## **Supplementary Information**

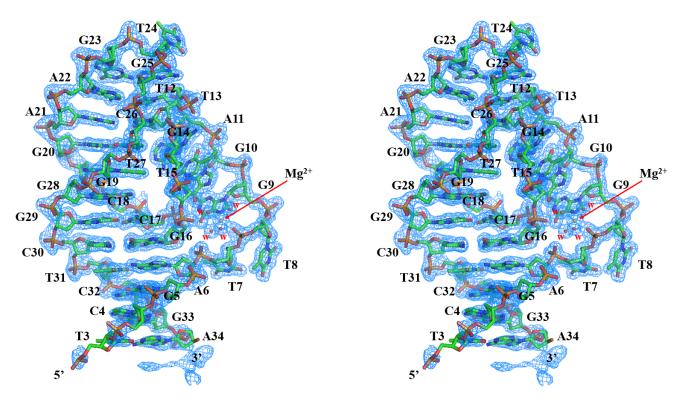
### Crystal structure of a DNA aptamer bound to *Pv*LDH elucidates novel singlestranded DNA structural elements for folding and recognition

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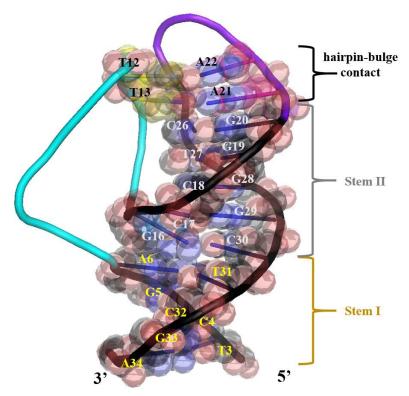
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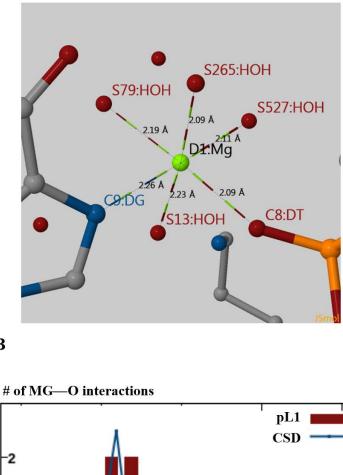
### SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

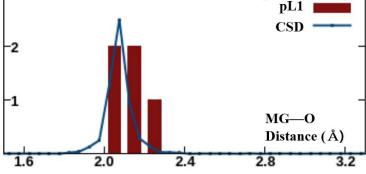


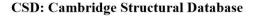
Supplementary Figure S1. The 2mFo-DFc electron density map of a hydrated magnesium ionbound pL1 contoured at 1.0  $\sigma$  is shown as a cyan mesh (Wall-eyed stereo images). pL1, magnesium ion and inner-sphere waters are shown as cyan stick, gold sphere and red spheres, respectively.



Supplementary Figure S2. One pseudo-continuous helix is formed from three stems by base stacking. Strands forming the bulge, hairpin loop, and stems are shown in cyan, purple, and black, respectively. Single letter codes of nucleotides at Stem I, Stem II, and the hairpin-bulge contact are colored in yellow, grey, and black, respectively.





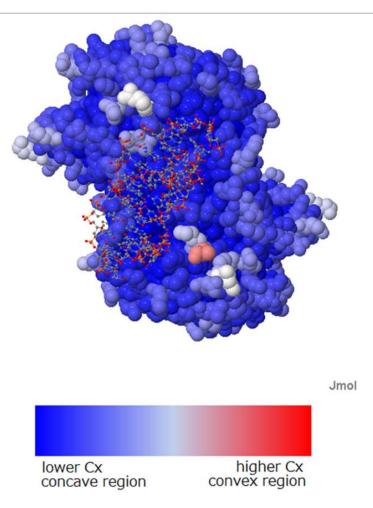


**Supplementary Figure S3. Mg—O distance and validation of the magnesium ion-binding site for pL1 (PDB code: 5HRU) with CheckMyMetal web server.** See also Table S2. (A) Mg—O distance in the inner-sphere of the magnesium ion for pL1 (PDB code: 5HRU) (B) Mg—O distance distribution for pL1 (PDB code: 5HRU) in comparison with CSD.

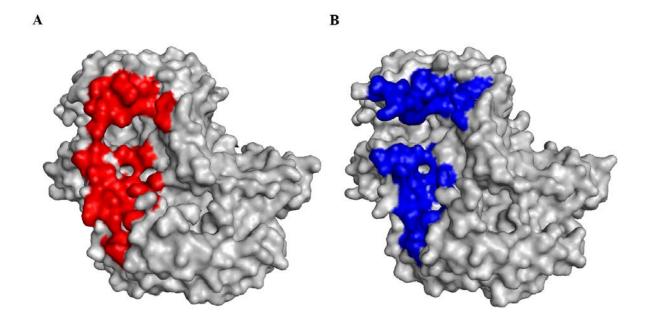
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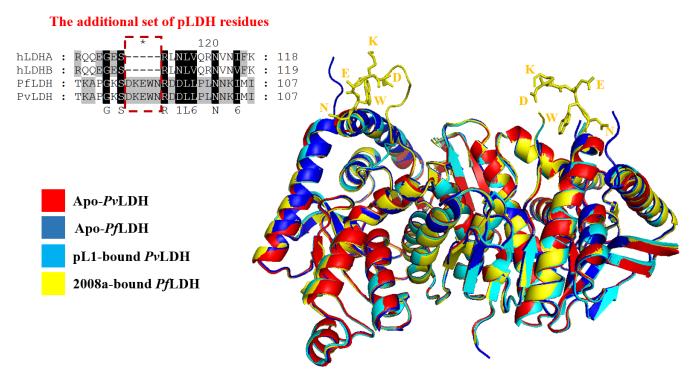
# **Cx** Calculation Result



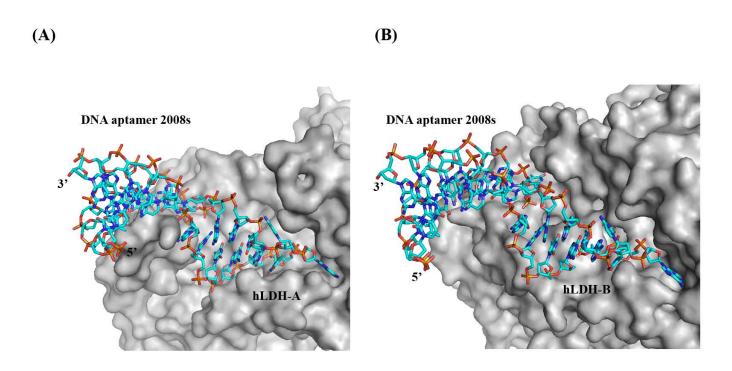
**Supplementary Figure S4.** Cx calculation result of *Pv*LDH in complex with pL1. DNA aptamer pL1 is shown as ball and stick. *Pv*LDH is shown as spheres, with colors corresponding to the Cx values<sup>1</sup>. Blue and red indicate the concave region and convex region, respectively.



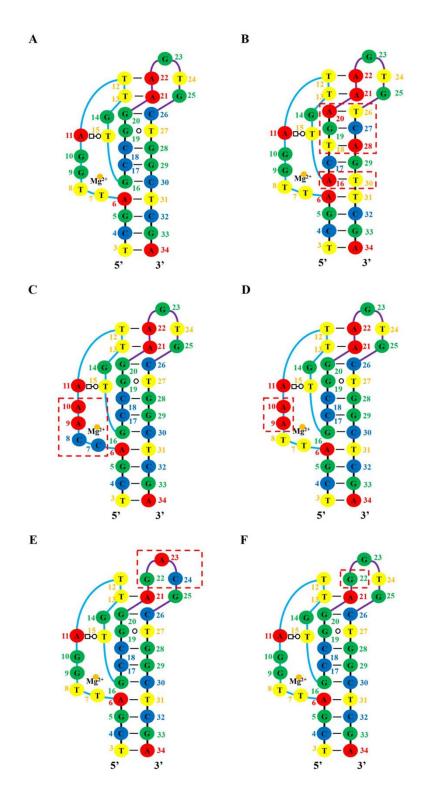
**Supplementary Figure S5. DNA aptamer-contacting residues of** *Plasmodium* **LDH in the same orientation.** (**A**) Red pL1-contacting residues of *Pv*LDH show a single binding head. (**B**) Blue 2008s-contacting residues of *Pf*LDH display a double binding head.



**Supplementary Figure S6. Superimposition of apo-***Pv***LDH (PDB code: 5HS4) with apo-***Pf***LDH (PDB code: 2X8L), pL1-bound** *Pv***LDH (PDB code: 5HRU), and 2008s-bound** *Pf***LDH (3ZH2).** All proteins are represented as cartoon. Additional residues of pLDH are shown as stick. Apo-*Pv*LDH, apo-*Pf*LDH, pL1-bound *Pv*LDH, and 2008s-bound *Pf*LDH are shown in red, blue, cyan, and yellow, respectively. The loop (FL) containing additional pLDH amino acids is disordered in apo-*Pv*LDH, apo-*Pf*LDH and pL1-bound *Pv*LDH.



**Supplementary Figure S7. Shape complementarity between 2008s and hLDH.** No steric clashes are observed between 2008s and hLDH. (A) Superimposition of the 2008s:*Pf*LDH complex with hLDH-A (PDB code: 4OJN). (B) Superimposition of the 2008s:*Pf*LDH complex with hLDH-B (PDB code:1T2F).



Supplementary Figure S8. Secondary structures of pL1 mutants derived from the tertiary structure of pL1 and mfold web server<sup>2</sup>. Altered nucleotides from pL1 are boxed with a dashed red line. (A) Secondary structure of pL1 derived from the tertiary structure of pL1. (B) Secondary structure of the G-C rich stem mutant. (C) Secondary structure of the loop 1 mutant. (D) Secondary structure of the bulge mutant. (E) Secondary structure of the loop 2 mutant. (F) Secondary structure of the hairpin loop mutant.

## SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

**Supplementary Table S1. Crystallographic data collection and refinement statistics.** Statistics for the highest-resolution shell are shown in parentheses. Ramachandran plot statistics were calculated by RAMPAGE web server.

	Apo-PvLDH	pL1:PvLDH	pL1:PvLDH
		(dimeric)	(tetrameric)
Data collection			
Space group	<i>I</i> 222	$P4_{1}2_{1}2$	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$
Cell dimensions			
a, b, c (Å)	75.7, 80.6, 93.3	84.5, 84.5, 209.9	85.5, 86.5, 209.1
α, β, γ (°)	90.0, 90.0, 90.0	90.0, 90.0, 90.0	90.0, 90.0, 90.0
Resolution (Å)	23.77-1.33	24.96-1.71	25.00-1.90
	(1.38-1.33)	(1.73-1.71)	(1.96 - 1.90)
R <sub>merge</sub>	0.07 (0.26)	0.10 (0.28)	0.08 (0.26)
Mean $I / \sigma(I)$	43.64 (11.18)	49.31 (11.41)	45.27 (14.84)
Completeness (%)	99.0 (95.8)	99.8 (99.3)	99.9 (99.23)
Redundancy	11.8 (9.0)	21.4 (15.4)	14.6 (14.4)
Refinement			
No. unique reflections	63,845 (6,093)	82,462 (8,064)	122,577 (12,020)
R <sub>work</sub> / R <sub>free</sub>	0.14 / 0.17	0.15 / 0.18	0.17 / 0.20
No. atoms			
Protein	2292	4634	9202
DNA / ion	N/A	663 / 1	1203 / 2
Water	223	526	903
Wilson B-factor	13.6	20.3	17.9
B-factors			
Overall	17.8	24.5	20.1
Protein	17.0	21.7	17.3
DNA / ion	N/A	37.2 / 19.5	31.9 / 19.6
Water	26.1	29.7	23.7
r.m.s. deviations			
Bond lengths (Å)	0.008	0.008	0.009
Bond angles (°)	1.16	1.12	1.12
Ramachandran plot			
Favored (%)	97.7	97.8	97.8
Allowed (%)	2.0	1.8	1.8
Outlier (%)	0.3	0.3	0.3

Supplementary Table S2. Validation of the magnesium-binding site in pL1 via the CheckMyMetal web server. See also Fig. S3. All descriptions of CheckMyMetal parameters are taken from CheckMyMetal web server. All parameters are acceptable for the magnesium ion-biding site without alternative metal ions and bidentate.

ID	Res.	Metal	Occup -ancy	$\mathbf{J}$	Ligands	Valenc e <sup>4</sup>	nVECSU M <sup>5</sup>	Geometry <sup>3,</sup>	gRMSD (°) <sup>3</sup>	Vacan -cy <sup>3</sup>	Bident -ate	Alt. metal
D:1	MG	Mg	1	19.6 (20.9)	O5N1	1.7	0.052	Octahedra l	2.5°	0	0	
L	.egen	d: Not applicable <b>Outlier</b> Borderline Ac		cceptab	ole							

Column	Description
Occupancy	Occupancy of ion under consideration.
$B factor (env.)^3$	Metal ion B factor, with valence-weighted environmental average B factor in parenthesis.
Ligands	Elemental composition of the coordination sphere.
Valence <sup>4</sup>	Summation of bond valence values for an ion binding site. <i>Valence</i> accounts for metal- ligand distances.
nVECSUM <sup>5</sup>	Summation of ligand vectors, weighted by bond valence values and normalized by overall valence. Increase when the coordination sphere is not symmetrical due to incompleteness.
Geometry <sup>3,6</sup>	Arrangement of ligands around the ion, as defined by the NEIGHBORHOOD algorithm.
gRMSD(°) <sup>3</sup>	R.M.S. Deviation of observed geometry angles (L-M-L angles) compared to ideal geometry, in degrees.
Vacancy <sup>3</sup>	Percentage of unoccupied sites in the coordination sphere for the given geometry.
Bidentate	Number of residues that form a bidentate interaction instead of being considered as multiple ligands.
Alt. metal	A list of alternative metal(s) is proposed in descending order of confidency, assuming metal environment is accurately determined. This feature is still experimental. It requires user discrimination and cannot be blindly accepted.

# Supplementary Table S3. Interactions between pLDH and DNA aptamers within 4 Å. Red resides

are involved in salt bridge interactions. Bold protein residues are implicated in the recognition of both 2008s and pL1.

	PvLDH		<i>Pf</i> LDH:2008s			
	(5HF			ZH2)		
	Protein residues	Aptamer residues	Protein residues	Aptamer residues		
	Testuues	Testudes	Asp35 (OD1) chain A	T9 (N3)		
			Ile36 (N) chain A	T9 (O4)		
	Lys44 (NZ) chain B	G10 (OP1)	Lys44 (NZ) chain B	A18 (OP1)		
	Gly81 (N) chain B	T8 (O3')				
	Thr83 (O) chain A	G23 (N1, N2)				
		020 (1(1,1(2))		A10 (OP2), A22 (N1)		
Hydrogen			Lys84 (NZ) chain A	A22 (N6)		
bonding			Ala85 (O) chain A	A22 (OP2)		
interaction			Lys88 (NZ) chain A	G11 (N7)		
			Lys88 (N) chain A	G11 (O6)		
			Ser89 (N) chain A	G11 (O6), C6 (N4)		
			Ser89 (OG) chain A	G7 (N1)		
			Asp90 (OD1) chain A	G7 (N2), G8 (N2)		
			Asp90 (OD2) chain A	T17 (O2)		
	Tyr236 (OH) chain A	A11 (OP1)	His232 (ND1) chain A			
	Gly11 chain B	G9				
	Gly13 chain B	G9, G10	Gly13 chain B	A18, T17		
	Met14 chain A; B	A11; G10	Met14 chain B	A18		
			Phe34 chain A	Т9		
	Asp35 chain B	G9	Asp35 chain A	Т9		
	Val36 chain A; B	T24; T7, T8	Ile36 chain A; B	T9; A16		
	Val37 chain A; B	T24; G9	Val37 chain B	T17		
	Lys38 chain B	Τ7				
	Met40 chain B	G9	Met40 chain B	T17		
	Lys44 chain B	G10	Lys44 chain B	T17, A18,		
			Tyr67 chain A	Т9		
	Thr79 chain B	G9				
	Ala80 chain B	G9, T8	Ala80 chain A; B	T9; A16		
	Gly81 chain A; B	T24; T8	Gly81 chain A; B	T9; A16		
	Phe82 chain A; B	G25, T24, G23; T8	Phe82 chain A; B	T9, A10; A16		
Tatanatia	Thr83 chain A	T8	T === 0.4 =1 = t== A			
Interacting	Lys84 chain A	G23, T12, G23	Lys84 chain A	A10, A22, G21		
residues			Ala85 chain A	A22		
			Pro86 chain A Gly87 chain A	A10, G8, A22 G11, G7, A10, A22		
			Lys88 chain A	C23, A22, G11		
			Ser89 chain A	C23, A22, G11 C6, G11, G7, G5, C23		
			Asp90 chain A	G8, C6, G7		
			Lys91 chain A	G5, C23, G4		
	Asp97 chain A	G23		00, 020, 0 r		
	Leu98 chain A	G23				
	Leu101 chain A	G23				
	Ile105 chain A; B	T24; T8	Ile105 chain A; B	T9; A16		
			Glu108 chain B	A16		
			Val229 chain A	T20, G19		
	Leu232 chain A	C18, C17, G9	His232 chain A	T17, G19, A18		
		-,,	Ala233 chain A	G19		
	Ser234 chain A	A11	Ser234 chain A	G19		
	Tyr236 chain A	A11				
	J		L	L		

Supplementary Table S4. Interface properties between proteins and nucleic acids. The data for protein:RNA, protein:DNA, and protein:protein are taken from a previous interface analysis<sup>7,8</sup>. Protein:DNA aptamer complexes include thrombin:mTBA (PDB code: 3QLP), thrombin:TBA (PDB code: 4DIH), thrombin:RE31 (PDB code: 5CMX), HIV-1 RT:apt-DNA (PDB code: 5I3U), ATX:RB011 (5HRT), *Pf*LDH:2008a (3ZH2), and VWF:ARC1172 (3HXO) complexes. The parameters are described below.  $\Delta$ ASA: Half of the buried ASA (Å<sup>2</sup>) within 5 Å upon complex formation was calculated using COCOMAPS web server employing NACCESS. Hydrogen bonds (/100 Å<sup>2</sup>  $\Delta$ ASA): Number of intermolecular hydrogen bonds per Å<sup>2</sup>  $\Delta$ ASA was calculated using COCOMAPS web server employing NACCESS. Bridging waters (/100 Å<sup>2</sup>  $\Delta$ ASA): Number of water molecules forming hydrogen bonds with both DNA aptamers and proteins per 1000 Å<sup>2</sup>  $\Delta$ ASA was calculated using CANTACT.

	Protein: RNA	Protein: DNA	Protein: Protein	Protein: DNA aptamer	PvLDH: pL1
No. of complexes	89	115	115	7	1
ΔASA	1230	1568	943	1008.4	1145
Bridging waters (/1000 Å <sup>2</sup> $\Delta$ ASA)	8.1	9.6	5.4	2.49	13.9
No. of complexes	20	29	59	7	1
Hydrogen bonds $(/100 \text{ Å}^2 \Delta ASA)$	1.2	1.3	0.8	1.40	0.4

pL1	Distance (Å)	Water molecule	Distance (Å)	PvLDH
Atom (residue)	(pL1 to Water)	Number	(Water to PvLDH)	Atom (residue)
OP2 (C17)	2.69	5	2.86	O (Lys38 B)
N7 (G9)	3.15	13	2.67	NZ (Lys84 B)
O2 (T8)	2.67			
OP1 (T8)	3.11			
O2 (T8)	2.67	19	2.81	OH (Tyr67 B)
N2 (G9)	2.84	34	2.65	O (Leu232 A)
O4' (G10)	2.98			
N3 (T8)	2.86	37	2.77	OH (Tyr67 B)
			2.86	OE1 (Glu108 B)
OP2 (G9)	3.07	49	2.96	N (Val36 B)
			3.28	OD1 (Asp35 B)
OP1 (G9)	2.61	84	2.89	N (Gly13 B)
			2.70	OG1 (Thr79 B)
OP2 (T8)	2.74	99	2.61	NZ (Lys84 B)
N3 (G10)	2.91	139	3.28	O (Leu232 A)
O4' (T12)	3.21	161	2.82	N (Thr83 A)
N2 (G23)	2.93		2.86	OG1 (Thr83 A)
O6 (G25)	2.76			
OP1 (A11)	2.70	188	3.13	N (Ser234 A)
OP1 (T12)	2.70	194	3.02	OG (Ser234 A)
O2 (T24)	3.02	248	2.71	OD1 (Asp35 A)
N3 (C24)	2.66			
OP1 (T12)	2.44	282	3.09	N (Met14 A)
O6 (G25)	2.63	344	3.09	O (Gly81 A)
OP1 (C18)	3.09	354	2.83	O (Asn230 A)
OP2 (C18)	3.17			

Supplementary Table S5. Bridging waters between *Pv*LDH and pL1 (PDB code: 5HRU).

Supplementary Table S6. Shape complementarity analysis among pLDH:DNA aptamer complexes with Sc software from the CCP4 suite of programs<sup>9</sup>. Sc values are the quantitative shape complementarity indices between two surfaces. A maximum value of 1.0 shows perfect shape complementarity. The Sc values are independent on buried surface areas<sup>10</sup>. pL1:*Pv*LDH complex (PDB code: 5HRU) and 2008:*Pf*LDH complex (PDB code: 3ZH2) were used for Sc calculation. pLDHW indicates pLDH with bridging waters. pLDH shows pLDH without bridging waters. pLDHW.

Aptamer:	2008a:	pL1:	2008a:	pL1:	2008a:	pL1:
pLDH	<i>Pf</i> LDH	<i>Pv</i> LDH	<i>Pf</i> LDHW	<i>Pv</i> LDHW	<i>Pf</i> LDHWwoFL	<i>Pv</i> LDHWwoFL
Sc	0.743	0.675	0.744	0.720	0.685	0.717

**Supplementary Table S7. Sequences of pL1 and its mutants.** The altered nucleotides from pL1 and underlined. Sequences of the G-G rich tem, loop 1, and loop 2 mutants are taken from previous mutation studies<sup>11</sup>.

ssDNA	Sequence (5' to 3')
pL1	GTTCGATTGGATTGTGCCGGAAGTGCTGGCTCGAAC
G-C rich stem mutant	GTTCGATTGGATTGT <u>A</u> C <u>T</u> G <u>A</u> AAGTG <u>TCA</u> G <u>T</u> TCGAAC
Loop 1 mutant	GTTCGA <u>CCAA</u> ATTGTGCCGGAAGTGCTGGCTCGAAC
Bulge mutant	GTTCGATT <u>AA</u> ATTGTGCCGGAAGTGCTGGCTCGAAC
Loop 2 mutant	GTTCGATTGGATTGTGCCGGA <u>GAC</u> GCTGGCTCGAAC
Hairpin mutant	GTTCGATTGGATTGTGCCGGA <u>G</u> GTGCTGGCTCGAAC

#### Supplementary Table S8. *B*-factors for proteins and DNA aptamers in protein:DNA aptamer complexes.

Average *B*-factors are taken from a previous analysis  $^{12-16}$  or calculated with PyMol.

Protein:	PvLDH:	<i>Pf</i> LDH:	thrombin:	thrombin:	thrombin:	ATX:	VWF:	HIV-1 RT:
aptamer	pL1	2008a	mTBA	TBA	RE31	RB011	ARC1172	atp-DNA
(PDB code)	(5HRU)	(3ZH2)	(3QLP)	(4DIH)	(5CMX)	(5HRT)	(3HXO)	(5I3U)
B-factor (protein)	21.7	25.7	18.29	25.6	55.74	38.3	49.8	102.0
B-factor (DNA)	37.2	36.5	25.9	38.0	55.5	53.2	95.9	117.0

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