

**Supplementary Fig. 1.** Signal transducer and activator of transcription 3 (STAT3) knockdown in 3T3-L1 adipocytes. After nonspecific small interfering RNA (siNS) or siRNA against Stat3 (siStat3) (100 nM) treatment for 48 hours, real-time quantitative polymerase chain reaction analysis was performed using Stat3 primers. The mRNA level of siNS was expressed as 1, and that of siStat3 was expressed as its relative value (n=4). All data are presented as mean  $\pm$  stan-dard error of the mean. a.u., arbitrary unit.  $^aP$ <0.05 vs. siNS.