

Optics Express Review Criteria

To meet Optics Express' goal of providing timely and newsworthy research, we ask that you complete your review within 14 days, if possible. Optics Express is not a letters journal, and the need for rapid publication is not a requirement. Please base your review on these criteria: Technical content, presentation, and appropriateness. Definitions of the criteria are given below.

Technical Content (Select one)

Reports important new science in an optics discipline. Results are significant to the field and/or offer interdisciplinary application. Conclusions supported by the data presented. Work placed in proper context. Related work adequately referenced. Warrants publication in an archival journal.

- Level 1: The paper meets the criteria above or requires minor clarification or revision to meet those criteria. Specify revisions that will allow this manuscript to be acceptable in report below.
- Level 2: Significant revision is needed to meet the criteria above. Specify revisions that might allow this manuscript to be acceptable in report below. May need to be reviewed again.
- Level 3: The paper does not report a significant advance or offers only incremental improvement to existing work. It is not suited for Optics Express.
- Level 4: The paper cannot be published due to major scientific errors, the same material has been published or is considered for publication elsewhere, the technique is not useful, or the work is not relevant to optics.

Appropriateness (Select one)

- Level 1: Highly appropriate for Optics Express
- Level 2: Marginally appropriate for Optics Express
- Level 3: Outside the scope of Optics Express

Suggestion of more appropriate journal:

The paper presents results that would be of interest to the general media: Yes No

Presentation (Select one)

Title clearly identifies subject matter. Abstract is succinct, comprehensible to a non-specialist. Clearly written manuscript, logically organized. Figures and tables are understandable and readable (when sized for publication). Quality of writing is adequate (English usage, grammar). Multimedia aspect, if any, contributes to presentation of the research.

- Level 1: The paper meets the criteria above
- Level 2: Revisions needed to meet criteria above. Give explicit direction in report below to which sections need revisions, extension, or reduction.
- Level 3: The paper cannot be revised to meet presentation criteria. Organization or writing style of the manuscript makes it too difficult to review fairly. English usage, grammar or spelling errors require substantial copy-editing before the paper can be published or even reviewed adequately.

Recommendation to Editor (Select one)

- Accept as submitted. (Comments may be given in review report.)
- Accept with mandatory revisions.
- Reject. Does not meet criteria indicated in review report.
- Other. See review report.

Separate comments for the Editor and for the Author may be provided in the online form.

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