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## Supplementary Materials for

# Flexible elastomer patch with vertical silicon nanoneedles for intracellular and intratissue nanoinjection of biomolecules

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Movie S5 (.avi format). A continuously recorded movie (scale bar, 2 cm;  $1 \times$  speed) showing a mouse awake with the implanted Si NN-patch on the subcutaneous muscle.

**Donor Si Wafer** 



**Receiver PDMS Substrate** 



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Fig. S2. SEM images of Si NNs with varied tip size (A) and height (B).



**Fig. S3.** (A) Schematic illustration for modeling geometry and boundary conditions and (B) computational results (FEA) of strain distributions of a single Si NN under deformations at varied D/d ratio, h, and S.



Fig. S4. Computational (FEA) data showing the effect of peak strain ( $\varepsilon_{peak}$ ) on *D/d* ratio and *H/h* ratio using dichloromethane (green), hexane (red), and ethanol (blue). Black dotted line denotes the theoretical fracture limit of the Si NN.



Fig. S5. SEM images (scale bars, 7, 5, and 3  $\mu$ m from the top) of cells interfaced with control Si NNs built on a bulk Si wafer.



(Tip Diameter ≈ 900 nm)

(Tip Diameter ≈ 1.5 µm)

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### **Control Si NNs without Surface Nanopores**



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**Captions for Movies** 

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