

## Reagents Provided

### Carboxyfluorescein (CFS)-conjugated rat monoclonal anti-mouse

**IL-27:** Supplied as 25 µg of antibody in 1 mL saline containing up to 0.5% BSA and 0.1% sodium azide.

**Clone #:** 234205

**Isotype:** rat IgG<sub>2b</sub>

## Reagents Not Provided

**Flow Cytometry Fixation Buffer** (Catalog # FC004) or other 4% paraformaldehyde fixation buffer.

**Flow Cytometry Permeabilization/Wash Buffer I (1X)** (Catalog # FC005) or other saponin-containing saline buffer.

## Storage

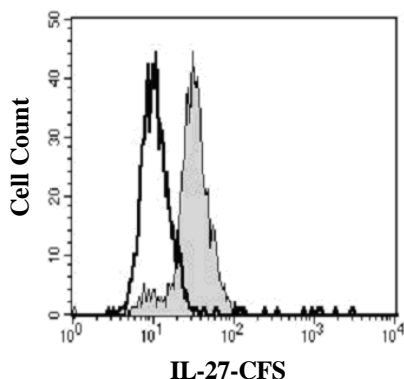
Reagents are stable for **twelve months** from the date of receipt when stored in the dark at 2° - 8° C.

## Intended Use

Designed to quantitatively determine the percentage of cells containing IL-27 within a population and qualitatively determine the density of intracellular IL-27 by flow cytometry.

## Product Description

This antibody was produced from a hybridoma resulting from the fusion of a mouse myeloma with B cells obtained from a rat immunized with purified, CHO-derived, recombinant mouse IL-27 (rmIL-27; aa 29 - 234 of p28; Accession # Q8K3IC and aa 19 - 228 of EBI-3; Accession # O35228). The IgG fraction of the tissue culture supernatant was purified by Protein G affinity chromatography. The purified antibody was then conjugated to a CFS fluorochrome. Intracellular expression of IL-27 is determined by flow cytometry using 488 nm wavelength excitation and monitoring emitted fluorescence with a detector optimized to collect peak emissions at 515 - 545 nm.



RAW264.7 cells, activated with LPS, were stained with CFS-conjugated anti-mouse IL-27 (Catalog # IC1834F, filled histogram) or isotype control (Catalog # IC013F, open histogram).

## Background Information

Interleukin 27 (IL-27) is a novel heterodimeric cytokine comprised of the IL-12 p35-related protein, p28, and the IL-12 p40-related protein, EBI-3 (Epstein-Barr virus-induced gene 3). IL-27 binds TCCR/WSX-1 on naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells and induces the expression of a functional IL-12 receptor, making these cells sensitive to IL-12-mediated Th1 cell development.

## Flow Cytometry Validation

For intracellular staining, cells must first be fixed and permeabilized. We recommend the use of 4% PFA as a fixative and a 0.1% saponin balanced salt solution for permeabilization and washing (see [Reagents Not Provided](#)).

1. Cells were harvested and washed twice in saline buffer.
2. Cell surface staining may be done at this point following the manufacturer's staining procedure.
3. 5 x 10<sup>5</sup> cells were resuspended in 0.5 mL of cold Flow Cytometry Fixation Buffer (Catalog # FC004) and incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes.
4. Following fixation, cells were washed twice in saline buffer, then once in Flow Cytometry Permeabilization/Wash Buffer I (Catalog # FC005).
5. After permeabilization, 10 µL of conjugated antibody was added and cells were incubated for 30 minutes at room temperature **in the dark**.
6. Cells were washed twice with Flow Cytometry Permeabilization/Wash Buffer I.
7. The cells were resuspended in saline buffer for analysis by flow cytometry. As a control for this analysis, cells in a separate tube should be treated with CFS-labeled rat IgG<sub>2b</sub> antibody. This procedure may need to be modified, depending on cell type and final utilization. Individual users may need to titrate to determine optimal reagent amount for their specific use.

**Warning:** Contains sodium azide as a preservative - sodium azide may react with lead and copper plumbing to form explosive metal azides. Flush with large volumes of water during disposal.