-/-}$ mice were differentiated under Th9 plus TL1A conditions for 3 days and pSTAT6 was determined by flow cytometry: WT (black), $ltk^{-/-}$ (grey) lines. (e) Sorted naïve CD4⁺ T cells from WT and $ltk^{-/-}$ mice were stained with CSFE and differentiated under Th9 plus TL1A conditions, WT (black), *ltk^{-/-}* (grey) lines. Full grey (*ltk^{-/-}*) or black (WT) curves correspond to nonactivated labeled cells. Cells were restimulated with PMA and lonomycin and stained for IL-9 and IFN-y. Results in (a-e) are representative of one out of at least 3 independent experiments.



Supplementary Fig. 2. Defects in IL-2 signaling in Itk-deficient cells. (a) Sorted naïve CD4⁺ T cells from WT and $Itk^{-/-}$ mice were differentiated under Th9 plus TL1A conditions and pSTAT5 levels were determined by flow cytometry at 24h: WT (black), $Itk^{-/-}$ (grey) lines. (b) Sorted naïve CD4⁺ T cells from WT and $Itk^{-/-}$ mice were differentiated as in (a) or under Th17 conditions and IL-2 levels were determined in supernatants at 24h by Luminex. Results in (a,b) are representative of one out of at least 3 independent experiments.



Supplementary Fig. 3. IL-2 rescues the defect in Th9 differentiation in Itkdeficient cells. (a,b) Sorted naïve CD4⁺ T cells from WT and $ltk^{-/-}$ mice were differentiated under Th9 (a) or Th9 plus TL1A (b) conditions in absence or presence of anti-murine IL-2 plus hIL2. IL-9 production was determined by intracellular staining after PMA and lonomycin restimulation. The panels show means ± s.e.m. of IL-9⁺ CD4⁺ T cells from 5 independent experiments, ** p< 0.01, determined by two-tailed unpaired Student's t-test. (**c**) Sorted naïve CD4⁺ T cells from WT or $ltk^{-/-}$ CD45.2 mice were cultured either alone (left two plots) or with naïve CD4⁺ T cells from CD45.1 mice (right two plots) plus WT CD45.2 APCs and differentiated for 3 days under Th9 conditions plus TL1A as indicated in the Table. Cells were restimulated with PMA and Ionomycin and IL-9 determined by flow cytometry. CD45.2 staining cells in the CD45.1 alone sample are presumed to be derived from contamination from the WT CD45.2 APC population. (**d**) IL-9 production by $ltk^{-/-}$ is rescued by re-expression of Itk. Itk-deficient CD4⁺ T cells were transduced with the indicated retroviruses, differentiated under Th9 plus TL1A and IL-9 production was determined by intracellular staining after PMA and Ionomycin restimulation. Data in (**c**,**d**) are representative of one out of 3 different experiments.



Supplemental Fig. 4. IL2 rescues pSTAT5 expression under weak TCR signaling. Sorted naïve CD4⁺ T cells from WT and *Itk^{-/-}* mice were differentiated under Th9 conditions in absence or presence of anti-murine IL2 plus hIL-2 and analyzed for pSTAT5 and IRF4 production by intracellular staining. Data are representative of one out of 3 independent experiments.