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Dear Meghan,

Please find enclosed our article entitled **“Iterative optimization of DNA duplexes for crystallization of SeqA-DNA complexes”** to be considered for publication in the Journal of Visualized Experiments.

As we discussed over the phone, we have focused the manuscript on the purification of protein (i.e. SeqA) and DNA, as well as, protein-DNA complex formation for co-crystallization. We describe the specific steps to form a complex and grow crystals in the protocol section and elaborate on the optimization steps required to obtain diffraction quality crystals in the representative results section. While the protocol is specific for the crystallization of SeqA-DNA complexes, it can be easily generalized for the co-crystallization of other protein-DNA complexes and, hence, we feel that it will appeal to a broader audience.

Thanks for your help during the preparation of the manuscript and the submission process. We trust that you and the reviewers will find our manuscript suitable for publication in the Journal of Visualized Experiments.

Sincerely yours,

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