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Marker: 100 gel lanes (6 µg) 12 ng/µl	Lot: 0091106 Store at –20°C Exp: 6/13
Probe (21-mer): 10 µg 20 ng/µl	Lot: 0091106 Store at -20°C Exp: 6/13

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A synthetic single-stranded 21-mer DNA oligonucleotide probe complementary to the above sequences is included. This oligonucleotide probe is biotinylated at the 3' end and has a free 5' end so it can also be labeled with γ -³²P-ATP and T4 Polynucleotide Kinase (NEB# M0201). The sequence of the oligonucleotide probe is as follows:

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The provided biotinylated probe DNA oligonucleotide can be used directly in hybridization and detected with the Phototope Star Detection Kit (NEB #N7020). Use 1 to 10 µl of Probe (20-200 ng) per 10 ml hybridization solution. Hybridize and wash the blot at 35-40°C depending on the hybridization solution used. More details can be found in reference 1 and the Phototope Star Detection Kit manual (2).

Alternatively, the probe can be labeled with T4 Polynucleotide Kinase (NEB #M0201) and radioactive γ -³²P-ATP using the following protocol:

1. Mix the following components in a sterile microfuge tube:

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10X T4 Polynucleotide Kinase	2.0 µl
Reaction Buffer	
γ- ³² Ρ-ΑΤΡ (5 μCi/μI)	1–2 µl
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Total volume	20 µl

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References:

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Companion Products:

Phototope [®] Star Detection Kit #N7020S	20,000 cm ²
siRNA Marker #N2101S	4.5 µg
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