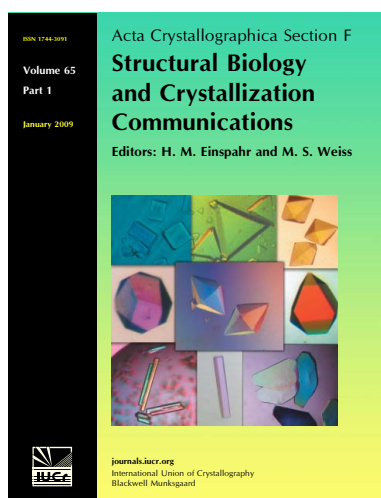


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The January issue of *Acta Crystallographica Section F* traditionally highlights the crystallization content of our journal with a cover illustration composed of the past years best in crystal photomicrographs. This year is no exception. The design is again the work our Technical Editor Louise E. Jones (lj@iucr.org) and her talent shines through as before.

The articles providing images are from *Acta Cryst. F64* (2008). Top row: the peroxiredoxin domain of a larger natural hybrid protein from *Thermotoga maritima* (Barbey *et al.*, pp. 29–31); adeno-associated virus serotype 6 (Xie *et al.*, pp. 1074–1078); and the bifunctional enzyme proline utilization A (PutA) from *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* (Schuermann *et al.*, pp. 949–953). Middle row: *S*-adenosyl-L-homocysteine hydrolase from *Lupinus luteus* in complex with adenosine (Brzezinski *et al.*, pp. 671–673); mannosyl-3-phosphoglycerate synthase from *Rubrobacter xylanophilus* (Sá-Moura *et al.*, pp. 760–763); and flavodoxin NifF from the photosynthetic bacterium *Rhodobacter capsulatus* (Pérez-Dorado *et al.*, pp. 375–377). Bottom row: polyketide synthase-1 (PKS-1) from *Cannabis sativa* (Taguchi *et al.*, pp. 217–220); the MtxX protein from *Methanococcus jannaschii* (Dong Hae Shin, pp. 300–303); and full-length yeast tropomyosin 2 from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Meshcheryakov *et al.*, pp. 528–530).

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