P225a Recovery of the Candidate Protoplanet HD 100546 b and Detection of Additional Disk Structures

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We report the second-epoch re-detection of a directly-imaged protoplanet candidate HD 100546 b. Using Near-Infrared Coronagraph and Imager (NICI) on Gemini South, we obtain the L' image of HD 100546. The position and brightness of the candidate planet is consistent with the original detection by Quanz et al. (2013). We find that HD 100546 b is likely to be spatially resolved (~ 12-13 AU in diameter) and is embedded in a finger of thermal IR bright, polarized emission (c.f., L'-band PDI observations by Avenhaus et al. 2014). Hot-start models imply a mass of 15 $M_{\rm J}$, but if it is newly formed or embedded in a circumplanetary disk, its mass can be much lower. In addition, we discover, for the first time, a thermal IR-bright (in L'-band), spiral-like disk feature at 90 degrees away from the candidate planet. Our spiral density wave model indicates that a wave-launching point reside exterior to ~ 0.45 asec, possibly indicating the existence of another unseen planet. Given the coexistence of a planet and disk features, HD 100546 may serve as an important evolutionary precursor to intermediate-mass stars with multiple wide separation planets like HR 8799 system.