# Validation data for HEK-Blue<sup>™</sup> IL-9 Cells

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HEK-Blue<sup> $^{\infty}$ </sup> IL-9 cells allow the detection of bioactive interleukin-9 (IL-9) by monitoring STAT5 activation. These human embryonic kidney 293 (HEK293)-derived cells express the human IL-9 heterodimeric receptor (IL-9Rα and IL-2Rγ), human JAK3, human STAT5b, and a STAT5-inducible secreted embryonic alkaline phosphatase (SEAP) reporter. Human IL-9Rα expression by these cells has been verified by flow cytometry (**figure 1**). HEK-Blue<sup> $^{\infty}$ </sup> IL-9 cells respond to human and murine IL-9 (**figure 2**). These cells can be used for screening of antibodies targeting the IL-9 pathway (**figure 3**). Of note, HEK-Blue<sup> $^{\infty}$ </sup> IL-9 cells also exhibit a moderate response to human IFN- $^{\gamma}$  but do not respond to human IFN- $^{\alpha}$  (**figure 4**).

## Validation of IL-9R $\alpha$ expression

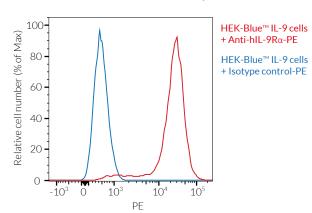


Figure 1. Validation of the expression of human IL-9R $\alpha$  by HEK-Blue IL-9 cells.  $5 \times 10^5$  cells were incubated with either a PE-conjugated isotype control (blue) or a PE-conjugated Anti-IL-9R $\alpha$  mAb (red) for 30 minutes. The binding affinity was then measured using flow cytometry.

#### IL-9 signaling inhibition

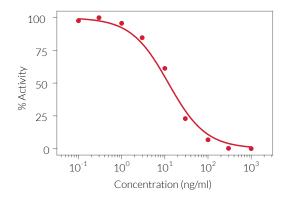


Figure 3. Dose-dependent inhibition of HEK-Blue™ IL-9 cellular response using a neutralizing antibody against hIL-9. The antibody was incubated with hIL-9 (0.3 ng/ml) for 2 hours prior to the addition of HEK-Blue™ IL-9 cells. After overnight incubation, SEAP activity in the cell culture supernatant was assessed using QUANTI-Blue™ Solution. Data are shown as a percentage (%) of activity.

## Cellular response to IL-9

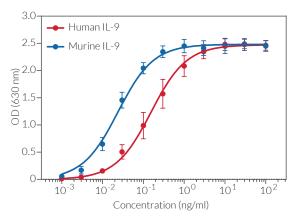


Figure 2. Dose-response of HEK-Blue IL-9 cells to recombinant IL-9. Cells were stimulated with increasing concentrations of recombinant human IL-9 (hIL-9) and murine IL-9 (mIL-9). After overnight incubation, the STAT5 response was determined using QUANTI-Blue Solution, a SEAP detection reagent. The optical density (OD) at 630 nm is shown as mean ± SEM.

#### Cell line specificity

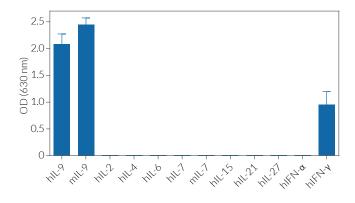


Figure 4. Response of HEK-Blue IL-9 cells to a panel of cytokines. Cells were stimulated with various human and murine recombinant cytokines: 1 ng/ml of hlL-9 or mlL-9, and 100 ng/ml hlL-2, hlL-4, hlL-6, hlL-7, mlL-7, hlL-15, hlL-21, or hlL-27, and 1000 U/ml hlFN- $\alpha$ , and 10 ng/ml hlFN- $\alpha$ , after overnight incubation, SEAP activity was assessed using QUANTI-Blue Solution. The OD at 630 nm is shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM

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