

Chen and Huang Reply: Recently, we reported the observation of the kaleidoscope of laser patterns in a saturable absorber Q -switched microchip laser with a near-hemispheric configuration [1]. The formation of the laser pattern was interpreted as localized structures, i.e., cavity solitons. According to the preceding Comment [2], we accept that such interpretation is not consistent with the use of the terminology cavity soliton. On the other hand, the authors of the Comment claim that our experimental patterns are similar to other patterns on CO_2 lasers. However, to our knowledge, such interesting patterns have never been observed in laser pattern formation. We think that before conclusions can be drawn about the observed patterns, it is of crucial importance to provide an explicit verification.

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