**BACKGROUND**
Membrane receptor signaling by various ligands, including interferons and growth hormones such as EGF, induces activation of Jak kinases which then leads to tyrosine phosphorylation of the various Stat transcription factors. Stat1 and Stat2 are induced by IFN-α and form a heterodimer which is part of the ISGF3 transcription factor complex. Although early reports indicate Stat3 activation by EGF and IL-6, it has been shown that Stat3β appears to be activated by both while Stat3α is activated by EGF, but not by IL-6. Highest expression of Stat4 is seen in testis and myeloid cells. IL-12 has been identified as an activator of Stat4. Stat5 has been shown to be activated by prolactin and by IL-3. Stat6 is involved in IL-4 activated signaling pathways.

**GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING**
Stat3 (F-2): sc-8019 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Stat3 gene expression knockdown by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1200). Immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

**RT-PCR REAGENTS**
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**APPLICATIONS**
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**STORAGE AND RESUSPENSION**
Store lyophilized siRNA duplex at -20°C with desiccant. Stable for at least one year from the date of shipment. Once resuspended, store at -20°C, avoid contact with RNAses and repeated freeze thaw cycles.

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**SUPPORT REAGENTS**
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