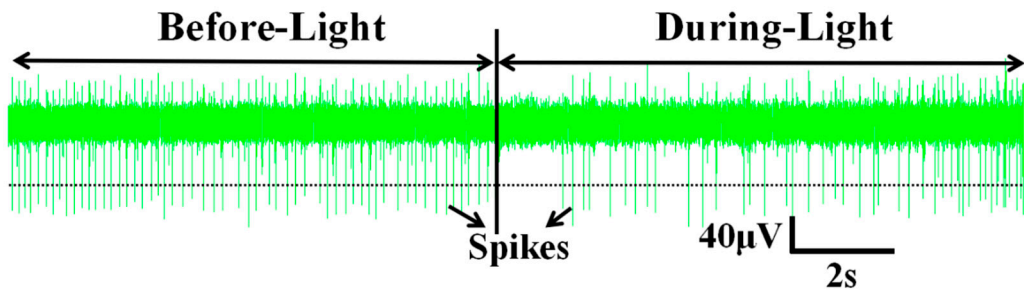
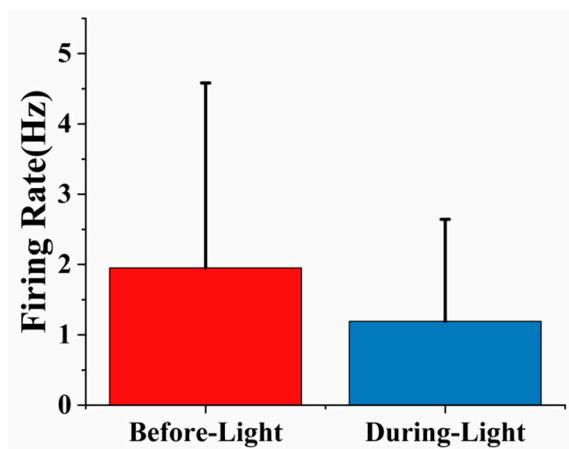


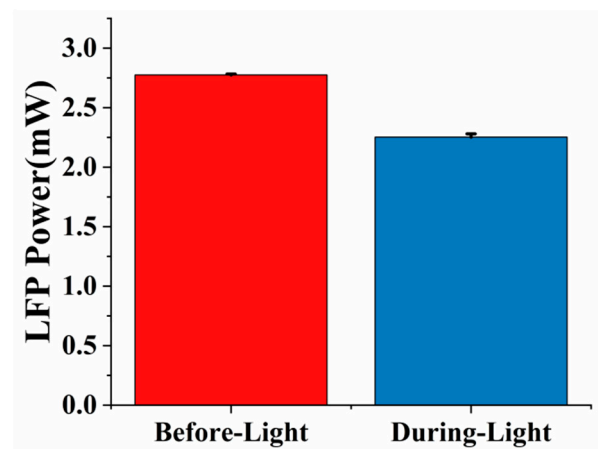
**Figure 1.** Schematic diagram of the experiment. The insets in the dotted boxes are photos of optical stimulation and simultaneous electrophysiology detection experiments.



(a)



(b)



(c)

**Figure S2.** (a) The real-time recordings of electrophysiological signal before and during light illumination at a depth of 800  $\mu\text{m}$  (non-viral transfection area); (b) the average spike firing rate of neurons before and during optical stimulation; (c) the average LFP power (0–30 Hz) of neurons before and during light. Error bars indicate standard deviation of 3 channels.

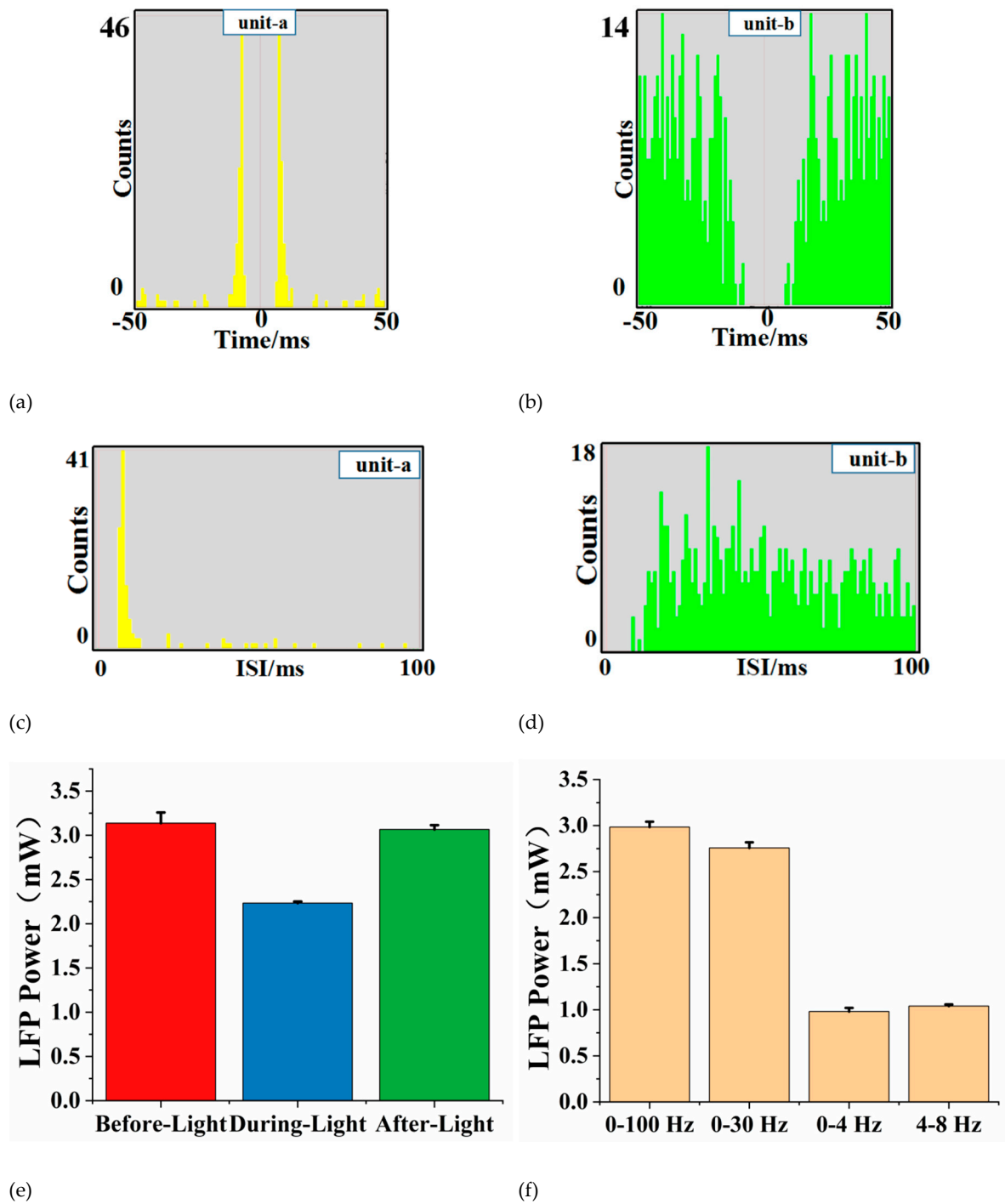
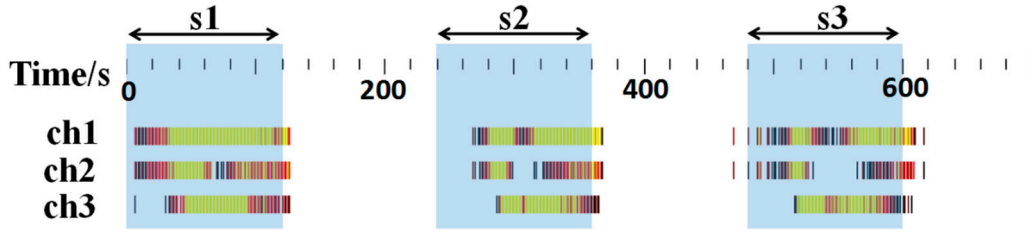
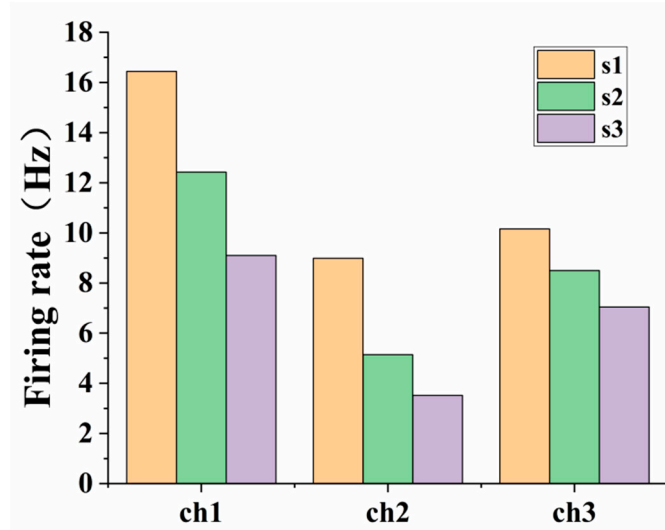


Figure S3. (a) Auto-correlograms of unit-a; (b) auto-correlograms of unit-b; (c) ISI histograms of unit-a; (d) ISI histograms of unit-b; (e) the average LFP power (0–30 Hz) before, during and after optical stimulation; (f) the average LFP power of different frequency band. Error bars indicate standard deviation of 3 channels



(a)



(b)

**Figure S4.** (a) The real-time recordings of spikes of three recording channels under different light stimulation patterns (s1:10 Hz, duty ratio=50%, 2 min; s2:10 Hz, duty ratio=25%, 2 min; s3:16.6 Hz, duty ratio=25%, 2 min. The shaded area is the period of light stimulation. ch = channel); (b) the spike firing rate of neurons detected by 3 channels under different light stimulation modes.

For simulation light intensity  $I$  ( $\text{mW}/\text{mm}^2$ ) at a vertical distance  $d$  (mm) from the fiber tip in brain tissue,  $I$  can be estimated as (in our model, there is no coupling loss because the tip output power is known):

$$I = P_t \times \eta_{(\text{scatter})} \times \varphi(r, d) \quad (1)$$

where  $\eta_{(\text{scatter})}$  is scattering attenuation and  $\varphi(r, d)$ , the geometric dispersion, is  $1/\text{mm}^2$ ; according to the  $1/d$  scattering model by Aravanis,  $\eta_{(\text{scatter})}$  can be:

$$\eta_{(\text{scatter})} = 1 / [s(\lambda) \cdot d + 1] \quad (2)$$

where  $s(\lambda)$  is the scattering coefficient for wavelength; here,  $s(450) \approx s(470) = 7.2$ .

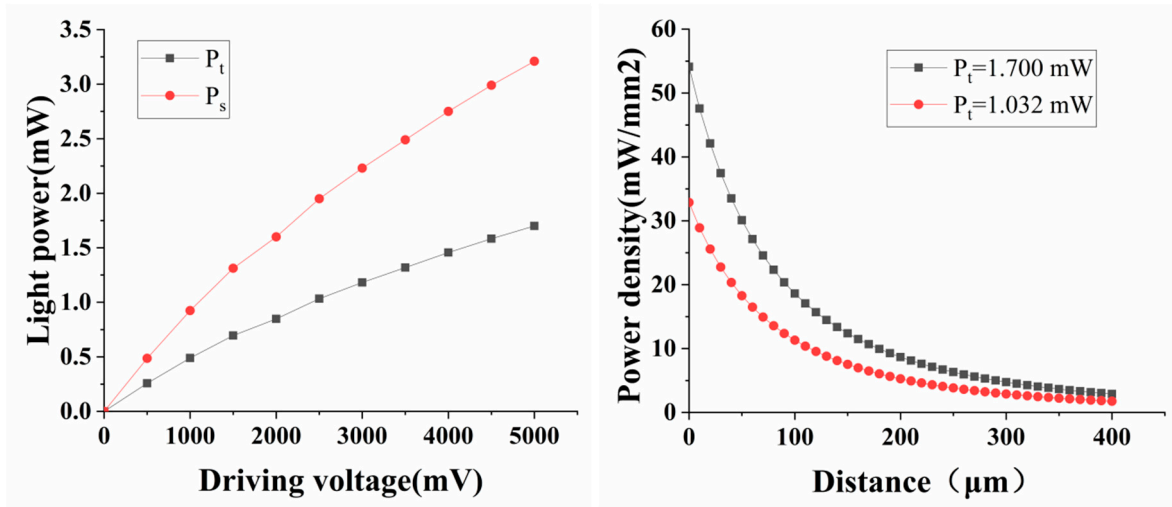
the geometric attenuation could be approximated by:

$$\varphi(r, d) = 1 / \pi [r_0 + d \cdot \tan(\sin^{-1}(\text{NA}/n))]^2 \quad (3)$$

where  $r_0$  is the radius of optical fiber ( $100 \mu\text{m}$ ), NA is the numerical aperture of optical fiber (0.39), and  $n$  is the refractive index of brain (1.36). Therefore, we can get the final expression of estimated  $I$  as a function of distance from the fiber tip  $d$ :

$$I(d) = P_t / [\pi [s(450) \cdot d + 1] [r_0 + d \cdot \tan(\sin^{-1}(NA/n))]^2] \quad (4)$$

We used this expression to simulate the power density distribution with a vertical distance of 0-400  $\mu\text{m}$  from the optrode tip.



**Figure S5.** (a) The output power of LED light source ( $P_s$ ) and the tip of optrode ( $P_t$ ) under different driving voltages; (b) the simulation power density distribution with a vertical distance of 0-400  $\mu\text{m}$  from the optrode tip.