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## Photodynamic optical sensor for buffer capacity and pH based on hydrogel-incorporated spiropyran

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**Figure S1.** Kinetic response of the sensor film after UV illumination monitored over 280 seconds. The final point almost reaches the same, pH-dependent value, while shortly after the illumination the signal depends on the buffer concentration in the sample. A slight stirring effect is visible in the 2 mM sample, meaning that the transport of protons to the hydrogel is diffusion limited without pumping of the sample.

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