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Résumé en anglais	<p>In most bacteria, <math>\beta</math>-lactam antibiotics inhibit the last cross-linking step of peptidoglycan synthesis by acylation of the active-site Ser of d,d-transpeptidases belonging to the penicillin-binding protein (PBP) family. In mycobacteria, cross-linking is mainly ensured by l,d-transpeptidases (LDTs), which are promising targets for the development of <math>\beta</math>-lactam-based therapies for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis. For this purpose, fluorescence spectroscopy is used to investigate the efficacy of LDT inactivation by <math>\beta</math>-lactams but the basis for fluorescence quenching during enzyme acylation remains unknown. In contrast to what has been reported for PBPs, we show here using a model l,d-transpeptidase (Ldt) that fluorescence quenching of Trp residues does not depend upon direct hydrophobic interaction between Trp residues and <math>\beta</math>-lactams. Rather, Trp fluorescence was quenched by the drug covalently bound to the active-site Cys residue of Ldt. Fluorescence quenching was not quantitatively determined by the size of the drug and was not specific of the thioester link connecting the <math>\beta</math>-lactam carbonyl to the catalytic Cys as quenching was also observed for acylation of the active-site Ser of <math>\beta</math>-lactamase BlaC from <i>M. tuberculosis</i>. Fluorescence quenching was extensive for reaction intermediates containing an amine anion and for acylenzymes containing an imine stabilized by mesomeric effect, but not for acylenzymes containing a protonated <math>\beta</math>-lactam nitrogen. Together, these results indicate that the extent of fluorescence quenching is determined by the status of the <math>\beta</math>-lactam nitrogen. Thus, fluorescence kinetics can provide information not only on the efficacy of enzyme inactivation but also on the structure of the covalent adducts responsible for enzyme inactivation.</p>

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