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Since interleukin-6 (IL-6) may promote Th2 responses, we infected BALB IL-6-deficient (IL- $6^{-/-}$ ) mice with *Leishmania major*. There was not a significant difference between the courses of infection (lesion size and parasite burden) in IL- $6^{-/-}$  and wild-type mice, but IL- $6^{-/-}$  mice expressed lower levels of Th2- and Th1-associated cytokines.