

### **Supplementary Note 1. Design of hinges and locks.**

The DV hinge module is composed of 5 staple strands that bridge the two halves of the DV connecting the DNA helices 37 and 39 (Supplementary Fig. 2a,b). These hinge strands protrude from the DNA helices pointing approximately at each other in order to define a tight hinge region in DV-H1 (see main text and Supplementary Note 2). The DV locking system is designed to mimic a zip closure, where the stem-loop locks initiates the closing mechanism to move the sets of double-helix locks closer to the hinge region (the rear locks) into closer proximity. The rear locks will then interact forcing the two halves of the DV even closer together, thus facilitating the interaction between the next sets of locks: the side locks farther from the hinge (the middle locks) and the front lock. Finally, the middle locks and the front lock will anneal stabilizing the DV in a tightly closed conformation.

The position and orientation of both stem-loop and double-helix lock staple strands were designed in order to force the two halves of the DV as close as possible. For this purpose we used two different and complementary design approaches. The stem-loop lock strands (Supplementary Fig. 2a,c) and the rear double-helix lock strands (Supplementary Fig. 2a,d) were designed to protrude from the DNA helices pointing at each other in order to favour lock-to-lock interactions during the first steps of the closing mechanism. The double-helix middle lock strands (Supplementary Fig. 2a,e) and the front lock strands (Supplementary Fig. 2a,f) instead were designed to protrude pointing in the same direction in order to force the DNA helices they protrude from closer together in the end. The obtained effect is that the DNA helices at the interface of the two halves of the DV should adopt the tightly packed hexagonal lattice.

## **Supplementary Note 2. Characterization of the hinge region.**

When DV-H1 was assembled in the closed state it migrated as one major band in gel electrophoresis (Supplementary Fig. 7a), which was observed in TEM images to be composed mainly of dimers (Supplementary Fig. 7c). Opening the DV by incubation with OpK resulted in a faster mobility species in gel electrophoresis (Supplementary Fig. 7a) and the observation of monomeric structures in TEM images (Supplementary Fig. 7d).

To investigate the opening mechanism in real time we labelled the two halves of the DV with Cy3 and Cy5 fluorophores, respectively, to allow the monitoring of the closed/open conformation by Förster resonance energy transfer (FRET). FRET measurements revealed low efficiency values for a closed nanostructure (10%; Supplementary Fig. 7b). This is probably because DV that form dimers are not correctly closed: double-helix lock staples that interact with lock staples belonging to different structures are not available to interact with the lock staples belonging to the same structure, thus not keeping the DV closed. Nevertheless, when OpK is added FRET efficiency values decrease from 10% to 5% indicating that Cy3 and Cy5 molecules are moving apart. This could be due to a combination of opening of the DV structure, and to the disruption of the dimerization interactions that cause DV monomers to fall apart.

The FRET analysis did not allow a satisfying characterization of the opening/closing mechanism of DV-H1. Therefore two different strategies were adopted to obtain a better understanding of the nanomechanical properties of the DV: (i) we directly measured the size from TEM images of DV assembled in the closed state and from DV incubated with OpK, and (ii) we measured FRET efficiency on DV assembled in the open conformation after incubation with ClK. First, in order to understand if the DV with stiff hinge is capable of opening we measured the size of 100 monodispersed structures assembled in the closed state, and after incubation with OpK, as visualized on TEM (Supplementary Fig. 7c). The statistical analysis conducted shows a value of

26.0 ± 2.4 nm for the closed structure (theoretical value = 26 nm), and a value of 30.5 ± 2.7 nm for the open structure (theoretical value = 31 nm) indicating that DV monomers are successfully assembled in the closed state, and that they open upon incubation with 5-fold molar excess of OpK. Next, we assembled Cy3/Cy5-modified DV-H1 in the open conformation and analysed it for FRET efficiency. The FRET efficiency values measured are consistent with the previous analysis: 5% FRET efficiency was measured on the open DV, increasing to 10% after incubation with CIK (Supplementary Fig. 8, blue line), thus demonstrating that DV with stiff hinge closes upon incubation with 1.3 fold molar excess of CIK.

These structural observations can be explained by a tight hinge region of DV-H1, which would lead to decreased DV closure allowing the locks to dimerize and to the tight 90-degree open conformation observed. To investigate this hypothesis we designed two more DV structures with different length of the hinge region of 4 nt (DV-H2) and 8 nt (DV-H3) to gradually increase the flexibility of the hinge. The structures were assembled in the open state and had similar gel mobility (data not shown) and low FRET efficiency as DV-H1 (Supplementary Fig. 8). However, the three DV behave differently when the CIK was added: the FRET efficiency value rose only 5% for DV-H1, whereas it rose 12% for DV-H2 and 20% for DV-H3. This clearly shows that a flexible hinge of 8 nt is required to allow closure of the DV structure, while a tight hinge region inhibits correct closure.

### **Supplementary Note 3. Alpha-Chymotrypsin modification.**

The peptidase aCt was first reacted with azide-NHS ester in order to obtain azide-exposing enzymes to directly conjugate to the alkyne-exposing DV. In order to determine the yield of the first reaction, azide-modified aCt was reacted with an alkyne-modified DNA strand (Supplementary Fig. 11a). SDS-PAGE analysis of aCt, azide-modified aCt (aCt-N3), and DNA-modified aCt (aCt-DNA)

shows that about 50% of aCt-DNA did not react with alkyne-modified DNA (Supplementary Fig. 11b). Considering the high efficiency that usually characterize “click” reactions, this is likely due to a non-complete modification of aCt with azide-NHS ester in the first place. Afterwards we measured the retained enzymatic activity of aCt-N<sub>3</sub> and aCt-DNA in DV activity buffer (Buffer 1: TAE + 30 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> + 3 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>), and in aCt storage buffer (Buffer 2: 1 mM Tris + 2 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>) using the chromogenic substrate sAAPFpNA (Supplementary Fig. 11c).

The product turnover speed of aCt was reduced to 42% after conjugation with NHS ester-azide molecules (Supplementary Fig. 11d). This could indicate that the portion of aCt that was successfully modified (about 50%, as noted above) completely lost activity due to the presence of azide handles. However, after reaction with alkyne-modified DNA the product turnover speed of the enzyme was further reduced to 22% suggesting that a different mechanism could cause the enzymatic activity loss. Finally, proteolytic activity was successfully detected on aCt-loaded DV (Fig. 3e,f and Supplementary Fig. 14) using the fluorogenic substrate FITC-casein, clearly indicating that aCt retained enzymatic activity after conjugation with the DNA origami structure. We thus reasonably ascribe the activity loss measured on chemically-modified enzymes to both the presence of chemical groups on the enzyme surface, and to the enzyme handling along the conjugation procedure in presence of DMSO, copper and chelating agents, and shaking for 3 hours in total at 21 and 25°C (see Materials and methods).

#### **Supplementary Note 4. DNA Vault purification.**

The DV was purified by PEG precipitation<sup>1</sup> to remove unconjugated enzymes. The purification efficiency was estimated by testing unmodified aCt in the absence of DNA nanostructures, and assaying both the pellet and supernatant for enzymatic activity by using sAAPFpNA. As expected, aCt was almost exclusively detected in the supernatant (Supplementary Fig. 13a) while the DV is



recovered in the pellet. In order to understand if non-loaded aCt was co-purified with the DV due to unspecific enzyme-DNA interactions the purification protocol was applied on a sample composed of azide-modified aCt and DV lacking the alkyne handle necessary for enzyme loading. Only minor unconjugated enzyme impurities were retained upon purification (Supplementary Fig. 13b).

#### **Supplementary Note 5. Characterization of cargo anchoring site (CAS) region.**

As described in the main text, open DV-ssAlk nanostructures were loaded with azide-exposing aCt, purified from excess enzyme, and closed. The sample was then incubated with either OpK or unspecific key. Finally, the chromogenic substrate FITC-casein was added to the samples and the fluorescent signal was measured at specific time-points. Empty open DV was used as control for non-specific degradation of substrate. It was observed that the enzymatic activity measured on open aCt-loaded DV was up to 3 times higher than on closed nanostructures and increasing linearly during the time analysed (Fig. 3e,f).

In order to determine the effect of a stiffer CAS on the overall performance of the DV we performed the same analysis on DV structures assembled with alkyne-modified double-stranded CAS region (DV-dsAlk, Supplementary Fig. 14; Supplementary Table 1). As expected the assay shows similar enzymatic activity values for both open structures. However, proteolytic activity levels measured on closed DV-dsAlk are higher than the ones measured on the DV-ssAlk counterpart. This effect can be ascribed to the presence of a higher amount of non-closed DNA nanostructures, probably because the bulkier and less flexible double-stranded anchoring site used here (about 5 nm long) interferes with the correct closing mechanism of the DV. We have thus identified an effect of the nature of the cargo-anchoring complex on the performance of the DV, indicating that smaller and more flexible anchoring sites allow tighter control over encapsulated enzymes.

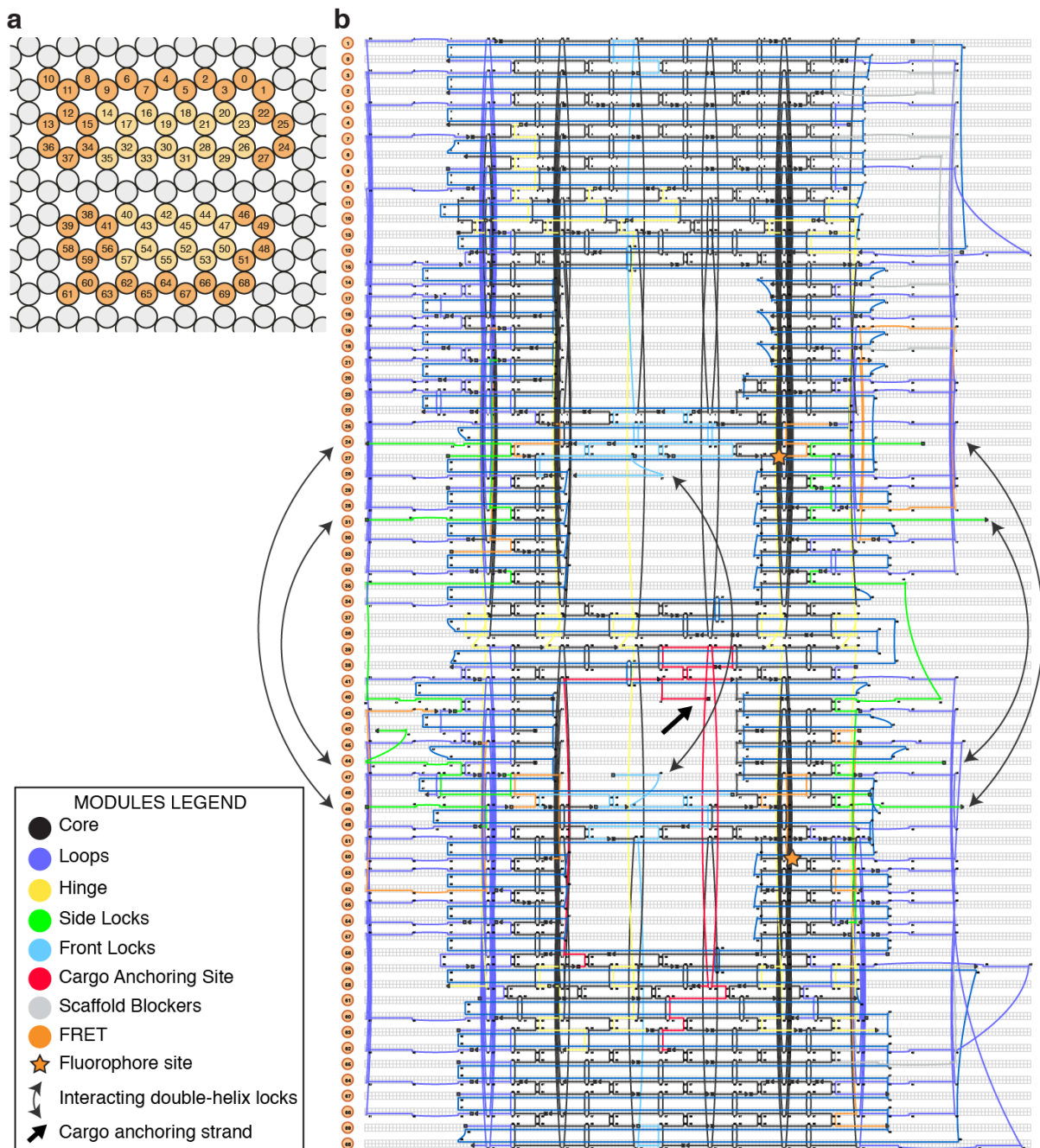
## Supplementary Note 6. Protocol for loading aCt enzyme in the DNA Vault.

Here we provide a protocol to follow in order to obtain an aCt-loaded DV sample, as the one used in Fig. 3d-f. This protocol can be applied to more different enzymes, but relevant parameters must be changed depending on the nature and chemo-physical properties of the chosen enzyme (e.g. number of lysine residues exposed on the molecular surface, tolerance to temperature, shaking, chemicals, etc.). Also, different enzyme-DNA conjugation strategies may be used to load different enzymes<sup>2</sup>, again depending on the nature of the chosen enzyme.

1. Self-assembly of DV-ssAlk in the open conformation. Mix scaffold : staple strands : OpK = 1 : 5 : 50 molar ratio (5 pmol total). TAE/Mg<sup>2+</sup> buffer (40 mM Tris/Acetate, 1 mM EDTA, pH 8.3, 16 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>) is used as folding buffer. Incubate the samples at 75°C for 15 min, followed by temperature ramp of -0.1°C/1.5 minute to 60°C, and afterward a ramp of -0.1°C/6 minutes to 20°C (approximately 39 hours in total).
2. Purification from excess staple strands through PEG-precipitation. Follow the purification protocol and resuspend the pellet in 100 µl DV activity buffer (TAE + 30 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> + 3 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>). Add OpK at lock : OpK = 1 : 1.5 molar ratio and incubate the sample at room temperature overnight to allow complete resuspension of the DV.
3. Modification of aCt with NHS ester-azide molecules. aCt (2 nmol) is reacted with NHS-C3-azide linker in lysine : linker = 1:10 molar ratios, and shaken (400 rpm) at 21°C for 2 h in 50 µl final volume of aCt storage buffer. Dilute and wash the sample 2 times with aCt storage buffer by using Amicon Ultra-0.5 ml centrifugal filters (50 kDa) to discard unreacted NHS ester-azide and eventual organic solvents. Purified aCt-N3 may be reacted with alkyne-

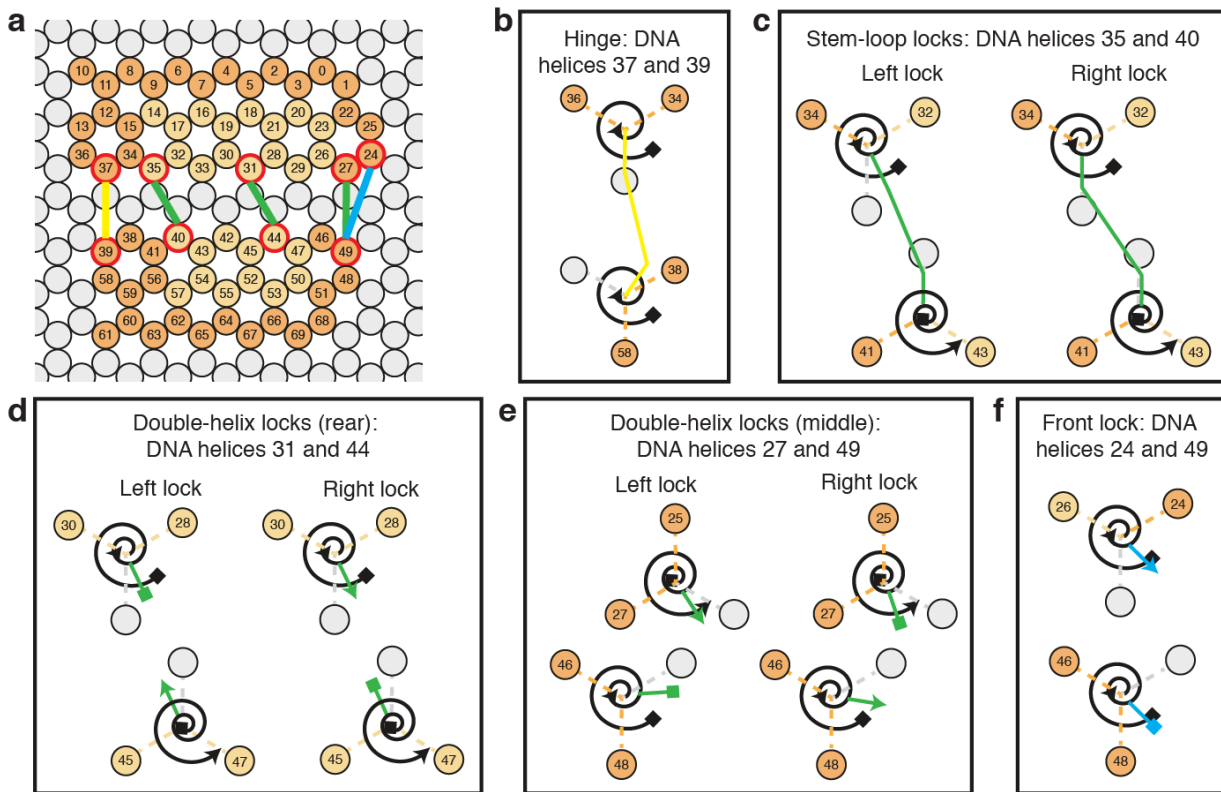
modified DNA and analysed by SDS-PAGE, as previously described to estimate the yield of modified enzyme molecules.

4. Conjugation of DV with aCt-N3. React 5 pmol open DV-ssAlk with 10 fold molar excess of purified aCt-N3 by using Oligo-Click-S-Basic reaction kit (baseclick GmbH). 2.5  $\mu$ l THPTA (100 mM) are added to each reaction tube. The final mix volume should be divided in multiple reaction tubes in order to have about 20-35  $\mu$ l reaction volume in each tube. Incubate by shaking (500 rpm) at 25°C for 1 h.
5. Purification from excess enzyme through PEG-precipitation. To precipitate the enzyme-loaded DV was mixed with PEG solution and centrifuge at 13,000 rfc for 30 minutes using a cooled centrifuge (10°C). Then, resuspend the pellet in 100  $\mu$ l DV activity buffer and add ClK at lock : ClK = 1:1.3 molar ratio. Incubate the sample at room temperature overnight to allow complete resuspension of the DV, and subsequently at 4°C for 36 hours to allow full closure of the DV.
6. Closed aCt-encapsulating DV is obtained. The sample may be incubated with either OpK or unspecific key at room temperature for 1 hour before the enzymatic activity assay is performed.



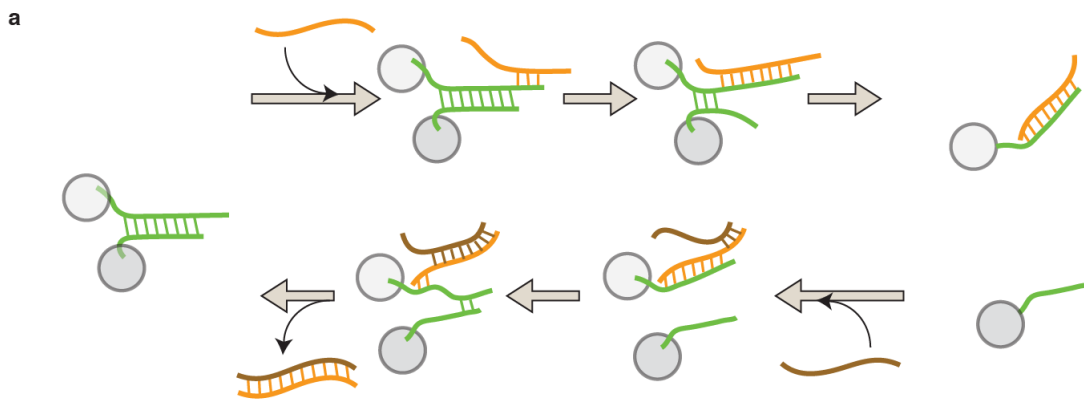
**Supplementary Figure 1. DNA Vault blueprint.**

Side-view (**a**) and blueprint (**b**), modified from CaDNA software interface of DV-H1-7K-Cy3/5 as in Supplementary Table 1. Staple strands belonging to different modules of the structure are coloured according to Supplementary Tables 1 and 2, and to the legend in the bottom left corner. The circular DNA scaffold is coloured in blue. Orange stars indicate where Cy3 and Cy5 fluorophores have been positioned for FRET analysis. Curved double-arrows indicate interacting lock strands. The bold arrow indicates the cargo anchoring site (CAS) staple strand.



**Supplementary Figure 2. Design of the lock system for the DNA Vault.**

**a**, Side-view of the DV highlighting the DNA helices involved in the hinge and lock system design. The yellow, green, and cyan lines link the helices connected by hinge, side locks, and front lock, respectively. **b**, Schematics of the hinge staple strand, connecting helices 37 and 39. **c**, Schematics of the stem-loop locks, connecting helices 35 and 40. **d**, Schematics of the rear double-helix side locks staple strand, protruding from helices 31 and 44. **e**, Schematics of the middle double-helix side locks, protruding from helices 27 and 49. **f**, Schematics of the front double-helix lock, protruding from helices 24 and 49. Dark orange circles indicate DNA helices that form the DV shell, light orange circles indicate DNA helices that define the DV side-walls, grey circles indicate virtual DNA helices used for design purposes only. Spirals show orientation and direction of the DNA helices bearing lock strands (only the staple strand helix is shown for clarity), while yellow, green and cyan lines indicate the hinge and lock staple strand orientations, respectively, on the honeycomb lattice plane as in Supplementary Fig. 1. Arrowheads and squares-on-ends on spirals indicate 3' and 5' ends, respectively.



**b**  
**SIMPLE LOCK STRAND-DISPLACEMENT MECHANISM**

**Closed Jewel Case**

Long lock strand: JC(5')-AAAA-BBB-CC-DDDDD-EEEEEEEE-(3')

Short lock strand: JC(3')-aaaa-bbb-cc-ddddd-(5')

**The Opening Key is added: open Jewel Case**

Long lock strand: JC(5')-AAAA-BBB-CC-DDDDD-EEEEEEEE-(3')

Opening Key: (3')-bbb-cc-ddddd-eeeeeeee-fffffffff-(5')

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Short lock strand: JC(3')-aaaa-bbb-cc-ddddd-(5')

**The Closing Key is added: re-closed Jewel Case**

Opening Key: (3')-bbb-cc-ddddd-eeeeeeee-fffffffff-(5')

Closing Key: (5')-DDDDD-EEEEEEEE-FFFFFFFFF-(3')

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Long lock strand: JC(5')-AAAA-BBB-CC-DDDDD-EEEEEEEE-(3')

Short lock strand: JC(3')-aaaa-bbb-cc-ddddd-(5')

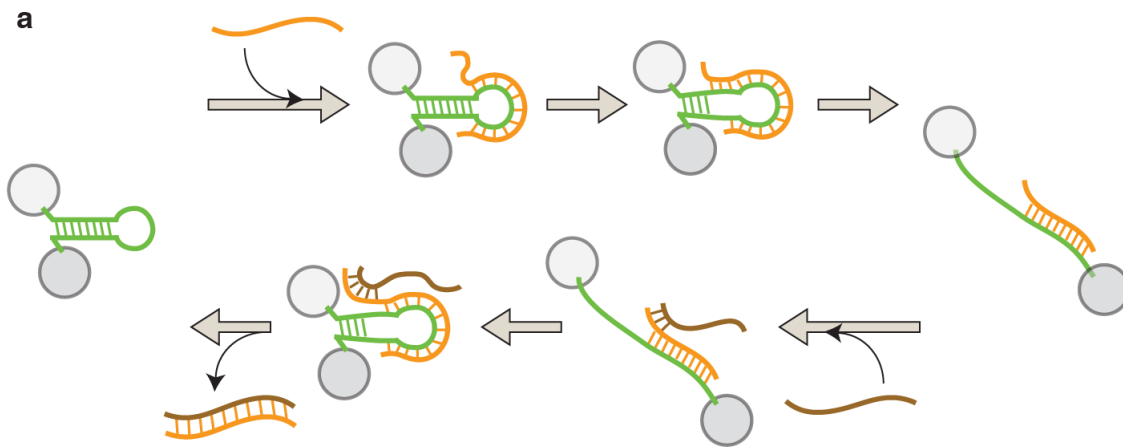
**Notes**

**A-region** is 4-6 nts long

**E-region** is 8-9 nts long

**Supplementary Figure 3. Strand displacement mechanism of double-helix locks.**

**a**, Schematic of a double-helix lock connecting the two halves of the DV. The opening key (orange) first anneals onto the toehold exposed on the long lock strand, and then disrupts the lock-to-lock interactions by strand displacement mechanism, causing the structure to open up. The closing key (brown) works similarly: it first anneals onto the toehold exposed on the opening key, and then it disrupts the opening key-to-lock interactions leaving the long lock strand free to interact with the short lock strand, thus inducing the DV to close back. **b**, Sequence domain design of the lock and key strand interactions. Sequence domains are indicated by capital letters and small letters for complementary sequences. Furthermore, the domains are coloured to reference the DNA sequences shown in Supplementary Table 2 (Side-lock and Front-lock modules).



**b** STEM-LOOP LOCK STRAND-DISPLACEMENT MECHANISM

**Closed Jewel Case**

Lock strand: JC(5')-AA-BBB-CC-DDD-EEEE-  
 JC(3')-aa-bbb-cc-ddd-EEE-

**The Opening Key is added: open Jewel Case**

Lock strand: JC(5')-AA-BBB-CC-DDD-EEEEEEE-ddd-cc-bbb-aa-----JC(3')

Opening Key: (3')-bbb-cc-ddd-eeeeeee-DDD-fffffffff-(5')

**The Closing Key is added: re-closed Jewel Case**

Opening Key: (3')-bbb-cc-ddd-eeeeeee-DDD-fffffffff-(5')

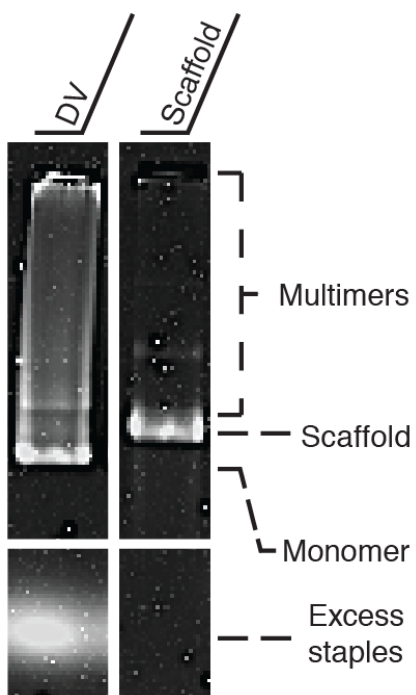
Closing Key: (5')-CC-DDD-EEEEEEE-ddd-FFFFFFFFF-(3')

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Lock strand: JC(5')-AA-BBB-CC-DDD-EEEE-  
 JC(3')-aa-bbb-cc-ddd-EEE-

**Supplementary Figure 4. Strand displacement mechanism of stem-loop locks.**

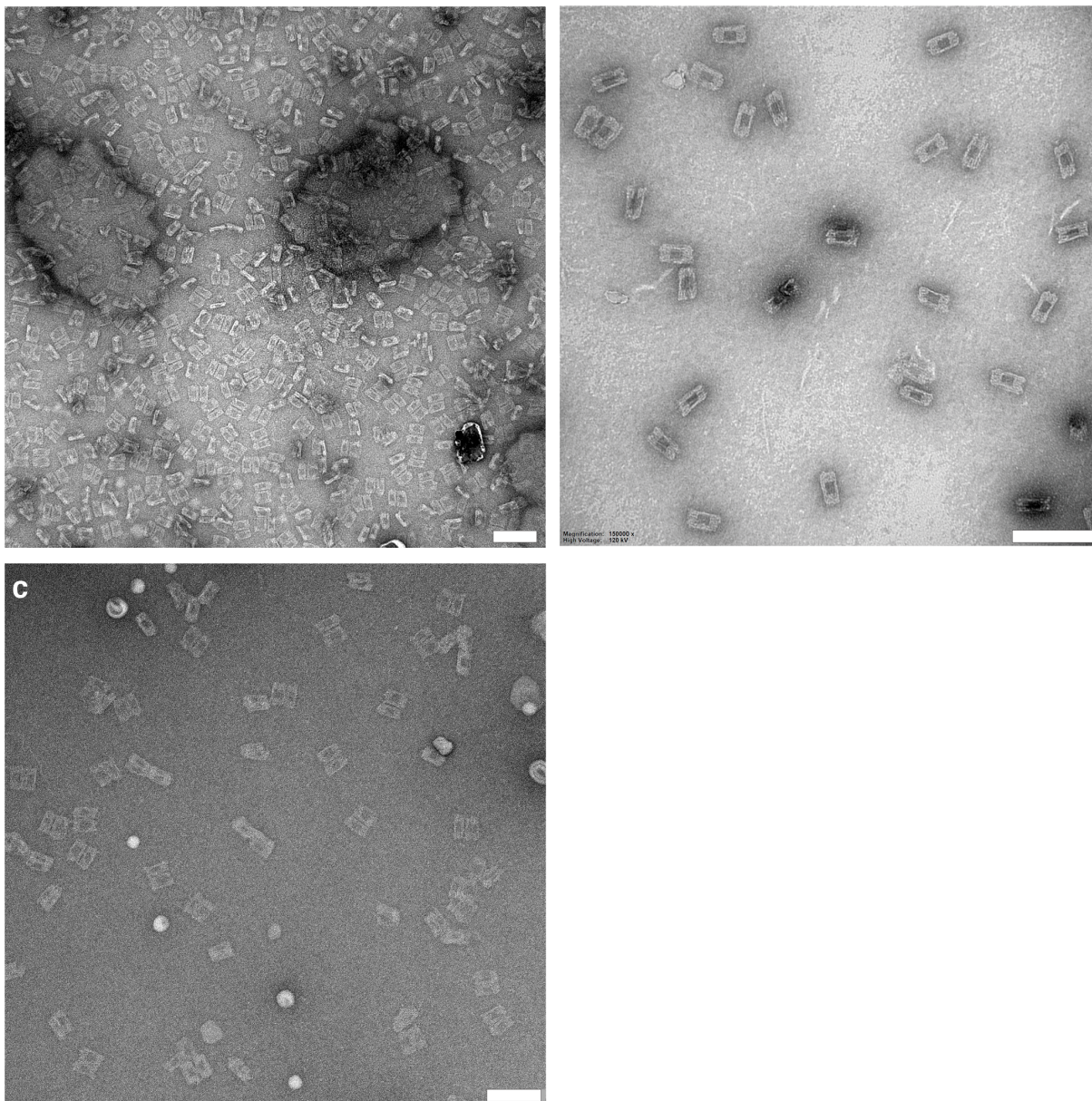
**a**, Schematic of a stem-loop lock connecting the two halves of the DV. The opening key (orange) first anneals onto the loop toehold exposed on the lock strand, and then disrupts the intermolecular lock-to-lock interactions by the strand displacement mechanism, causing the structure to open up. The closing key (brown) works similarly: it first anneals onto the toehold exposed on the opening key, and then it disrupts the opening key-to-lock interactions leaving the lock strand free to assume the stem-loop secondary structure, thus inducing the DV to close back. **b**, Sequence domain design of the lock and key strand interactions. Sequence domains are indicated by capital letters and small letters for complementary sequences. Furthermore, the domains are coloured to reference the DNA sequences shown in Supplementary Table 2 (Side-lock module).



**Supplementary Figure 5. Monomer fraction quantification.**

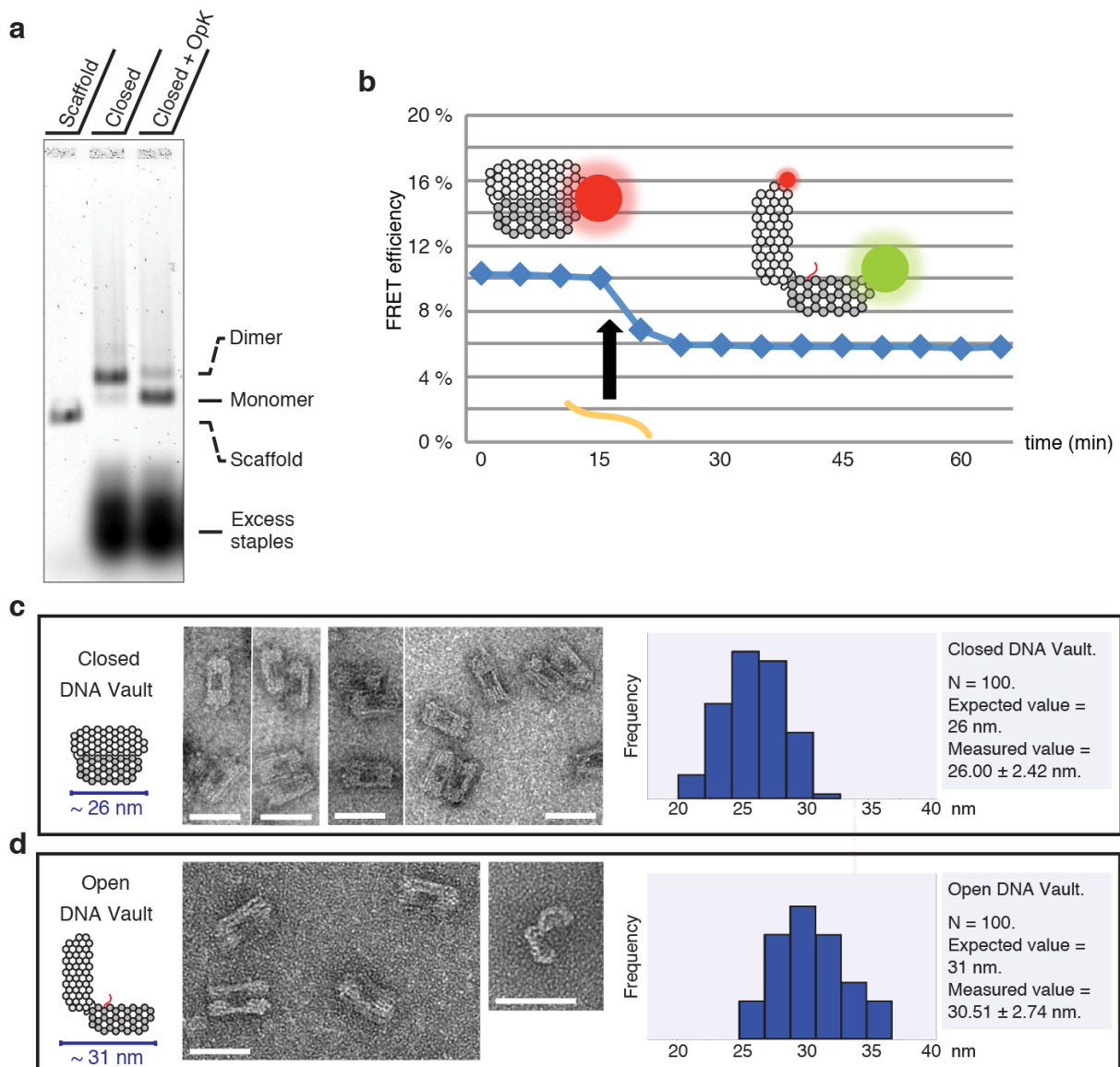
Agarose gel analysis of unpurified DV sample. DV monomers constitute roughly 50% of the sample, while dimers and higher-order multimers constitute the remaining 50%.





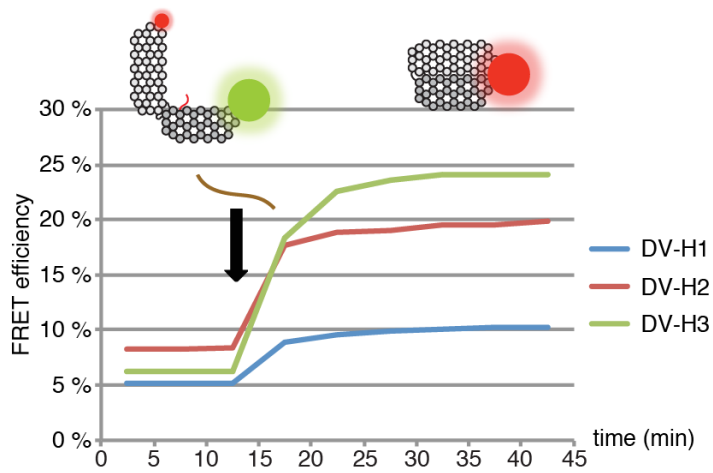
**Supplementary Figure 6. TEM images of DNA Vault.**

TEM images of the DV (Hinge 3) folded in the open conformation (a), after incubation with the closing key (b), and subsequently after incubation with the opening key (c). Images as seen in Fig. 2b. Scale bar, 100 nm.



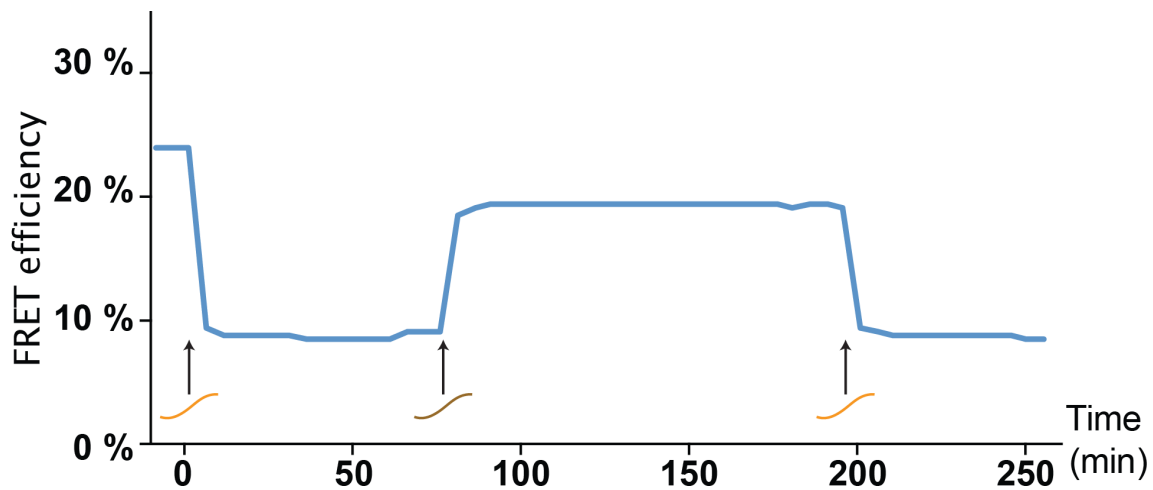
### Supplementary Figure 7. Opening mechanism of DNA Vault with stiff hinge (DV-H1).

**a**, Agarose gel electrophoresis of unpurified DV-H1 assembled in the closed conformation, and after incubation with opening key. **b**, FRET efficiency measurement of closed Cy3/Cy5-modified DV-H1 after incubation with opening key. **c,d**, Schematic (left), and TEM images (middle) of DV-H1 assembled in the closed conformation (c) and after incubation with opening key (d). Dimers are largely present when the DV is assembled closed while almost completely absent after incubation with opening key. The statistical analysis of the back to front length measurements of closed and open structures shows that DV-H1 is opening. Measurements were taken on 100 monodispersed DV-H1 structures. Scale bar, 50 nm.



**Supplementary Figure 8. Closing mechanism analysis of the DNA Vault with different hinge modules.**

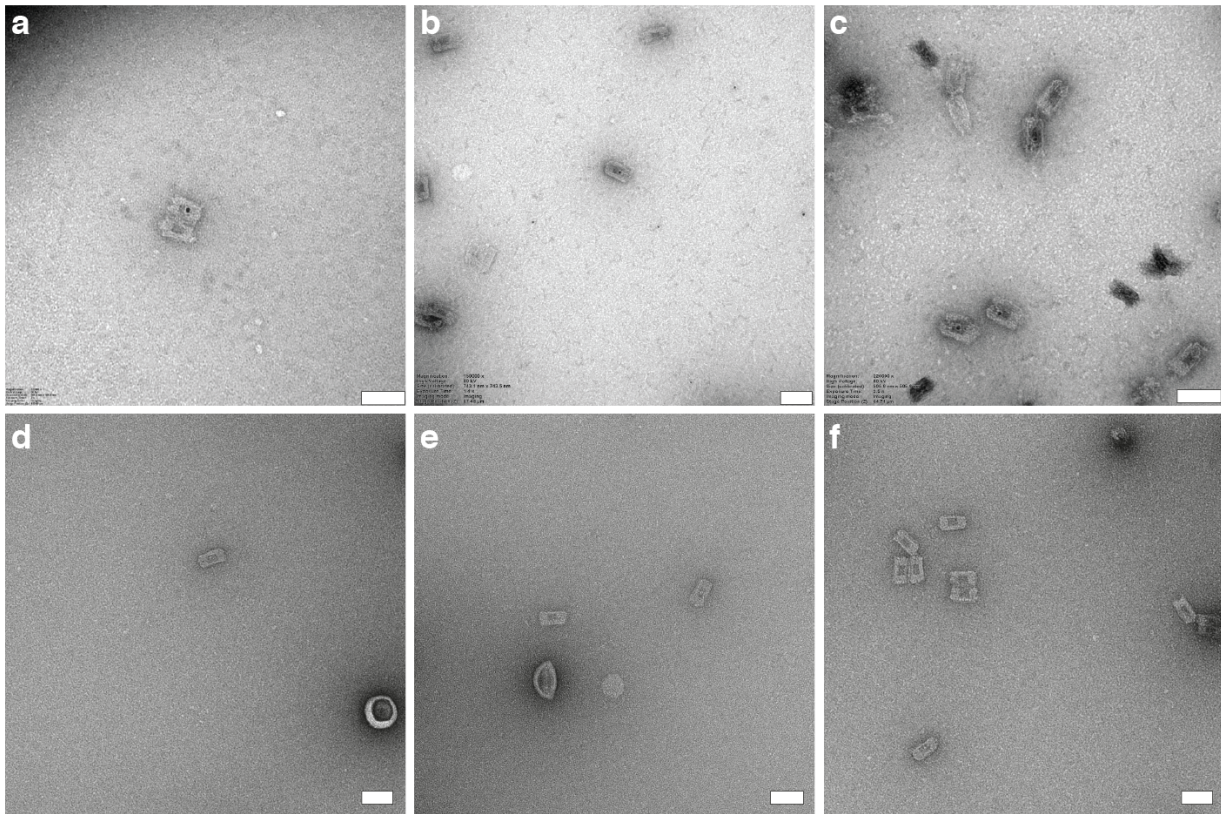
FRET efficiency measured on open Cy3/Cy5-modified DV with different hinge modules, after incubation with closing key.



**Supplementary Figure 9. Repeated opening and closing of the DV.**

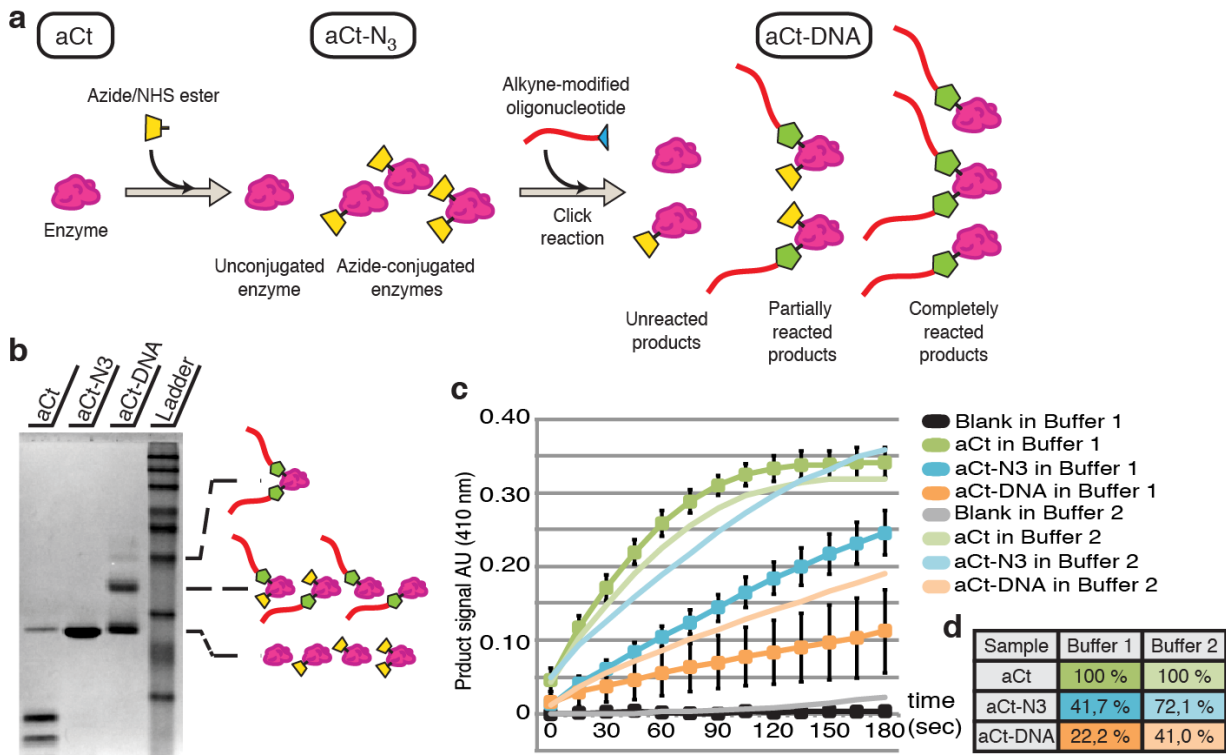
FRET measurement of the closed Cy3/Cy5-conjugated DV upon successive addition of opening key (orange), and closing key (brown).





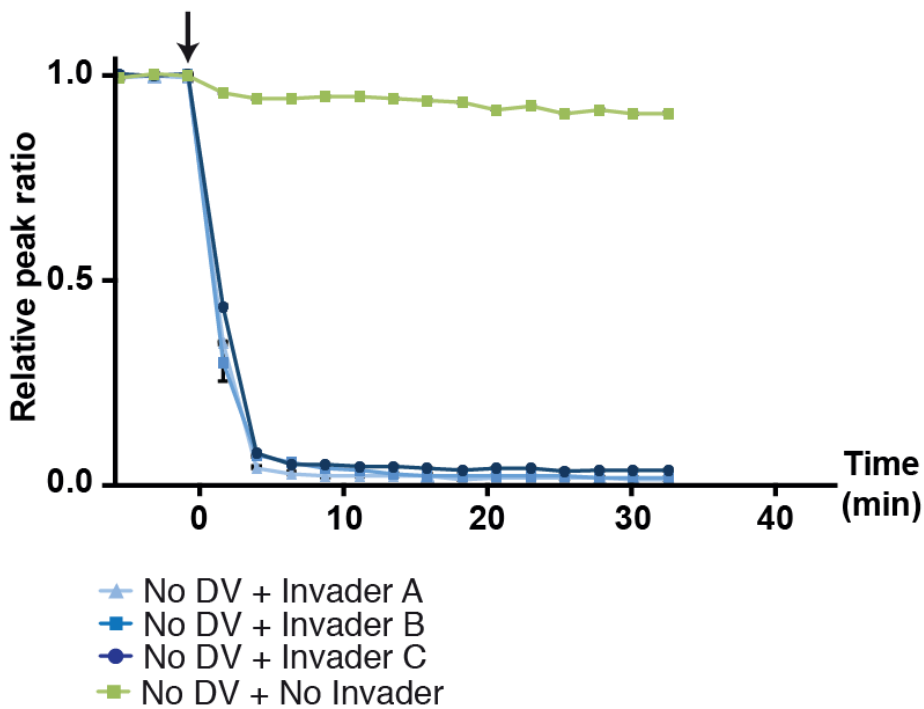
**Supplementary Figure 10. TEM images of cargo-loaded DNA Vault.**

**a-c**, TEM images of the DV loaded with AuNPs (5 nm in diameter) previously reacted with thiol-modified DNA. **d-f**, TEM images of the DV loaded with azide-modified alpha-Chymotrypsin. Images as seen in Fig. 3b,d. Scale bar, 50 nm.



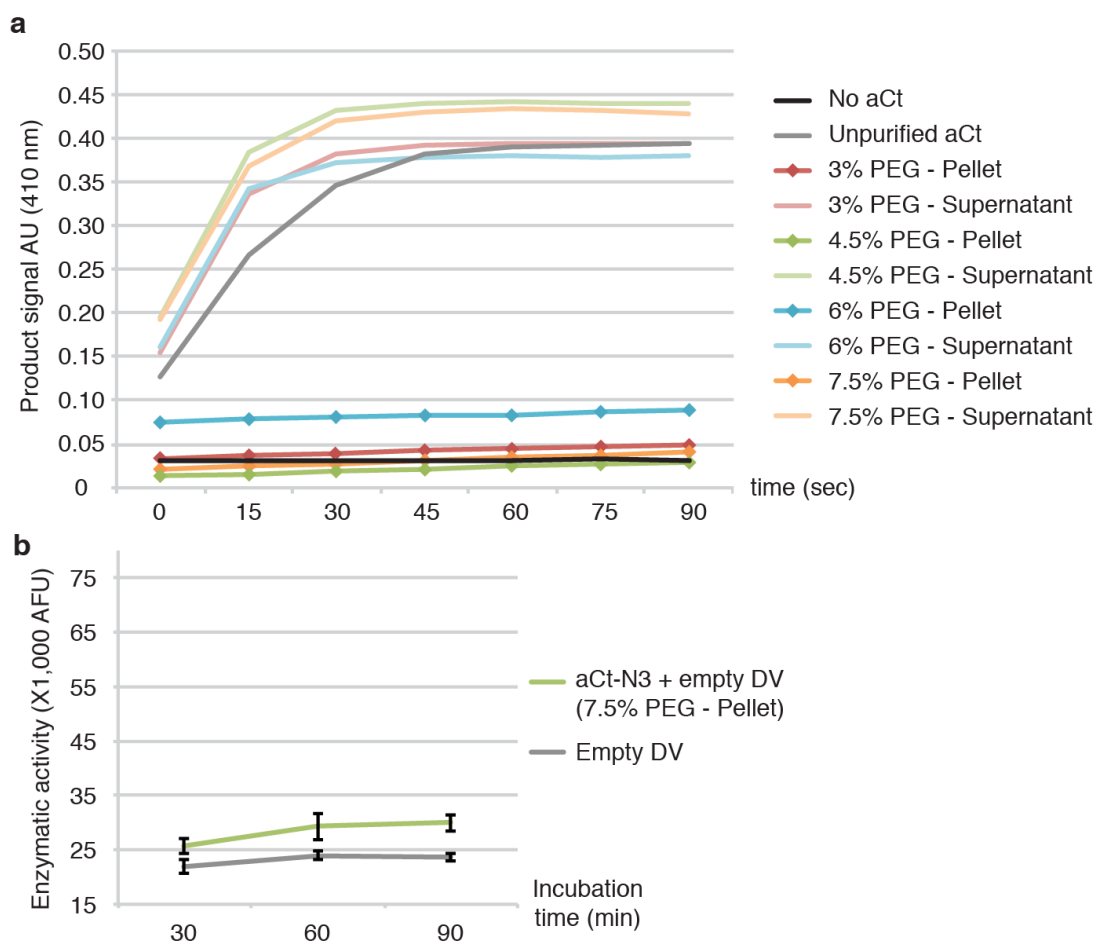
### Supplementary Figure 11. Alpha-Chymotrypsin modification.

**a**, aCt was first reacted with azide-NHS ester in order to obtain azide-exposing enzymes to directly conjugate to alkyne-exposing DV. In order to assess if the enzyme was successfully modified with azide handles prior to covalent loading within the DV, it was reacted with an alkyne-modified DNA strand. **b**, SDS-PAGE of aCt, azide-modified aCt (aCt-N3), and DNA-modified aCt (aCt-DNA). **c**, Retained enzymatic activity was measured on aCt-N3 and aCt-DNA using the chromogenic substrate SAAPFpNA. aCt concentration used was 400 nM, substrate concentration was 400  $\mu$ M; the tests were performed in DV activity buffer (Buffer 1: TAE + 30 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> + 3 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>), and in aCt storage buffer (Buffer 2: 1 mM Tris + 2 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>) in triplicates, with error bars indicating one standard deviation. **d**, Quantification of the retained aCt activity as in C.



**Supplementary Figure 12. Cargo displacement in the absence of the DV.**

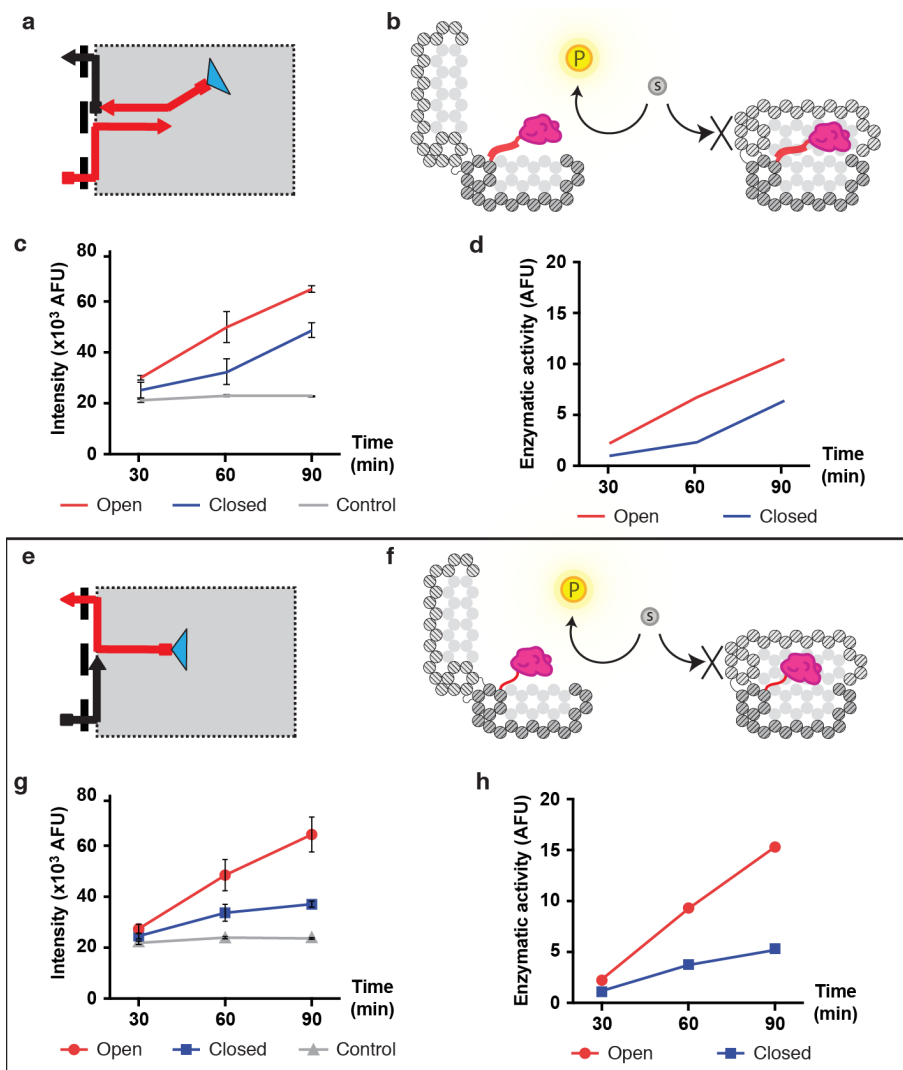
Cargo displacement reactions were performed on the CAS/cargo system alone in order to determine whether the chemo-physical properties of the different invader species affect the displacement reaction kinetics. Fluorescence data show the decrease of FRET peak intensity (cargo-Cy5 emission upon CAS-Cy3 excitation) upon invader strand addition. Cy3-modified CAS and Cy5-modified cargo (Eco-41[84]-41[104]Cy3 and Cargo-(EcoRV)Cy5, respectively) were pre-incubated together at RT for 30 minutes prior addition of the invader strands. Bars indicate one standard error from the mean fluorescence signal as recorded in three replicates.



**Supplementary Figure 13. Alpha-Chymotrypsin (aCt) activity after PEG-precipitation.**

**a**, In order to determine the purification efficiency of the PEG-precipitation method free unmodified aCt was precipitated using different PEG concentrations, and both pellet and supernatant obtained were tested for retained enzymatic activity using the chromogenic substrate sAAPFpNA. aCt concentration used was 400 nM, substrate concentration was 400  $\mu$ M; the tests were performed in DV activity buffer (TAE (1X) + MgCl<sub>2</sub> (30 mM) + CaCl<sub>2</sub> (3 mM)). **b**, In order to understand if non-loaded aCt is co-purified with the DV due to unspecific enzyme-DNA interactions the purification protocol was applied to a sample composed of free azide-exposing aCt and empty DV lacking the alkyne handle necessary for enzyme conjugation. Enzymatic activity was measured on the pellet containing the DV using the fluorogenic substrate FITC-Casein. Enzymatic activity values measured on empty open DV (as in Fig. 4e) are reported here for comparison. Tests were performed in DV activity buffer. Bars indicate one standard error from the mean fluorescence signal as recorded in three replicates.





### Supplementary Figure 14. DV-aCt enzymatic activity with different protein-anchoring modules.

Alkyne-exposing DV was assembled with either a double-stranded CAS module (DV-dsAlk, A-D) or a single-stranded CAS module (DV-ssAlk, E-H). **a**, Schematics of the protein-anchoring region (the cavity is shown in grey), and **b**, schematic mechanism of the enzymatic activity modulation system in DV-dsAlk. **c**, aCt enzymatic activity measured on open aCt-loaded (blue), closed aCt-loaded (red) and open empty DV-dsAlk (Control, grey). Bars indicate one standard error from the mean fluorescence signal, as recorded in three replicates. **d**, Normalization of measured enzymatic activity as in C after Control subtraction (closed – control at 30 min = 1.0). **e**, Schematics of the protein-anchoring region, and **f**, schematic mechanism of the enzymatic activity modulation system in DV-ssAlk. **g,h**, aCt enzymatic activity measured on DV-ssAlk as shown in Fig. 4e,f. The data relative to DV-ssAlk (bottom box) are shown here for a better comparison with the analysis conducted on DV-dsAlk (top box).

### Supplementary Table 1. Module assembly instructions for DNA Vault samples.

Overview of the DNA origami structures, the opening keys (OpK), and closing keys (CIK) used in the experiments. The table lists the 9 different versions of the DV that was assembled for the experiments presented in this study. Each structure is composed of 8 different modules of staple strands, as listed in Supplementary Table 2.

Structure		Modules used									
DNA Vault	Figure	Core	Hinge	Loops	Front Lock	Side Locks	Cargo Anchoring Site	Scaffold Blockers	FRET	Opening Key	Closing Key
DV-H3-7K	2b; Supp. Figs. 6, 11b, 13	Core1	Hinge3	Loops1	Front_Lock2	Side_Lock2	CAS1	Blockers1	FRET1	OpK1/7	CIK1/7
DV-H1-1K-AuNP	2e; Supp. Figs. 1, 8a-c	Core1	Hinge1	Loops1	Front_Lock1	Side_Lock1	CAS3	Blockers1	FRET1	OpK1	CIK1
DV-H1-7K-Cy3/5	Supp. Figs. 5, 7	Core1	Hinge1	Loops1	Front_Lock2	Side_Lock2	CAS1	Blockers1	FRET2	OpK1/7	CIK1/7
DV-H2-7K-Cy3/5	Supp. Fig. 5	Core1	Hinge2	Loops1	Front_Lock2	Side_Lock2	CAS1	Blockers1	FRET2	OpK1/7	CIK1/7
DV-H3-7K-Cy3/5	2c; Supp. Figs. 5, 14	Core1	Hinge3	Loops1	Front_Lock2	Side_Lock2	CAS1	Blockers1	FRET2	OpK1/7	CIK1/7
DV-H3-7K-Displ	3b,c	Core1	Hinge3	Loops1	Front_Lock2	Side_Lock2	CAS2	Blockers1	FRET1	OpK1/7	CIK1/7
DV-H3-7K-ssAlk	2g; 3e,f; Supp. Figs. 8d-f, 10g-h	Core1	Hinge3	Loops1	Front_Lock2	Side_Lock2	CAS4	Blockers1	FRET1	OpK1/7	CIK1/7
DV-H3-7K-dsAlk	Supp. Figs. 10c,d	Core1	Hinge3	Loops1	Front_Lock2	Side_Lock2	CAS5	Blockers1	FRET1	OpK1/7	CIK1/7

## Supplementary Table 2. Staple strand sequences for the DNA Vault.

List of all DNA strands used in the study showing the module that they belong to. Modules are coloured as in Supplementary Table 1. Sequences are annotated as follows: (1) Locks/OpK/CIK colour code: they anneal to same-colour sequences (see Supplementary Figs 3 and 4 for more details), (2) Small bold black nts: single-stranded moiety, (3) Small bold red nts: they anneal to other small bold red nts within the same module. (4) Bold blue letters: oligonucleotide modification. Modules are separated by bold lines in the table.

Module	Name	Sequence
Core1	5[123]-27[116]	ATTTACCGTTCCAGTAATAGCGGGGAAGTTGGGTAAATACACTAATCAA
Core1	0[135]-18[129]	CGAGTTAGCG <b>tt</b> TACAAATTC <b>TT</b> TAATGCCACAGACTTTGGTAGCAACCC
Core1	1[116]-27[111]	CACAAAGCCAAAGCCTGAAC <b>TATAT</b> GTAAAT <b>TGAATTT</b>
Core1	1[38]-4[45]	ATAGCAAGCCCCAGAACCTTT <b>CGGACCTTGAGACCAGAGGCCA</b>
Core1	11[115]-32[122]	GTAATTT <b>CAGCAGGCTCCAGTGAAT</b> TGACAAGA <b>ACCGGATTCA</b>
Core1	12[120]-14[115]	AGGCAGATAGAAACGCAATAATAAAAGGGCTAAA
Core1	12[65]-8[81]	AAGCTAATTTGCTAACACAATGAAATAGCAAT <b>TAA</b>
Core1	13[26]-12[31]	TGAATTAATAAACCCACAAATTT
Core1	13[60]-9[52]	AGCATTAGTTT <b>TAAGAGCATGTTAGCAAACGTCGGA</b>
Core1	13[80]-12[66]	AAATGGAATTGCGCCTTAAATC
Core1	15[137]-36[126]	TATACGTAACAAAGCTGAAT <b>TGGGT</b> TAGACT
Core1	15[88]-15[107]	TCAA <b>ACTAAAAACAGCCAAAGCTT</b> TACCGAAAGGAACCGTTGAAAATCTCCAA A
Core1	16[48]-33[55]	ATTAAACAATCATTACCG <b>ctt</b> TACAGTCAAGTTA
Core1	17[115]-30[122]	TTGAAGAGTAAACCAACTTTGAAAGATAA
Core1	18[128]-15[136]	TCACAGGGAGCGCATAAAAGTTGCGCGAGGTGGCCTTTAAT <b>TG</b>
Core1	18[47]-31[55]	ATCCCATCAT <b>TCCAAGAA</b> <b>tt</b> AATCGCGAACATCA
Core1	19[115]-28[122]	GCTGAACCGAAT <b>TGTGTCGAAATCCTATC</b>
Core1	20[48]-29[55]	CAATA <b>AACTGAACAAGAA</b> <b>tt</b> AAACAAAACATAAA
Core1	21[115]-23[122]	ATCGGCCTGATCACTCATCTTTGACAAAAGAAATAC
Core1	22[104]-2[108]	ACAGTAGACAACGCCTGTAGCCCGGAATTTAGGATGCGT
Core1	22[44]-26[52]	GGCTTCTGTCCAGACT <b>tt</b> TATAT
Core1	22[62]-5[66]	ACATGTAACCCATGTACCGTACACCCCTCAACATGATAAGTTTGACA
Core1	22[83]-5[87]	TCGCCATGTTTCGTACCAGTACTCAGGTGAGACTGATACAGAGAC
Core1	23[123]-2[129]	GTACCAGTATAGACAGCCCTCATAGAGGGTTTCAGTACCTGA
Core1	24[58]-22[63]	TCAGTGTGATAAATAAGAACGCCA
Core1	25[101]-20[107]	ATTACTAGAAAACGCTCA <b>tt</b> TAAACTCCAT
Core1	28[121]-1[115]	ATCGAACGAGTTCATGAGTTTTGCGATATAAGTATAGCATT <b>C</b>
Core1	3[56]-25[52]	ATTCTGAAGAACCGCCACCCTAATAGGAATTTAGGACCG
Core1	3[98]-22[94]	AGAAGGAAGGTGTATCACCGTACAAACTGGCT
Core1	32[121]-18[115]	TCATACCGATCCGATATTCGGCATATCTTTTCATAATCAATAAATAAGA
Core1	32[38]-4[23]	TCCGTCGTAGGCAAGTACCCAATGATCAGAGCCACCACCCTCAG
Core1	33[46]-13[38]	TACACCTTTTGT <b>CAGATACG</b> TAAACATATTCTTTT <b>GCGGAACAAACCAA</b>

Core1	34[111]-37[87]	AAGGCTTGCCCTATACTTCTGAATAATGCCTG
Core1	36[104]-9[97]	GTATTAATTTATCCGAATAGAAGCCCTTACCCAAAAGAACTGGGTTTAC
Core1	36[125]-12[121]	TTACAAAAACGATTTCAAC
Core1	36[94]-36[105]	CTTTGTGGATTGACGAGAAACACACAACCTC
Core1	37[35]-6[28]	TTATCATAACAGAAAGCGTTTTTGCAAATCACGCAAACATTACCATTAGCA
Core1	37[56]-15[87]	TCAGATGTCAAAATCTTGCGGGAGGTTTTGAAGAATAATAATTTTT
Core1	37[67]-13[59]	CAAAAAGTTTGAGTAACCCAG
Core1	37[77]-37[66]	ATATAATGAAGGGTTAGAACCCTACCATAATGG
Core1	37[88]-13[79]	ATTGCCCGAACGTTATTACA
Core1	40[118]-39[113]	TAATGCAGATACttACAACATAACTGGCACAACCTAAT
Core1	40[53]-39[50]	GCCATTAAAAATCGCCTGCTGCTGAAGTTGGCAA
Core1	41[116]-64[122]	ACAATGCTGTCTTTAAGTCACGTTGTGAGCGAGTAACTTGA
Core1	42[111]-64[115]	ACCAAttttATAACGCCAAAATTAGAGACAAATATTCAG
Core1	42[48]-54[52]	ATACGTGCCCTAAAACATcttGAGA
Core1	44[111]-52[115]	ATCGTttttAATAGCGAGAGGCGAA
Core1	44[128]-40[119]	GCGAAAAGAAGTTTACCCGAGGCAATACCACATTCAAC
Core1	44[48]-66[52]	ACGACCAGACCTGAAAGCGttAAAGGGCAAGTTTTCAAA
Core1	48[90]-68[91]	GGTTGCTAAGGGAAGAAAGCGGGGCGCG
Core1	49[109]-51[115]	ACGCAAATAttCATAAATATTCATCAAAATAGG
Core1	49[116]-51[111]	TTATAATGCGCCGCTACCGGGCGC
Core1	49[52]-55[45]	ATCCCGTTAGAATCAGAGTTAGAGCGGTGCCGCAAATCGAAAAACACGT
Core1	5[56]-20[49]	CAGCATTTAACGGGGTCAGTGACCTATTttGACGA
Core1	5[77]-3[76]	GCAGGTCGAGTGTACTGGTAAAAGTATT
Core1	5[88]-7[76]	GATACCACCGGTTTGCCCCGACTTGAGCCATTTGGGAAAGCGACA
Core1	5[98]-3[97]	GATATTCACATGGCTTTTGATCCTCAAG
Core1	50[51]-64[45]	CGATTGACGGTAGCATTAACATCCGCAAATCCATCAAATGCCGGAAT
Core1	51[116]-67[108]	GCGGTTTAGCTATATTTCCCTGTAATGCCTGCTGG
Core1	51[123]-44[129]	CAACCGCGCTACCGTTGTAGCAATACTTGCCCCCTCAGATA
Core1	51[130]-57[136]	AGCGAGAATGACTATTAATTAAGATAAATCGCCAACAGTTTTGATAAGA
Core1	51[137]-64[129]	ACGTTGCAAATGGTCAGAAGCCTCCCTCATATGAACGACCC
Core1	51[70]-64[66]	CGTGGCGCATCAATTTACTATCAGAGCAGGCCGGTTTGAGAGTAA
Core1	52[114]-51[122]	AGAAGGTCTTAAATGCAATACTTTTGCGGGAATAACCTCTGG
Core1	54[51]-66[56]	TAGCTCCAACTTTGTTAAGAGGGTAGCTATTAGACAGT
Core1	56[111]-59[87]	AGCTCAACATGTCCCTGAGAGAGTTGCAGCCC
Core1	56[51]-64[56]	CGAAGAATAGGTATCGGAGGAACGCCATCAATTAATAT
Core1	56[69]-61[76]	CTGGTTTTGAGACGTCGTGCCAGCTGTTTCCTGTGTGAA
Core1	58[106]-63[97]	GTTGAACATTTTCCAGTCACGACCAACTGT
Core1	58[93]-58[107]	CCCACCGCCTGGTTTAAATATGCAATTGC
Core1	59[88]-56[70]	TTTCGTTTTCCAGTATCAAACGACGGCTGATTGCAAGCGGTCCACG
Core1	60[121]-39[134]	TGGTACGGTGGAATATAGGTAGAAAGATTCAATTACCTTCAATAGAT
Core1	61[117]-41[115]	AAGCATATAACTAGAGCCGTATGCGATTTTAAGTATT
Core1	61[56]-56[52]	CATAGCTGCAAGTTGAACTAAAGCATCACCTAACAGTGCAGG
Core1	61[77]-39[71]	ATTGTTGCGGGTTATCTTGGGAAGAACAATGAAAAATAGGAATTGA

Core1	63[123]-42[112]	CTTGGGATAGTTGCTCCGTCAGGAGGAATTAAGACGACGATAAAA
Core1	63[81]-65[76]	TCACATCTGCCAGTTTGTGCGGTC
Core1	63[98]-65[97]	TGGGAAGGATGGGCGCATCGTCCAGCTT
Core1	64[114]-50[122]	AAAAACAAGAGAATCGATATTTTTACCCTGACCA
Core1	64[121]-44[112]	TAACGCGTTTTGGAAGCCCTTTTGTCTCCAATACTGCGGA
Core1	64[128]-61[139]	CGGAACCCGTCGTAATCGCTATTGGCGAGTAAAGCCTGGG
Core1	64[44]-61[55]	TCGAACCAATCCTCAGGCTTCTGGTCGACCGTAATCATGGT
Core1	64[65]-59[59]	ACGAAATAATAGGGGACCAAAGCGCCAAGCTTGCACTGCAC
Core1	65[77]-67[76]	TGCCTTCAAATATTTAAATTGATCTAC
Core1	65[98]-67[97]	TCATCAAAAAACAGGAAGATTCATTGCC
Core1	66[51]-49[64]	TCATAAGCAATAAAGCCATAGTAGGAAAGCCTTTCCTTGAGAAGTG
Core1	67[109]-61[116]	AGCAGCCCACATTAATGGTGTAGGCGATCCAGGGTACGAGCCGG
Core1	67[77]-69[76]	AAAGGCTCAAAGGGTGAGAAATAAAGC
Core1	67[98]-69[97]	TGAGAGTAGTAATGTGTAGGTCAAAAAAC
Core1	7[56]-18[48]	GCACCGTCCACCCTCAGAACCCCGCGcttAATAAT
Core1	7[77]-5[76]	GAATCAAGAACCGCCTCCCTCGTTGAG
Core1	7[98]-5[97]	TCAGACTCCGGAACCAGAGCCTGGCCTT
Core1	8[80]-8[87]	GACTCCTTATTCAATCAATAGAAAAATTCATATGCAT
Core1	9[108]-36[95]	GACAACGGAATTTAAATAACATAAAAAACAGGGTATTAATC
Core1	9[123]-16[115]	TTCGGAAATTATTCATTGTTTTCAATTC
Core1	9[53]-11[52]	ATAttGCCCAATAGCAAAGCGAACTGCACCCTAACGAGCGGTGAGCCCAA
Core1	9[56]-16[49]	AGTTTATCAGCAAAATCACCAGATAGCAttCGGGT
Core1	9[98]-7[97]	CAGCGCAATTATCACCGTCATTTAGCG
Core1	69[98]-49[108]	ATTATGATCATTTGAAAGGAGAGGGCGGTCTGTCCATC
Core1	11[53]-35[55]	TAAGCTATTTCTCCCGATATTTGCGAATATA
Core1	15[108]-11[114]	AAAAGGAGTGACAATCCAAAGAGAGAAAA
Core1	2[107]-9[107]	CATACAAACAAAAATCAGTAGCGCAAAGGTGAAA
Core1	2[128]-10[128]	ATTAAAGCCAGTTTGCCTTTCGGTTATTGACAACCGATAACCGAGCCGAATA
Core1	30[121]-5[122]	GGGAGGCTTGGCAGCGACCTC
Core1	37[119]-9[122]	AGTAGTACTCATTCAAAAGGAAATTTCTGACA
Core1	5[67]-8[66]	GGAAGAGCCGAATCAGTTTAGAGCTTTGTCAACGC
Core1	55[46]-60[38]	GGAGGTTGAGAATCAAAAAATCCTGGTGGTTATCGGCCAAAAATTTCTAGA
Core1	68[90]-62[87]	AGCTGAAGTTGTACAAAGATTATCAGGTGTATAAGCCTGTAGAACC
Hinge1	10[138]-13[132]	AAATGAAAACAAAGTTATTGCTAAACAACTTTTTTGTT
Hinge1	58[52]-62[56]	ATGATTTCTTTCTGCAGGTGCCGGAACCAGGGACGACA
Hinge1	59[115]-63[122]	AAAGGTAACCGGTTGCGGGCCT
Hinge1	8[86]-10[75]	GATAGCTAGCATTAGACGGGAG
Hinge1	10[127]-59[114]	GCAGCCTTTACAGATAAGACAATTCGCAGAACGAGATTCACATTAACT
Hinge1	10[34]-58[23]	GCGCCTTAGAAACCAAGCGGAAAAATATGGGGAGAGGCGG
Hinge1	10[74]-63[80]	AATCAGTTAATTTTATTTCATCAGGAAGAAACCTGGGCAACAGCCAGTGCCATTCCG CCAT
Hinge1	8[65]-58[53]	AGTAAGAATGAACACCCTGAACAAATCTTTATTATCACTGATTATCAACTTA
Hinge1	13[133]-63[145]	TAACGTCAGAAGTACTTGAGAAATACTGCCTAAGTTTCATGCTGCAAACGCCAGC TGCGC

Hinge2	10[138]-13[132]	AAATGAAAACAAAGTTATTGCTAAACAACTTTTTTGTT
Hinge2	58[52]-62[56]	ATGATTTCTTTCTGCAGGTGCCGAAACCAGGGACGACA
Hinge2	59[115]-63[122]	AAAGGTAACGCGGTGCGGGCCT
Hinge2	8[86]-10[75]	GATAGCTAGCATTAGACGGGAG
Hinge2	Hinge2_10[127]-59[114]	GCAGCCTTTACAGATAAGACAATTCGCAGAACGttttAGATTCACATTAAC
Hinge2	Hinge2_10[34]-58[23]	GCGCCTTAGAAACCAAGCGGAAttttAATATGGGGAGAGGCGG
Hinge2	Hinge2_10[74]-63[80]	AATCAGTTAATTTTATTTCATCATttttGGAAGAAACCTGGGCAACAGCCAGTGCCA TTCGCCAT
Hinge2	Hinge2_8[65]-58[53]	AGTAAGAATGAACACCCTGAACAAATCTTTATTATCACTGATTAttttTCAACTT A
Hinge2	Hinge2_13[133]-63[145]	TACGTCAGAAGTACTTGAGAttttAATACTGCCTAAGTTTCATGCTGCAAACGC CAGCTGGCG
Hinge3	10[138]-13[132]	AAATGAAAACAAAGTTATTGCTAAACAACTTTTTTGTT
Hinge3	58[52]-62[56]	ATGATTTCTTTCTGCAGGTGCCGAAACCAGGGACGACA
Hinge3	59[115]-63[122]	AAAGGTAACGCGGTGCGGGCCT
Hinge3	8[86]-10[75]	GATAGCTAGCATTAGACGGGAG
Hinge3	Hinge3_10[127]-59[114]	GCAGCCTTTACAGATAAGACAATTCGCAGAACGtttttttAGATTCACATTAAC T
Hinge3	Hinge3_10[34]-58[23]	GCGCCTTAGAAACCAAGCGGAAttttttAATATGGGGAGAGGCGG
Hinge3	Hinge3_10[74]-63[80]	AATCAGTTAATTTTATTTCATCATtttttttGGAAGAAACCTGGGCAACAGCCAGT GCCATTCGCCAT
Hinge3	Hinge3_8[65]-58[53]	AGTAAGAATGAACACCCTGAACAAATCTTTATTATCACTGATTAtttttttTCA ACTTA
Hinge3	Hinge3_13[133]-63[145]	TACGTCAGAAGTACTTGAGAtttttttAATACTGCCTAAGTTTCATGCTGCAA ACGCCAGCTGGCG
Loops1	61[32]-41[31]	CGAGCTCGCGCGCTGGTCACCTCAAATATCAAAGTCA
Loops1	32[30]-16[24]	AACAATAAttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttAATCAATAATCGATCG
Loops1	22[30]-20[22]	AGTAATAAGATACCGACAATGCA
Loops1	12[30]-17[20]	TATACGCGAGTAAAGAAATTGCTttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttCAAGC
Loops1	13[39]-8[30]	CGCAGCTACAGAATTGAACATACATAAAG
Loops1	14[139]-30[145]	TTGCTTTCCGACAATGACTtttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttGAAC
Loops1	15[140]-33[139]	CGGttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttCCAGGCGCATAGGCTGATGAACG
Loops1	16[139]-32[130]	TCGCCATTAAAGGCGAGCGGTCAATCAGGACAGGCT
Loops1	16[20]-21[30]	ACAAGttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttAGCCGCCACCAGTTACGAGACA
Loops1	16[23]-7[29]	AGACGTTTTTGAAGGCTTATCCtttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttGGAAA
Loops1	18[139]-28[136]	GATCGTCACGGCTAACAA
Loops1	18[22]-23[30]	AGAAACCttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttAGTTAATGCCCTTCAGCTA AA
Loops1	19[39]-2[23]	TTATCCTAATAACCACCTAACAGTGCCCGTATAAAC
Loops1	20[136]-0[136]	CTAATACGAAGCACCTttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttTGCCGT
Loops1	20[21]-22[31]	GAACGCTttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttCCCTCATTTTCAAGCC
Loops1	21[31]-22[16]	ATAGACAATTCATTTttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttTAAAGGAATA
Loops1	21[39]-0[23]	GTCCAACATGCTGCCTAGCCACCCTCAGAGCCACCA
Loops1	25[133]-27[138]	CGTTAAttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttAACCTAAAACGAGACTAC
Loops1	28[135]-20[137]	CGGGATTATACCAAGCGCGttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttTTGAGGA
Loops1	29[23]-1[37]	GAATTACCTTTTTTAAATGGATAACCTAAAGTAAATTTTCGGGG
Loops1	30[29]-18[23]	TCAATTAAttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttGCCTGTTTATCATATGT
Loops1	38[139]-54[140]	ATTGTGATCAGTTttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttAGACCGGAA



Front_Lock2	22[93]-27[86]	TAACGGAATCCAAATCCAATCGCAGAC
Front_Lock2	Set4-24[69]-26[59]	AGAAAACCATAGCGATAGCTtttt <b>TC AACATCAGTCTGATAAGCTA</b>
Front_Lock2	26[51]-24[59]	ATGAGAATCCTTGAAAATTTT
Front_Lock2	27[76]-22[84]	TAGATTAAAGACAAAATAAGAATAAACACTTGAGAA
Front_Lock2	27[87]-25[100]	GCTGAGAAGAGTCAATAGGCTGATGATA
Front_Lock2	3[77]-24[70]	AAGAGGCAGGTTTAGTACCGCACACTGAATTTAACGCGTTAAGAACGCG
Front_Lock2	46[104]-48[91]	TCGGCCTTGCTGGTTAAAAGAGTACTAT
Front_Lock2	Set4-47[70]-49[74]	<b>CAGACTGATGTTGAC</b> AGT GAGGCCACCGAGAATATCCAGAACAATATTACCATAA T
Front_Lock2	49[65]-49[51]	TTTTTGCCAGCCATTGCAACAGGAAAAGA
Front_Lock2	69[77]-51[69]	TAAATCGAAGGTGGAGAAAGGTTGACGAGCACGTATAACGTGCGGCGAA
Front_Lock2	27[46]-33[45]	C'TTGAGTGAAAACAGTATTAATTTGAAAACACAGAGGCTGAA
Side_Lock1	43[25]-32[39]	AATCAGCAGAAGATAAA <b>TGTAAACATCAGTGTAGGATGTTTAC</b> AtttttGTAGAT TTTCAGGTTTAAACACA
Side_Lock1	Set1-47[39]-44[0]	TTGATGGAAATACCTACATTTTGATGAAATGATTCt'ttttt <b>ggtaTAAACATCAG</b> <b>TGTAGGAT</b>
Side_Lock1	Set1-31[0]-21[38]	<b>TGATGTTTAtacca</b> CCTGAGCAAAAAGAAGATGAACATTTAATAA
Side_Lock1	Set1-27[23]-24[0]	TCGTCGCTATTAATTAATTAATTTTCATCTTCTGt'tttt <b>ggtaTAAACATCAGTGT</b> <b>GGAT</b>
Side_Lock1	Set1-49[0]-48[32]	<b>TGATGTTTAtacca</b> AAGGGATTTTAGACTAA
Side_Lock1	Set1-46[143]-49[167]	GTAATAACATCACTTCt'tt <b>ggtaTAAACATCAGTGTAGGAT</b>
Side_Lock1	Set1-24[167]-29[128]	<b>TGATGTTTAtacca</b> AACCTCCGGCTTAGGTTGGTCTGAGAAAGAGGCCCC
Side_Lock1	Set1-29[129]-31[167]	CAGCAGATTTGGCGACCTGCTCCATGTTACTTAGCt'tttt <b>ggtaTAAACATCAGT</b> <b>GTAGGAT</b>
Side_Lock1	Set1-44[167]-47[139]	<b>TGATGTTTAtacca</b> GTA AAAATGTTTAGACTGAATGCTT
Side_Lock1	32[129]-54[136]	GACCTATTCATTACCCAAtttt <b>TGTAAACATCAGTGTAGGATGTTTAC</b> ATTTAGG ATAGTAAGGCAA
Side_Lock2	Set1-43[25]-32[39]	AATCAGCAGAAGATAAA <b>TGTAAACATCAGTGTAGGATGTTTAC</b> AtttttGTAGAT TTTCAGGTTTAAACACA
Side_Lock2	Set2-47[39]-42[0]	TTGATGGAAATACCTACATTTTGATGAAATGATTCt'ttt <b>TGGGATTTGACAA</b> <b>ACTGACA</b>
Side_Lock2	Set2-31[0]-21[38]	<b>TGTCAAAATACCCCA</b> CCTGAGCAAAAAGAAGATGAACATTTAATAA
Side_Lock2	Set3-27[33]-24[0]	TCGTCGCTATTAATTAATTAATTTTCATCTTCTGt'tt <b>CAGCTGCTTTGGGATTCC</b> <b>GTTG</b>
Side_Lock2	Set3-49[0]-48[32]	<b>TCCCAAAGCAGCTGA</b> AAGGGATTTTAGACTAA
Side_Lock2	Set5-46[143]-49[170]	GTAATAACATCACTTCt't <b>TCAGCCGCTGTCACACGCACAG</b>
Side_Lock2	Set5-24[158]-29[128]	<b>GTGACAGCGGCTGA</b> AACCTCCGGCTTAGGTTGGTCTGAGAAAGAGGCCCC
Side_Lock2	Set6-29[129]-31[176]	CAGCAGATTTGGCGACCTGCTCCATGTTACTTAGCt'ttt <b>ACTCACCGACAGCGTT</b> <b>GAATGTT</b>
Side_Lock2	Set6-44[164]-47[139]	<b>ACGCTGTCGGTGAGT</b> GTA AAAATGTTTAGACTGAATGCTT
Side_Lock2	Set7-32[129]-54[136]	GACCTATTCATTACCCAAtttt <b>TTAATGCTAAATCAGGATTAGCATTAA</b> ATTTAGG ATAGTAAGGCAA
CAS1: empty	PAS2_38[99]-41[104]	ATACCAGTCAACGAACTAACGGA
CAS1	PAS2_62[86]-38[100]	GTGGGCTGCGGTTGTCGCTCACAATTCACACCGCTCAGCACTATCATT
CAS1	PAS3_59[60]-41[83]	CAGGCCCCAGCCACGCTGAGAGCCAGCAGAAATCTACG
CAS1	40[97]-58[94]	<b>ttcgctgccttgcg</b> TTAATAAAGGACGTAAAATATCTTTAGGACTG
CAS2: Cargo Displacement	PAS2_38[99]-41[104]	ATACCAGTCAACGAACTAACGGA
CAS2	PAS2_62[86]-38[100]	GTGGGCTGCGGTTGTCGCTCACAATTCACACCGCTCAGCACTATCATT
CAS2	Eco-41[84]-41[104]Cy3	<b>/5Cy3/gaaggatatcaggctctctctc</b> TTAATAAAAACGAACTAACGGA



CAS2	PAS3_59[60]-41[83]	CAGGCCCCAGCCACGCTGAGAGCCAGCAGAAATCTACG
CAS2	Cargo-(EcoRV)Cy5	<b>/5Cy5/gcctgatataccttcCTCGTATG</b>
CAS3: AuNPs	38[90]-58[94]	AGGACGTAAAATATCTTTAGGACTG
CAS3	PAS2_38[99]-41[104]	ATACCAGTCAACGAACTAACGGA
CAS3	PAS2_59[60]-40[70]	CAGGCCCCAGCCACGCTGAGAGCCAGCAGAAATCTACG <b>cgacaaggcagcga</b>
CAS3	PAS2_62[86]-38[100]	GTGGGCTGCGGTTGTCGCTCACAAATCCACACCGCTCAGCACTATCATT
CAS3	PAS2_40[97]-(5')SH (to be conjugated on AuNPs)	<b>/5ThioMC6-D/ttcgctgccttgcgTTAATAA</b>
CAS4: ssAlk	PAS2_38[99]-41[104]	ATACCAGTCAACGAACTAACGGA
CAS4	PAS2_62[86]-38[100]	GTGGGCTGCGGTTGTCGCTCACAAATCCACACCGCTCAGCACTATCATT
CAS4	PAS3_59[60]-41[83]	CAGGCCCCAGCCACGCTGAGAGCCAGCAGAAATCTACG
CAS4	PAS3_40[97]-58[94]-ssAlk	<b>/5Hexynyl/ttcgctgccttgcgTTAATAAAGGACGTAAAATATCTTTAGGACTG</b>
CAS5: dsAlk	PAS2_38[99]-41[104]	ATACCAGTCAACGAACTAACGGA
CAS5	PAS2_62[86]-38[100]	GTGGGCTGCGGTTGTCGCTCACAAATCCACACCGCTCAGCACTATCATT
CAS5	PAS3_41[84]-58[94]_cut	TTAATAAAGGACGTAAAATATCTTTAGGACTG
CAS5	PAS2_59[60]-40[70]-dsAlk(c)	CAGGCCCCAGCCACGCTGAGAGCCAGCAGAAATCTACG <b>cgacaaggcagcga</b>
CAS5	PAS3-dsAlk	<b>/5Hexynyl/ctacgttcattcgctgccttgcg</b>
Blockers1	57[137]-59[173]	GGTGGATTGACGGATTCTCCGTGGttGCGAACG
Blockers1	1[148]-18[140]	TAAAGTTttttttTCTCAGGCGGATAttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttGCGG
Blockers1	12[169]-14[140]	CGTTAGTttttttAAACATAGCCCCtttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttCA GC
FRET1	50[121]-49[115]	TAATTGAATCTGAGTAGAAGAACTCAA
FRET1	25[53]-27[45]	ACCAATATATTTTAGTTTTCC
FRET1	45[32]-43[20]	GAACAGGGCGATGGCttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttTTAGT
FRET1	33[24]-19[38]	GGATTCGCCTGATTGCTTGAATTATTTCC
FRET1	27[117]-25[132]	AATCATAGGGTTATATTTTAGTATCATATG
FRET1	30[144]-21[143]	GAGGCCCGCtttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttAAACAAAGTCAGA
FRET1	42[140]-69[148]	TAACCCTCGTTTTGCCAAAAGTAGTCAGTTTAGAATTATTTCAACGCAAGG
FRET1	49[41]-50[52]	GTACGCCAACGCTCGCAGATTACCAAttGGGT
FRET2	50[121]-(3')Cy3	TAATTGAATCTGAGTAGAAGAACTCAA <b>/3Cy3/</b>
FRET2	25[53]-27[45]	ACCAATATATTTTAGTTTTCC
FRET2	45[32]-43[20]	GAACAGGGCGATGGCttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttTTAGT
FRET2	33[24]-19[38]	GGATTCGCCTGATTGCTTGAATTATTTCC
FRET2	27[117]-(5')Cy5	<b>/5Cy5/AATCATAGGGTTATATTTTAGTATCATATG</b>
FRET2	30[144]-21[143]	GAGGCCCGCtttttttttttttttttttttttttttttttAAACAAAGTCAGA
FRET2	42[140]-69[148]	TAACCCTCGTTTTGCCAAAAGTAGTCAGTTTAGAATTATTTCAACGCAAGG
FRET2	49[41]-50[52]	GTACGCCAACGCTCGCAGATTACCAAttGGGT
Opening Key	OpK1	<b>atgctcctaATCCTACACTGATGTTTA; (stem-loop colour code)</b> <b>atgctcctaATCCTACACTGATGTTTA (double-helix colour code)</b>
Opening Key	OpK2	<b>gttgaggagTGTCAAGTTGTCAAAATAC</b>
Opening Key	OpK3	<b>aatatctaaCAACGGAATCCCAAAGC</b>
Opening Key	OpK4	<b>gacttagaaTAGCTTATCAGACTGAT</b>
Opening Key	OpK5	<b>tgtaagatCTGTGCGTGTGACAGCG</b>

Opening Key	OpK6	aattcggccAACATTCAACGCTGTCGG
Opening Key	OpK7	aacttcgtaTAATCGTGATTTAGCATT
Closing Key	CIK1	ACATCAGTGTAGGATtaggagcat; (stem-loop colour code) ACATCAGTGTAGGATtaggagcat (double-helix colour code)
Closing Key	CIK2	TGACA AACTGACActccacaac
Closing Key	CIK3	TTGGGATTCCGTTGttagatatt
Closing Key	CIK4	GTCTGATAAGCTAttctaagtc
Closing Key	CIK5	GTCACACGCACAGatcttaaca
Closing Key	CIK6	CAGCGTTGAATGTTggccgaatt
Closing Key	CIK7	GCTAAATCACGATTAtacgaagtt
Unspecific Key	UnK	GCATGCCGCTGCGCTTGGCCGCGAAAAC
InvaderA	Eco ssDNA	CTAAATACTACATACGAGgaaggatatcaggc
InvaderB	Eco DBell	CCGCGCCCTCGTTTTTACGAGGGGCAGCAGTTTTCTGCTGCCGCGGCATACGAGg aaggatatcaggc
InvaderC	Eco Biotin	/Biotin/CTAAATACTACATACGAGgaaggatatcaggc

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