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Two-thirds of Wiley-Blackwell's Journal Portfolio now has an Impact Factor

Hoboken, N.J.

Wiley-Blackwell, the scientific, technical, medical, and scholarly business of John Wiley & Sons, Inc., today announced that **two thirds of its journals (67% and 1,013 titles) have an Impact Factor** according to the Thomson ISI® 2009 Journal Citation Reports (JCR). This is a higher proportion of the list than any other major journals publisher. Of these ranked titles, **nearly a quarter are in the top ten of their subject category (332 titles) whilst two thirds are in the top half of their category.**

Wiley-Blackwell has **36 number 1 rankings (from 33 titles, with *Econometrica* top of three, and *Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing* top of two categories respectively)**, the joint highest number of top ranked titles as a proportion of the list. **The Wiley-Blackwell journal *CA-A Cancer Journal for Clinicians* remains in first place overall with an Impact Factor of 87.925.**

51 new titles were added to Wiley-Blackwell's listing in the JCR for 2009 with 4 titles re-listed.

Wiley-Blackwell's average Impact Factor saw a 5.3% rise last year. **This year, the company's average was 2.1, compared to 2.0 last year.** This is in the context of an overall 1.7% reduction in average Impact Factor between JCR 2008 and 2009.

Overall, Wiley-Blackwell published 11.2% of the journals, 11.3 % of the articles, and received 11.1% of the citations.

"We are delighted with the Impact Factor results this year", said Steve Miron, Senior Vice President, Wiley-Blackwell. "They reflect the hard work of our external Editors, society partners and Wiley colleagues to continually drive the quality of the journals that we publish and to ensure they meet the needs of authors and researchers alike".

Impact factors are a metric that reflect the frequency that peer-reviewed journals are cited by researchers, making them an important tool for evaluating a journal's quality.

Within the 2009 Journal Citation Report were a number of key changes in the rankings for individual titles.

Highlights in Chemistry and Physical Sciences:

Angewandte Chemie, a journal of the German Chemical Society published under the Wiley-VCH brand, has further increased its Impact Factor to 11.829, strengthening its position as the leading chemistry journal publishing primary research and review articles.

ChemSusChem, also from Wiley-VCH and co-owned and supported by ChemPubSoc Europe (an association of 16 European Chemical Societies), received an impressive first Impact Factor of 4.767.

Biofuels, Bioproducts, Biorefining - Biofpr, published on behalf of the Society for Chemical Industry, increased its Impact Factor by over 68% to 4.885 and now ranks 2nd after just two years.

There are four number one ranked journals in physical sciences, including *Mass Spectrometry Reviews* for the 11th consecutive year and *Advanced Synthesis and Catalysis* for its 7th year.

Highlights in Life Sciences:

Within Life Sciences we have achieved 9 number one rankings. 4 journals retain their number one rankings - *Aging Cell* in the Geriatrics and Gerontology category, *Global Ecology and Biogeography* in Physical Geography, *Human Brain Mapping* in the Neuroimaging category and *Journal of Avian Biology* in Ornithology.

5 journals rise to number one ranking – *Fish and Fisheries* in the Fisheries category, *Global Change Biology* in the Biodiversity Conservation category, *Journal of Comparative Neurology* has risen to number one in Zoology and *Molecular Nutrition and Food Research* is now number one in the Food Science and Technology category. *Evolutionary Anthropology* is ranked first in the Anthropology category.

Recently launched journals that achieved an Impact Factor for the first time include *Evolutionary Applications* – 4.744 and is ranked 9th in the Evolutionary Biology category, and *Insect Conservation and Diversity* which also receives its first Impact Factor of 2.828 and is ranked 4th in the Entomology category. *Autism Research* gets its first Impact Factor of 1.375 and *Ecohydrology*, which launched in 2008, gains its first Impact Factor at 1.719.

FEMS Microbiology Reviews Impact Factor rose from 7.963 to 9.783 and is ranked 6/94 in the Microbiology category and for the sixth consecutive year *Ecology Letters* increased its Impact Factor to 10.318 and remains the highest ranking primary research journal in Ecology

Highlights in Social Sciences & Humanities:

Wiley-Blackwell's consistent leadership in social science is demonstrated through our publishing more titles listed in the Social Science JCR than any other publisher.

11 of our journals were ranked number one within their subject category – these included *Child Development* (ranked number one for the fifth consecutive year), *Econometrica*, *Industrial Relations* and *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*.

75 of our journals are ranked in the top ten of their respective SSCI categories.

24 journals have received their first Impact Factor with *Developing World Bioethics* entering the Ethics category at number seven.

In 18 categories we publish the most journals in the category confirming our exceptional market presence in anthropology, business - finance, demography, economics, family studies, geography, gerontology, health policy & services, history of social sciences, law, management, nursing, planning and development, psychology (developmental and social), public, environmental & occupational health, public administration and social sciences – mathematical methods.

Highlights in Health Sciences: (I)

291 Wiley-Blackwell health science journals received an Impact Factor in 2009 with an average of 2.62, 26 journals increased their score by 0.5 or more and 24 titles received their first Impact Factor. In addition 30 titles achieved an Impact Factor of 5 or more, with 9 titles ranked number 1 in their category and a further 50 in the top 10.

The journal *CA – A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*, published on behalf of The American Cancer Society, was awarded an Impact Factor of 87.925 - the highest Impact Factor among all medical titles. In the Oncology category, Wiley is now the third leading Publisher with 17 titles.

The Wiley EBM portfolio continues to gain strength, with *Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing*, an official journal of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, claiming the number 1 spot of 72 journals in the Nursing (science) category with an impact factor of 1.944, an increase from 1.294 in 2008. The *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* climbed to 5.653, moving up the rankings for the 2nd year, since its inclusion in the Journal Citation Reports in 2007, to 11th place in Medicine, General & Internal.

Highlights in Health Sciences: (II)

From our Nursing portfolio, in addition to *Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing* now being ranked number 1, *Birth* is now ranked as the number 2 journal with an impact factor of 1.919.

BJOG's Impact Factor has increased to 3.437, while *Ultrasound in Obstetrics & Gynecology* now has an Impact Factor of 3.154. *American Journal of Transplantation*, published on behalf of the American Society of Transplantation (AST) and the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) received a 2009 Impact Factor of 6.433, maintaining its status as the number 1 ranked journal in Transplantation. *Hepatology*, published on behalf of The American Association of the Study of the Liver, is the highest ranking hepatology journal and second in the gastroenterology and hepatology category, with an Impact Factor of 10.840.

The journal *Allergy*, published on behalf of The European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, was awarded an Impact Factor of 6.380, ranking it number 2 in the category for the fifth year. In dentistry, Wiley-Blackwell has 11 titles ranked in the top 20. *Journal of Clinical Periodontology* and *Periodontology 2000* are ranked as number 1 and 4 respectively.

In veterinary sciences 14 of our titles saw a rise in impact factor, notably *Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine* increasing from 1.885 to 2.168 and now ranking in the top 10 at number 8. *Zoonoses and Public Health's* impact factor leapt from 1.333 to 1.912.

Highlights in Health Sciences: (III)

Addiction and *Addiction Biology* keep their number 1 ranking in the categories of Substance Abuse (Social Science) and Substance Abuse respectively and *Alcoholism's* Impact Factor has increased to 3.392. *Bipolar Disorders*, published by Wiley-Blackwell on behalf of the International Society for Bipolar Disorders, jumped up 13 places in the Psychiatry category with an increased Impact Factor of 5.502.

The journals of the BPS (British Pharmacological Society) received increased Impact Factors, with *BJP (British Journal of Pharmacology)* increasing to 5.204, confirming it as the highest ranked general pharmacology research journal. The *Journal of Pathology's* 2009 Impact Factor of 6.466 places it number 2 in the Pathology category. *Brain Pathology* has also seen its Impact Factor rise for the 2nd year running, rising to 5.903.

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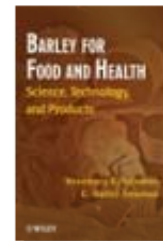
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Search **MOUSE**

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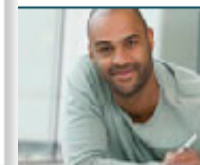
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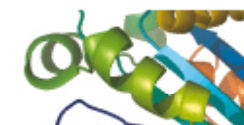
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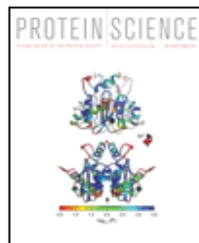
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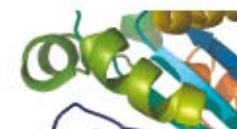


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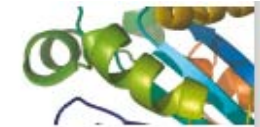
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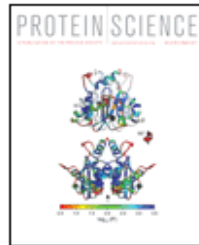
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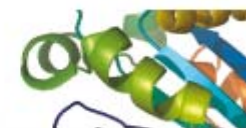
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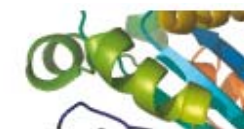
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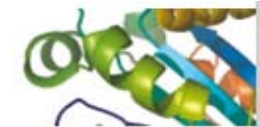
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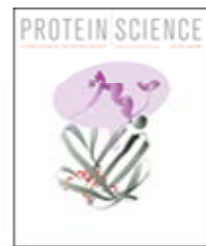
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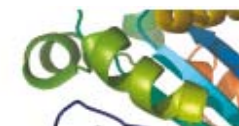
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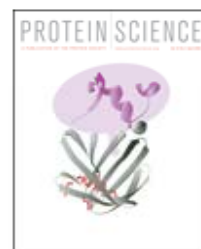
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Both structural studies show that the OSR1 kinase domain forms a domain-swapped dimer (Fig. 1). The dimer interface is formed by exchange of the P+1 loop, located in the C-terminus of the activation segment, and the following helix α EF (Fig. 2). The interface is stabilized by a salt bridge between Glu196 in helix α EF of one monomer and Arg279, located between helices α I and α J, in the other monomer, as well as van der Waals contacts between several hydrophobic residues from helix α EF of one monomer and the hydrophobic pocket located between helices α G and α F of the partner monomer. The activation segment, which commonly is 20–30 residues in length and contains one or several phosphorylation sites, is a critical structural element for regulation of kinase activity.¹² Electron density is not clearly defined in either study for the phosphorylation site, Thr185, or the C-terminal part of the activation loop. The partially disordered activation segment suggests that the OSR1 kinase domain structures represent an inactive conformation, because a correctly positioned activation segment is required for ATP binding.



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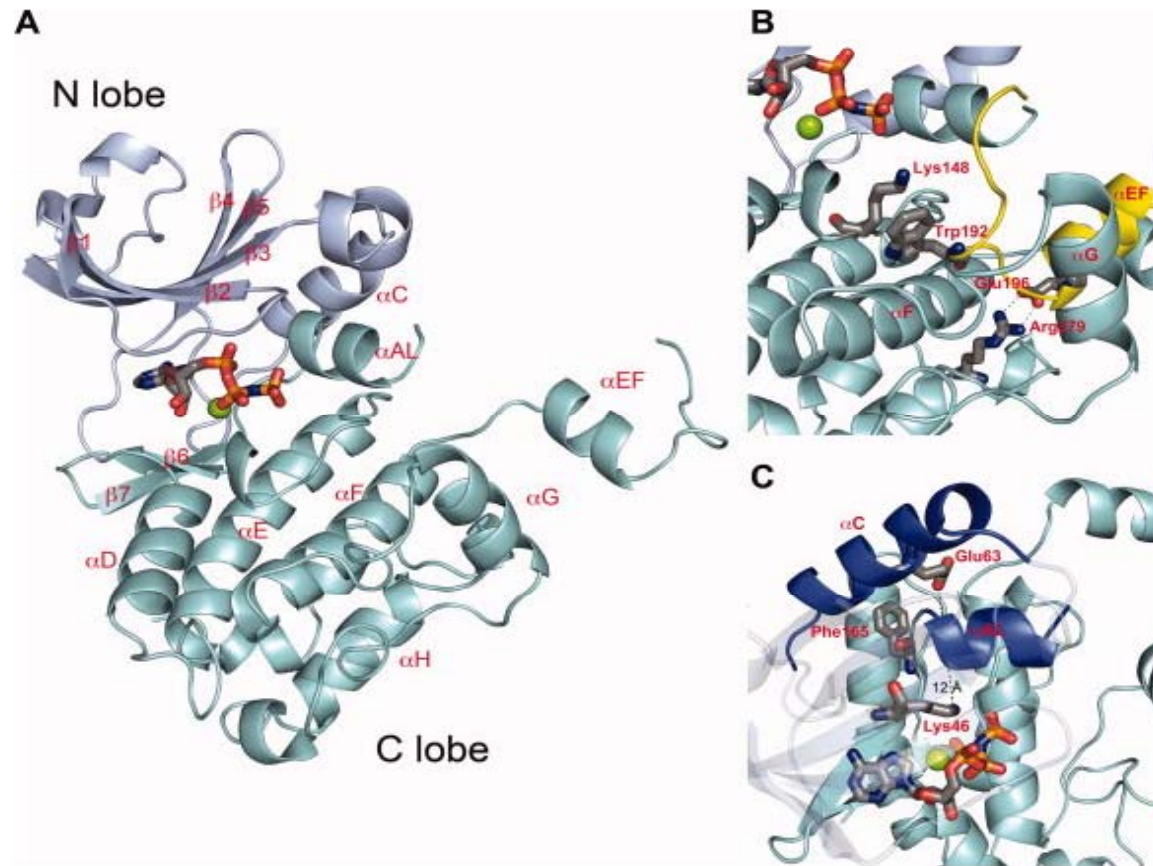


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(D) The structures of the OSR1 monomer and 1–303, respectively, and the dimer interface is formed by residues α EF and α EF of one monomer (Fig. 2). The interface is formed by residues α AL and α J, in the other monomer and the hydrophobic interface is 20–30 residues in length. Electron density is not present. The partially disordered region is because a correctly positioned residue (OSR1) forms a dimer interface of Mg-AMP-ATP. The residues are depicted in cyan. The residues are shown as CPK models. An [interactive view](#) is available in the electronic version of the article. [Interactive View](#)

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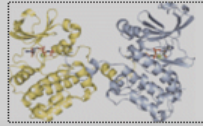
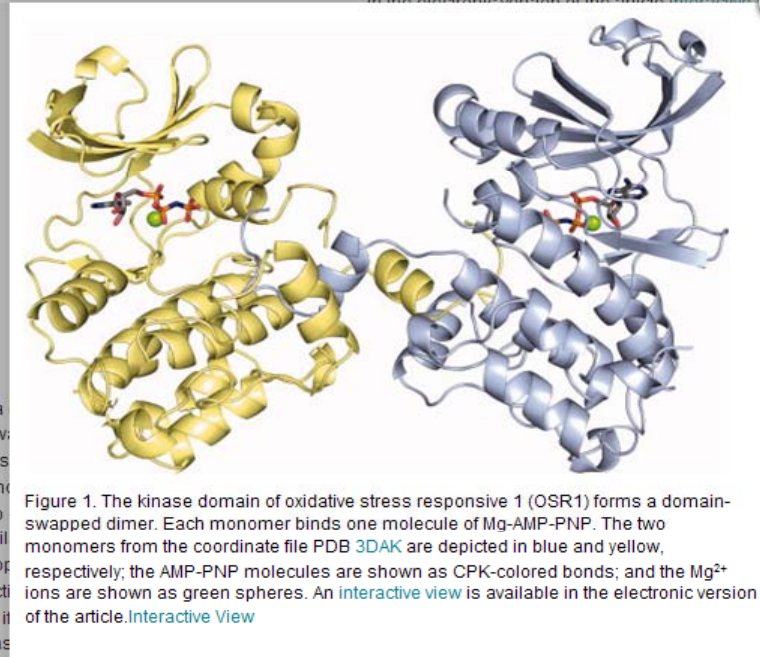


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
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Intrinsic conformational plasticity is critical for structural transitions between active and inactive states of protein kinases, and biophysical evidence suggests that conformational dynamics may be coupled to catalysis.^{21–24} Results from NMR spectroscopy and molecular dynamics simulations have linked conformational flexibility to domain swapping in other protein molecules.^{25, 26} Therefore, domain swapping may be a consequence of the intrinsic conformational flexibility of kinase domains. The impact of domain swapping on the autophosphorylation reaction, if indeed they are coupled, remains to be fully elucidated, and additional structural and biochemical data are required to clarify the functional role



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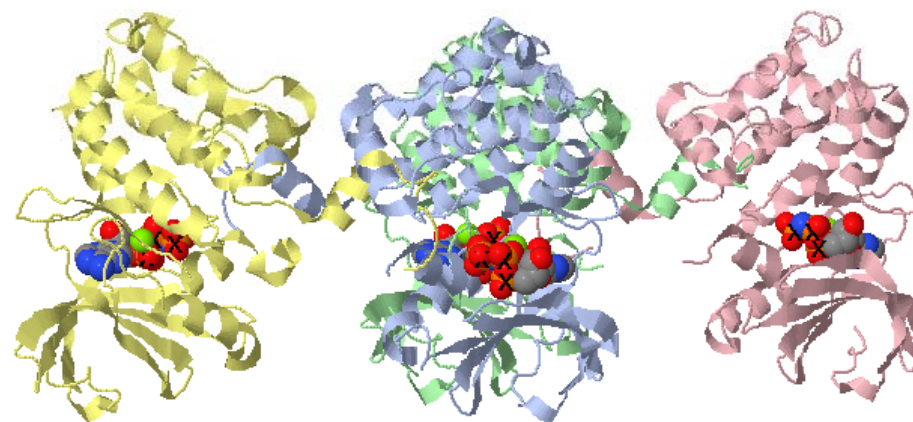
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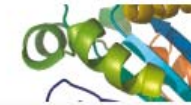
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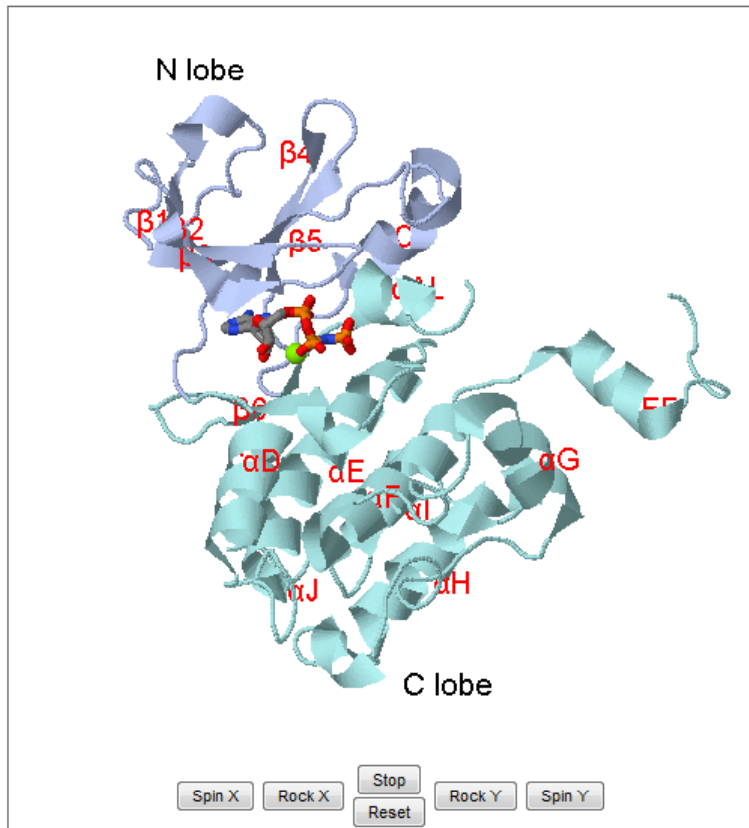


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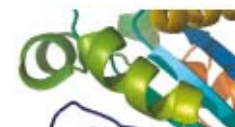
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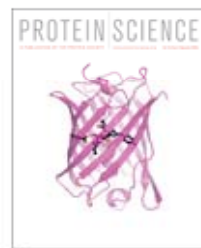
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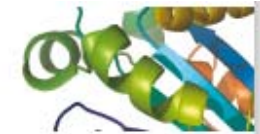
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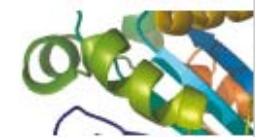
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






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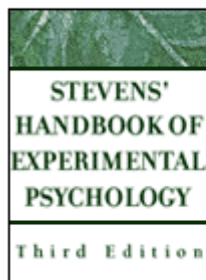
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The genus *Acanthamoeba* consists of a large collection of strains including at least 24 named nonpathogenic isolates (Visvesvara, 1991; American Type Culture Collection, website www.atcc.org). In the morphology-based classification, this genus has been reclassified into 13 different genera. These organisms are ubiquitous in their distribution and can be found in freshwater, seawater, distilled water wash bottles, chlorinated swimming pools, air, soil and sewage. In addition, they are found in reptiles, birds and mammals. *A. castellanii* (belonging to T4 genotype) is one of the most prevalent species in the genus and has been implicated in at least two human diseases. These are granulomatous amoebic encephalitis, a rare infection involving the brain that almost always proves fatal, and a more common eye keratitis that is frequently associated with the use of contact lenses that have not been sterilized properly (De Jonckheere, 1991; Khan and Paget, 2002; Kilvington and White, 1994; Ma *et al.*, 1990; Niederkorn *et al.*, 1999; Warhurst, 1985). See also [Parasitism: the Variety of Parasites](#)

The life cycle of *A. castellanii* consists of vegetative infective trophozoites that reproduce by binary fission, and a dormant cyst form (Figure 1) (Byers, 1979; Byers *et al.*, 1991; Ma *et al.*, 1990). Trophozoites possess characteristic spines on their surface known as acanthopodia that are used for motility and adherence to host cells (Figure 1a, b). The latter is a primary step in pathogenesis (Cao *et al.*, 1998; Khan, 2001). Trophozoites differentiate into cysts, a process known as encystment, under unfavourable conditions such as starvation (lack of nutrients), cold, heat and increased osmolarity. Cysts are double walled, consisting of an outer ectocyst and an inner endocyst. Both walls meet at points known as arms or rays. *A. castellanii* has a maximum number of six rays (Figure 1c). Cysts are resistant to various antimicrobial agents, thus presenting a problem in chemotherapy because this may lead to recurrence of the disease. In addition, cysts can survive harsh environmental conditions such as high temperatures and desiccation, and they can be airborne (Byers, 1979; Cordingley *et al.*, 1996; Turner *et al.*, 2000; Weisman, 1976). Furthermore, *Acanthamoeba* cysts can survive for several years while maintaining their pathogenicity. These characteristics suggest that the primary functions of cysts may be to withstand adverse conditions and to spread amoebae throughout the environment (Mazur *et al.*, 1995). Under favourable conditions, cysts transform into trophozoites, a

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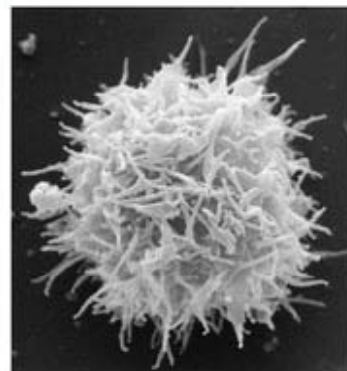
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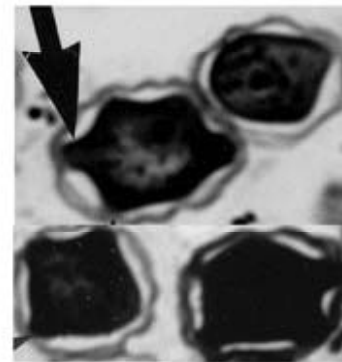


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(c)

Figure 1. Life cycle of *Acanthamoeba castellanii*. (a) Infective form of *A. castellanii*, also known as trophozoites, as observed under (a) the scanning electron microscope and (b) the phase-contrast microscope. Under unfavourable conditions, trophozoites differentiate into cysts. (c) Cyst form of *A. castellanii*, characterized by arms or rays (arrow). Bar, 5 μ m.

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