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	Experimental design		
Ρle	ease check: are the following details reported in t	he manu	script?
1.	Threshold		
	Plots of device output power versus pump power over a wide range of values indicating a clear threshold	☐ Yes ✓ No	State where this information can be found in the text. Enot applicable to this paper of relevant.
2.	Linewidth narrowing		
1	Plots of spectral power density for the emission at pump	Yes	State where this information can be found in the text.
	powers below, around, and above the lasing threshold, indicating a clear linewidth narrowing at threshold		Enot applicable to this paper relevant.
	Resolution of the spectrometer used to make spectral measurements	Yes	State where this information can be found in the text.
		✓ No	Exnot applicable to this paper relevant.
3.	Coherent emission		
	Measurements of the coherence and/or polarization	Yes	State where this information can be found in the text.
	of the emission	✓ No	not applicable to this paper of relevant.
4.	Beam spatial profile		
	Image and/or measurement of the spatial shape and		State where this information can be found in the text.
	profile of the emission, showing a well-defined beam above threshold	✓ No	Emot applicable to this paper relevant.
5.	Operating conditions		
	Description of the laser and pumping conditions Continuous-wave, pulsed, temperature of operation	Yes	State where this information can be found in the text.
		✓ No	Exnot applicable to this paper relevant.
	Threshold values provided as density values (e.g. W cm^{-2}	Yes	State where this information can be found in the text.
	or J cm ⁻²) taking into account the area of the device	✓ No	not applicable to this papernot relevant.
6.	Alternative explanations		
	Reasoning as to why alternative explanations have been ruled out as responsible for the emission characteristics e.g. amplified spontaneous, directional scattering; modification of fluorescence spectrum by the cavity	Yes No	State where this information can be found in the text.
e.g.			Enot applicable to this paper relevant.
7.	Theoretical analysis		
	Theoretical analysis that ensures that the experimental	Yes	State where this information can be found in the text.
values measured are realistic and reasonable e.g. laser threshold, linewidth, cavity gain-loss, efficiency	✓ No	not applicable to this paper of relevant.	
8.	Statistics		
	Number of devices fabricated and tested	Yes	State where this information can be found in the text.
		✓ No	not applicable to this paper of relevant.
	tatistical analysis of the device performance and	Yes No	State where this information can be found in the text.
	lifetime (time to failure)		Exploit applicable to this paper relevant.

▶ Further reading

We also suggest that authors read the following literature, which describes the important principles and signatures of laser emission and discusses some of the common mistakes that can occur during laser characterization.

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