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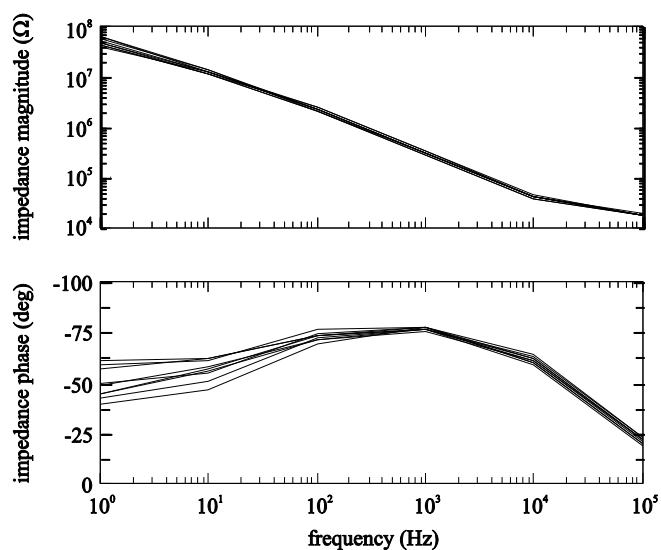
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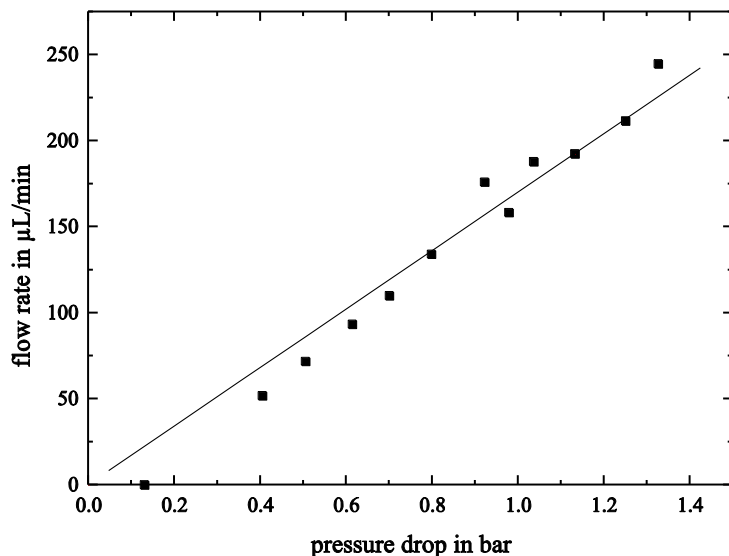
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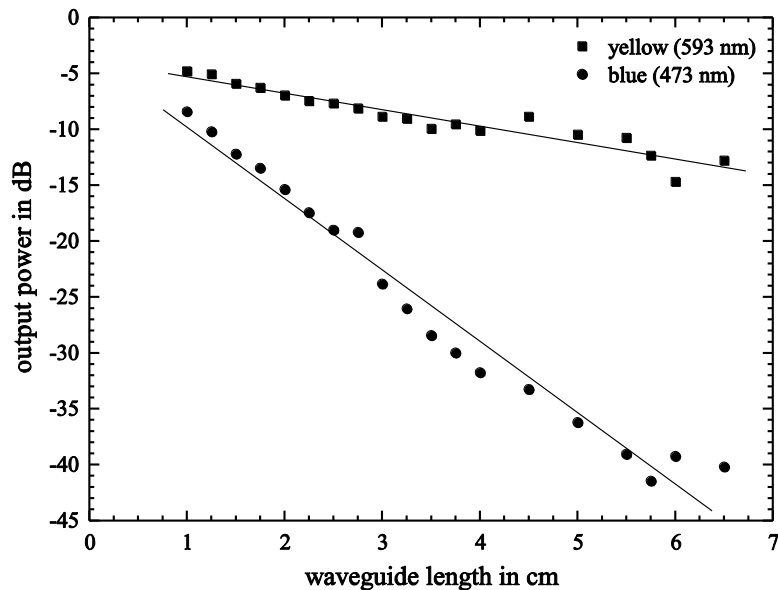


S1: Electrochemical impedance spectra of nine electrode sites (30 μm in diameter, platinum) of one implant device. Bode plot displays impedance magnitude and phase of the complex electrode impedance.

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S2: The flow rate as a function of fluid pressure in the microfluidic channels. The squares show the measured values, the straight line represents the theoretical values calculated with the Hagen-Poiseuille equation for rectangular cross-sections with a width of 50 μm , a height of 45 μm and a length of 7 mm.



S3: The waveguide's output power as a function of waveguide length measured with yellow light (squares) and blue light (circles). The input power was 21 mW (blue) and 14 mW (yellow), respectively. By using a linear fit (straight lines), the transmission loss could be obtained as the slope of the linear fit with -6.4 dB/cm (473 nm) and -1.5 dB/cm (593 nm). The coupling loss between the optical fibre and the waveguide was estimated by the ordinate intercept of the linear fit which was -3.4 dB (473 nm) and -3.8 dB (593 nm).