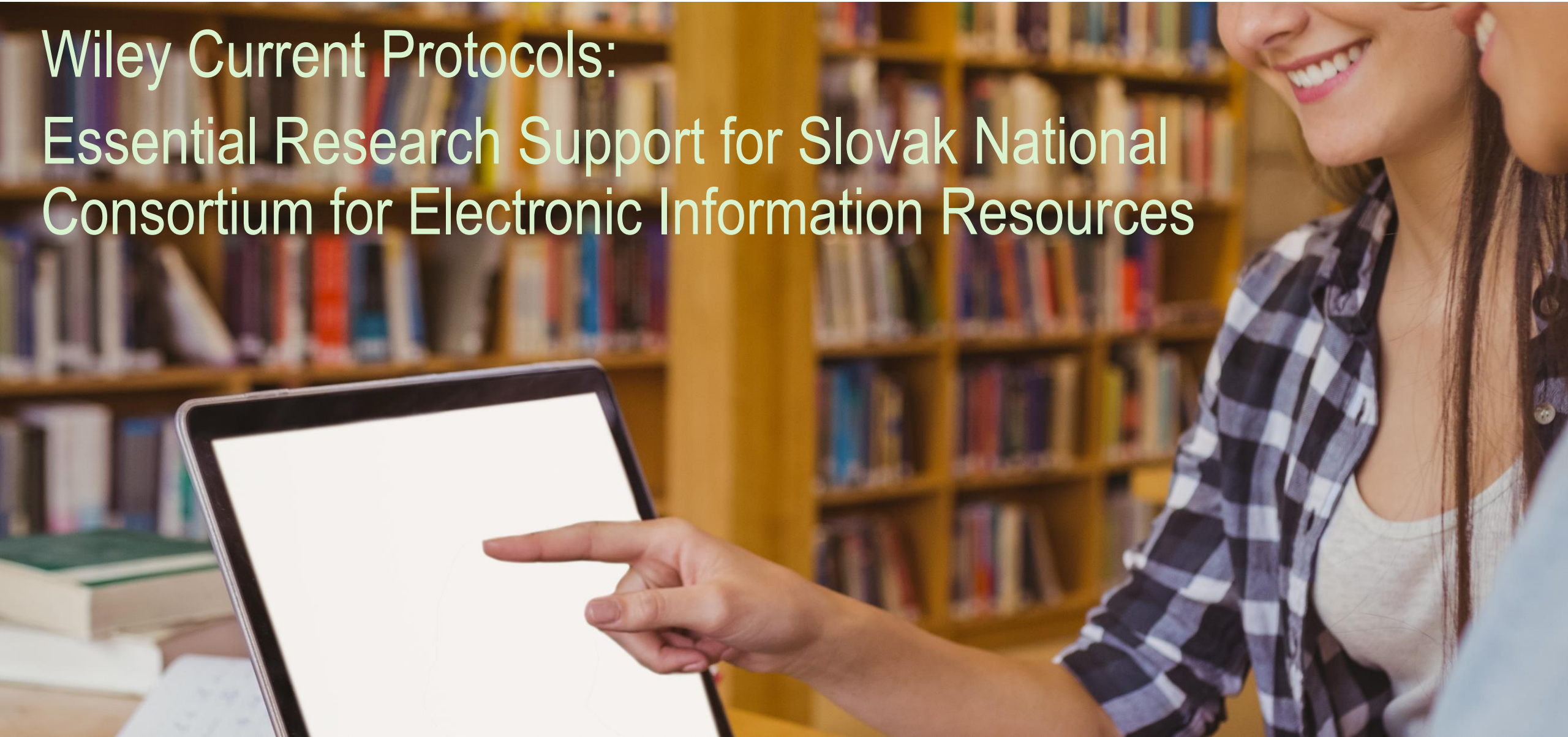


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## Protein Structure Report

### High-resolution crystal structure of FKBP12 from *Aedes aegypti*

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## Materials and Methods

### Cloning, expression, and purification

The gene sequences encoding AaFKBP12 were synthesized from GenScript (Piscataway, NJ). The PCR-amplified DNA fragment was inserted into pETSUMO (Novagen, Madison, WI) to generate pETSUMO-AaFKBP12 with a hexahistidine tag at the N-terminus. The protein was expressed in *Escherichia coli* BL21(DE3) cells and purified by consecutive cycles of Ni-NTA metal affinity chromatography, before and after cleaving the SUMO-tag.

### Crystallization, data collection, and structure determination

Crystal screening was performed at 15 mg/mL protein concentration, using hanging drop vapor diffusion method, with an ammonium sulfate-buffer grid. The reservoir contained 500  $\mu$ L of the screening solution, and the drop constituted of 4  $\mu$ L with equal volume of protein and reservoir solution. Crystals of  $0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.1$  mm<sup>3</sup> size appeared in 3.0M ammonium sulphate and 0.1M MOPS buffer pH 8.0, in 5 days. The crystals were cryo protected with 20% glycerol added to the reservoir solution and data, up to 1.3 Å resolution, was collected at 100 K on beamline 13B1 at the National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center (Hsinchu, Taiwan) using an ADSC-Quantum 315 detector. Two datasets (a low and high

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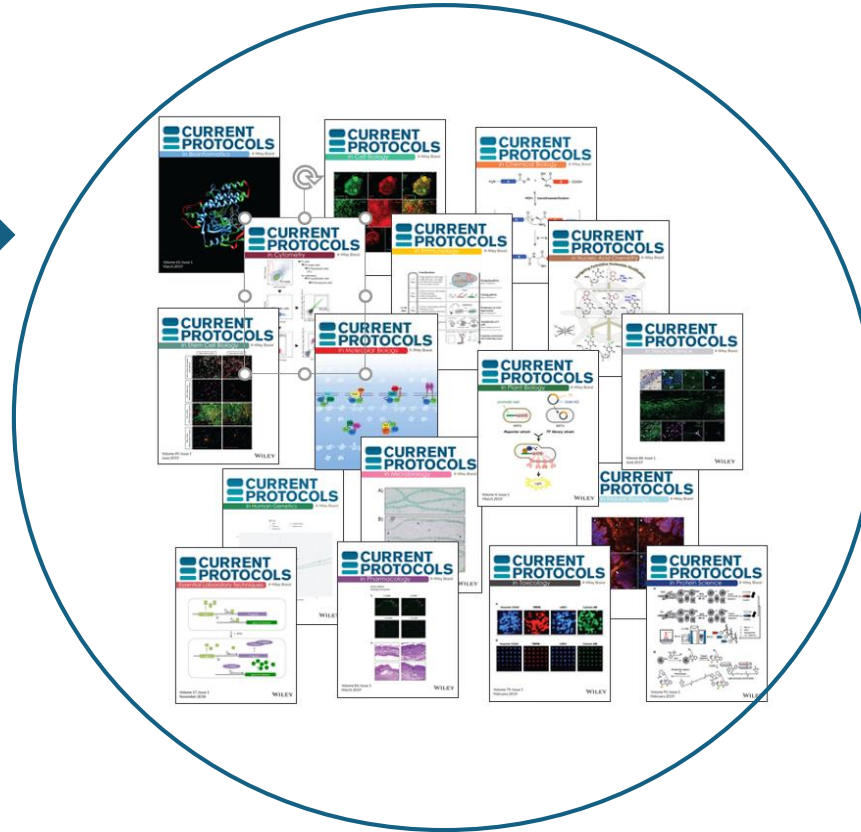
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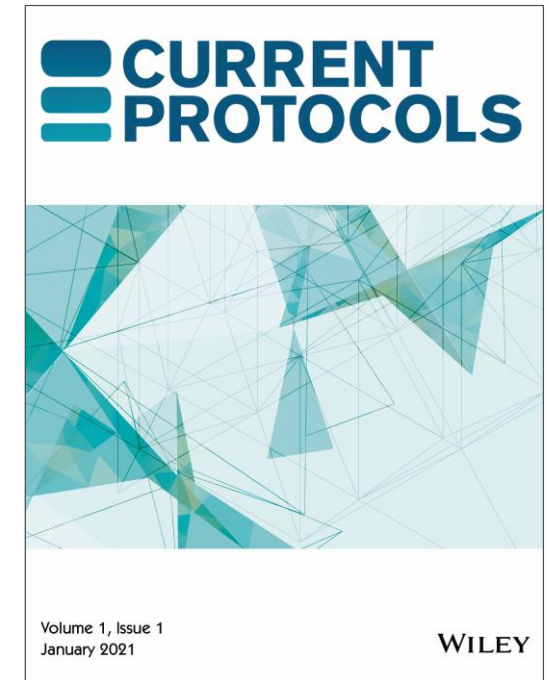


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