Optical Crystallization Work

M. M. Burns, J.-M. Fournier, and J. A. Golovchenko imply in their article of 17 August 1990 (p. 749) that optical crystallization of colloidal particles was their idea. However, we clearly presented the idea of optical crystallization of colloidal particles and demonstrated the concept in a 1985 article (*1*) and believe that paper should have been so cited. Additionally, our paper suggested the quasicrystal stabilization demonstrated by Burns *et al.*

We refute the implication of Burns *et al.* that no previous optical crystallization work had been done and that no optical work had been done on interacting particle systems.

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Response: While not wishing to detract from the very fine work of Chowdhury *et al.* (which we did indeed cite), we must point out that the second reference (*1*) in their own paper contradicts the main claim of priority in their letter.

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Erratum: In the report "Restoration of inactivation in mutants of *Shaker* potassium channels by a peptide derived from ShB" by W. N. Zagotta *et al.* (26 Oct., p. 568), in figure 3A the records labeled "after wash" were mistakenly duplicated in the control records. The correct control records are shown here.