

EDITORIAL



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We have added a new section to the *Journal of Biomedical Optics* called JBO Letters. The purpose of this section is to provide rapid publication of short technical communications of significant interest in the field of biomedical optics.

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Accepted manuscripts will be scheduled for publication in the next available issue, and the publication process will be expedited so that the letters will be published as rapidly as possible. Using the technology of JBO's new e-First publication process, each article will appear online as soon as the author proof corrections have been incorporated, without waiting for the rest of the papers in that issue to be finalized.

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We look forward to receiving submissions of your most significant and noteworthy work for consideration in JBO Letters.

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