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26 Abstract

Wearable biosensors have become increasingly relevant as promising solutions for monitoring of 27 physiological status, disease states, and pathogen/toxin exposure. The integration of synthetic 28 biology tools into such formats could improve and expand on this potential. However, the use of 29 synthetic gene circuits in wearables has been limited by the challenges of sustaining engineered 30 organisms for operation. Here, we report on the development of a wearable sensing platform 31 based on cell-free synthetic biology reactions freeze-dried into flexible substrates and textiles. 32 We present a colorimetric wearable device capable of reacting to specific target exposures, as 33 well as a highly sensitive textile-based wearable system containing inter-weaved optical fibers 34 for the detection of fluorescent and luminescent outputs. These wearable systems are 35 functionally validated using a variety of relevant engineered biological circuits and regulatory 36 components for detecting metabolites, chemicals, and pathogen nucleic acids. We also show that 37 lyophilized programmable CRISPR-based detection systems can be incorporated into the 38 wearable devices, enabling detection limits that rival current laboratory-based methods such as 39 qPCR. These sensors are integrated into garments with sensing electronics and wireless 40 networking capabilities for real-time dynamic monitoring of target exposure. Finally, we present 41 a face mask-integrated lyophilized cell-free synthetic biology sensor system allowing for on-42 patient diagnosis of SAR-CoV-2 at room temperature within 90 min, requiring no user 43 intervention other than the press of a button. 44

45 Main text

Synthetic biology has enabled unprecedented control of biological systems and has led to 46 transformational developments in biotechnology and medicine¹. A rich palette of modular 47 biosensors, genetic logic gates, and output effectors already populate the design toolkit of custom 48 biological circuits². In parallel, recent developments in wireless technology, wearable 49 electronics, smart materials, and functional fibers with novel mechanical, electrical and optical 50 properties have marked the dawn of next-generation biosensing systems³. Even though 51 genetically encoded sensors have been readily incorporated into bench-top diagnostics, examples 52 of wearable devices using these tools are limited. Only a few demonstrations of hygroscopically 53 actuated vents and response to induction molecules have been achieved using living engineered 54 bacteria encapsulated in flexible substrates and hydrogels in a wearable format⁴⁻⁷. While seminal, 55 such examples encounter several limitations, particularly that of sustaining living organisms 56 within these devices for extended periods. In practice, retaining viability and function of 57 wearable sensing systems based on living cells requires nutrient delivery, waste extraction, as 58 well as temperature and gas regulation, all of which involve numerous technological hurdles. 59 Genetically engineered cells can also pose biocontainment or biohazard concerns, particularly if 60 integrated into consumer-level garments, leading to stringent regulatory pathways in many 61 critical applications. Moreover, continually evolving cell populations suffer mutational pressures 62 over time, resulting in potential loss of the genetic phenotype and function. Thus, a new 63 approach in synthetic biology is needed to resolve the mismatch between practical requirements 64 of wearable use and operational limitations of available biomolecular circuits for sensing and 65 response. Achieving this goal could enable many applications for synthetic biology, allowing 66 utilization in a wide range of wearable substrates (e.g., functional fibers or fabrics) to assess 67 molecular targets difficult to detect through other technologies⁸. 68

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Cell-free synthetic biology reactions are self-contained abiotic chemical systems with all the 70 biomolecular components required for efficient transcription and translation. Such systems can 71 be freeze-dried into shelf-stable formats utilizing porous substrates, which allow for robust 72 distribution, storage and use without specialized environmental or biocontainment requirements⁹. 73 Genetically engineered circuits, encoded in DNA or RNA, can be added to freeze-dried, cell-free 74 (FDCF) reactions for activation by simple rehydration. Robust FDCF systems have already been 75 developed for inexpensive paper-based nucleic acid diagnostics⁹, highly sensitive programmable 76 CRISPR-based nucleic acid sensors¹⁰⁻¹², on-demand production of antimicrobials, antibodies, 77 and enzymes¹³, and low-cost educational kits for teaching¹⁴⁻¹⁶. Here, we propose the use of 78 freeze-dried, cell-free genetic circuits in combination with specifically designed flexible and 79 textile substrates as a new direction towards practical wearable biosensors. In this study, we 80 report on the design and validation of various wearable freeze-dried, cell-free synthetic biology 81 (wFDCF) sensors for small molecule, nucleic acid, and toxin detection. These sensors are 82 integrated into flexible multi-material substrates (e.g., silicone elastomers and textiles) using 83 genetically engineered components, including toehold switches, transcriptional factors, 84 riboswitches, fluorescent aptamers, and CRISPR-Cas12a complexes. 85

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For our first wFDCF demonstration, we embedded colorimetric genetic circuits into cellulose substrates surrounded by a fluid wicking and containment assembly made of flexible elastomers (Fig. 1a). These prototypes were assembled layer-by-layer to form reaction chambers fluidically connected to top sample portals (Fig. 1b and Supplementary Fig. S1a). The devices ⁹¹ are flexible, elastic, and can rapidly wick in splashed fluids through capillary action (Fig. 1c, d).

92 Pinning geometries throughout the device direct sample fluids towards enclosed hydrophilic

paper networks allowing for reaction rehydration (Fig. 1b and Supplementary Fig. S3b). Using a

- lacZ β-galactosidase operon as the circuit output to hydrolyze chlorophenol red-β-D-
- 95 galactopyranoside (CPRG), a yellow to purple color change develops upon exposure to a target
- 96 (Supplementary Fig. S1b, S3a).
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Key environmental factors were considered for the design of these prototypes. For instance, 98 sample exposure in the field likely occurs with variable splash volumes (as little as 50-100 µL), 99 relative humidity (RH, 20-40%), and temperature (20-37°C). Thus, we optimized our design to 100 reduce inhibition of genetic circuit operation due to evaporation or excessive dilution of 101 components. In particular, our devices use impermeable chambers exhibiting low evaporation 102 rates (<20% volume/hour), which also constrain the rehydration volume to ~50 µL per sensor. In 103 addition, the wFDCF reactions were optimized to generate a higher concentrated reaction upon 104 rehydration. We found that a 1.5x-concentrated cell-free reaction increased the reaction kinetics 105 to enable signal output at least 10 min faster, ensuring that the desired circuit is completed before 106 eventual evaporation in the device terminates the reaction (Supplementary Fig. S2). The resulting 107 stand-alone colorimetric system is modular and can be used in garments such as bracelets 108 (Supplementary Fig. S3c). 109

110 Functional testing of this colorimetric wearable platform was performed utilizing four 111 different synthetic biology biosensors with *lacZ* as the output (Fig. 1e-h). These various 112 demonstrations include a constitutive lacZ expression reaction (Fig. 1e), a transcription factor-113 regulated circuit using the tetracycline repressor (TetR) (Fig. 1f), a toehold switch for Ebola 114 virus RNA detection (Fig. 1g), and a theophylline riboswitch for small-molecule sensing (Fig. 115 1h). Genetic circuits using transcriptional regulators are among some of the most common 116 117 elements used in synthetic biology. Our wFDCF TetR sensor demonstrates the capacity of our colorimetric platform for facile integration of well-established genetic modules into a wearable 118 format (Fig. 1f). Similarly, toehold switches have been developed as highly programmable 119 nucleic acid sensors capable of detecting any target RNA¹⁷. We show that a wFDCF Ebola virus 120 RNA toehold sensor in our wearable device is capable of rapid and sensitive detection of 121 biothreats (Fig. 1g). This paves the way for the development of similar viral or bacterial 122 wearable nucleic acid sensors. Furthermore, a functional theophylline riboswitch wFDCF circuit 123 is functionally validated in our platform for the environmental detection of small molecules via 124 engineered cis-regulated RNA circuits (Fig. 1h). This specific riboswitch was selected as a 125 model test case, although a plethora of similar riboswitches for various targets have been 126 reported and could be used in a modular fashion. All of the colorimetric wFDCF sensors reported 127 here exhibited visible changes within \sim 40-60 min after exposure to the respective trigger 128 molecules or inducer, and were performed at ambient conditions of 30-40% RH and 30°C to 129 simulate the average skin surface temperature¹⁸. 130

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Expanding on the attractiveness and versatility of textiles as ubiquitous wearable substrates, we immobilized and activated FDCF synthetic biology systems within wearable woven fabrics and individual threads. Figure 2 presents various demonstrations of a highly sensitive, textilebased system (Fig. 2a, b) capable of containing and monitoring the activation of wFDCF reactions with fluorescent (Fig. 2c-e and Supplementary Fig. S7, S13-S15) or luminescent (Fig.

2f and Supplementary Fig. S10) outputs. To achieve this, we fabricated a second wearable 137 platform that integrates: (a) hydrophilic threads (85% polyester / 15% polyamide) for cell-free 138 reagent immobilization, (b) patterns of skin-safe hydrophobic silicone elastomers for reaction 139 containment, and (c) inter-weaved polymeric optic fibers (POFs) for signal interrogation (Fig. 140 2a-b and Supplementary Fig.S8-S9). This fabric was chosen as our main immobilization 141 substrate after conducting a compatibility screening of over 100 textiles (e.g., silks, cotton, 142 rayon, linen, hemp bamboo, wool, polyester, polyamide, nylon, and combination materials) using 143 a lyophilized constitutive *lacZ* cell-free reaction (Supplementary Fig. S4-S6). The analysis of 144 sensor outputs was done using a custom-built wearable POF spectrometer (Fig. 2b and 145 Supplementary Fig S17) that could be monitored with a mobile phone application 146 (Supplementary Fig. S18). Using this integrated platform, we performed distributed on-body 147 sensing of various target exposures as shown in Fig. 2c-f. A sample activation through fluid 148 splashing can be seen in Fig. 2a, where the sample wicks through the entry ports with blackout 149 fabrics to rehydrate the freeze-dried, cell-free synthetic biology reactions immobilized within the 150 hydrophilic textile fibers. These fibers are located within the excitation and emission layers of 151 the device as shown in Fig. 2a,b. Trigger presence in the splash fluid leads to activation of the 152 sensor circuits, which produce fluorescent or luminescent reporters. 153

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The versatility of this textile platform in fluorescence mode was first verified using two 155 independent synthetic biology modules upstream of a superfolder green fluorescent protein 156 (sfGFP) operon. These demonstrations included the activation of constitutive sfGFP expression 157 (Fig. 2c) and sensing of theophylline using an inducible riboswitch (Fig. 2d). A third 158 fluorescence demonstration was done via activation of a 49-nucleotide Broccoli aptamer (Fig. 159 2e) with substrate-specificity to (Z)-4-(3,5-difluoro-4-hydroxybenzylidene)-1,2-dimethyl-1H-160 imidazol-5(4H)-one (DFHBI-1T), evincing functionality of this emerging class of fluorescent 161 sensors in synthetic biology¹⁹. Furthermore, demonstrations utilizing luminescence outputs were 162 conducted using a nanoLuciferase²⁰ operon downstream of an HIV RNA toehold switch (Fig. 2f 163 and Supplementary S10a), as well as a B. burgdorferi RNA toehold switch for the wearable 164 detection of Lyme disease (Supplementary Fig. S10b). 165

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Additionally, we tested the operation of our platform for the detection of chemical threats 167 such as organophosphate nerve agents used in chemical warfare and the pesticide industry, both 168 169 of which constitute prime targets for wearable detection. To achieve this, we modified our POF platform optics for excitation and detection at near-infrared (NIR) fluorescence, generated from a 170 lyophilized acetylcholinesterase (AChE)-choline oxidase (ChOx)-HRP coupled enzyme reaction 171 (Figure 2g). In the presence of acetylcholine, this reaction can produce NIR fluorescence that is 172 readily detectable with our wearable prototype (see Supplementary Methods). When exposed to 173 an organophosphate AChE inhibitor, the sensor fluorescence is ameliorated as compared to 174 unexposed controls. Our wearable nerve agent sensor was validated using paraoxon-ethyl as a 175 nerve agent simulant at levels that are four orders of magnitude lower than the reported lethal 176 dose (LD₅₀) by dermal absorption in mammals²¹ (Fig. 2g). 177

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Despite the single-activation nature of our wFDCF synthetic biology sensors, the presence of fluorescence outputs is continuously monitored to allow for automatic detection of rehydration events containing the desired target. This is achieved by illuminating the wFDCF textile reaction with blue light (447 nm) via etched excitation POFs (Fig. 2b and Supplementary Fig.S9a). The

light emitted from the activated system is then collected by the second set of emission POFs 183 (Fig. S17), which exit the fabric weave and bundle into a connection to the optical sensor (Fig. 184 2b) of our wearable spectrometer (Supplementary Fig.S9 and Fig.S17). Signals coming from 185 each of the devices are filtered (Supplementary Fig.S17d) and processed to generate temporally 186 and spatially resolved fluorescence images of the POF bundle-ends (510 nm) and averaged pixel 187 intensity traces per channel for quantitative analysis (Fig. 2b). In the case of luminescence 188 demonstrations, all POFs bundles are treated as signal inputs, without the need for sample 189 illumination. All reported wFDCF fluorescence and luminescence sensor replicates ($n \ge 3$) 190 exhibited visible fluorescence or luminescence within 5-20 min after exposure to relevant trigger 191 conditions, at 30-40% RH and 30°C. 192

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Recent advances in programmable clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeat 194 (CRISPR) and CRISPR-associated (Cas) enzymes have enabled the development of new classes 195 of rapid and reliable sensing platforms^{10, 11, 22, 23}. The advantages of CRISPR-based systems over 196 existing biosensors include high sensitivity, rapid output, single base-pair resolution, freeze-197 drying compatibility, and the notable programmability to target any DNA or RNA sequence 198 through interchangeable guide RNAs (gRNAs). Thus, we integrated CRISPR-based Specific 199 High Sensitivity Enzymatic Reporter UnLOCKing (SHERLOCK) sensors into our fluorescence 200 wFDCD platform to demonstrate this detection technique in wearable applications (Fig. 3a). We 201 used Cas13a and Cas12a for the detection of RNA and DNA, respectively. For DNA detection, 202 we used a Cas12a ortholog from Lachnospiraceae bacterium (LbaCas12a)^{22, 24} that displays a 203 non-specific collateral cleavage activity towards single-stranded DNA (ssDNA) after detection 204 of a gRNA-defined double-stranded DNA (dsDNA) target. This Cas12a-based sensor was paired 205 with recombinase polymerase amplification (RPA)²⁵ and freeze-dried into a one-pot reaction to 206 demonstrate state-of-the-art detection limits for wearable clinical applications. In the presence of 207 a target dsDNA sequence, isothermally generated RPA amplicons activate Cas12a-gRNA 208 complexes. Then, active Cas12a engages in trans-ssDNase activity and cleaves quenched ssDNA 209 fluorophore probes, resulting in a fluorescence output (Fig. 3a). For our wearable CRISPR-based 210 demonstrations, we designed gRNAs against three common resistance markers in 211 Staphylococcus aureus: specifically, the mecA gene common in methicillin-resistant S. aureus 212 $(MRSA)^{26}$, the spa gene which encodes the protein A virulence factor²⁷, and the ermA gene 213 conferring macrolide resistance²⁸. When tested in wFDCF format, our RPA-Cas12a sensors 214 displayed detectable signals within 56-78 min (P<0.05) with femtomolar limits of detection (Fig. 215 3b-d). Moreover, using our mecA wFDCF sensor (Fig. 3e, Supplementary Fig. S11), we were 216 able to confirm single-digit femtomolar sensitivity (2.7 fM). Compatibility with RNA inputs and 217 other CRISPR enzymes such as Cas13a, an ortholog from Leptotrichia wadei bacterium 218 (LwaCas13a)¹⁰ was also confirmed (Supplementary Fig. S12), exhibiting similar in-device 219 activation dynamics as that of cell-free reactions conducted in a plate reader. These results 220 suggest that our wearable textile platform could be adapted to achieve sensitivities rivaling that 221 of current laboratory diagnostic tests such as qPCR for monitoring contamination or spread of 222 bacteria and viruses. 223

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To further demonstrate the modularity of our CRISPR-Cas12a wearable sensors, we tested wFDCF devices containing three orthogonal Cas12a-gRNA complexes in isolated reaction wells (Fig. 3f). In this experiment, each device was splashed with dd-H₂O containing different targets, each specific to only one Cas12a-gRNA complex. The orthogonal behavior of our CRISPR- based wearable sensors is shown in Fig. 3g-h, where higher fluorescence was observed for the
cases in which the dsDNA trigger matched the pre-defined Cas12a-gRNA complex at each
sensor location. These results suggest the broad applicability of CRISPR-based synthetic biology
sensors for multiplexing or logic-gating in wearable synthetic biology applications.

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Our wFDCF reactions and networked optical fiber detection system can be integrated into 234 flexible textiles to create an autonomous wearable platform enabling real-time monitoring of 235 environmental exposure and biohazard detection. We designed a jacket that contained a 236 distributed arrangement of wFDCF multi-sensor arrays (Fig. 3i). The various optical fibers 237 carrying the output emission signals can be routed into a single bundle for centralized imaging 238 analysis or interrogated as separate modules, which we demonstrate using a wFDCF CRISPR-239 Cas12a based MRSA-sensing array containing spa, ermA and mecA sensors, that was activated 240 in the wearable prototype with a fluid splash containing 100 fM of spa DNA trigger 241 (Supplementary Fig. S13). Only the well containing the spa sensor generated a fluorescent signal 242 upon activation. The platform is also compatible with transcription-only outputs, such as 243 rehydrated fluorescent aptamer reactions (Supplementary Fig. S14), where the fluorescence 244 signal is monitored by microscopy over time. 245

In addition, the optical sensor allows for facile fluorescent output multiplexing simply by 247 using fluorescent proteins with orthogonal emission profiles (Supplementary Fig. S15). In this 248 example, wFDCF reactions for three constitutively expressed fluorescent output proteins 249 (eforRed²⁹, dTomato³⁰, and sfGFP³¹) were used to demonstrate detection of distinguishable 250 output signals in a single bundle. It is possible that additional fluorescent outputs, including 251 orthogonal quenched fluorophore probes for SHERLOCK-based sensors, can be employed to 252 increase the signal multiplexing of our wearable platform. We also show that the wFDCF POF 253 system is fully compatible with integrated lyophilized lysis components, allowing for the release 254 and detection of a plasmid-borne mecA gene when challenged with intact bacterial cells 255 (Supplementary Fig. S16). Finally, to develop a complete data feedback cycle between the 256 platform and the user, we integrated the detector system with a custom wireless mobile 257 application that enables continuous cloud-based data logging, signal processing, geolocation 258 tracking, and on-the-fly control of various detector components through a smart phone or other 259 networked digital device (Fig. 3j). All images and spectral data presented in Figs 2 and 3 were 260 collected and processed using wFDCF devices fully integrated with our wearable spectrometer 261 and mobile phone application. Further details on the hardware (Supplementary Fig. S17) and 262 software design (Supplementary Fig. S18), as well an implementation of a novel Opuntia 263 microdasys bioinspired fluid collection³² add-on for improved sample harvesting and routing 264 splashes outside of the sensor zones into the wFDCF modules (Supplementary Fig. S19), can be 265 found in the Supplemental Information. 266

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The wearable synthetic biology sensors demonstrated here thus imbue programmable and 268 highly sensitive diagnostic sensing to protective apparel. With the current SARS-CoV-2 269 pandemic that has led to significant strain on the medical system of all impacted countries and 270 considerable delays in diagnostic testing, we explored whether our wFDCF system could be 271 adapted to key wearable gear, face masks, that have been shown to be critical in reducing the 272 transmission of this highly infectious virus^{33, 34}. Although face masks are placed on all incoming 273 patients that are presumptive SARS-CoV-2 carriers, confirmation through burdened laboratory 274 diagnostics may result in delays that could negatively impact rapid triaging or effective contact 275

tracing of patients³⁵⁻³⁷. Patients suspected of an infectious respiratory disease are fitted with a 276 face mask upon clinical admission as a preventative measure to reduce transmission. Diagnosis is 277 commonly undertaken by nasopharyngeal sampling, which may cause reflexive sneezing and 278 increase exposure risk to clinical workers³⁸. Respiratory droplets and aerosols are the 279 transmission routes for respiratory infectious diseases, but their use as a non-invasive diagnostic 280 sample has been underutilized historically. Work on breath-based sensing has focused on the 281 detection of volatile organic compound biomarkers in infected patients using electrochemical 282 sensors^{39,40} or downstream mass spectrometry analysis^{41,42}, which may be challenging to 283 implement on a wide scale. The NIH Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) Initiative has 284 identified SARS-CoV-2 detection from breath sampling technologies as an active area of interest 285 for alleviating testing bottlenecks⁴³. Here, we demonstrate that our freeze-dried synthetic biology 286 sensors can be adapted for a rapid point-of-care SARS-CoV-2 sensor fully integrated into any 287 standard face mask, which takes advantage of the accumulation of virus on the inside of the 288 mask as a result of coughing, talking or normal respiration, as demonstrated in numerous 289 studies^{34, 44-49}. Unlike other current nucleic acid tests (NATs) that require laboratory equipment 290 and trained technicians⁵⁰⁻⁵⁴, the SARS-CoV-2 face-mask NAT sensor we describe here requires 291 no power source, operates autonomously without liquid handling, is shelf-stable, functions at 292 near-ambient temperatures, provides a visual output in under 2 hours, and is only ~3 g in weight. 293 All the user has to do is press a button to activate a reservoir containing nuclease-free water. 294

Our SARS-CoV-2 sensor contains four modular components: a reservoir for hydration, a 296 large surface area collection sample pad, a wax-patterned µPAD (microfluidic paper-based 297 analytical device), and a lateral flow assay (LFA) strip (Figure 4a-b). Each module can be 298 oriented on the outside or inside of the face mask, with the exception of the collection pad, which 299 must be positioned on the mask interior facing the mouth and nose of the patient. Capillary 300 action wicks any collected fluid and viral particles from the sample collection pad to the µPAD, 301 which contains an arrangement of freeze-dried lysis and detection components (Figure 4c). The 302 use of the uPAD format allowed us to rapidly prototype and optimize a passively regulated 303 multi-step reaction process. Each reaction zone is separated by polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) time 304 delays that enable tunable incubation times between each reaction, greatly improving the 305 efficiency of the sensor compared to that of a one-pot lyophilized reaction (Supplementary Fig. 306 S20). The first µPAD reaction zone contains lyophilized lysis reagents including components 307 known to lyse viral membranes⁵⁵⁻⁵⁸. The second μ PAD reaction zone is an RT-RPA reaction 308 zone containing a customized isothermal amplification reaction developed to target a non-309 overlapping region of the SARS-CoV-2 S gene. The final µPAD reaction zone contains a Cas12a 310 SHERLOCK sensor with an optimized gRNA for detection of the amplified dsDNA amplicon. In 311 the presence of SARS-CoV-2 derived amplicons, the activated Cas12a enables trans-cleavage of 312 a co-lyophilized 6-FAM-(TTATTATT)-Biotin ssDNA probe. To enable a simple colorimetric 313 visual readout, an integrated LFA strip is used to detect probe cleavage. The output strip 314 orientation is adjustable to preserve patient confidentiality. Details on the design, performance, 315 and relevant molecular sensor sequences are presented in Supplementary Fig. S21-S22. 316

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From activation of the face-mask sensor to a final readout only takes ~1.5 hours. The limit of detection observed for our sensors is 500 copies (17 aM) of SARS-CoV-2 in vitro transcribed (IVT) RNA, which matches that of WHO-endorsed standard laboratory-based RT-PCR assays⁵⁹ (Fig. 4d-e). The sensors also do not cross react to RNA from other commonly circulating human

coronavirus strains (HCoVs) (Fig. 4f-e). Most critically, our hands-off diagnostic reaction 322 proceeds to full completion even at room temperature, which is considered sub-optimal for RT, 323 RPA, and Cas12a activities. We also validated the SARS-CoV-2 face-mask sensor using a 324 precision lung simulator attached to a high-fidelity human airway model (Fig. 4h, Supplementary 325 Fig. 23). The target RNA was nebulized to replicate lung emissions with aerosol diameters 326 matching those naturally occurring in breath exhalation plumes. The breath temperature was 327 regulated to 35°C and the relative humidity in the mask microclimate was measured to be 100% 328 RH. Under these realistic simulation conditions, the face-mask sensor was able to detect SARS-329 CoV-2 vRNA after a breath sample collection period of 30 minutes, with a calculated 330 accumulation of 10⁶-10⁷ vRNA copies on the sample pad, as determined by RT-qPCR (Fig. 4i-j). 331 Clinical measurements have previously shown that the SARS-CoV-2 breath emission rate of 332 infected patients could reach an output 10³-10⁵ copies/min.⁴⁹ To our knowledge, this is the first 333 SARS-CoV-2 NAT that is able to achieve high sensitivity and specificity while operating fully at 334 ambient temperature ranges, thus obviating the need for any heating instruments and allowing for 335 integration into a wearable format. We believe our rapid face-mask-integrated SARS-CoV-2 336 diagnostic presented here could relieve strained medical systems by combining protection and 337 sensing into a simple and easy-to-deploy wearable system, greatly improving patient outcomes. 338 Our face-mask system could be adapted to discriminate between SARS-CoV-2 and other 339 respiratory viruses, as well as different emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants⁶⁰⁻⁶², allowing rapid 340 triaging of patient populations and isolation of specific positive cases to minimize the spread of 341 infection. 342

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We view the wFDCF platform as being complementary to cell-based synthetic biology 344 sensors. Such living sensors are capable of self-replication, can operate continuously to provide 345 dynamic sensing, and can actively draw upon environmental resources for energy. However, 346 storage and biocontainment concerns limit their use for wearable technologies. We have shown 347 that cell-free synthetic biology systems can be used to build practical wearable biosensors that 348 are shelf-stable, genetically programmable, and highly sensitive. However, the current wFDCF 349 technology does have a number of limitations, including the single-use nature of the sensors and 350 inability to operate in particular environmental conditions (such as high humidity or underwater). 351 These challenges are also shared by other sensors in which operation requires open access to the 352 environment and will require further engineering to surmount. 353

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Our wFDCF sensors are responsive to external rehydration events, such as splashes with 355 contaminated fluids, and withstand inhibitory evaporative and dilutive effects in open-356 environment conditions (30-40% RH and ~25-30°C). Alternatively, user-generated samples such 357 as breath emissions can be used if an on-demand hydration system is employed, as we 358 demonstrate for the SARS-CoV-2 sensing face mask. We showed that these freeze-dried systems 359 generate measurable colorimetric, fluorescence, or luminescence outputs upon exposure to 360 relevant real-world targets such as MRSA, Ebola virus, or SARS-CoV-2 virus. In the wFDCF 361 POF sensors, continuous monitoring enables rapid alert to an exposure event. We also 362 demonstrated the integration of our device designs into garments that are compatible with 363 wireless sensor networks to provide real-time dynamic monitoring of exposure using custom 364 smartphone applications. Although laboratory testing may be more sensitive, our wFDCF 365 sensors have the distinct advantages of a wearable format, autonomous functioning, and rapid 366 results. 367

To our knowledge, the platform presented here is the first wearable technology 369 demonstrated to detect viral or bacterial nucleic acid signatures in fluid samples with sensitivities 370 rivaling those of traditional laboratory tests at ambient temperatures. Our wFDCF platform 371 evinces a number of distinct advantages over existing POC diagnostics, which similarly attempt 372 to eliminate the need for time-consuming and resource-intensive laboratory tests. Current field-373 portable POC systems typically use a swabbed or directly applied sample to provide a readout. 374 Our wearable platform accomplishes field sensing in one of the most critical environmental 375 spaces for testing – that is, the surface of the user or wearable areas that are exposed to patient 376 samples, such as the inside of a face mask. Moreover, in contrast to batch-mode POC sensors, 377 our wFDCF synthetic biology sensors can be networked to provide spatial sensing arrays of 378 lyophilized reactions and lightweight polymer fabrics, thus cloaking the user and continuously 379 generating high-density, real-time outputs without sacrificing comfort or agility in the field. Our 380 platform is also designed to operate autonomously, unlike most current POC instruments that 381 require training for use and multiple operations by the user to acquire the final results. This 382 feature removes the need to perform regular exposure checks, freeing those in the field to focus 383 on their core tasks. In comparison to current wearable sensors that primarily employ electronic 384 devices to monitor physiological signals such as heart rate or blood oxygen levels, our modular 385 wearable sensors can detect environmental threats or patient samples through nucleic acid, 386 protein, or small molecule detection. Although recently electrochemical sensors have been 387 integrated into a wearable format^{40, 63}, they only detect chemicals and an easily programmable 388 wearable form for sensitive nucleic acid detection does not currently exist. Integration of our 389 wearable synthetic biology reactions with these advances in electrochemical devices⁶⁴⁻⁶⁶ could be 390 a fertile area for expanding the functionality of wearable sensors. The key functional differences 391 of our platform over current related technologies, including traditional bench-top assays, are 392 summarized in Supplementary Table 4. Finally, the wFDCF components are inexpensive, with 393 cell-free reactions costing only 0.01 - 0.03 per $\mu L^{15, 67}$. Thus, a single 10 mm-diameter sensor 394 would currently only cost ~\$1 in reagents. The optical fiber textiles are woven from common 395 polymer fibers and are also inexpensive. At these price points, our wearables could be utilized as 396 disposable protective garments with advanced sensing technology. We have also shown that the 397 sensors can be highly modular and adapted to various form factors, such as clothing or face 398 masks. 399

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Field applications that would greatly benefit from our wFDCF synthetic biology platform 401 include warfighters and first responders operating in environments where a specific chemical or 402 biological threat is suspected. In this situation, our apparel of disposable wFDCF sensors could 403 be used to maintain situational awareness, with continuous spatio-temporal monitoring of 404 exposure and bodily resolution down to centimeters. Another set of potential uses for our 405 platform involves the environmental awareness of clinicians, health workers, and researchers 406 working in high-risk areas. In contrast to laboratory-based exposure testing, our wearable 407 platform enables swift responses to contagion exposure so that users could begin 408 decontamination and neutralization procedures in a timely manner. Similarly, wFDCF-enabled 409 coats and gowns in hospitals could provide alerts to prevent the spread of nosocomial infections 410 to vulnerable populations, such as immune-compromised patients or newborns. An additional 411 promising application is patient-worn sensor-enabled PPE wearables such as the face mask 412 presented here that can provide inexpensive, shelf-stable, and labor-saving POC diagnostics to 413

- rapidly inform clinicians in outbreak events, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic that has
- 415 overwhelmed the resources of our medical infrastructure.
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595 Fig. 1. Wearable cell-free synthetic biology. a, Freeze-dried cell-free reactions can be embedded in reaction sachets that are distributed 596 throughout garments for use by warfighters, clinicians, and first responders. Upon exposure to an external splash, the reactions are rehydrated, 597 activating dormant synthetic gene circuits that detect pathogens, metabolites, and toxins. b, Schematic of the layer-by-layer assembly of the 598 wearable devices. Each layer is fabricated from skin-safe silicone elastomer. The FDCF reactions are embedded in a cellulose matrix placed within each chamber. c, An array of assembled reaction chambers showing the elasticity (center) and flexibility (right) of the devices. d, Portals 599 600 cut into the outermost layer allow sample access, which is rapidly drawn into the reaction chambers through capillary action. The hydrophobic chamber walls prevent inhibitory dilution through lateral diffusion. e-f, Various types of synthetic biology circuits can be freeze-dried in these 601 602 wearable devices, including constitutively expressed outputs (e), transcription factor-regulated circuits for small molecule detection (f), toehold 603 switches for nucleic acid-sensing (g), and riboswitches to detect various small molecules (h). Each graph shows color deconvoluted values, n=3. 604 Statistical significance is indicated for specific time points (* $P \le 0.05$ and ** $P \le 0.01$). Bottom images are representative color images of the 605 wearable device.

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609 Fig. 2. Design and validation of fluorescent and luminescent freeze-dried cell-free synthetic biology wearables. a, Details of assembly and 610 activation of fiber-optic based wFDCF module for fluorescence/luminescence output, with a schematic of module layers and components of 611 embedded cell-free reactions. Fiber-optic embedded textiles allow excitation of the samples and detection by sensing emission light. A single 612 layer of blackout cover made of polyester fabric is used to prevent the entry of environmental light into the reaction well. Bottom: An example 613 rehydration event over the device shows the aqueous sample being wicked through the portals and blackout fabric and into internal reaction wells. 614 b, Top: Diagram showing the layers of the assembled device. Contaminated splashes access the interior of the device through portals in the top 615 layer. Bottom: A cross-sectional view of the interior of the device, where two layers of hydrophobically patterned fabric inter-woven with 616 polymeric optic fibers are placed in a coplanar arrangement to allow for rehydration of freeze-dried cell-free reaction components as well as to provide light input/output for excitation and emission signals. Excitation POFs are illuminated with a 447-470 nm LED arrangement, and 617 618 emission fibers are bundled and aligned with an optical sensor containing an amber filter (for fluorescence readings only) and a collimating lens

- 619 for magnification. The amber filter can be removed from the device in luminescence mode. c, Rapid fluorescent signal after rehydration of
- 620 wFDCF constitutive sfGFP template as compared to control. Fluorescent signal in-device is statistically distinguishable from the control after 11 621 min (P<0.05). d. Activation of FDCF riboswitch with 1 mM theophylline in a wearable device as compared to 0 mM theophylline control.
- 622 Fluorescent signal in-device is statistically distinguishable from the control after 19.5 min (P<0.05). e, Wearable demonstration of fluorescent
- aptamer being activated by the presence of 50 µM DFHBI-1T substrate as compared to 0 µM DFHBI-1T control. Fluorescent signal in-device is 623
- statistically distinguishable from the control after 24.5 min (P<0.05). f, Luminescence output detected from an HIV toehold sensor with 624
- nanoLuciferase operon. HIV RNA trigger was added at 10 µM and was statistically distinguishable from the control after 6 min (P<0.05) post-625
- rehydration. g, Wearable detection of organophosphate nerve agents using a lyophilized HRP-coupled enzyme sensor rehydrated with 50 mM 626
- acetylcholine with and without 3.7 mg/mL paraoxon-ethyl (acetylcholinesterase inhibitor). When the acetylcholinesterase is active, the Amplite-627
- IR substrate is oxidized to generate near-IR fluorescence emission. All images above graphs correspond to time sequences of the recorded POF 628 629 images in each sensor demonstration with bundle pictures synchronized with reaction profiles. Each experiment is from three independent wells
- each having three fiber optic sensors, for a total of 9 fiber optic outputs. Any fibers that were 1 S.D. below the mean of all nine fiber outputs were 630
- 631 excluded from analysis. Statistical significance is indicated for specific time points (* $P \le 0.05$ and ** $P \le 0.01$). Scale bars in brightfield images
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- are 250 μ m. LED = light-emitting diode, POFs = Polymer Optic Fibers, sfGFP =S uperfolder Green Fluorescent Protein, DFHBI-1T = *difluoro-4-hydroxybenzylidene-1,2-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-5(4H)-one*, HIV = Human Immunodeficiency Virus, AChE = Acetylcholinesterase, ChOx = 633
- Choline oxidase, HRP = Horseradish peroxidase, NIR = Near Infrared. 634
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638 Fig. 3. Validation of CRISPR-based FDCF wearable sensors. a, The sensing mechanism of CRISPR-Cas12a system is based on catalytic 639 trans-cleavage of fluorophore-quencher ssDNA probes after activation by an RPA-amplified dsDNA trigger. b, wFDCF mecA CRISPR-based 640 sensor exposed to sample containing 100 fM mecA trigger. c, wFDCF spa CRISPR-based sensor exposed to 100 fM spa trigger. d, wFDCF ermA 641 CRISPR-based sensor exposed to 100 fM ermA trigger. Statistically distinguishable signals (P<0.05) were observed after 72, 56 and 78 min for 642 mecA, spa and ermA sensors respectively. e, Experimental detection of mecA CRISPR-based sensor at 2.7 fM trigger was statistically 643 distinguishable after 75 min (P<0.05), corresponding to 10,000 dsDNA-copies per µL. Each experiment is from three independent wells, each 644 having three fiber optic sensors, for a total of 9 fiber optic outputs. Any fibers that were 1 S.D. below the mean of all nine fiber outputs were excluded from analysis. Statistical significance is indicated for specific time points (* $P \le 0.05$ and ** $P \le 0.01$). **f**, Orthogonality demonstration 645 646 of mecA / spa / ermA CRISPR-based multi-sensor wearable. g-h, Rehydration only yielded activation of sensors when the Cas12a-gRNA sensor 647 was in the presence of its programmed trigger dsDNA. Scale bars are 250 µm. i, Garment-level integration of fabric-based wearable synthetic 648 biology sensors. Distributed continuous sensing of garment activity can be achieved through multi-bundle imaging. j, Connection of fabric-based 649 module to wearable POF spectrometer with wireless connectivity capabilities. The spectrometer electronics consist of a Raspberry Pi Zero W 650 with a camera module (Raspberry Pi Foundation, Cambridge, UK), as well as LED illumination, environmental sensing, and custom-fabricated 651 shields for battery power. Smartphone application for visualization and alarm of wFDCF sensor activation was based on the blynk.io platform 652 (Blynk Inc., New York, NY) which provides support for Raspberry Pi communication. This application allows for wireless recording of 653 experiments, control of device parameters, as well as environmental and geolocation information.

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Fig. 4. A face mask-integrated SARS-CoV-2 wearable diagnostic. a, Schematic of the sensor components. Puncture of the water blister
 reservoir results in flow through wicking material, moving viral particles collected from the wearer's respiration from the sample collection zone
 to downstream freeze-dried reactions integrated into a μPAD device. The final output is visualized by an LFA strip that is passed externally
 through the mask. b, Photographs of the SARS-CoV-2 sensor integrated into a face mask. An A-version sensor is shown. c, Key steps of the
 freeze-dried reactions, each separated by a PVA time delay. Lysis first releases SARS-CoV-2 vRNA, RT-RPA next targets the S gene for signal

- amplification at room temperature, and finally Cas12a detection of the RPA amplicons results in collateral cleavage of FAM-Biotin ssDNA 662
- probes. The reaction flows into the LFA where the visual band pattern formation is dependent upon probe cleavage. d, Sensitivity of the A-663
- 664 version face mask sensors at various inputs on the sensor zone of IVT-generated SARS-CoV-2 S-gene RNA. The limit of detection threshold, +3 665 S.D. of the no-template control (NTC), is shown as a red dotted line. e, Representative images of LFA outputs from the sensitivity measurements.
- 666 f, Specificity demonstration of A-version face mask sensors show no cross-reactivity with IVT RNA from other commonly circulating human
- 667 coronaviruses. SARS-CoV-2 RNA was added at 100,000 copies. All other HCoV RNAs were tested at 1,000,000 copies. g, Representative
- 668 images of LFA outputs from the specificity measurements. h, Breath emission simulator setup consisting of a lung simulator for spontaneous breathing generation, a vibrating mesh nebulizer for aerosol generation, and a high-fidelity airway simulator for anatomically precise air flow to 669
- 670 the face mask. A B-version face mask sensor is shown on the simulator. i, On-simulator testing of B-version face mask sensors under conditions simulating physiological respiratory emission of SARS-CoV-2 target and a face mask microclimate. j, Representative images of LFA outputs
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49 Fabrication of colorimetric synthetic biology wearable modules

Translucent (Fig.1b top) and opaque (Fig.1b middle/bottom) layers were made using skin-safe 50 Ecoflex® silicone elastomer (Smooth-On, Inc, Macungie, PA), precast overnight and laser-cut 51 on a 75W Epilog Legend 36EXT, according to the layouts shown in Fig. 1b, and Fig. S1a. After 52 laser-cutting, the silicone pieces were placed in a warm wash (45°C) with Tergazyme® detergent 53 (Alconox, Inc., White Plains, NY) for one hour with agitation, followed by three washes in 18- Ω 54 pure water and a final wash in 70% ethanol, before allowing them to air dry. Layers were aligned 55 and bonded together by depositing freshly made, uncured liquid silicone elastomer and post-56 curing overnight at 65°C in a well-ventilated oven to obtain the final assembled prototypes. The 57 final assembled elastomer prototypes were thoroughly spraved with RNase Away Decontaminant 58 59 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) and washed with 70% ethanol twice before being stored in petri dishes. 60

For the support matrices housing the cell-free reactions, clean WhatmanTM No. 4 filter-paper 61 disks (GE Healthcare Lifesciences Inc., Chicago, IL) (Fig.1b middle) were punched to obtain 62 cellulose discs with dimensions of 8 mm diameter and 0.5 mm thickness. These disks were 63 incubated overnight in 0.01% DEPC, washed 3x with nuclease-free water, then incubated with 64 5% bovine serum albumin (BSA; MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO) in 50 mM Tris buffer, pH 7.5 65 for one hour with gentle agitation. The prepared BSA blocked discs were frozen at -80°C and 66 subsequently freeze-dried. These lyophilized BSA-blocked discs were used as a scaffold for the 67 deposition of colorimetric wearable synthetic biology reactions in freeze-dried, cell-free 68 (wFDCF) sensors. The saturated reaction disks were finally snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen and 69 freeze-dried for 8-12 hours. in an SP Scientific Freezemobile lyophilizer (SP Industries, Inc., 70

71 Warminster, PA).

Freeze-dried reaction disks were then inserted through the wicking ports of the elastomer 72 chambers for assembly. The silicone elastomer chambers in the colorimetric device exhibit three 73 3 x 5 mm curved wicking ports in each of the four wells, which allow routes for fluid entry while 74 delaying evaporation of cell-free reaction (Fig. S1a). The device chamber walls were aligned and 75 bonded using uncured elastomer, to prevent flow or lateral diffusion of the reaction after 76 rehydration. The wicking of contaminated fluid through the entry ports is primarily mediated by 77 capillary action. This event then leads to rehydration of the reaction disk containing the chosen 78 FDCF system (Fig.1a), which marks t = 0 in the validation experiments (Fig.1h-1k). A magnified 79 photograph of an activated reaction well containing an Ebola virus DNA toehold wFDCF sensor 80 is shown in Fig. S1b, whereas the activation of a fabricated wearable bracelet using the same 81 system is depicted in Fig. S1c. All of the colorimetric wFDCF sensors were tested at 30°C and 82 ambient humidity to simulate surface body temperature. 83

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85 Preparation of optimized colorimetric wearable synthetic biology reactions

Each colorimetric wFDCF reaction used for lyophilization, assuming a 50 μ L rehydration

volume, was a 75 µL cell-free NEB PURExpress® reaction (New England Biolabs, Inc.,

⁸⁸ Ipswich, MA). Thus, each rehydrated reaction is a 1.5x-concentrated cell-free reaction based on

the suggested reaction composition indicated by the manufacturer. Each reaction consisted of: 30

µL of PURExpress Component A, 22.5 µL of PURExpress Component B, 0.6 mg/mL of 90 chlorophenol red-β-D-galactopyranoside (CPRG; MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO), 76 U of 91 RNase Inhibitor (Roche GmbH, Mannheim, Germany), and a DNA template encoding the 92 desired artificial genetic circuit at 5 ng/µL. For the TetR transcriptional regulation circuit, FPLC-93 purified recombinant TetR protein was supplemented in the reaction at a concentration of 120 94 µg/mL. During activation of the various wFDCF reactions by rehydration, pure nuclease-free 95 H₂O was used for the constitutive LacZ circuit, 25 µg/mL of anhydrotetracycline (aTc) inducer 96 was used for the TetR-regulated circuit, 300 nM of Ebola viral genome trigger was used for the 97 toehold regulated circuit, and 1 mM of theophylline was used for the riboswitch-regulated 98 circuit. The theophylline riboswitch reactions also included 2-phenylethyl β-D-thiogalactoside 99 (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO), a β-galactosidase inhibitor, at a final concentration of 250 μM 100 to suppress the background due to leakiness in these genetic circuits. The Ebola RNA genome 101 trigger was acquired by an *in vitro* transcription reaction utilizing the HiScribeTM T7 Quick High 102 Yield RNA Synthesis Kit (New England Biolabs, Ipswich, MA), using a DNA template as 103 indicated in Table S2. Each wFDCF reaction was applied to a BSA-blocked cellulose disc 104 inserted into a 2 mL microcentrifuge tube. After the reaction was absorbed into the disc, the 105 tubes were submerged in liquid nitrogen to snap-freeze the disc and allowed to lyophilize for 12 106 hours. All of the colorimetric wFDCF sensors were tested at 30°C and ambient humidity to 107 simulate surface body temperature. The colorimetric wFDCF reactions presented in this work 108 were from distinct sensors, in which each data point is the intensity value of a defined area of the 109 green channel from the color-deconvolution function in ImageJ. The selected area size was kept 110 constant for all sensors. Each data set plotted in Fig. 1e-h are the average of three independently 111 measured wells. Statistical significance values for specific time points were calculated using 112 unpaired parametric Student's t-test (one-sided). In all plots, $*P \le 0.05$ and $**P \le 0.01$. 113

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115 Evaporation and dilution experiments in wearable synthetic biology devices

Evaporation tests were performed by cutting 10 x 10 cm WhatmanTM No. 4 filter-paper squares 116 and performing the cleaning and BSA blocking as described above for the discs. Each square 117 was freeze-dried with 100 µL of a 1x PURExpress cell-free reaction with CPRG substrate and a 118 constitutive LacZ plasmid. Various temperature (27-32°C) and fluid exposure conditions were 119 investigated in combination with different coverage ratios of the rehydrated test squares to assess 120 evaporation reduction. Suitable activity of the rehydrated reactions was assessed by visual 121 inspection of the conversion of the colorimetric substrate from yellow to purple. The port designs 122 shown in Fig. S1a, Fig. S3b and Fig. S9g, were selected empirically due to suitable activation of 123

- synthetic biology reactions with reduced evaporation rates (<20% of initial fluid volume in 2
- hours) at 30-40% relative humidity.
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127 Kinetic enhancement by freeze-dried concentration of cell-free reaction components

128 Optimization testing of cell-free component concentrations on the kinetics of the reactions was

- 129 performed by assembling PURExpress systems, according to the manufacturer's specifications,
- 130 at various volumes (V_{initial}) and then lyophilizing the reactions in PCR tubes overnight (Fig. S2a).
- Next, the lyophilized pellets were rehydrated using the same sample volume (V_{final}), so that the
- tested fold-concentration was (V_{initial} / V_{final}). PURExpress concentrations ranging from 1x to

133 2.5x were tested in replicate by incubation of 10 μ L reactions at 30°C for up to 90 minutes,

followed by photographic imaging of the colorimetric changes (Fig. S2b) and absorbance

- measurements at 570 nm (Fig. S2c). The time to half-maximal output signal for each base or
- concentrated reaction (Fig. S2d) was calculated by a least square fitting of the acquired data.
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138 Screening of textiles for freeze-dried, cell-free synthetic biology reactions

General compatibility of different textiles to freeze-dried, cell-free synthetic biology reactions 139 was tested in 103 different fabrics materials (e.g., silks, cotton, rayon, linen, hemp bamboo, 140 wool, polyester, polyamide, nylon, and combination threads) under activation conditions (Fig. 141 S4). A detailed list of the textiles used for this substrate screening can be found in Table S1. This 142 compatibility of these textiles to FDCF synthetic biology reactions was compared to samples 143 using WhatmanTM No. 4 filter paper (GE Healthcare Lifesciences Inc., Chicago, IL) and samples 144 in liquid form without any substrate as seen in Fig. S5. All tests used a T7RNAP-regulated LacZ 145 circuit for constitutive expression. For this evaluation, fabric samples were identified and cut into 146 2 x 2 cm squares. Visible particles were removed from the fabrics using an adhesive roller. All 147 fabric squares were cut into 1 x 2 cm pairs and washed thoroughly within 1.5 mL Eppendorf 148 tubes with 1mL dd-H₂O for 30 minutes floating in a sonication bath at 80°C. The washed 149 samples were left to cool to room temperature and then washed with running dd-H₂O for 10 sec. 150 One of each pair of fabric square types was placed in 1.25 mL of a 5% BSA solution for 12 151 hours. After BSA incubation, the treated fabrics were cleaned with running dd-H₂O for 10 152 seconds. BSA-blocked and unblocked samples were then placed into fresh Eppendorf tubes with 153 holes in the caps to allow for overnight desiccation of the fabrics at 60°C. Dried BSA blocked 154 and unblocked fabrics were then cut in triplicate with clean 2 mm diameter disk biopsy punchers 155 and placed in their respective slot in flat 384-well black polystyrene plates with a clear glass 156 bottom (Corning Inc.; Kennebunk ME, Ref#. 3544) for testing. Cell-free PURExpress® in vitro 157 protein synthesis solution (New England Biolabs, Inc., Ipswich, MA) was combined with a 158 constitutive LacZ template containing 0.6 mg/mL CPRG and spotted (1.8 µL) on each of the 159 fabric wells. Control wells containing 2 mm disks of Whatman No. 4 filter-paper were also filled 160 with 1.8 µL constitutive LacZ test reactions, whereas 7 µL were spotted on empty wells as liquid 161 controls. A transparent adhesive PCR cover compatible with freezing was then placed over the 162 plate and pressed with a roller to seal chambers. A small opening was pierced in each well with a 163 25-gauge x 5/8 (0.5 mm x 16 mm) BD PrecisionGlide Needle (Becton, Dickinson and Company; 164 Franklin Lakes, NJ, Ref#305122) to allow for sublimation during lyophilization. Prepared plates 165 were wholly immersed into liquid nitrogen for 1 min. A chilled metallic plate (maintained at -166 80°C with dry ice), was immediately put in contact with the bottom of the scored plates with the 167 sealed frozen samples. A single 15 x 17" Kimwipe (Kimtech™, Kimberly-Clark Corp., Irving, 168 TX) was placed on top of the plate humidity openings. Then the 384-well test plate with top 169 Kimwipe and the bottom metallic chiller were wrapped with three layers of aluminum foil. The 170 entire wrapped bundle was then placed inside a sealed glass lyophilization chamber and 171 connected to the freeze-drying machine. Lyophilization was performed for two hours. Freeze-172 dried paper samples were rehydrated with dd-H₂O to the original reaction volume. The 173 colorimetric change was measured after overnight incubation (12 hours) at 37°C using a BioTek 174 NEO HTS plate reader (BioTek Instruments, Inc., Winooski, VT) in kinetic absorbance readout 175 mode Fig. S5. Best observed functionality, as measured by the aggregated score shown in Fig. 176 S6, was achieved using a fabric with 85% polyester and 15% polyamide fibers. This substrate 177

- 178 was used for all further fluorescence and luminescence experiments, except for the case for a
- fluorescence Zika DNA Toehold sensing reaction (Fig. S7), which was also tested on a 100%
- 180 mercerized cotton thread to validate the possibility of running FDCF reactions at the single-fiber
- 181 level with this natural material commonly used in wound care.
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183 Fabrication of fluorescence/luminescence synthetic biology wearable textile module

After screening of compatible textiles for freeze-dried, cell-free synthetic biology reactions, the 184 best performing hydrophilic textile substrate (85% polyester / 15% polyamide) was used as weft 185 for a textile inter-woven with a warp made of inert flexible polymeric optic fibers (POF) and 186 polyester support threads. Such POFs were used for distributed optical interrogation of 187 fluorescent or luminescent synthetic biology reactions within this fabric (three fibers per well). 188 Polymeric optic fibers were weaved into this hydrophilic combination fabric using a standard 189 industrial loom (DREAMLUX, Samsara Srl., Milan, IT), according to the design presented in 190 Fig. S8. Once fabric samples were manufactured, three-strip arrangements of this hydrophilic 191 POF fabric were cut to fit the device and laser-etched (5 mm) to disrupt the cladding in the POFs 192 sections within the reaction zones (Fig. S9a-e). Black elastomer layers (top and bottom in Fig. 193 S9b) were precast overnight and laser-cut according to the layout shown in Fig. S9b,e. The 194 silicone elastomer chambers in this device exhibit two 3 x 5 mm curved wicking ports that allow 195 for fluid entry while still delaying evaporation within reaction fabric. Uncured black silicone 196 elastomer was stamp-patterned onto the precast layers as well as into the internal POF fabric 197 strips to be aligned and assembled, preventing air bubble formation between device layers and 198 elastomer wicking in reaction zones. Final assembly of the base three-well sensor "patch" can be 199 seen in Fig. S9b,f,g. Devices were then placed under vacuum for 15 minutes to remove bubbles 200 and were allowed to cure overnight at 65°C. As with the colorimetric prototypes, the fluorescent 201 POF prototypes were thoroughly sprayed with RNase Away Decontaminant (Thermo Fisher 202 Scientific, Waltham, MA) and washed with 70% ethanol twice before being stored in petri 203 dishes. Once the assembled device was fully cured, POF fibers were separated into excitation 204 and emission bundles and then covered with blackout adhesive fabric as well as black heat shrink 205 tubing (6 mm) to prevent environmental light leakage. Blackout fabric disks (10 mm) made of 206 black polyester knit Item#: 322323 (MoodFabrics Inc. New York, NY) were soaked in RNase 207 Away Decontaminant for 5 minutes, washed thoroughly with 70% ethanol followed by water. 208 The washed blackout fabric was incubated in 0.1% Triton X-100 for 5 minutes (as a wetting 209 agent to enhance the ability of the textile to absorb water) and then excess solution was removed 210 and the fabric pieces allowed to air-dry. The final blackout fabric discs were placed inside the 211 reaction chamber with tweezers to aid in environmental light-blocking over sensing fibers. 212 Finally, quick-turn stainless steel coupling sockets #5194K42 (McMaster-Carr Co., Elmhurst, II) 213 were added to the ends of the sensor device bundles for connection with the wearable 214 spectrometer. The finalized wFDCF sensor device can be seen in Fig. S9f,g. 215

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217 Hardware / software implementation of wearable POF spectrometer

A custom-made wearable spectrometer with internal processing and wireless connectivity

219 modules was fabricated to provide unsupervised sensing of on-body synthetic biology reactions

- 220 (Fig. S17). The device electronics were based on a Raspberry Pi Zero W Version 1.3 architecture
- 221 (Raspberry Pi Foundation, Cambridge, UK) with connection to a custom shield for battery

power, an environmental sensing module, an LED illumination module, and a flexible camera for 222 imaging (Fig. S17a). The Raspberry Pi Zero W was selected as the microprocessor for this 223 application, due to its low cost (<\$15.00), small profile/weight (65 x 30 x 5 mm / 12 g), high 224 performance (1 GHz single-core ARM1176JZF-S CPU, 512 MB RAM, VideoCore IV GPU) and 225 on-board wireless connectivity (802.11 b/g/n LAN, Bluetooth(R) 4.1, Bluetooth Low Energy -226 BLE). Regulated battery power was achieved using a PiZ-UpTime module, which is an 227 uninterruptible power supply shield for Raspberry Pi Zero (Alchemy Power Inc., Santa Clara, 228 CA), that uses rechargeable a Lithium-Ion 14500 battery (Battery & Power management in Fig. 229 S17a), to reliably provide the charge capacity for 48 hrs of intermittent device operation 230 continuously collecting data at a frequency of one measurement per minute. In-device sensing of 231 temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, altitude, total Volatile Organic Compound (TVOC) 232 and eCO2 was achieved using an I2C environmental CCS811/BME280 Qwiic-Breakout 233 (SparkFun Electronics[®], Niwot, CO). The POF illumination module was achieved using a Saber 234 Z4 Luxeon Z 20 mm Square Quad Color Mixing Array LED Module with aluminum base 235 (Quadica Developments Inc. - Luxeon, Alberta, Canada) connected to a 12-Channel 16-bit PWM 236 TLC59711 LED driver with SPI Interface (Adafruit Industries®, New York, NY). Four Luxeon 237 Star LEDs were installed in the device with wavelengths 447 nm, 470 nm, 505 nm and 6500 K 238 white (LEDs & Driver in Fig. S17a) An 8.6 mm x 8.6 mm Zero Spy Camera with 2" cable 239 (Raspberry Pi Foundation, Cambridge, UK) was connected to the Raspberry Pi Zero W using a 240 flat serial interphase connector to provide POF imaging capabilities to the device. A single 5mm 241 Infinite© aspherical plastic collimator part#: 191-66041G (Quarton Inc., New Taipei City, 242 Taiwan) with numerical aperture (NA): 0.27 and effective focal length (EFL): 4.96 mm, was 243 placed on top of the camera to allow for magnified POF imaging in proximity to the camera. The 244 wearable spectrometer was covered by a two-part case fabricated using black photoreactive resin 245 and a stereolithography 3D printing method using a Form 2 printer (Formlabs Inc., Summerville, 246 MA) as seen in Fig. S17a. A view of the open device is shown in Fig. S17b, while a closed view 247 is shown in Fig. S17c. This case included geometrical features to fit and align the camera/lens 248 arrangement and the removable 3 mm diameter amber acrylic filter for fluorescence readings 249 (slot arrangement in Fig. S17d). Also, the case features a slot for the 4-LED arrangement, a vent 250 for the environmental sensors (Fig. S17d), as well as female Luer connection (Fig. S17a) to fit 251 quick-turn stainless steel coupling sockets #5194K42 (McMaster-Carr Co., Elmhurst, II). A top 252 view of the assembled wearable POF spectrometer is shown in Fig. S17e, while the integration 253 254 of this device within a wearable garment with wFDCF sensors is shown in Fig. S17f. The final volume of our wearable spectrometer device was approximately 235 cm³ with a total weight of 255 around 173.8 grams (6.13 ounces), with a total cost of material and consumable supplies under 256 \$100 USD. Base data-collection software (test version) implemented in python for control of the 257 Raspberry Pi Zero W within the wearable POF spectrometer is also provided as part of the 258 supplementary information. 259

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261 Preparation of optimized fluorescence wearable synthetic biology reactions

- 262 Constitutive sfGFP expression reactions for wFDCF testing (Fig. 2c) were prepared by
- 263 combining 50 μL of 1x NEB cell-free PURExpress® in vitro protein synthesis solution with
- 264 0.5% Roche Protector RNase Inhibitor and 10 ng/ μ L constitutive P_{T7}-sfGFP plasmid (+) or
- without as controls (-). Prepared reactions were quickly deposited in-fabric to be snap-frozen and

then lyophilized for 4-8 hours within the device. Activation of sensors was achieved by
 rehydration with a fluid splash of dd-H₂O.

The theophylline riboswitch sensor reactions for wFDCF testing (Fig. 2d) were prepared using 1x NEB cell-free PURExpress® supplemented with 10 ng/ μ L of theophylline riboswitch sensor E mRNA in dd-H₂O. The prepared sensor reactions (50 μ L per well) were quickly deposited in-fabric, snap-frozen in LN2, and then lyophilized for 4-8 hours within the device. Activation of sensors was achieved by rehydration with a fluid splash of dd-H₂O spiked with 1

mM theophylline for the positive samples, while 0 mM theophylline was used for controls.

Dimeric Broccoli fluorescent aptamer sensor reactions for wFDCF testing (Fig. 2e) were 274 prepared using 1.5x NEB cell-free PURExpress® with 25 ng/µL of pJL1-F30-2xd-Broccoli 275 aptamer DNA in dd-H₂O. Prepared sensor reactions (50 µL per well) were quickly deposited in-276 fabric to be snap-frozen and then lyophilized for 4-8 hours within the device. Activation of 277 sensors was achieved by rehydration with a fluid splash of dd-H₂O spiked with 50 µM of the 278 substrate (5Z)-5-((3,5-Difluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)methylene)-3,5-dihydro-2-methyl-3-(2,2,2-279 trifluoroethyl)-4H-imidazol-4-one (DFHBI-1T; Tocris Bioscience, Minneapolis, MN) substrate 280 for the positive samples, while 0 uM DFHBI-1T substrate was used for controls. 281

Zika RNA Toehold switch sensor reactions for wFDCF testing (Fig. S7) were prepared
using 1x NEB cell-free PURExpress® with 33 nM Zika DNA toehold sensor 27B in dd-H₂O.
Prepared sensor reactions were quickly deposited in a mercerized cotton thread or paper samples
to be snap-frozen and then lyophilized for 4-8 hours within a 384-well plate. Activation of
sensors was achieved by rehydration with dd-H₂O spiked with 2 µM of freshly made Zika trigger
RNA for the positive samples, while 0 µM Zika trigger RNA was used for controls.

For the wearable nerve agent sensor experiments (Fig. 2g), 50 μ L reactions consisting of 0.5 288 U/mL acetylcholinesterase (Type V-S from E. electricus, MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO), 0.1 289 U/mL of choline oxidase (recombinant Arthrobacter sp., MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO), 0.1 290 mg/mL of freshly prepared horseradish peroxidase (Type VI, MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO), 291 and 125 µM of the fluorescent reporter substrate Amplite-IRTM (AAT Bioquest, Sunnyvale, CA) 292 in a final buffer of 10 mM HEPES, pH 8.0 / 1 mg/mL BSA / 1% fish gelatin / 5% trehalose. The 293 reactions were applied to two WhatmanTM No. 4 filter-paper 0.8 cm discs, snap frozen in liquid 294 nitrogen, and lyophilized for at least 12 hours. To test in the fluorescent wearable prototype, the 295 paper discs containing the freeze-dried reactions were inserted into the wearable devices and 296 rehydrated with 75 µL of 50 µM acetylcholine (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO) with or without 297 the nerve agent paraoxon-ethyl (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO). The fluorescent wearable 298 299 device for the nerve agent was altered for the detection of near-infrared fluorescence by replacing the optical components with excitation using a 627 nm red quad-LED array module 300 (Quadica Developments Inc. - Luxeon, Alberta, Canada). Additionally, the emission camera was 301 substituted with a NoIR Zero Spy Camera without infrared filter, on top of which we positioned 302 three gel transmission filters No. 381, 382 and 383 (Rosco Laboratories Inc., Stamford, CT) to 303 form a dedicated emission filtering stack with <1% cutoff at 660nm and peak transmittance at 304 740nm. All of the fluorescent wFDCF sensors were tested at 30°C and ambient humidity to 305 simulate surface body temperature. All fluorescent wFDCF presented in this work were from 306 distinct sensors, in which each data point is the integrated value of optical fiber signals from one 307 sensor. Any fiber optic fibers that were 1 SD below the mean of all fibers combined were 308 removed from analysis. All of the cell-free and enzymatic wFDCF sensor plots are the average of 309

- three independent wells. Each well contained three separate fiber optic sensors, for a total of 9
- fiber outputs presented per variable. Statistical significance values for specific time points were
- calculated using unpaired parametric Student's t-test (one-sided). In all plots, $*P \le 0.05$ and **P
- $313 \leq 0.01.$
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315 Preparation of optimized luminescence wearable synthetic biology reactions

HIV RNA toehold switch sensor reactions for luminescence wFDCF testing (Fig. 2f and Fig. S12b) were prepared in 50 μ L batches using 20 μ L of NEB cell-free PURExpress® Component A, 15 μ L NEB Component B, 2.5 μ L murine RNase inhibitor (New England Biolabs, Inc.,

- 319 Ipswich, MA), 6 ng/ μ L HIV toehold sensor template with a nano luciferase (nLuc) output, 0.5
- ³²⁰ μL luciferin substrate (Promega Corp., Madison, WI) in dd-H₂O. Prepared sensor reactions (50
- μ L per well) were quickly deposited in-fabric to be snap-frozen and then lyophilized for 4-8
- hours within the device. Activation of sensors was achieved by rehydration with a fluid splash of
- $dd-H_2O$ spiked with 10 μ M HIV trigger RNA freshly made for the positive samples, while 0 μ M
- HIV trigger RNA was used for controls. The constitutive nLuc control reaction shown as part of
- Fig. S10b was performed similarly but substituting the toehold switch with a plasmid with a
- nLuc operon regulated by a T7 promoter.
- 327 Borrelia burgdorferi RNA Lyme disease toehold switch sensor reactions for luminescence
- wFDCF testing (Fig. S10a) were prepared in 50 μ L batches using 20 μ L of NEB cell-free
- 329 PURExpress® solution A, 15 μ L solution B, 2.5 μ L murine RNase inhibitor, 18 nM *B*.
- *burgdorferi* toehold DNA with luciferase operon, 2.75 μL luciferin substrate (Promega Corp.,
- Madison, WI) in dd-H₂O. Prepared sensor reactions (50 μ L per well) were quickly deposited in-
- fabric to be snap-frozen and then lyophilized for 4-8 hours within the device. Activation of
- sensors was achieved by rehydration with a fluid splash of dd-H₂O spiked with 3 μ M *B*.
- burgdorferi trigger RNA freshly made for the positive samples, while 0 μ M trigger RNA was
- used for controls. These wFDCF sensors were tested at 30°C and ambient humidity to simulate
- 336 surface body temperature.
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338 Preparation of optimized CRISPR Cas12a-based wearable synthetic biology reactions

- 339 CRISPR-based sensor reactions for wFDCF testing in Fig. 3b-e,h, Fig. S11, and Fig. S13 were
- prepared using 100 nM Cas12a (New England Biolabs, Ipswich, MA) and 100 nM gRNA, 1x
- NEB buffer 2.1, 0.45 mM dNTPs, 500 nM of each RPA primer, 1x RPA liquid basic mix
- (TwistDx Limited, UK), 14 mM MgCl₂, and 5 μM FAM-Iowa Black® FQ quenched ssDNA
- fluorescent reporter (Integrated DNA Technologies, Coralville, IA) in dd-H₂O. Prepared sensor
- reactions (50 μ L per well) were quickly deposited in-fabric to be snap-frozen and then
- 345 lyophilized for 4-8 hours within the device. Activation of sensors was achieved by rehydration
- with a fluid splash of dd-H₂O spiked with 2.7 fM or 100 fM of mecA, spa or ermA DNA trigger
- depending on the demonstration. In the sensing performed at 2.7 fM mecA trigger, the detection
- limit is 10,000 copies of DNA per μ L. These wFDCF sensors were tested at 30°C and ambient
- 349 humidity to simulate surface body temperature. All of the CRISPR-based wFDCF sensor plots
- are the average of three independent wells. Each well contained three separate fiber optic
- sensors, for a total of 9 fiber outputs presented per variable. Statistical significance values for

352 specific time points were calculated using unpaired parametric Student's t-test (one-sided). In all

353 plots, $*P \le 0.05$ and $**P \le 0.01$.

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355 Preparation of optimized CRISPR Cas13a-based wearable synthetic biology reactions

Cas13a CRISPR-based sensor reactions for wFDCF testing (Fig. S12) were prepared using 100

 357 nM Cas13a and 100 nM gRNA, 1x NEB buffer 2.1, 0.45 mM dNTP, 14 mM MgCl₂, and 5 μ M

FAM-Iowa Black® FQ quenched RNA fluorescent reporter (Integrated DNA Technologies,

Coralville, IA) in dd-H₂O. Prepared sensor reactions (50 μ L per well) were quickly deposited in-

fabric to be snap-frozen and then lyophilized for 4-8 hours within the device. Activation of sensors was achieved by rehydration with a fluid splash of $dd-H_2O$ spiked with 20 nM of MRSA

- 362 RNA trigger.
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364 Preparation of sample lysis-integrated wearable synthetic biology reactions

For wFDCF with integrated lysis reactions, a RNase-free Whatman filter paper disc (8 mm) was
 filled with concentrated stock solutions that would yield, upon a 50 μL rehydration volume, 5
 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 1% Triton X-100, 1% NP-40, 0.2% CHAPS, 100 μg/mL lysozyme, and

5% sucrose. This was freeze-dried for 4 hours and inserted into the POF wFDCF device below

the blackout layer and above a PVA time delay barrier that was sealed around the edges with

370 Ecoflex elastomer to enable an efficient lysis incubation time. All layers containing the

371 lyophilized RPA-Cas12a synthetic biology sensors below the lysis – PVA delay layers were

identical to that used in the *mecA* RPA-Cas12a devices shown in Figures 3b-e.

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374 *Garment-level integration of colorimetric synthetic biology sensors*

After fabrication of colorimetric synthetic biology wearable module, a bracelet "garment" was achieved simply by gluing the module into an elastic band to be placed in the forearm of a mannequin (Fig. S3c).

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379 *Garment-level integration of fluorescence/luminescence synthetic biology sensors*

380 After fabrication of at least 12 fluorescence/luminescence synthetic biology wearable modules, a

commercially available long-sleeve neoprene wetsuit-type jacket (EYCE Dive & Sail) was

modified to integrate an array of wFDCF sensors by sewing these modules in predefined high-

splash frequency regions (Fig. 2a, 4a, S17f). Reaction modules were covered in the edges with a

blackout fabric border with textile adhesive. POF bundles of these modules were sawn internally

and directed to a single multi-bundle arrangement for interrogation via our portable spectrometer
 device (located in a back pocket within the jacket) as seen in Fig. S17f. Base neoprene fabric

- device (located in a back pocket within the jacket) as seen in Fig. S17f. Base neoprene fabric used for this jacket was of 3mm thickness and treated with a superhydrophobic coating to
- prevent fluid absorption in places other than the reaction zones. Fabricated wFDCF jacket
- prototype was specified to fit a medium-sized male torso 36"(chest) by 31"(waist). In-garment
- sensors were tested on a mannequin at room temperature.

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392 Construction and preparation of SARS-CoV-2 A-version diagnostic face mask

³⁹³ The SARS-CoV-2 in-mask diagnostic consists of the sensor assembly containing the lyophilized

reactions which was then inserted in an N95-equivalent face mask (see Fig. 4a and

395 Supplementary Fig. 21 for fully assembled face masks and Fig. 4b for a schematic of the sensor).

³⁹⁶ First, capillary wicking material (porous HRM (high release media) fiber media #36776,

thickness = 0.5 mm, density = 0.07 g/cc, porosity = 92%) was laser-cut into a shape allowing for

an elliptical region approximately 50 x 25 mm that serves as the sample collection area,
 accumulating viral particles from a patient's respiration, vocalization, and/or reflexive tussis. The

laser-cut wicking material is then adhered to a white PET double-adhesive backing material (3M
Microfluidic Diagnostic Tape, #9965). One end of the wicking material is adhered to a sterile
sealed blister pack containing nuclease-free water. The μPAD device is created by wax printing
hydrophobic patterns onto Whatman® Grade 1 chromatographic filter paper (Thermo Fisher
Scientific, Waltham, MA) using a Xerox Phaser 8560 solid ink printer. The printed μPAD sheets
were then wax reflowed by hot pressing for 15 sec at 125°C using a Cricut EasyPressTM (Cricut
Inc., Fork, UT), and then left untouched to cool at room temperature. After wax reflow, the

reaction zones have an aperture diameter of 5 mm, while the intervening PVA time delays have an aperture diameter of 3 mm. The PVA time delays were placed onto the time-delay zones first, by pipetting 4 μ L of 10% ~67,000 MW PVA (Millipore-Sigma, St. Louis, MO) per each delay

alayer, and allowing it to dry at room temperature overnight. The lysis buffer, RT-RPA reaction,
 and the Cas12a SHERLOCK reactions as described below were then added to the respective

412 lysis zones.

The lysis reaction added to each sensor lysis zone was 15 μ L of 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 413 7.5), 1% Triton X-100, 1% NP-40, 0.2% CHAPS, 100 µg/mL lysozyme, and 5% sucrose. The 414 RT-RPA reaction added to the isothermal amplification zone was 15 µL of a single lyophilized 415 TwistAmp® lyophilized RPA pellet (TwistDx Limited, UK) that was rehydrated to 50 µL using 416 a rehydration reaction of 29.6 µL Twist Rehydration Buffer, 9.6 µL of a primer mix (see Table 417 S2; RT-RPA-F4, RT-RPA-R4, RT-RPA-R3 primer in the mix are at a ratio of 10 µM : 10 µM : 418 20 µM). Roche Protector RNase Inhibitor, TAKARA PrimeScript Reverse Transcriptase, and 419 Ambion RNase H were all added at 1 μ L each. Nuclease free water was added at 4.4 μ L. 420 Immediately before pipetting onto the reaction zone, 2.5 µL of 280 mM MgOAc was added to 421 the RT-RPA reaction and thoroughly mixed. For the Cas12a SHERLOCK reaction, 15 µL of the 422 following reaction was pipetted onto the SHERLOCK reaction zone: 12.3 µL nuclease-free 423 water, 1.5 µL of NEB Buffer 2.1, 0.3 µL 0.5 M DTT, 0.075 µL of 100 µM NEB EnGen® Lba 424 Cas12a, 0.26 µL of 40 µM coronavirus S-gene gRNA. Immediately before pipetting onto the 425 reaction zone, 1 pmol of the 6-FAM/TTATTATT/Biotin oligo (FB probe, from Integrated DNA 426 Technologies, Inc., Coralville, Iowa) was added to the Cas12a reaction and thoroughly mixed. 427 Sequences for all primers, RNA targets, and the gRNA are presented in Supplementary Table S2. 428

All reactions are pipetted onto the reaction zones and the wax-printed sheet is then dipped 429 into liquid nitrogen to freeze all of the embedded reactions, and then immediately wrapped in foil 430 and placed on a lyophilizer. After lyophilization for 4-24 hours, the wax arrays are removed from 431 the lyophilizer. Cutting of the arrays into individual µPAD strips can be performed before or 432 after the lyophilization process. Each strip is folded using sterilized tweezers into an overlapping 433 accordion arrangement (see Figure 4b), overlapping the reaction zones and time delays to form a 434 µPAD device. The output end of the laser-cut Porex sample collection section was carefully 435 inserted on top of the lysis zone, while the input end of a Milenia HybriDetect-1 Universal 436

Lateral Flow Assay (TwistDx Limited, UK) was inserted on top of the last PVA time delay. The 437 entire µPAD section was carefully sandwiched and taped together to compress all of the layers. 438 The entire blister-pack water reservoir – Porex sample collection area – μ PAD – LFA test strip is 439 secured using the double-sided backing to the inside of an N95 equivalent mask, positioning the 440 sample collection area in the region directly in front of the mouth and nose. The LFA test strip is 441 routed to the outside of the mask through a small slit in the mask and the indicator has been 442 oriented to hide the results from external viewing, to ensure patient confidentiality. To access the 443 results, the test strip must be bent over to view the results (see Supplementary Fig. S21g). Lastly, 444 a button is affixed to the outside of the mask directly over the water blister reservoir. The button 445 contains a small spike embedded in a compressible foam double-sided adhesive material. When 446 pressed down, the button pierces the foil on the blister, allowing the nuclease-free water to flow 447 through the same collection zone, the µPAD reaction zones and time delays, and finally into the 448 LFA indicator strip. The modular design of the sensor components allows elements such as the 449 water reservoir, µPAD or LFA strip to be adjusted for different orientations or placement on the 450 inside or outside of the mask. Only the sample collection pad module has strict orientation and 451

- 452 positional requirements.
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454 Benchtop testing of A-version SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic face-mask sensors

455 For Figures 4d,f, each data point consisted of a face-mask sensor in which a defined amount of

456 synthetic SARS-CoV-2 RNA fragment containing the specific gRNA targeting region of the

457 SARS-CoV-2 spike gene was generated by in vitro transcription using the HiScribe™ T7 Quick

458 High Yield RNA Synthesis Kit (NEB, Ipswitch, MA) using synthetic DNA templates with a T7

promoter (Integrated DNA Technologies, Inc., Coralville, Iowa, and Twist Bioscience, San
 Francisco, CA). Corresponding homologous regions to the spike gene for the commonly

Francisco, CA). Corresponding homologous regions to the spike gene for the commonly circulating human coronavirus strains 229E, HKU1, NL63, and OC43, were determined by

- 462 sequence homology alignment of the respective spike genes (see Fig. S21a) and the RNA targets
- 463 were generated using the same method described above. All SARS-CoV-2 face-mask sensors
- 464 were tested at room temperature at ambient humidity. After activation and LFA output formation

465 (~20-30 min), the LFA strips were digitized using the scanner function on a Ricoh MP C3504 on

default contrast settings. This ensured equal brightness and contrast across all strips in

comparison to photography. Each "T" and "C" output line from each strip was quantified in

- ImageJ from the 32-bit converted raw scanned images without any adjustments to brightness orcontrast.
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471 *Fabrication of B-version face-mask sensors*

The following optimizations to the A-version sensors were implemented, resulting in the

473 improved B-version. Wax-printed µPAD templates were prepared as described above for the A-

version sensors. To prevent failure from flow leakage between different layers of the folded

 μ PAD, unwaxed borders were rendered hydrophobic by drawing over the area with a Super PAP

476 Pen (ThermoFisher, Inc., Waltham MA) and allowed to air dry for at least one hour. The sample

477 collection pads for the B-version sensors were laser-cut from sheets of Porex high release media

478 #36776 with the dominant fiber direction along the long axis of the pad to allow faster flow of

the hydration front. The pad geometry was adjusted to enhance water flow by moving the

reservoir puncture point to the distal end of the water blister, increasing the pad area in contact

with the water reservoir, and reducing the sample collection region. Approximately 2 mm of the

outer border of the sample pad was rastered during laser-cutting to heat seal the Porex material to
 the PET backing material, preventing delamination. Before assembly, approximately 1 cm of the
 backing material was peeled away and cut off from the end of the sample pad region that is to be
 in contact with the reservoir.

Prior to the addition of the reagents to the μ PAD, each reaction zone area was blocked 486 with 5 mL of 1% BSA + 0.02% Triton X-100 and allowed to air dry for 12 hours to prevent 487 nonspecific adsorption of the biochemical reaction components to the filter paper matrix. PVA at 488 a concentration of 18% (w/v) at a volume of $\sim 5 \mu L$ was applied to each time delay zone and 489 allowed to air dry for 24 hours. The lysis buffer for the B-version sensors was reformulated to 10 490 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 5% Sucrose, 0.02% NP-40, and 2% CHAPS. The amount of non-ionic 491 surfactants in the lysis buffer were reduced to prevent observed degradation of the wax barrier, 492 an observation we had made during design and testing of the A-version uPADs. The CHAPS 493 concentration was increased as it was not found to degrade the wax and this zwitterionic 494 detergent has previously been shown to be effective in lysing coronavirus particles¹. A volume of 495 10 µL of this lysis buffer was added to the µPAD lysis zone. The RT-RPA and Cas12a 496 SHERLOCK reaction compositions, volumes, and lyophilization parameters were unchanged. 497 During final assembly of the B-version sensor, both the sample pad::µPAD and the µPAD::LFA 498 contact regions were fully sealed using precut sterile aluminum PCR foil seals (#60941-076, 499 VWR Intl., Radnor, PA) to improve contact transfer and prevent any fluidic short-circuiting that 500 may occur from undesired droplet contact to the folded uPAD edges. To facilitate unimpeded 501 sample flow, venting holes were introduced into the water-containing blister mold to prevent 502 vacuum buildup inside the blister during flow. Three venting holes were punched into the blister 503 surface using an 18-gauge needle and then sealed with a 6-mm adhesive disc of a single-sided 504 rayon breathable hydrophobic porous film (#60941-086 VWR Intl., PA). This allows venting of 505 vacuum while preventing leakage and contamination of the nuclease-free water. For all B-506 version face-mask-integrated sensors, the water reservoir module was positioned on the exterior 507 of the mask to minimize unwanted contact pressure on the blister pack during wearing of the 508 mask. The sensor activation mechanism is the same as the A-version sensors. To integrate the 509 sensors into the face masks, 1 cm slits were cut into KN-95 masks through which the sensor ends 510 were threaded and subsequently sealed using adhesive. 511

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513 Breathing simulator apparatus assembly

Our face-mask sensor testing platform consisted of four modules that performed the following 514 functions: spontaneous breath generation, aerosol production, heating control, and physiologic 515 airway and head simulation. For the breath generation, we employed the TestChest® lung 516 simulator (Organis GmbH, Switzerland), a highly accurate artificial lung that uses an actuated 517 dual bellows design to replicate lung mechanics such as lung vial capacity and tidal volume. The 518 TestChest® was connected through ventilator tubing to all other downstream modules for 519 simulated spontaneous breathing. Directly downstream of the TestChest®, we placed an in-line 520 Aerogen® Solo nebulizer (Aerogen, Inc., Ireland). The Aerogen® Solo is a medical-grade 521 vibrating-mesh nebulizer for the administration of lung inhalation therapeutics. Previous studies 522 have demonstrated that the nebulizer generates aerosol droplets that are similar in diameter to 523 those that occur naturally from human lung emissions². Furthermore, previous work has used the 524 Aerogen® system to deliver therapeutic RNA in an animal model³, showing that it can be used 525 to produce transmissible RNA-laden aerosols. The tubing is next wrapped in a temperature-526 regulated heat pad (Zoo Med Laboratories, Inc., San Luis Obispo, CA) that maintains the output 527

- temperature at 35°C. The tubing is connected to a lung input tube in a high-fidelity airway
- 529 manikin (7-SIGMA Simulation Systems, Minneapolis, MN) that faithfully replicates pulmonary
- and nasopharyngeal structures as well as head movement ranges. The other simulated lung and
- the simulated esophagus are clamped shut to direct breath output only through the oral cavity.
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- 533 On-simulator testing of face-mask integrated B-version sensors
- For all simulator-based testing, a SARS-CoV-2 B-version sensor-containing face mask was fitted 534 onto the 7-SIGMA airway manikin and the TestChest® was set to the "Normal Stable" setting, 535 which generates a spontaneous breathing rate of 12 breaths per minute. The entire breathing 536 simulator assembly was then checked for leaks. Temperature regulation was set to maintain an 537 outflow temperature of 35°C. A 5 mL solution of SARS-CoV-2 F5R11 vRNA IVT target was 538 then pipetted into the Aerogen® Solo reservoir and the controller unit activated. The simulated 539 breath was allowed to collect in the face mask and sensor for a period of 30 minutes, then the 540 sensor was activated on the manikin for processing while maintaining the breathing and heating. 541 The LFA outputs for all sensors were scanned using a Ricoh MP C3504 printer system using 542
- 543 default settings.

The total amount of aerosolized vRNA collected after 30 minutes on each mask sensor 544 for a given concentration of vRNA IVT target solution was estimated by RT-qPCR analysis of a 545 6 mm filter paper disc affixed to the sample pad area. After the 30 minutes of the breathing 546 simulation, the disc was removed and frozen immediately in nuclease-free microcentrifuge tubes 547 at -80°C for later analysis. Replicate disc collections were then repeated using the same 548 procedure. For analysis, the discs were thawed and resuspended in 100 µL nuclease-free water 549 supplemented with Protector RNase Inhibitor (Roche AG, Switzerland). RNA was extracted by 550 repeated vortexing for 20 second burst intervals with resting on ice. This extracted sample was 551 used as template in RT-qPCR reactions to obtain the total accumulated target RNA copy number 552 on the 6 mm sampling disc. The mean collection values (in copies per mm²) are then multiplied 553 by the exposed surface area of the sample collection pad $(2,513 \text{ mm}^2)$ to estimate the total 554 aerosolized vRNA target collected on the sensor. For a stock solution of 16.7 fM vRNA IVT 555 target, the estimated total collected copies per sensor is 2.3×10^6 copies. For a stock solution of 556 1.67 pM vRNA IVT target, the estimated total collected copies per sensor is 5×10^7 copies. These 557 values are reported in Figs. 4i,j. The scatter plots for each target concentration shows the T/C 558 ratio from five independently measured sensors. 559

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561 Sensor and reporter sequences

Tables S2 and S3 contain the DNA and RNA sequences of sensors and reporters used in this

study. The plasmid construct used for the Zika 27B toehold sensor has been previously described

- elsewhere⁴. The Lyme disease and HIV toehold sensors with a nanoluciferase output were cloned into the pBW121 plasmid backbone (Addgene plasmid #68779). All other plasmid constructs
- utilized the pJL1 backbone that has been previously described^{5, 6}. The F30 dimeric Broccoli
- fluorescent aptamer was subcloned into pJL1 from pET28c-F30-2xdBroccoli which was a gift
- from Samie Jaffrey (Addgene plasmid #66843; http://n2t.net/addgene:66843; RRID:
- 569 Addgene_66843). The sequence for the pJL1-sfGFP plasmid can be found on Addgene (Plasmid
- 570 #69496).

ID	Supplier	Supp. ID	Material	Туре	Name	Manufacturer Description	Mode	Price Per Bolt (S/yd)
0	-	N/A	-	No substrate (control)	No substrate (control)	-	-	-
1	Whatma n GE	1442- 042	Cellulose Paper	42.5mm filter papers	42.5mm filter papers	Ashless filter papers with 0.2mm thickness and 42.5mm diameter.	100 Disk box	+\$300/yd
2	Dharma Trading Co. (DTC)	SBC45	Silk	Spun Silk Broadcloth 45" wide	Spun Silk Broadcloth 45" wide	100% spun silk 23mm, mid-weight flat woven fabric with a crisp hand and slight sheen, drapes nicely.	-	\$13.39/yd
3	DTC	SD	Silk	Silk Dupion 19mm 45" wide	Silk Dupion 19mm 45" wide	Picture shimmery silk with lots of texture - raised silk slubs - intermittent shiny threads - similar to Shantung. Makes outstanding jackets, suits, coats, etc.	50 yd bolts	\$10.75/yd.
		SG36	Silk		Silk Gauze 3mm 36" wide	Wide weave. Very light, very sheer, very beautiful.	50 yd bolts	\$2.32/yd.
4	DTC	SG45	Silk	Silk Gauze 3mm	Silk Gauze 3mm 45" wide	Wide weave. Very light, very sheer, very beautiful.		\$2.72/yd.
		SG55 Si	Silk		Silk Gauze 3mm 55" wide	Wide weave. Very light, very sheer, very beautiful.		\$3.79/yd
5	DTC	SVEL4 5	Silk	Silk Velvet	Silk Velvet 45" wide	Standard silk, 82% rayon. Dyes and paints super. The ultimate! Use for the Devore technique.	30 yd bolts.	\$11.09/yd.
		SVEL5 5	Silk		Silk Velvet 55" wide	Standard silk, 82% rayon. Dyes and paints super. The ultimate! Use for the Devore technique.	33 yd bolts	\$13.69/yd.
6	DTC	STCH ARM	Silk / Spandex	Stretch Charmeuse 12mm 45" wide	Stretch Charmeuse 12mm 45" wide	All die softness and sheen of silk with the comfort of a Stretch fabric. 95% silk & 5% spandex. The low amount of spandex will not the dyeing process.	50 yd bolts	\$13.15/yd.
7	DTC	ST	Silk	Silk Twill 12mm 45" wide	Silk Twill 12mm 45" wide	A very utilitarian durable silk. Great for shirts, handkerchiefs, pillow cases, lamp shades, screens, etc.	50 yd bolts	\$8.48/yd.

Table S1: List of tested fabrics for wFDCF synthetic biology reactions in this study

8	DTC	SRS45	Silk	Smooth Raw Silk 31.5mm	Smooth Raw Silk 31.5mm	100% Silk 45" width	-	\$6.59/yd.
9	DTC	SG454 5	Silk	Silk Gauze 4.5MM 45" wide	Silk Gauze 4.5MM 45" wide	Some like it a bit heavier. Beautiful flowing fabric, great for sewing and gifts.	50 yd bolts	\$4.09/yd.
10	DTC	SK45	Silk	Silk Knit 45" wide	Silk Knit 45" wide	100% Silk Jersey, 3oz/square yard approx. 100 g/m2, 22" wide tube (44" wide), soft hand with a nice drape, great for silk underwear garments and scarves.	-	\$15.79/yd.
11	DTC	ORG45	Silk	Organza 5.5 mm	Organza 5.5 mm 45" wide	Very sheer, transparent, stiff, gauze-like fabric.	50 yd bolts	\$4.59/yd.
		ORG55	Silk		Organza 5.5 mm 55" wide	Very sheer, transparent, stiff, gauze-like fabric.		\$5.75/yd.
12	DTC	CBSS3 6	Silk		Crepe Back Silk Satin (Charmeuse) 19.5mm 36" wide	It has a firm feel to the hand and a luxuriously heavy drape. Dyes and paints will show an intensity of color and richness on this fiber.	-	\$10.29/yd
		CBSS4 5	Silk	Crepe Back Silk Satin (Charmeus e)	Crepe Back Silk Satin (Charmeuse) 19.5mm 45" wide	It has a firm feel to the hand and a luxuriously heavy drape. Dyes and paints will show an intensity of color and richness on this fiber.		\$10.65/yd.
		CBSS5 5	Silk		Crepe Back Silk Satin (Charmeuse) 19.5mm 55" wide	It has a firm feel to the hand and a luxuriously heavy drape. Dyes and paints will show an intensity of color and richness on this fiber.		\$13.95/yd.
13	DTC	VRS	Rayon / Silk	Vicose Rayon / Silk Blend	Vicose Rayon / Silk Blend	75% Rayon / 25% Silk blend. Weight equivalent to 18mm. Although fabric is semi-sheer when white. when dyed it is mostly opaque. 58"wide	-	\$6.59/yd.
14	DTC	TAF55	Silk	Silk Taffeta - 14.5mm	Silk Taffeta - 14.5mm	100% Silk 55" width	-	\$20.37/yd.
15	DTC	SWSC	Silk	Sand Washed (Sueded) Charmeuse 19.5mm 15" w	Sand Washed (Sueded) Charmeuse 19.5mm 15" wide	Beautiful & desirable! people here are taking up sewing because of it.	11/50 yd bolts	\$19.01/yd.
16	DTC	SWCD C	Silk	Stone wash Crepe de Chine	Stone wash Crepe de Chine, one gets a matte silk with a soft, luxurious drape.This is a great weight for any almost article of clothing items like pillows, curtains and such.		-	\$12.69/yd.
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17	DTC	SWF	Silk / Wool	Silk / Wool blend 63% silk, 37% wool	Silk / Wool blend 63% silk, 37% wool	Silk / Wool vlend 63% silk, 37% woolSlightly sheer with a diagonal weave almost like a chiffon but sturdier. We also have scarves made out of this fabric. It's softer than wool warmer than silk 12.5mm 55" wide.		\$10.95/yd.
18	DTC	CHIF1 6	Silk	Silk Double Chiffon 16mm 45"	Silk Double Chiffon 16mm 45"	oubleWith a crepey texture and a low subtle sheen, this is a16mmperfect weight and drape for blouses. dressy slacks, or"skirts. Takes dye beautifully		\$10.35/yd.
19	DTC	CHIF1 0	Silk	Silk Chiffon 10 mm, 54"	Silk Chiffon 10 mm, 54"	An elegant, sheer fiber with a soft beautiful drape and a crepe like texture. Heavier and wider than the 8mm.	-	\$7.35/yd.
20	DTC	CHIF4 4	Silk	Silk	Silk Chiffon 8mm 44"	An elegant. sheer fiber with a soft drape and a crepe like texture.	50 yd bolts	\$5.05/yd.
20	DIC	CHIF5 5	Silk	8mm	Silk Chiffon 8mm 55"	An elegant. sheer fiber with a soft drape and a crepe like texture.		\$6.89/yd.
		CDC12 36	Silk		Crepe de Chine 12mm 36" wide	Soft luxurious crepe texture with great draping quality. Comes in 36"/45"/55" Width	-	\$7.29/yd.
21	DTC	CDC12 45	Silk	Crepe de Chine	Crepe de Chine 12mm 45" wide	Soft luxurious crepe texture with great draping quality. Comes in 36"/45"/55" Width		\$7.49/yd.
		CDC12 55	Silk	-	Crepe de Chine 12mm 55" wide	Soft luxurious crepe texture with great draping quality. Comes in 36"/45"/55" Width		\$9.55/yd.
22	DTC	CDC45	Silk	Crepe de	Crepe de Chine 16mm 45"	Slightly crinkled texture with a gentle, graceful drape and very soft hand. Has a smooth surface that lends itself well to all types of painting styles. Ideal for all types of clothing and decorating.	50 yd bolts	\$8.90/yd.
22	DIC	CDC55	Silk	Chine	Crepe de Chine 16mm 55"	Slightly crinkled texture with a gentle, graceful drape and very soft hand. Has a smooth surface that lends itself well to all types of painting styles. Ideal for all types of clothing and decorating.		\$11.69/yd.
23	DTC	CCDC 45	Silk	Crepe de Chine	Crepe de Chine	100% Silk, Optically Whitened — 16mm, 45" width	-	\$8.90/yd.
24	DTC	CBSSL 36	Silk	Crepe Back Silk Satin '	Crepe Back Silk Satin 36"	100% Silk 12mm lightweight satin with a nice sheen on one side, matte texture on the other side, drapes nicely and feels fabulous.	-	\$7.65/yd.

		CBSSL 45	Silk		Crepe Back Silk Satin 45'''	2 Back Silk tin 45" 100% Silk 12mm lightweight satin with a nice sheen on one side, matte texture on the other side, drapes nicely and feels fabulous.		\$7.99/yd.
		CBSSL 55	Silk		Crepe Back Silk Satin 55"	100% Silk 12mm lightweight satin with a nice sheen on one side, matte texture on the other side, drapes nicely and feels fabulous.		\$10.29/yd.
25	DTC	HS16	Silk	Silk Habotai	Silk Habotai 16mm 45" wide	The basic "China Silk" but even heavier	-	\$9.35/yd.
26	DTC	НСЈ	Hemp / Cotton	Hemp/Cott on Jersey	Hemp/Cotton Jersey	55% Hemp, 45% Cotton — 50z, 61" width	-	\$7.22/yd.
		HS103 6	Silk		Habotai Silk 36"-103"	Heavier weight. Great for pillows, jackets, banners.	50 yd bolts	\$5.65/yd.
27	DTC	HS104 5	Silk	Habotai	Habotai Silk 36"-103"	Heavier weight. Great for pillows, jackets, banners.		\$7.09/yd.
27	DIC	HS105 5	Silk	Silk	Habotai Silk 36"-103"	Heavier weight. Great for pillows, jackets, banners.		\$7.49/yd.
		HS107 0	Silk		Habotai Silk 36"-103"	Heavier weight. Great for pillows, jackets, banners.		\$13.15/yd.
28	DTC	HS12	Silk	Silk Habotai	Silk Habotai 45" wide	The basic China Silk, but heavier	-	\$7.79/yd.
		HS836	Silk		Habotai Silk 8mm 36" wide	When they say China Silk this is What they mean. Light Weight and sheer. The 8mm is the one most seen, and of which our Habotai scarves are made. Great for pillows, linings for jackets, etc.	50 yd bolts	\$4.75/yd.
29	9 DTC HS845 Silk		Silk	Habotai Silk	Habotai Silk 8mm 45" wide	When they say China Silk this is What they mean. Light Weight and sheer. The 8mm is the one most seen, and of which our Habotai scarves are made. Great for pillows, linings for jackets, etc.		\$5.05/yd.
		HS855	Silk		Habotai Silk 8mm 55" wide	When they say China Silk this is What they mean. Light Weight and sheer. The 8mm is the one most seen, and of which our Habotai scarves are made. Great for pillows, linings for jackets, etc.		\$6.35/yd.
		HS536	Silk		Habotai Silk 5mm 36" wide	When they say China Silk this is What they mean. Light Weight and sheer.	50 yd bolts	\$2.77/yd.
30	DTC	HS545	Silk	Habotai Silk	Habotai Silk 5mm 45" wide	When they say China Silk this is What they mean. Light Weight and sheer.		\$3.56/yd.
		HS555	Silk		Habotai Silk 5mm 55" wide	When they say China Silk this is What they mean. Light Weight and sheer.		\$3.65/yd.

31	DTC	FCR4S	Silk	Flat Crepe	Flat Crepe 8mm 45" Wide	A fibric that looks like a combination of the texture and drape of crepe and luster of habotai. It is easy to dye and paint and accepts readily all types of painting techniques.	50 yd bolts	\$9.19/yd.
32	DTC	DSAT4 5	Rayon / Silk	Devore Satin (30% Silk / 70% Rayon)	Devore Satin (30% Silk / 70% Rayon)	19 mm 45" wide. Silky, shiny beautiful fabric for "burn- out" (apply "Fiber-Etch" to remove the Rayon threads in a design leaving a lace of silk).	-	\$6.79/yd.
33	DTC	HCDC	Silk	Heavy Crepe de Chine	Heavy Crepe de Chine 30mm 45"	Like our 16mm crepe de chine, only heavy enough to take dye with great depth and intensity. With a dull sheen and a soft drape it is perfect for pants, jackets, etc.	-	\$18.49/yd.
34	DTC	JAC97 02	Silk	Inkjet Printable Silk fabric	Inkjet Printable Silk fabric	Inkjet silk fabric sheets 1.5"x11" comes with detachable paper support	-	\$17.12/yd.
35	DTC	JAC97 03	Silk	Semi- transparent Inkjet Printable Silk fabric	Semi- transparent Inkjet Printable Silk fabric	Thin and semi-transparent inkjet silk fabric sheets 1.5"x11" comes with detachable paper support		\$13.95/yd.
36	DTC	PWFC	Wool	Pure Wool Gauze Twill Fabric	Pure Wool Gauze Twill Fabric 45"	100% wool, lightweight with a subtle twill weave, 45" wide, 3.2 oz / linear yard		\$18.19/yd.
37	DTC	PWFA	Wool	Pure Wool Gauze Fabric	Pure Wool Gauze Fabric 45"	100% wool, lightweight and semi-sheer, 45" wide, 3.2 oz / linear yard	-	\$14.32/yd.
38	DTC	РНС	Hemp	Hemp Canvas	Hemp Canvas	100% Hemp - 11 oz, 53" width, optically whitened	-	\$14.17/yd.
39	DTC	HWM	Hemp	Hemp Woven Mid- weight	Hemp Woven Mid-weight	100% Hemp - 5.4 oz, 53" width, optically whitened		\$8.99/yd.
40	DTC	HSCH	Hemp / Silk	Hemp Silk Charmeuse	Hemp Silk Charmeuse	60% hemp, 40% silk. Silk lends a beautiful shine to one side, while the hemp lends strength to the body. 57" wide	-	\$22.38/yd.
41	DTC	HS	Hemp / Silk	60% Hemp / 40% Silk	60% Hemp / 40% Silk	Natural. 57" wide. A spectacular fabric. Beautiful, soft and interesting. If this fabric was human you would want to marry it. The elegance of silk and the strength of hemp. Vertical textured grain., 2.6 oz/yd	30 yd bolts	\$18.49/yd.
42	DTC	HR	Hemp / Rayon	55% Hemp / 45% Rayon	55% Hemp / 45% Rayon	Natural, 59" wide. Soft and smooth, great for dresses and other clothing items. It washes well. 5.5 oz/yd	-	\$14.9/yd.

43	DTC	НМ	Hemp	Hemp Summer Cloth	Hemp Summer Cloth	100% Hemp - 70z, 53" width. Optically whitened	-	\$8.98/yd.
44	DTC	НСМ	Hemp / Cotton	Hemp Cotton Muslin	Hemp Cotton Muslin	55% Hemp, 45% Cotton - 4.15z. 53" width. Optically whitened	-	\$5.51/yd.
45	DTC	PTC45/ 58	Cotton	Pimatex Cotton - PFD	Pimatex Cotton - PFD	High quality, great for sewing fine clothing. For that special occasion blouse, dress shirt or heirloom item. Dyes as well or better than mercerized cotton 133x72 thread count, 45" wide, 3.7 oz/yd.	30 yd bolts	\$5.75/yd.
46	DTC	POP60	Cotton	Poplin	Poplin	100% Cotton tightly woven, medium weight fabric 6 oz pet yard Wide. Thread count is 108 threads per inch x 50 threads per inch.	-	\$5.8/yd.
47	DTC	WJ242	Rayon	Rayon Satin, Heavyweig ht	Rayon Satin, Heavyweight 58"	Satin refers to a particular type of weave which results in a fabric with a very solid, tightly woven look. Optically whitened. 58" wide.		\$9.65/yd.
48	DTC	VRL	Rayon	Vicose Rayon Light	Vicose Rayon Light	100% rayon, Optically whitened, 4 oz per sq yd, 45" wide threads per inch x 38 threads per inch.	-	\$3.36/yd.
49	DTC	VCI	Rayon	Viscose (Rayon) Challis (Import)	Viscose (Rayon) Challis (Import)	Often seen in hawaiian shirts and ladies' wrap skirts. Because rayon is pure cellulose, it allows dyes to give very brilliant colors. 58" wide, 4 oz/yd, 90x60 threads.		\$5.78/yd.
50	DTC	SCVO	Cotton	Silky Cotton Voile	Silky Cotton Voile	Similar to our Cotton Voile, but with a tighter weave and a nice sheen this fabric has a very smooth silky 1.9 oz/yd sq. 52" wide	-	\$6.33/yd.
51	DTC	SCN	Cotton	Slubby Cotton Knit	Slubby Cotton Knit	100% cotton - 30z. 58"width	-	\$3.24/yd.
52	DTC	BBF	Bamboo Rayon	Bamboo Rayon	Bamboo Rayon	100% bamboo rayon. It's beautiful, soft and luxurious. 3.2 oz /sq yd, 60" wide. Thread count is 76x76 threads per inch.		\$7.15/yd.
53	DTC	BAMF	Bamboo Rayon	100% Bamboo Rayon Fleece	100% Bamboo Rayon Fleece	This fabric is really soft. One side is a smooth knit while the flip side is a soft fleece. 14oz per square yd, 60" wide.	-	\$17.25/yd.
54	DTC	SOCJ	Soy Cotton	Soy Organic	Soy Organic Cotton Jersey	58% Soy, 37% Organic cotton, 5% Spandex. This is a lovely and extremely soft jersey with a wonderful drape. 6.3oz per square yd, 60"wide.	-	\$12.99/yd.

				Cotton Jersey				
55	DTC	RSAT4 5	Rayon	Rayon Satin	Rayon Satin	Satin refers to a particular type of weave which results in a fabric with a very solid, tightly woven look. 45" wide. Optically Whitened.	-	\$8.95/yd.
56	DTC	RV045	Rayon	Rayon Voile	Rayon Voile	VoileGorgeous sheen and a soft smooth hand. Weave is loose, somewhat sheer, and drapes well. 45" wide Optically Whitened.		\$6.65/yd.
57	DTC	RT55	Rayon	Rayon Twill	Rayon Twill	Rayon TwillHas perhaps the nicest drape of any of our fabrics, including silks. Strong twill weave that will last. 55" Wide. Optically Whitened.		\$8.67/yd.
58	DTC	RL55	Rayon	Rayon Lawn	Rayon Lawn	100% rayon very smooth and has a fine weave. 2.5 oz per square yard, 54/55" wide. Thread count is 90 threads per inch x 88 threads per inch.	-	\$4.47/yd.
59	DTC	RCK	Rayon	Rayon Crinkle	Rayon Crinkle	Beautiful, light crinkled rayon - great fabric for all kinds of clothing. 86 x 44, 4.5 oz. / sq. yd. approx.	30 yd bolts	\$6.65/yd.
60	DTC	QCS	Cotton	Cotton Sateen	Cotton Sateen	Cotton Sateen has a smooth finish on one side, kind of a sheen. This softer, finely woven fabric is used for lots more than quilts.		\$7.65/yd.
61	DTC	JER40	Cotton	Jersey Cotton	Jersey Cotton	100% Cotton slightly stretchy fabric with a smooth flat face. It's what basic t-shirts are made of. 6.50z per linear yd 58/60" wide.	-	\$2.85/yd.
62	DTC	MUS5 B	Cotton	Premier Muslin Bleached	Premier Muslin 60" Bleached	Bleached midweight muslin. 100% Cotton, 3.2 oz per square yard, 60" wide, Thread count is 68 threads per inch x 68 threads per inch	-	\$3.75/yd.
63	DTC	NF	Nylon	Nylon	Nylon 58" wide	Untreated dye able nylon. Prepared for printing. Perfect tor banners or flags. Stronger outdoors than natural fibers.	-	\$2.95/yd.
64	DTC	NET48	Cotton	Cotton Net Fabric	Cotton Net Fabric 48"	100% cotton, slight stiffness disappears when washed, 33yd bolt comes pre-folded in a bag, 48" wide.	-	\$3.75/yd.
65	DTC	NPF	Nylon	Nylon 'Puppet Skin' Fleece	Nylon 'Puppet Skin' Fleece	100% Nylon - 120z, 54"/56" width.	-	\$17.89/yd.
66	DTC	NVEL	Rayon / Nylon	Rayon/Nyl on Velvet	Rayon/Nylon Velvet	80% Rayon, 20% Nylon - 4.20z, 45" width.	-	\$8.55/yd.
67	DTC	OCDT	Cotton	Organic Cotton Denim Twill	Organic Cotton Denim Twill	This denim is strong and versatile. Anywhere you might use denim or twill. 70z per square yd, 56" wide.	-	\$12.38/yd.

68	DTC	MJ60	Rayon	Modal Rayon Jersey	Modal Rayon Jersey 95% Rayon, Lycra. Rayon jersey is extremely popular in ready to wear at all the best retail stores. 100z / linear yard. 60" wide.		-	\$6.49/yd.
60	DTC	MCCB 45 Cotton Mercerized Mercerized Mercerized Broadcloth 45" H		Mercerized Combed Cotton Broadcloth 45" wide	Very finely Woven, 133 x 72 threads per inch. Mercerized to take dyes and paints better. 60" Wide. For batik and fine painting. 3.5 oz/yd sq.	50 yd bolts	\$4.85/yd.	
09	DIC	MCCB 60	Cotton	Cotton Broadcloth	Mercerized Combed Cotton Broadcloth 60" wide	Very finely Woven, 133 x 72 threads per inch. Mercerized to take dyes and paints better. 60" Wide. For batik and fine painting. 3.5 oz/yd sq.		\$6.35/yd.
70	DTC	LR	Linen / Rayon	55% Linen / 45% Rayon	55% Linen / 45% Rayon	5% Linen / 5% RayonWant the soft drape of rayon and cool comfort of linen? This is the one fabric for you. The linen look is heavy enough for pant, drapey enough for tops and dresses, 52" wide.		
71	DTC	LIN21	Linen	Linen- 100% Bleached Linen	Linen-100% Bleached Linen	Linen-100% eached Linen Beautiful soft bleached fabric. We sell in three different weights. This one is 3.8 oz per square yard with 52x53 Thread Count, 54" wide.		\$6.59/yd.
72	DTC	LIN6	Linen	Linen	Linen	100% Linen, Optically Whitened — 6,80z, 54" width.	-	\$7.42/yd.
73	DTC	LIN	Linen	Linen- 100% Bleached Linen	Linen-100% Bleached Linen	Beautiful soft bleached fabric. We sell in three different weights. This one is 4.70z per square yard with 50x54 Thread Count, 54" wide.	-	\$6.59/yd.
74	DTC	KC118	Cotton	Kona Premium Muslin	Kona Premium Muslin 118"	Midweight cotton sheeting. 100% cotton, 4.2 oz per square yard, 118" wide, Thread count is 130 threads per inch x 70 threads per inch.	-	\$9.63/yd.
75	DTC	mac	Cotton	Kona	Kona Cotton - PFD 45" wide	A quilter's dream fabric. also good for soft children's clothing, comfy shirts and dresses. The 60x60 thread count gives this even weave fabric a soft luscious feel and great durability. 45" wide. 44 oz/yd.	30 yd bolts	\$5.39/yd.
75	DIC	KC60	Cotton	PFD	Kona Cotton - PFD 60" wide	A quilter's dream fabric. also good for soft children's clothing, comfy shirts and dresses. The 60x60 thread count gives this even weave fabric a soft luscious feel and great durability. 45" wide. 44 oz/yd.		\$8.35/yd.
76	DTC	CVEL	Cotton	Cotton Velveteen - PFD	Cotton Velveteen - PFD	Our Velveteen is a woven ICO% cotton with a short close weft pile in imitation Of velvet. Stronger and denser than our rayon Silk velvet and the pile is shorter. 220g/sq meter, 44" wide.	-	\$11.28/yd.

77	DTC	CVO55	Cotton	Cotton Voile	Cotton Voile	Cotton VoileSoft, gauzy cotton with a silky wonderful feel. Glides over your fingers and floats on air. Fantastic For all your Arabian night fantasies. 55" wide 1.9 oz/yd. 80x72 thread count, 30yd bolts.		\$5.82/yd.
78	DTC	CST57	Cotton	Cotton Sateen	Cotton Sateen 57"	100% Cotton, mercerized, very soft sheen, 144x66 thread count, 60yd bolts, 57" wide.	-	\$5.99/yd.
79	DTC	CS	Cotton	Cotton Sheeting	Cotton Sheeting	Good quality fabric soft and nice mid-weight. Suitable for all clothing types. 4.20z/sq yd. 55"-58" wide. 60x60 Thread count.		\$4.91/yd.
80	DTC	CPOP5 7	Cotton	Cotton Poplin	Cotton Poplin 57"	100% cotton, mercerized, crisp fabric with a tight weave, 144x68 thread count, 57" wide, bolts are 60 yards.	-	\$5.37/yd.
81	DTC	CPC	Cotton	Cotton Print Cloth Mercerized	Cotton Print Cloth Mercerized	Cotton Print ClothOur Best selling cotton fabric. For eyers, dyers, quilters and painters with great quality for finished items (80x80 thread count). Takes dyes and paints particularly well. 45"10Mercerizedwide 3.1 oz/yd1		\$3.85/yd.
82	DTC	CLF	Cotton	Cotton Lycra PFD	Cotton Lycra PFD	Cotton, Lycra. This is the fabric We use to make our cotton/lycra bike shorts and tights. It's PFD (prepared for dyeing) so it dyes up brilliantly. 60" before shrinkage, 6.3 oz/yd.	50 yd bolts	\$5.76/yd.
83	DTC	CL55	Cotton	Cotton Lawn	Cotton Lawn	100% Cotton, Optically Whitened, 2.0 oz per Square yard. 56/57" wide, thread count 90 threads per inch x 88 threads per inch.	-	\$4.36/yd.
84	DTC	MUS2 B	Cotton	Cotton Muslin Bleached	Cotton Muslin 36" - Bleached	Bleached lightweight muslin, with tiny slubs throughout the weave. 100% cotton, oz per square yard, wide. Thread count 68"x68".	-	\$1.98/yd.
0.5	DTC	7CDB6 0	Cotton	7 oz Duck,	7 oz Duck, Bleached 60"	Grade "A" Duck. 84 x 29 threads. A little lighter weight. Drapes better than the 10 oz. All dye well. but the natural dyes darker.	-	\$4.98/yd.
85	DIC	7CDN6 3	Cotton	Bleached	7 oz'Duck,Natural 60"	Grade "A" Duck. 84 x 29 threads. A little lighter weight. Drapes better than the 10 oz. All dye well. but the natural dyes darker.		\$4.72/yd.
96	DTC	BD-N	Cotton	Bull	Bull Denim Natural	Soft feel and tough as nails. Dyes great. Hats, pants, shorts, bags anywhere you use denim. 60" wide. 10 oz/yd. 50 yard bolts.	-	\$4.39/yd.
00	אוע	BD-B	Cotton	Natural	Bull Denim bleached	Soft feel and tough as nails. Dyes great. Hats, pants, shorts, bags anywhere you use denim. 60" wide. 10 oz/yd. 50 yard bolts.		\$4.68/yd.
87	DTC	CCL	Cotton	Combed Cotton Lawn	Combed Cotton Lawn	This is a soft, high quality semi-sheer lawn suitable for blouses. christening gowns, lingerie, and all your fine sewing needs.	20 yd bolts	\$6.95/yd.

88	DTC	CC110	Cotton	Combed Cotton	Combed Cotton 110"	100% Mercerized Soft Cotton, oz per square yard, 110- 112" wide. Thread count is 92 threads per inch x 88 threads per inch.	-	\$6.69/yd.
89	DTC	HCG	Cotton	Heavier Cotton Gauze	Heavier Cotton Gauze	Optically whitened, Soft lightly textured. A heavier weight than our cotton bubble gauze. 3.7 oz per square yd, 50" wide, 48 x48 Thread Count.	-	\$5.26/yd.
90	DTC	FT60	Cotton	French Twill	French Twill 60"	Midweight cotton with a tight diagonal weave, 100% cotton, 4.5 oz per square yard. 60" wide, thread count is 132x61	-	\$5.99/yd.
91	DTC	ESS	Cotton	Essex Linen- PFD	Essex Linen- PFD	Linen 145% Cotton Blend. Slightly textured with a linen look. Optically whitened. 5.5 oz per square yd, 52" wide. 51x49 Thread Count.	-	\$4.75/yd.
92	DTC	CVS55	Cotton	Cotton Voile	Cotton Voile	100% Fully Combed Cotton, Optically whitened, 1.4oz per square yard, 57-58" wide, Thread count is 70 x 70 threads per inch.	-	\$4.19/yd.
93	DTC	CJ60	Cotton	Cotton Jersey PFD	Cotton Jersey 60" PFD	The second secon		\$3.55/yd.
94	DTC	CIL	Cotton	Cotton Interlock	Cotton Interlock	Very warm and soft a little stretchy. Perfect for baby wear. Double knit construction makes it thicker & heavier than single knit. 60z/sq. yd, 62" wide.	-	\$5.19/yd.
95	DTC	CG	Cotton	Cotton Bubble Gauze	Cotton Bubble Gauze	Beautiful white all cotton fabric. like a crinkle gauze. Very neat for skirts, tops, anywhere you want it light and airy. We have a heavier gauze. 50" wide, 22oz/sq yd.	50yd bolts	\$4.98/yd.
96	DTC	CF60	Cotton	Combed Cotton Fleece	Combed Cotton Fleece	100% Cotton - 8.70z, 60" width	-	\$11.79/yd.
07	DTC	10CDB 60	Cotton	Cotton	Cotton Duck, Bleached. 10 oz. 45/60"	Grade "A" duck. 76 x 28 threads. Almost has the weight and texture of canvas but the flex and drape of a heavy jacket weight cotton. For strong use. It dyes well, but the natural dyes darker.	-	\$5.69/yd.
9/	DIC	10CDB 63	Cotton	Bleached	Cotton Duck, Natural. 10 oz. 63"	Grade "A" duck. 76 x 28 threads. Almost has the weight and texture of canvas but the flex and drape of a heavy jacket weight cotton. For strong use. It dyes well, but the natural dyes darker.	-	\$5.55/yd.
98	Jacquard, Rupert, Gibbon & Spider	JAC97 01	Cotton	Jackard Inkjet Printable	Inkjet Printable Cotton fabric	Inkjet fabric sheets 1.5"x11" comes with detachable paper support		\$100/yd

	Inc. (JRGSI)			Cotton fabric				
99	Silhouett e of America Inc.	CTNF AB	Cotton	Silhouette Inkjet Printable Cotton fabric	Inkjet Printable Cotton fabric	rintable Inkjet fabric sheets 1.5"x11" comes with detachable paper fabric support		\$150/yd
10 0	LumiGra m SARL	LUMW 01	Polyester	Lumigram optic fiber fabric (white)	Lumigram optic fiber fabric (white)	Lumigram optic fiber fabric (white). Optic fiber diameter is 0.25mm, with a spacing pitch of 1.2mm, horizontally oriented in a matrix of polyester based synthetic fabric (85% PL,15% PA6)	-	\$35/yd
51 01	Wilton Industrie s Inc.	500523 240	Sucralos e/Dextro se	Inkjet Printable Sugar sheets	Inkjet Printable Sugar sheets	Dried inkjet sheets made of food starch-modified (corn), maltodextrin, glycerin, sugar, water, food starch-modified (potato), dextrose, cellulose gum, gum arabic, titanium dioxide (color), polysorbate 60, mono and diglycerides of fatty acids, sorbitan monostearate, potassium sorbate (preservative), artificial flavor, citric acid, sucralose.	-	+\$300/yd
10 2	JRGSI	JAC97 02	Silk	Dirty Inkjet Printable Silk fabric	Dirty Inkjet Printable Silk fabric	Inkjet silk fabric sheets 1.5"x11" comes with detachable paper support	-	+\$300/yd
10 3	JRGSI	JAC97 03	Silk	Dirty Semi- transparent Inkjet Printable Silk fabric	Dirty Semi- transparent Inkjet Printable Silk fabric	Thin and semi-transparent inkjet silk fabric sheets 1.5"x11" comes with detachable paper support	-	+\$300/yd
10 4	JRGSI	JAC97 01	Cotton	Dirty Inkjet Printable Cotton fabric	Dirty Inkjet Printable Cotton fabric	Inkjet fabric sheets 1.5"x11" comes with detachable paper support	-	+\$300/yd
10 5	Silhouett e of America Inc.	CTNF AB	Cotton	Dirty Inkjet Printable Cotton fabric	Dirty Inkjet Printable Cotton fabric	Inkjet fabric sheets 1.5"x11" comes with detachable paper support	-	+\$300/yd

Table S2: DNA and RNA sensor sequences used in this study.

Name	Sequence (5' to 3')	Fig.	Notes
tetO	TCCCTATCAGTGATAGAGATTGACATCCCTATCAGTGATAGAG ATCTAGAAATAATTTTGTTTAACTTTAAGAAGGAGATATACAT	1	TetR operator region. sfGFP coding region immediately follows.
Zaire Ebola Virus Toehold Switch Sensor (ZD) ⁷	AAGCTGTTGGATATTGTATCAGTCCTTGCTCTGCATGTTATAG TTATGAACAGAGGAGACATAACATGAACATGCAGAACCATGTT AACCTGGCGGCAGCGCAAAAG <i>ACCATGATTACGGATTCA</i>	1, S3	Zaire Strain Ebola Toehold Sensor. DNA template is shown. The start of the LacZ coding sequence is shown in italics.
Zaire Ebola Virus RNA trigger (ZD) ⁷	AUGCAGAGCAAGGACUGAUACAAUAUCCAACAGCUU	1, S3	RNA gene fragment trigger of the VP30 gene of Zaire ebolavirus
Theophylline Riboswitch Sensor E (Sensor E) ⁸	GGTGATACCAGCATCGTCTTGATGCCCTTGGCAGCACCCTGCT AAGGAGGTAACAACAAGatgagcaaaggtgaagaaATGACCAT GATTACGGATTCA	1,2	Theophylline riboswitch E sequence. DNA template is shown. Coding sequence begins with a 6-aa sfGFP fragment. The start of the LacZ coding sequence is shown in italics.
F30-2xdBroccoli Aptamer ⁹	TTGCCATGTGTATGTGGGAGACGGTCGGGTCCATCTGAGACGG TCGGGTCCAGATATTCGTATCTGTCGAGTAGAGTGTGGGCTCA GATGTCGAGTAGAGTGTGGGCTCCCACATACTCTGATGATCCA GACGGTCGGGTCCATCTGAGACGGTCGGGTCCAGATATTCGTA TCTGTCGAGTAGAGTGTGGGCTCAGATGTCGAGTAGAGTGTGG GCTGGATCATTCATGGCAAG	2, S14	F30-dimeric RNA broccoli aptamer sequence. DNA template is shown. Subcloned from Addgene plasmid #66843 (pET28c-F30-2xdBroccoli).
HIV RNA Toehold switch Sensor (#8)	CCCUUUUCUUUUAAAAUUGUGAAUGAAUACUGCCAUGGACUUU AGAACAGAGGAGAUAAAGAUGAUGGCAGUAUUAAACCUUGCGG CAGCGCAAAAG	2, \$10	RNA HIV Toehold Sensor
HIV Virus RNA trigger	AUGGCAGUAUUCAUUCACAAUUUUAAAAGAAAAGGG	2, S10	RNA gene fragment trigger of the HIV retrovirus
Lyme Disease RNA Toehold switch Sensor	GUUGCAGAUGUAUUCCCAUCUUUCCCUGAAUUAUUACGGACUU UAGAACAGAGGAGAUAAAGAUGGUAAUAAUUCAGAACCUGGCG GCAGCGCAAAAG	S10	RNA Lyme Toehold Sensor
Lyme Disease (B. burgdorferi) ospC RNA trigger	GGCAAUAUUAAUGACUUUAUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUU	S10	RNA gene fragment trigger from <i>B. burgdorferi</i> bacterium (Lyme's Disease)
CRISPR-Cas12a mecA gRNA	GGGUAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUUUAAAGAAGAUGGUAUGUG G	3, S11, S13	Cas12a guide RNA targeting single <i>mecA</i> gene fragment, was synthesized by in vitro T7 transcription.
CRISPR-Cas12a mecA dsDNA trigger	TTTAATTTTGTTAAAGAAGATGGTATGTGGAAGTTAGATT	3, S11, S13	Double stranded trigger sequence for Cas12a using <i>mecA</i> gRNA.
mecA RPA primer1 (F)	CATTGATCGCAACGTTCAATTTAATTTTGTTAAAG	3, S11, S13	Forward primer for RPA reaction for Cas12a <i>mecA</i> experiments
(R)	TACGATCAATATGTATGCTTTGGTCTTTCTGCATTCCTG	3, S11, S13	Reverse primer for RPA reaction for Cas12a <i>mecA</i> experiments
CRISPR-Cas12a ermA gRNA	GGGUAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUCUAUUAAUGGUGGAGAUGG A	3, 813	Cas12a guide RNA targeting single <i>ermA</i> gene fragment, was synthesized by in vitro T7 transcription.
CRISPR-Cas12a ermA-dsDNA trigger	GCTTTGGGTTTACTATTAATGGTGGAGATGGATATAAAAA	3, 813	Double stranded trigger sequence for Cas12a using <i>ermA</i> gRNA.
ermA RPA primer1 (F)	TCGTTGAGAAGGGATTTGCGAAAAGATTGC	3, 813	Forward primer for RPA reaction for Cas12a <i>ermA experiments</i>
ermA RPA primer2 (R)	GGATGAAAATATAGTGGTGGTACTTTTTTGAGC	3, 813	Reverse primer for RPA reaction for Cas12a <i>ermA experiments</i>
CRISPR-Cas12a spa gRNA	GGGUAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUUGGUAAUGCUUGAGCUUUG U	3, 813	Cas12a guide RNA targeting single <i>spa</i> gene fragment, was synthesized by in vitro T7 transcription.
CRISPR-Cas12a spa dsDNA trigger	TTCACCAGTTTCTGGTAATGCTTGAGCTTTGTTAGCATCT	3, 813	Double stranded trigger sequence for Cas12a using <i>spa</i> gRNA.
spa RPA primer1 (F)	AAGAAGCAACCAGCAAACCATGCAGATGC	3, 813	Forward primer for RPA reaction for Cas12a <i>spa</i> experiments
spa RPA primer2 (R)	ACCTAACGCTAATGATAATCCACCAAATAC	3, 813	Reverse primer for RPA reaction for Cas12a <i>spa</i> experiments
CRISPR-Cas13a MRSA crRNA	GAUUUAGACUACCCCAAAAACGAAGGGGACUAAAACACTCATG CCATACATAAATGGATAGACG	S12	Cas13a guide RNA (crRNA) targeting single MRSA gene

			fragment, was synthesized by in vitro T7 transcription
CRISPR-Cas13a MRSA Trigger	CGUCUAUCCAUUUAUGUAUGGCAUGAGU	S12	Single stranded RNA trigger sequence for Cas13a using MRSA crRNA.
Fluorophore-quencher (FQ) reporter	5'-6FAM/TTATT/IowaBlackFQ	3, 4, S11, S13, S16	Substrate for Cas12a CRISPR- based sensors. When trans- cleaved by cis-activated Cas12a it generates a fluorescent signal.
Zika Toehold switch 27B sensor ⁴	TTTCGCTCTATTCTCATCAGTTTCATGTCCTGTGTCGGACTTT AGAACAGAGGAGATAAAGATGGACACAGGACACAACCTGGCGG CAGCGCAAAAGCTGCGTAAACTG <i>agc</i>	S7	RNA Zika Toehold Sensor. The start of the sfGFP coding sequence is shown in italics.
Zika Virus RNA trigger ⁴	GGGCCAGCACAGUGGGAUGAUCGUUAAUGACACAGGACAUGAA ACUGAUGAGAAUAGAGCGAAAGUUGAGAUAACGCCCAAUUCAC CAAGAGCCGAAGCCACCCUGGGGGGGGUUUGGAAGCCUAGGACU UGAUUGUGAACCGAGGACAGG	S 7	RNA gene fragment trigger of the Zika single-stranded RNA flavivirus
SARS-CoV-2 S-gene Cas12a gRNA Sensor	GGGUAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUCAGGCUGCGUUAUAGCUUG GAAUU	4	gRNA targeting region in SARS- CoV-2 Spike gene
RT-RPA-F4	gcaaactggaaagattgctgattataattataaattacc	4	Primer for SARS-CoV-2 RT- RPA
RT-RPA-R4	cctgatagatttcagttgaaatatctc	4	Primer for SARS-CoV-2 RT- RPA
RT-RPA-R3	ccttcaacaccattacaaggtgtgctacc	4	Primer for SARS-CoV-2 RT- RPA
SARS-Cov-2 IVT RNA Target	GGUGAUGAAGUCAGACAAAUCGCUCCAGGGCAAACUGGAAAGA UUGCUGAUUAUAAUUAUAAAUUACCAGAUGAUUUUACAGGCUG CGUUAUAGCUUGGAAUUCUAACAAUCUUGAUUCUAAGGUUGGU GGUAAUUAUAAUUACCUGUAUAGAUUGUUUAGGAAGUCUAAUC UCAAACCUUUUUGAGAGAGAUAUUUCAACUGAAAUCUAUCAGGC CGGUAGCACACCUUGUAAUGGUGUUGAAGGUUUUAAUUGUUAC UUUCCUUUACAAUCAUAUGGUUUCCAACCCACUAAUGGUGUUG GUUACCAACCA	4	S gene RNA fragment trigger for SARS-CoV-2 generated by in vitro transcription from a DNA template
HCoV-229E IVT RNA Target	GGGGUUAAUGUGUCACAAACCUCUAUUGCUAAUAUAAUUUAUU GCAACUCUGUUAUUAACAGACUGAGAUGUGACCAGUUGUCCUU UGAUGUACCAGAUGGUUUUUAUUCUACAAGCCCUAUUCAAUCC GUUGAGCUACCUGUGUCUAUUGUGUCGCUACCUGUUUAUCAUA AACAUACGUUUAUUGUGUUGUACGUUGACUUCAAACCUCAGAG UGGCGGUGGCAAGUGCUUUAACUGUUAUCCUGCUGUGUUAAU AUUACACUGGCCAAUUUUAAUGAAACUAAAGGGCCUUUGUGUG UUGACACAUCACAU	4	Homologous S gene RNA fragment trigger from human coronavirus strain 229E, generated by in vitro transcription from a DNA template
HCoV-HKU1 IVT RNA Target	GGGGUUACUAUUAAUAAUUAUAAUCCUUCUUCUUGGAAUAGAA GGUAUGGUUUUAAUAAUUUUAAUUUGAGCUCUCAUAGUGUUGU UUACUCACGUUAUUGUUUUUCUGUUAAUAAUACUUUUUGUCCU UGUGCUAAACCUUCUUUUGCUUCAAGUUGCAAGAGUCAUAAAC CACCUUCUGCUUCCUGUCCUAUUGGUACUAAUUAUCGUUCUUG UGAGAGUACUACUGUACUCGACCACACUGACUGGUGUAGUGU UCUUGUUUACCUGAUCUAUAACUGCUUAUGACCCUAGGUCUU GUUCUCAAAAAAGUCUCUGGUUGGUGUUGGUGAACAUUGGGA AGGGUUCGGUGUUGAUGAAGAAAAGUGUGGUGUUUGGAUGGA	4	Homologous S gene RNA fragment trigger from human coronavirus strain HKU1, generated by in vitro transcription from a DNA template

HCoV-NL63 IVT RNA Target	GGGGUUAAUGUUAGUGCAACUAACAUUCAAAACUUACUUUAUU GCGAUUCUCCAUUUGAAAAGUUGCAGUGUGAGCACUUGCAGUU UGGAUUGCAGGAUGGUUUUUAUUCUGCAAAUUUUCUUGAUGAU AAUGUUUUGCCUGAGACUUAUGUUGCACUCCCCAUUUAUUAUC AACACACGGACAUAAAUUUUACUGCAACUGCAUCUUUUGGUGG UUCUUGUUAUGUUUGUAAACCACACCAGGUUAAUAUAUCUCUU AAUGGUAACACUUCAGUGUGUGGAACAUCUCAUUUUUCCAA UUAGGUAUAUUUAAACCGCGUUAAGAGUGGUUCACCAGGUGA CUCUUCAUGGCACAUUUAUUUAAAGAGUGGCACUUGUCCAUUU UCUUUUUCUAAGUUAAAUUUUCAAAAGUUCAAGACUUCUU GUUUCUCAACCGUCGAAGUGCUGGUAGAACAUUCCAUUU UGUUUCUAACCGCUGGAAGUGCUGGUAGAACAUUCCACUU UGAAGCCACCUGGCAUUACAUUUUCUAUUACUAUUGUGGUGCU UUGUAUGUUACUUGGUCUGAAGGUAAUUCUAUUACUGGUGCU CUUA	4	Homologous S gene RNA fragment trigger from human coronavirus strain NL63, generated by in vitro transcription from a DNA template
HCoV-OC43 IVT RNA Target	GGGGCAGGUUUAAUCCUUCUACUUGGAAUAGGAGAUUUGGUUU UACAGAACAAUCUGUUUUUAAGCCUCAACCUGUAGGUGUUUUU ACUCAUCAUGAUGUUGUUUAUGCACAACAUUGUUUUAAAGCUC CCACAAAUUUCUGUCCGUGUAAAUUGGAUGGGUCUUUGUGUGU AGGUAAUGGUCCUGGUAUAGAUGCUGGUUAUAAAAAUAGUGGU AUAGGCACUUGUCCUGCAGGUACUAAUUAUUUAACUUGCCAUA AUGCUGCCCAAUGUGAUUGUUUGUGCACUCCCGACCCCAUUAC AUCUAAAUCUACAGGGCCUUACAAGUGCCCCCAAACUAAAUAC UUAGUUGGCAUAGGUGAGCACUGUUCGGGUCUUGCUAUUAAAA GUGAUUAUUGUGGAGUAAUCCUUGUACUUGCCAACCACAAGC AUUUUUGGGUUGGUUGACUCUUGUUUACAAGGGAUAGG UGUAAUAUUUUGCUAAUUUUAUUUGCAUGAUGUUAAUAGUG GUACUACUUGUUCUACUGAUUUACAAAGGGAUAGG UGUAAUAUUUUGCUAAUUUUACAAAAUCAAACACAGACAU AAUUCUUGGUGUUGGUCUGUUAAUAU	4	Homologous S gene RNA fragment trigger from human coronavirus strain OC43, generated by in vitro transcription from a DNA template
Fluorophore-Biotin (FB) reporter	5'-6FAM/TTATTTATT/Biotin	4	Reporter molecule used for the SARS-CoV-2 face mask sensor SHERLOCK Reaction. Upon cis- activation, Cas12a collateral activity will cleave the ssDNA linker, separating the 6- carboxyfluorescein from the biotin moiety.
Notes: 1. All toehold sens	sors and corresponding trigger RNAs for were in vitro transcribed fro	n DNA temn	lates containing the T7 RNA

ıp polymerase promoter: TAATACGACTCACTATA

2. The sequence GGG was added to the 5' end of all toehold sensor RNA and target RNA fragment sequences for efficient expression by T7 RNA polymerase. The Ebola ZD toehold sensor only contains a GG after the T7 promoter. If the RNA sequence began with G or GG, only GG or G, respectively, was added to the 5' end of the sequence.

The GGG prefix is not shown in the sensor sequences so that the target RNA binding site can be readily identified, but GGG was 3. always added to the start of each RNA to encourage efficient transcription by the polymerase. The coding sequences of the reporter protein LacZ in the colorimetric sensors were added immediately after the 21-nt linker in the

4. toehold switch RNA sequences starting with the second codon (Threonine) of the wild-type beta-Galactosidase enzyme.

Considered Zika virus strains (KU312312, AY632535) have sufficient sequence homology to be detected using the same toehold 5. switch sensors (27B).

Name (Fig.#)	Sequence (5' to 3')
LacZ Colorimetric Reporter DNA Sequence (Fig.1, S1-S5)	ATGACCATGATTACGGATTCACTGGCGTCGTTTACAACGTCGTGACTGGGAAAACCCTGGCGTTACCCAACTTAATCGCCTTGCGCGCATCCCCCCTTTCGCGCGGTGG CGTAATAGCGAAGAGCCCCGACGATCGTCGCCCTTTCCCAAACGTCGCGGCGCGGCGGCGGCGGCTTGCCTGCC
GFPmut3B Fluorescent Reporter DNA Sequence (Fig. S7)	ATGCGTAAAGGAGAAGAACTTTTCACTGGAGTTGTCCCAATTCTTGTTGAATTAGATGGTGATGTTAATGGGCACAAATTTTCTGTCAGTGGAGAGGGGAAGGGTGAAGGTGATGCA ACATACCGGAAAACTTACCCTTAAATTTATTGCACTACTGGAAAACTACCTGTTCCGTGGCCAACACTTGTCACTACTTTGGGTATGGAGTGCAATGCGAAGGTGCAAT CCAGATCACATGAAACAGCATGACTTTTCAAGAGTGCCATGCCCGAAGGTTACGTACG
sfGFP Fluorescent Reporter DNA Sequence (Fig. 2, 3)	ATGAGCAAAGGTGAAGAACTGTTTACCGGCGTTGTGCCGATTCTGGTGGAACTGGCATGGCGATGTGAACGGTCACAAATTCAGCGTGCGT
eforRed Fluorescent Reporter DNA Sequence (Fig. 2, S15)	ATGAGCGTGATTAAACAGGTGATGAAAACCAAACTGCATCTGGAAGGCACCGTTAATGGTCATGATTTCACCATTGAAGGTAAAGGTGAAGGCAAACCGTATGAAGGTCAG CAGCATATGAAAATGACCGTTACCAAAGGTGCACCGCTGCCGTTAACGTCTGATTTTGACCCCCGAGCCATATGAAGGTGAGCAAACCGTTTAACAATTATCCGGCAGAT ATCCCGGATTATCACAAACAGAGCTTTCCGGAAGGTATGAGCTGGGAACGTAGCATGATGTTGAAGGTGGTGTGTGT
dTomato Fluorescent Reporter DNA Sequence (Fig. 2, S15)	ATGGTGAGCAAGGGCGAGGAGGTCATCAAAGAGTTCATGCGCTTCAAGGTGCGCATGGAGGGCTCCATGAACGGCCACGAGTTCGAGATCGAGGGCGAGGGCGAGGGCGACGCCCCCCCC
Nanoluciferase Luminescent Reporter DNA Sequence (Fig. 2, S10)	ATGGGTCATCACCACCACCATCACGGTGGCGCTAGCGTGTTCACATTGGAGGACTTTGTAGGGGACTGGCGCCAGACAGCGGGCTACAACCTTGATCAGGTTCTGGAGCAG GGAGGTCTAAGTTCACTTTTCCAGAATTTGGGTGTGAGGTGTCACCCCGATCCAACGTATCGTGCTTTTCCGAGAAAAATGGGCCTACAATCGACACTCATCTTATTTCCT TATGAAGGGCTTAAGCGAGATCAAATGGGCCAAATGGAAAGGATTTTCAAAGTGGTATATCCTGTTGACGACCATCATTTTAAGGTCATTTTACGGAACTGTACGAACTTTAAGGGACATCTTAGGGACACCGCATTACGGAACATGTACGAACGA

Table S3: Reporter sequences used in this study.

Table S4: Technology Comparison

•	Wearable Synthetic Biology (This work)	Current Wearable Devices	Point-of-Care Diagnostics
Wearable Form Factor	YES	YES	NO
Autonomously Functioning	YES	YES	NO
Synthetic Biology Reactions	YES	NO	YES
Molecular Sensing	YES	NO	YES
Pathogen Sensing	YES	NO	YES
Rapid Modular Programmability of Components	YES	NO	YES
Portable Instrumentation	YES	YES	YES

Table S4a. Comparison to other related technology categories.

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Table S4b. Detailed comparison with other synthetic biology sensor-embedded materials.

	Stretchable Hydrogel- Elastomer Devices with Encapsulated Programmed Cells (Liu, X. et al 2017) ⁴	3D Printing of Living Responsive Materials and Devices (Liu, X. et al 2017) ⁵	Engineered Bacteria Deposited onto Textiles, Ceramics, and Plastic (Moser, F. et al 2019) ⁶	Harnessing the Hygroscopic and Biofluorescent Behaviors of Genetically Tractable Microbial Cells to Design Biohybrid Wearables (Wang, W. et al. 2017) ⁷	Programmable CRISPR- Responsive Smart Materials (English, et al. 2020) ¹³	wFDCF (This Work)
LOD	100 nM	100 nM	25 µM	n/a	11 aM	17 aM
Sensor Format	Living Cells	Living Cells	Living Cells	Living Cells	Cell-free Freeze-dried Reactions	Cell-free Freeze-dried Reactions
Matrix Material	Hydrogel	Hydrogel	Textiles, Ceramics, Polymer	Polymer	Hydrogel, paper	Textiles, polymer, paper
Shelf-stable	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Detection target	Small Molecules	Small Molecules	Small Molecules, Light	Atmospheric Humidity	dsDNA	Hydration, Small Molecules, Proteins, RNA and DNA.
Output	Fluorescent	Fluorescent	Fluorescent	Fluorescent	Fluorescent, Colorimetric, Conductivity	Fluorescent, Colorimetric, Luminescent
Detection time	2 hrs	2-4 hrs	3-18 hrs	minutes	45 min – 24 hrs	6 min – 2 hrs
System Complexity	Simple	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate (Additional Wash Steps)	Moderate	Moderate
Wearable Format	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES

Variable	qPCR	Microarrays/ Fluorescent barcodes	Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)	Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH)	Toehold switches	SHERLOCK / DETECTR	wFDCF (This work)
Cost (USD)	\$0.85	\$250.00	\$23.00	Expensive	Low-Cost	Low-Cost	Low-Cost (~\$100 USD for reusable portable spectrophotom eter + ~\$1 USD per sensor)
Ease of Use	Trained Specialist	Trained Specialist	Trained Specialist	Trained Specialist	Trained Specialist	Trained Specialist	Autonomous Functioning
Readout	Fluorescence	Fluorescence	Fluorescence	Fluorescence	Visual/ Fluorescence	Visual/ Fluorescence	Visual, Fluorescence, Luminescence and Digital
Sensitivity	aM	aM	aM	aM	fM	aM	aM
Time	~3 Hour	1 Day	>1 Day	4-16 Hour	1-4 Hour	~1-3 Hour	6 min - 2 Hour
Multiplex	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wearable Format	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

Table S4c. Detailed comparison with point-of-care diagnostic technologies.



Fig. S1. Assembly layers and sample activation of colorimetric wFDCF reactions with constitutive PT7::LacZ module. a, The layout of elastomer layers in the colorimetric wFDCF device. b, Activation of colorimetric prototype wells using 40 ng/ μ L constitutive LacZ-T7 plasmid in a 50 μ L rehydration splash as compared to rehydration with no plasmid. After complete rehydration, PURExpress reactions were conducted at 1.5x concentration. All the reactions were incubated at 30°C and were exposed to the ambient environment. Images were taken every 5 minutes. Each row shows a representative single-well reaction.



Fig. S2. Concentrating PURE cell-free reactions increases reaction kinetics. a, Schematic of reaction concentration through the lyophilization of PURExpress reactions at varying volumes followed by rehydration at a set volume. Using this method, synthetic biology reactions can be concentrated to enhance kinetics through molecular crowding effects or greater density of cell-

5 free components per volume. b, Representative images of PURE reactions with a LacZ output over one hour, at various concentrations. c, Quantified PURExpress reactions with a LacZ output in triplicate; the error bars denote standard deviation. d, The half-maximal values from curve fitting the data shown in S2c indicate that the 1.5x concentrated PURE reaction accelerates the signal output by more than 10 minutes. Error bars are smaller than the data points.



Fig. S3. Sample activation of wFDCF colorimetric devices and bracelet for detection of Ebola virus RNA. a, Activation of colorimetric Ebola virus DNA toehold wFDCF sensor using a 50 μ L splash of dd-H₂O sample containing 300 nM Ebola RNA trigger as compared to control (t = 60 min). b, Port wicking into sachets containing reaction disks using dd-H₂O fluid splash. Rehydrated paper disks are visibly darker after fluid entry and wicking into the substrate (t = 1 sec after splash). c, Activation of the wearable colorimetric bracelet with four independent Ebola virus DNA toehold sensors (t = 25 min). Color change in activated sensor disk is distinguishable within 25-60 min after rehydration, as compared to surrounding controls.

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Fig. S4. Textile substrate compatibility testing using synthetic biology reactions and sample colorimetric reaction. a, Samples of eight fabric types selected as part of the textile screening for wFDCF compatibility. Bottom icons indicate the environmental and hydration conditions that were monitored over time for analysis. **b,** A sample wFDCF colorimetric activation in a 1 x 1 cm

5 cellulose matrix square containing 75 μL of NEB cell-free PURExpress® in vitro protein synthesis solution (New England Biolabs, Inc., Ipswich, MA) with 40 ng/μL constitutive pJL1-LacZ plasmid.



Fig. S5. Textile screening using model constitutive PT7::LacZ assay. a, A sample 384-well plate containing triplicates of BSA blocked and unblocked 2 mm discs of 30 different textile types after constitutive P_{T7}::LacZ expression following a 12-hour run for reactions containing 1.8 µL of NEB cell-free PURExpress® in vitro protein synthesis solution (New England Biolabs,

Inc., Ipswich, MA) with 40 ng/µL constitutive pJL1-pLacZ plasmid (+) or without plasmid as 5 controls (-). **b**, Examples of qualitative traces of colorimetric signals for these different fabric disks using a plate spectrophotometer (420 nm absorbance). While the traces shown here are not normalized across all samples, the increase in signal per cell indicates a color change from yellow to purple. Normalized absorbance values were calculated and used for subsequent analyses.

Normalized FDCF Fabric Aggregated Functionality Scoring



Fig. S6. Compilation of normalized functional scoring for colorimetric wFDCF textile screening. A normalized functionality score was calculated for each of the 103 evaluated fabrics tested for compatibility with freeze-dried PURExpress reaction generating a LacZ output. This score was generated by measuring six key parameters: peak absorbance intensity at 420 nm,

5 reaction rate, time to maximum signal, lag-time, fabric fiber density and in-fabric autofluorescence, and then multiplying normalized scores for each of these measurements, penalizing longer times to maximum signal, long lag-times and high autofluorescence. Dotted line indicates aggregated score value for Whatman No. 4 filter paper. The highest average score was observed in fabric ID#:100 containing 85% Polyester / 15% Polyamide fibers.



Fig. S7. Zika DNA toehold sensor activation in single mercerized cotton thread. a, Sterile mercerized cotton threads (d = 0.2 mm, L = 1 cm) taken from a DukalTM Gauze pad (Dukal Corp., Ronkonkoma, NY) were coiled and deposited into single wells of a flat 384-well black
polystyrene plate with a clear glass bottom (Corning Inc., Kennebunk ME). Thread samples were wicked with 2 µL of a solution containing 1x Cell-free PURExpress® in vitro protein synthesis solution (New England Biolabs, Inc., Ipswich, MA), adding 33 nM Zika DNA toehold sensor 27B (sfGFP) for sensing. Samples were frozen using liquid nitrogen and lyophilized for 4 hours. For testing, 2 µL of dd-H₂O with 1.2 µM of freshly made Zika RNA trigger was added to each of the freeze-dried samples, and fluorescence was assessed after 60 minutes under a fluorescence

the freeze-dried samples, and fluorescence was assessed after 60 minutes under a fluorescence digital microscope Dino-Lite Edge AM4115T-GFBW (Dunwell Tech, Inc., Torrance, CA). These reactions were compared to those occurring in 2 mm disks of WhatmanTM No. 4 filter paper (GE Healthcare Lifesciences Inc., Chicago, IL). Zika RNA trigger appears to produce a higher fluorescent signal as compared to PURExpress reactions containing no template and reactions with sensor template but with no trigger.



Fig. S8. Fabrication of polymeric optic fiber (POF) fabric for wFDCF. a, Clean 0.2 mm hydrophilic yarns made of 85% polyester and 15% polyamide were weaved in VELO style along the weft in combination with 0.25 mm un-etched poly(methyl methacrylate) POFs as warp using a standard industrial loom via Dreamlux's process (Samsara S.R.L., Milan, IT). When etched in 5 specific regions, the cladding of POFs can be disrupted to allow for efficient excitation and emission signal collection from fluorescent or luminescent samples rehydrated within the hydrophilic fibers of the fabric. **b**, A three-fiber multi-strip design was achieved with a POF pitch of ~1 mm and intermediate POFs at 5 mm from the strip center for easy cutting. The reaction zone was cut to be \sim 30 mm in length. The width of the fabric roll was arbitrary, usually above 1 m depending on the used loom. Free POFs can then be detached from the un-weaved side to be bundled together. c, A roll of the hydrophilic POF fabric after weaving. d, A cut section of the hydrophilic POF fabric with indications in reaction zone and bundle ends.



Fig. S9. Fabrication of textile-based wFDCF sensor patch. a, A cut strip of hydrophilic POF fabric was laser-etched (5 mm) to disrupt the POF outer cladding in the POFs sections closest to the reaction zone. **b**, Examples of prepared wFDCF fabric-elastomer layers and final assembly into a three-well sensor for garment integration. POFs in these devices were covered with black heat shrink tubing (6 mm). Top elastomer cover features two 5.19 x 1.85 mm curved sample ports instead of three as in the colorimetric prototypes to reduce direct light leakage on top of the POFs that may cause background light detection. **c**, Schematic of a POF-fabric-elastomer strip

for sensing in a single textile layer including two excitation fibers on the sides of an emission fiber. **d**, Schematic of a double POF-fabric-elastomer strip for sensing with dedicated excitation and emission layers. This design was the one selected for further experiments due to higher hydrophilic fiber content and capacity to immobilize fluid for lyophilization. **e**, Schematic of a

- 5 single excitation or emission POF-fabric-elastomer layer overlaid on an applied elastomer pattern for creating the impermeable reaction wells. f, A finalized three-well sensor wFDCF device with heat shrunk POF covers and Luer connectors for interface with a portable spectrometer device. g, Top and bottom views of a final three-well sensor wFDCF device. The blackout fabric can be seen through the sample wicking ports and serve to prevent environmental
- 10 light penetration into reaction wells.



Fig. S10. Additional Nanoluciferase (nLuc) luminescence experiments. a, Dynamic response of a wFDCF Lyme disease RNA toehold switch sensor with luminescence output. In this experiment, 50 μ L reactions consisting of 20 μ L of NEB cell-free PURExpress® Component A, 15 μ L NEB Component B, 2.5 μ L NEB murine RNase inhibitor, 19 μ L Lyme disease toehold sensor DNA with nLuc reporter (6 ng/ μ L), 0.5 μ L luciferin substrate (Promega Corp., Madison, WI) and 19 μ L dd-H₂O. Prepared sensor reactions (50 μ L per well) were quickly deposited in-

fabric to be snap-frozen and then lyophilized for 4-8 hours within the device. Activation of sensors was achieved by rehydration with a fluid splash of dd-H₂O spiked with 3 μ M *B*. *burgdorferi* trigger RNA freshly made for the positive samples, while 0 μ M trigger RNA was used for controls. Luminescence signal from toehold sensor in-device is statistically

- 5 distinguishable from the control after 13 minutes (P<0.05). b, Dynamic response of a wFDCF HIV RNA toehold switch sensor with luminescence output in comparison to constitutive P_{T7}::nLuc expression as a positive control (+), which was statistically distinguishable from the negative condition after 8 minutes (P<0.05). The HIV toehold reaction was prepared in 50 μL batches using 20 μL of NEB cell-free PURExpress® Component A, 15μL NEB Component B,</p>
- 10 2.5 μL NEB murine RNase inhibitor, 19 μL HIV toehold sensor DNA template with a nanoLuciferase reporter (6 ng/μL), 0.5 μL luciferin substrate (Promega Corp., Madison, WI) and 19 μL dd-H₂O. Prepared sensor reactions (50 μL per well) were quickly deposited in-fabric to be snap-frozen and then lyophilized for 4-8 hours within the device. Activation of sensors was achieved by rehydration with a fluid splash of dd-H₂O spiked with 10 μM HIV trigger RNA
- 15 freshly made for the positive samples, while 0 μM HIV trigger RNA was used for controls. The constitutive P_{T7}::nLuc positive control reaction shown was also prepared similarly, but substituting the toehold switch in the plasmid with a T7 promoter. Results were compared to the same reactions run in a 384-well plate and analyzed using a BioTek NEO HTS plate reader (BioTek Instruments, Inc., Winooski, VT) in luminescence mode. Activation of constitutive

²⁰ reaction peaked at ~8 minutes, whereas toehold with 10 μ M trigger produced its peak signal at ~15 minutes. Both the wFDCF device tests and the plate reader profiles appeared to be temporally aligned and exhibit analogous signal amplitude differences among reactions.



Fig. S11. Limit of detection of wFDCF CRISPR-Cas12a based sensor activated in-fabric.

5 Our wFDCF *mecA* CRISPR-based sensor was exposed to various trigger concentrations containing 100, 27, 10, 2.7 and 1 fM *mecA* trigger, to assess in-fabric reaction fluorescence at t = 90 min after fluid entry as compared to controls with a scrambled trigger. Increasing concentrations of trigger lead to an increase in fluorescence signal at the evaluation timepoint as denoted by the recorded mean pixel intensity from POF regions (n=3). A statistically significant

difference between the negative control and trigger presence was observed at 90 min only for concentrations equal and above that of 2.7 fM of trigger (P<0.05), which can be considered a limit of detection for this specific trigger, device configuration and evaluation timepoint.



Fig. S12. Comparison of Cas13a-based SHERLOCK MRSA RNA-sensing in wFDCF infabric prototype against signal in a standardized plate reader. A CRISPR-Cas13a based

- 5 MRSA SHERLOCK RNA sensor was prepared and freeze-dried over a wearable textile device for testing. This reaction contained Cas13a for ssRNA detection instead of Cas12a for dsDNA detection as reported for our other CRISPR-based sensors. Cell-free reactions were freeze-dried in the wearable devices for 4-8 hours and also freeze-dried in a 384-well plate for comparison in 4 μL reaction aliquots. All reactions contained RNaseAlert substrate, a quenched fluorophore
- ¹⁰ probe that is cleaved by activated Cas13a (Integrated DNA Technologies, Coralville, IA). The wearable sensor was activated with a fluid splash of dd-H₂O containing 20 nM *mecA* RNA trigger, while the plate samples were rehydrated with the same trigger concentrations to the originally deposited reaction volume (4 μ L). Reactions were monitored at 30°C for 30 minutes using the wearable optical device or and a BioTek NEO HTS plate reader (BioTek Instruments,
- ¹⁵ Inc., Winooski, VT) in fluorescence mode (Ex. 470 nm / Em. 510 nm). Normalized pixel intensity in the wearable device is comparable in behavior to the results of the kinetic run conducted in the plate reader.



Fig. S13. Antibiotic resistance sensors for *spa*, *ermA* and *mecA* genes using in-wearable sensor demonstrate specific orthogonality. Only reaction chambers with a Cas12a sensor targeting the *S. aureus* virulence factor-encoding *spa*-gene generates a detectable signal within 30 min.





Fig. S14. POF fabric compatibility with lyophilized transcription-only fluorescent aptamer reactions. POF fabric treated to eliminate RNases was lyophilized with a fluorescent aptamer reaction containing pJL1-F30-2xd-Broccoli aptamer template and an in vitro transcription

- reaction (HiScribe[™] T7 Quick High Yield RNA Synthesis Kit; NEB, Ipswich, MA). The 5 lyophilized in-fabric sensors were activated by rehydration with a fluid splash of dd-H₂O spiked with 50 µM of the substrate (5Z)-5-((3,5-Difluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)methylene)-3,5-dihydro-2methyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-4H-imidazol-4-one (DFHBI-1T; Tocris Bioscience, Minneapolis, MN). Upon rehydration, the in vitro transcription reaction generates an RNA aptamer that binds to the DFHBI-1T substrate, generating fluorescence.
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Fig. S15. Sensor multiplexing using different fluorescent proteins can be detected in a single device. Top row, cell-free reactions demonstrating different fluorescent protein outputs generated after 30 min at 30°C. All tubes were photographed with illumination using an

5 Invitrogen Safe Imager 2.0 G6600 Blue Light Transilluminator (Carlsbad, CA). Bottom row, sensor images of fiber topic bundles in (1) brightfield (intense light is placed over the sensor regions to spatially locate each fiber), (2) image when the sensor is dry, (3) image when wFDCF reaction is hydrated but without plasmid (30 min incubation at 30°C), and (4) image when wFDCF reaction is hydrated but with FP plasmids (30 min incubation at 30°C).





Fig. S16. Integrated wFDCF sample lysis. a, Detergent combinations for cellular lysis were tested against CRISPR-Cas12a SHERLOCK reactions. Shown are reactions for the SARS-CoV-

2 SHERLOCK sensor tested in various detergent dilutions. Based on these results, the 2x 5 dilution was chosen as the optimal lysis buffer. For bacterial samples, the lysis buffer was supplemented with 100 µg/mL of lysozyme for dissolving peptidoglycan and 5% sucrose to create a hyperosmotic environment. b, In-wearable wFDCF mecA sensors containing a lyophilized lysis buffer were challenged with intact E. coli cells either containing the target mecA gene (+, top images) or a negative control plasmid (-, bottom images).



Fig. S17. Fabrication of wearable microcontroller system with LED illumination and spectrometric capabilities. a, Exploded isometric view of wearable POF spectrometer components with case and electronics. The device electronics are based on a Raspberry Pi Zero

- W Version 1.3 (Raspberry Pi Foundation, Cambridge, UK), assembled with a PiZ-UpTime battery power board (Alchemy Power Inc., Santa Clara, CA), an environmental sensing module, an LED illumination module, and a flexible camera for imaging. b, Photograph of an open assembled device. c, Photograph of a fully assembled device ready for imaging. d, Details of camera used in the device as well as the amber fluorescence emission filter and lens for
- ¹⁰ magnification. Slots at the front of the bottom case fit the camera end, the LED arrangement and a vent for the environmental sensors. **e**, Top view of an assembled device to provide detail of compact electronics arrangement. **f**, Arrangement of wearable POF spectrometer with wireless connectivity in-garment for wFDCF reaction testing.



- Fig. S18. Custom mobile application software. a, Main window of the developed wFDCD
 sensor mobile application "Biofabrics" where spectrographic measurements are continuously recorded. Display graphs show independent color channels and bottom icons alert features such as Twitter, email, or messaging as a method of alarm in case of sensor activation. b, Environmental window of the mobile application shows geolocation information as well as recorded measurements of temperature (°C), humidity (%) and CO2 (PPM). c, Excitation
- window of the application allows on-the-fly user adjustment of the LED illumination parameters of the four Luxeon Star LEDs installed in the wFDCF device using a Saber Z4 Color Mixing Array (Quadica Developments Inc., Lethbridge, Alberta). LEDs included in the current device were: 447nm, 470nm, 505nm, and 6500K white. This mobile application was developed using blynk.io (Blynk Inc., New York, NY) and the Raspberry Pi communication module. All
- 15 generated data were recorded in the internal local memory of the wearable device and this application for analysis.



Fig S19. Bioinspired sample-wicking for textile-based wFDCF synthetic biology devices. a, Schematic of the base cover presented for the textile-based wFDCF synthetic biology devices, as well as the underlying biomechanical mechanism of water collection at the areoles of the bunny ears cactus, *Opuntia microdasys*^{10, 11}. The high aspect ratio and agglomeration of spikes in these
areoles, known as glochids, provide a high wettability gradient, which pins fluid for rapid absorption. **b**, Modified cover for our textile-based wFDCF synthetic biology devices with *Opuntia*-inspired wicking ports. The cover features 3D-printed conical spikes (1 mm base diameter) with an aspect ratio of 1:5 arranged concentrically with 1 mm spacing. The cover was

- fabricated using an elastic photoreactive resin and a stereolithography 3D-printing method using a Form 2 printer (Formlabs Inc., Sommerville, MA), coated with NeverWet© superhydrophobic coating (NeverWet LLC., Lancaster, PA). Contact angle measurements to confirm hydrophobicity of cover surfaces is also shown. c, Five-second time-lapse of the fluid pinning and port wicking exhibited by the device. This demonstration shows that upon fluid splash over
- the device, fluid rolls through superhydrophobic regions until they encounter the bioinspired ports, which readily pin the fluid, drawing it down into the underlying absorbent fabric layers inside the reaction chamber. **d**, A photograph of an assembled textile-based wFDCF synthetic biology device including the bioinspired port. Images before and after fluid splash are also shown to evince behavior.



Fig S20. Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) time delays for optimized multi-stage wFDCF Reactions. PVA fluidic time delays allow for wearable multi-stage reactions to occur rather than one-pot lyophilized reactions. Testing of the PVA time delays was performed by applying various PVA mixtures to filter paper, allowing to fully dry overnight, covering with impenetrable PCR tape where a 6 mm hole was punched through and aligned directly on top of the dried PVA region. A test aqueous dyed liquid was applied and PVA dissolution and wicking into the filter paper was monitored over time. A representative experiment is shown using a 50 μ L dried time delay consisting of ~67,000 MW PVA (Millipore-Sigma, St. Louis, MO) that allows for a time delay

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of ~15 minutes. For the A-version sensors, 20% (w/v) PVA was used. For the B-version sensors,
this was reduced to 18% (w/v) to allow more facile pipetting. No substantial change in delay time was noticed between the 18% and 20% delays.





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1. Wax printed patterns for multiple µPADs.





3. Individual µPADs arrays are cut from each sheet.



- 4. PVA time delays are applied and dried overnight.
- 5. Lysis, RT-RPA, and SHERLOCK reactions are pipetted onto zones, snap-frozen, and lyophilized.
- 6. µPADs are folded to overlap all zones on one axis..













Fig S21. SARS-CoV-2 face-mask diagnostic A-version sensor design and construction. a, SARS-CoV-2 genomic region targeted by the RT-RPA and SHERLOCK sensor utilized in the face-mask diagnostic of our A-version sensors, used for the experiments shown in Figure 4d-g. Our Cas12a gRNA sensor targets a region (highlighted in green in the multiple sequence

- alignment) in the Spike protein gene between 22-23k of the SARS-CoV-2 region. An *in vitro* transcribed RNA portion of the SARS-CoV-2 genome corresponding to 22,772:23,083 was generated from a synthetized DNA fragment and used in testing. The multiple sequence alignment shows the aligned homologous regions from SARS-CoV-2 and the three circulating human coronavirus strains (OC43, HKU1, NL83, and 229E). The sequence alignment was
- 10 generated using Clustal Omega (EMBL-EBI) and BoxShade (SIB Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics). The shown region corresponds to the amplicon generated from RT-RPA with the F4/R4/R3 primer mix. The sequences for the gRNA, *in vitro* transcribed RNA targets, and RT-RPA primers are presented in Supplementary Table S2. **b**, Laser-cut sample collection pad from capillary wicking material. A polymeric wicking material was laser-cut with a large sample
- ¹⁵ collection area (55 x 20 mm) that will be positioned inside of the mask to collect respiratory droplets and aerosols for virus detection. **c**, Images of the μ PAD construction. Steps for construction the μ PAD device portion of the sensor: (1) A solid wax printer is used to print an array of μ PADs on filter paper. (2) The printed wax pattern is refluxed by application of a hot press, to fully allow the wax to penetrate the filter paper. (3) The individual μ PADs are cut from
- each sheet. (4) Then, polyvinyl alcohol is added to the time delay zones and allowed to dry at room temperature overnight. (5) Fresh lysis reagents, RT-RPA reactions, and Cas12a
 SHERLOCK reactions are applied to their respective reaction zones; the μPAD is lyophilized for a minimum of 4 hours. (6) After lyophilization, the μPAD is folded using RNase-free tweezers to overlap the reaction zones. d, Components of the face-mask sensor before assembly. From left to
- right, the water blister allows for user-activation of the rehydration reaction. The sample collection area absorbs viral particles from the patient. The µPAD contains the freeze-dried nucleic acid test sensor reactions, separated by PVA time delays. Finally, a lateral flow assay generates a visual output based on Cas12a-based cleavage of a FAM-Biotin probe. The orientation of the water blister reservoir, µPAD, and LFA components can be adjusted provided
- 30 the fluidic contacts are properly maintained. These components can also be either placed on the outside or the inside of the face mask. Due to operational requirements, the sample collection pad requires an orientation with the Porex surface facing the patient, and can only be positioned on the inside of the mask. e, Fully assembled sensor. f, Demonstration of sample flow through face-mask sensor. Bromophenol blue dye was spotted at random locations throughout the sample
- collection zone. Upon hydration from the reservoir, a sample front can be clearly seen sweeping across the sample zone and into the μ PAD. **g**, In order to preserve patient confidentiality, the LFA strip for A-version sensors are oriented with the LFA indicator surface facing the mask to hide the output from external view. The clinician must pull the strip back to observe / record the results.



Fig S22. SARS-CoV-2 face-mask diagnostic B-version sensor design and construction. The B-version of the SARS-CoV-2 face-mask sensors contain a number of improvements over the A-version sensors that optimize robustness and consistency. These sensors were used for the on-simulator mask experiments shown in Figure 4i-j. a, Sub-assembly consisting of the sample

5 collection pad, μPAD (unfolded), and the LFA output strip, highlighting key differences between the B-version and A-version sensor components. **b**, Fully assembled B-version face-mask sensors with indicated changes from A-version sensors. **c**, A B-version sensor fully integrated into a face mask. The water blister reservoir is positioned as a flap on the outside of the mask, to prevent potential crushing of the blister while the mask is being worn.



Figure 23. A breathing simulator for exhaled emission testing of the SARS-CoV-2 facemask wearable diagnostic. **a**, A schematic of the key modules used in the breathing simulator. Dotted lines indicate connecting airflow through the different modules via ventilation tubing connectors. **b**, To generate spontaneous breathing rhythms, the TestChest® (Organis GmbH,

- 5 Switzerland) is a full physiologic artificial lung system that can accurately replicate pulmonary mechanics such as lung vital capacity and functional residual capacity. It allows the user to control the respiration rate and tidal volume to simulate complex breathing mechanics. **c**, The nebulizer and heating assembly. To simulate SARS-CoV-2 laden exhalation breath plumes, the Aerogen® Solo nebulizer system (Aerogen, Inc., Ireland) was used to generate aerosols in the
- simulated breath stream. The Aerogen® platform is a medical-grade inhalation medicine device that uses vibrating mesh technology. The Aerogen®-produced aerosols have a measured size distribution¹² (0.4 - 4.4 microns) that matches the size range of naturally occurring lung aerosols and droplets². A self-regulating thermal pad sleeve was used to heat the simulated breath to maintain a face mask microclimate of 35°C. **d**, Photos of the nebulizer reservoir being filled
- (left) and the nebulized aerosols exiting the tubing (right). e, A high-fidelity anatomically precise airway manikin (7-SIGMA Simulation Systems, Minneapolis, MN), can simulate exhaled breath as it would exit physiologic airway structures and provides realistic fitment of the mask on a patient's face. f, A photograph showing the full air flow path from the TestChest® to the Aerogen® Solo nebulizer, through the heating sleeve, and connecting to the 7-SIGMA manikin.

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