

## New Advances in Novel Optical Materials and Devices

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The optical materials and devices field continues to grow and plays a key role in new developments in areas such as biomedical devices, imaging, optical communication networks, optical storage media, and photovoltaics. The research activities in these areas require the use and control of electromagnetic radiation in the ultraviolet, visible, or infrared spectral regions, and optical materials and devices are tools that can perform such functions.

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