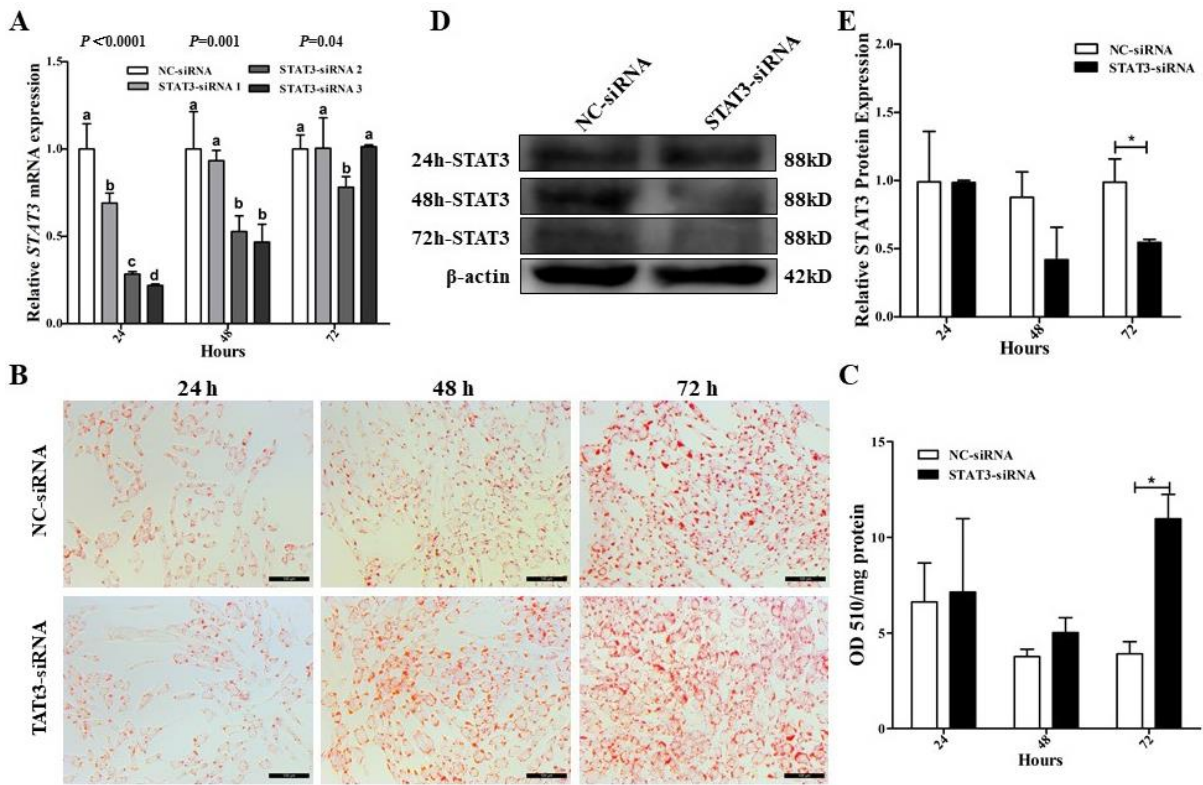


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2 **Appendix A. Screening of the concentration of STAT3 inhibitor.** A, after 72 h of inhibitor treatment, a
3 CCK-8 assay was performed to reveal the effect of Stattic on the viability of ICP2 cells. B and C, Oil red O
4 staining and colorimetric extraction to detect the effect of Stattic on lipid droplet deposition in ICP2 cells.
5 D and E, Western blot analysis to detect the effect of Stattic on the phosphorylation of STAT3 in ICP2 cells.
6 ICP2 cells were photographed under a light microscope (scale bars: 200 μm). Data are presented as the
7 mean ±SD, $n=3$. *, $P<0.05$; **, $P<0.01$; ***, $P<0.001$.

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Appendix B. Screening of STAT3 interference fragments. A, RT-qPCR to detect the interference efficiency of STAT3-siRNA. B and C, Oil red O staining and colorimetric extraction to detect the effect of knockdown of STAT3 on ICP2 lipid droplet deposition. D and E, Western blot analysis to detect the effect of knockdown of STAT3 by transfection on the expression of STAT3 protein in ICP2 cells. ICP2 were photographed under a light microscope (scale bars: 200 μ m). Data are presented as the mean \pm SD, $n=3$. *, $P<0.05$. Means without a common letter differ ($P<0.05$). The P -value of the analysis of variance is marked above the graph.