Supplementary Information:

Programmable, Multiplexed DNA Circuits Supporting Clinically Relevant, Electrochemical Antibody Detection

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Supplementary Methods

DNA Sequences

HPLC purified oligonucleotides were purchased from IBA (Gottingen, Germany), Biosearch Technologies (Risskov, Denmark) and Metabion International AG (Planegg, Germany). PNA/Peptide chimera probes were purchased from Panagene (South Korea). All sequences were designed using Nupack or IDT oligoanalyzer tools.^{1,2}

In the above sequences and those reported below with other circuits the sequence denoted in **bold** indicates the toehold domain, the underlined sequence represents the invading domain, and the sequence denoted in *italics* indicates the elements of the duplex stem.

In the above antigen-conjugated DNA strands Dig was conjugated using EDC/NHS to an amine attached via a 5-carbon linker on either the 5'- or 3'-end of the DNA. The methylene blue (MB) redox reporter for this and other DNA strands was conjugated to the 3′- amino modification on the relevant DNA using succinimide ester coupling

Name	Sequence $(5' - 3')$
S ₁	CCA ATA TCA TCA AGA GCG TAC - GAT TCG TGA GTA
Capture Probe	(Thiol C6 SS) - CCA ATA TCA TCA AGA GCG TAC
Reporter strand	GTA CGC TCT TGA TGA TAT TGG - (Methylene Blue)
Reporter strand AQ	GTA CGC TCT TGA TGA TAT TGG - (Anthraquinone)
Split#1	TAC TCA CGA ATC - TT - G TCT GC - T TTT TTT TTT TT - (DNP)
Split#2	(DNP) - TTT TTT TTT TTT - GCA GAC - TT - G TAC GCT CTT GAT
	GAT ATT GG
Split Ctrl#1	TAC TCA CGA ATC - TT - G TCT GC - T TTT TTT TTT TT
Split Ctrl#2	TTT TTT TTT TTT - GCA GAC - TT - G TAC GCT CTT GAT GAT
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Table S-2: Anti-DNP responsive circuit

In these antigen-conjugated strands DNP was attached via a triethylene glycol (TEG) spacer arm on either the 5'- or the 3'- terminus of the DNA. The anthraquinone (AQ) redox reporter was conjugated to the 3′-end of the relevant DNA strand through a phosphoramidite chemistry.

Modular antibody-responsive circuit:

We have also designed a version of the antibody-responsive circuit that, by employing a a frame inversion in one of the scaffold strands, does not require the synthesis of two different antigenconjugated strands (one in each orientation). Instead, this employs a single antigen-conjugated strand that hybridizes to both scaffold strands. We employed this with the peptide antigens in our study (as their synthesis is the most expensive). For these, we also employed a PNA, rather than a DNA, antigen-conjugated strand so as to simplify the conjugation chemistry.

The sequence in parentheses represent the selected epitope portions that are terminally conjugated to PNA. The sequences of the peptide epitopes are set in parentheses.

Supplementary Figure

Figure S1: Electrochemical kinetic traces obtained by recording SWV of the anti-Dig responsive circuit for a series of Dig-conjugated DNA strands differing in the length of their complementary (from 0 to 14 bases) in the absence (A, left) and presence (A, right) of saturating anti-Dig antibody concentration. The Ab-responsive circuit was allowed to react for 30 min at RT after antibody addition and then transferred to the disposable electrode surface. (B) SWV scans were performed between -0.35 and -0.15 V at 50 Hz, after 120 min from the transfer of the solution on the electrode. The experiments were performed in a 100 μ L phosphate buffer solution (50 mM Na₂HPO₄, 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.0) containing the pre-hybridized DNA duplex (60 nM), Dig-conjugated DNA strands (100 nM each) and Anti-Dig antibodies (300 nM).

Figure S2: Electrochemical kinetic traces obtained by recording SWV at increasing concentration of Anti-Dig antibody preformed (A) in pure buffer (50 mM Na2HPO4, 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.0) and (B) 90% serum diluted with 10% of 10X buffer (500 mM Na2HPO4, 1.5 M NaCl, pH 7.0). The experiments were performed in a 100 μ L drop solution containing the pre-hybridized DNA duplex (60 nM), Dig-conjugated DNA strands (100 nM each) and Anti-Dig antibodies (300 nM).

Figure S3: Kinetics of target hybridization at different incubating times after addition of a saturating concentration of Anti-Dig antibody. The experiment was performed in a 100 μ L phosphate buffer solution (50 mM Na2HPO4, 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.0) containing the pre-hybridized DNA duplex (60 nM), Dig-conjugated DNA strands (100 nM each) and Anti-Dig antibodies (300 nM).

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