

**Journal of Optical Society of America B (JOSA B)**  
**Review Criteria**

*JOSA B* is an archival-type journal that publishes peer-reviewed articles related to fundamental science of the interaction of light with matter. The journal scope encompasses theoretical and experimental aspects of fiber optics, nonlinear optics, ultrafast phenomena atomic and molecular physics, THz phenomena, metamaterials, plasmonics, photonic crystals and nanophotonics.

To meet *JOSA B*'s goal of publishing high-impact research, submitted papers are subjected to critical review according to the criteria listed below.

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Does the manuscript report on substantial findings related to the interaction of light and matter? Is the paper an original and significant contribution to the field? Are the conclusions supported by the data presented, and is the work placed in proper context? Is prior or related work adequately referenced? Note that papers considered to be incremental, incomplete, or lacking in scientific/technical relevance are likely to be rejected. Does the work warrant publication in an archival journal? Is it likely to be cited by others?

**Rating Options: Very high, High, Moderate, Low, Very low**

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Is the title accurate and does it clearly identify the subject matter? Is the abstract succinct and comprehensible to a non-specialist? Is the manuscript clearly written and logically organized? Are figures and tables understandable and readable as submitted, including all captions and labels? Is the quality of English language usage and grammar appropriate for an archival journal? If there is multimedia content, is it clearly presented and does it contribute to the presentation of the research?

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