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32 BME,  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol; BPL; biotin protein ligase; TEV, tobacco etch virus.

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35 Abstract

36 Protein biotinylation, a rare form of post-translational modification, is found in  
37 enzymes required for lipid biosynthesis. In mycobacteria, this process is essential for  
38 the formation of their complex and distinct cell wall and has become a focal point of  
39 drug discovery approaches. The enzyme responsible for this process, biotin protein  
40 ligase, substantially varies in different species in terms of overall structural  
41 organization, regulation of function and substrate specificity. To advance the  
42 understanding of the molecular mechanism of biotinylation in *Mycobacterium*  
43 *tuberculosis* we have biochemically and structurally characterized the corresponding  
44 enzyme. We report the high-resolution crystal structures of the apo-form and reaction  
45 intermediate biotinyl-5'-AMP-bound form of *M. tuberculosis* biotin protein ligase.  
46 Binding of the reaction intermediate leads to clear disorder-to-order transitions. We  
47 show that a conserved lysine, Lys138, in the active site is essential for biotinylation.

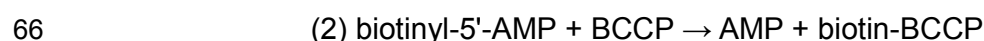
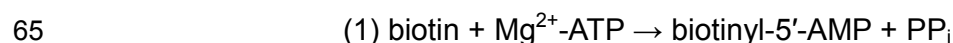
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51 Statement for broader audience:

52 We have determined the molecular structure of a biotin ligase enzyme from the  
53 bacterium that causes tuberculosis. The enzyme is responsible for an essential  
54 modification of several other proteins that are important for the proper functioning of  
55 the bacterium's metabolism.

## 59 Introduction

60 Biotin-dependent carboxylases are enzymes that have multiple important metabolic  
61 functions (1, 2). These enzymes share a requirement for biotin, which is covalently  
62 bound to a biotin carboxyl-carrier protein (BCCP) domain common to all these  
63 carboxylases. Biotin protein ligase (BPL, EC 6.3.4.15) catalyses the ATP-dependent  
64 ligation of biotin to a BCCP domain, in two reaction steps:



67 In the first reaction biotin and ATP are condensed into the intermediate biotinyl-5'-  
68 AMP liberating pyrophosphate. The BPL then recruits BCCP and transfers the biotin  
69 from biotinyl-5'-AMP to the BCCP protein substrate. BPL and down-stream enzymes  
70 that use biotinylation as covalent modification have recently been investigated as  
71 potential drug targets demonstrating the importance of the enzyme for potential  
72 medicinal applications and to understand in mechanistic terms the biochemical  
73 processes associated with it (3).

74 Several structures of bacterial and archaeal BPLs have been determined (4-10). The  
75 *Escherichia coli* BPL, called the biotin-induced repressor A (BirA), has been  
76 extensively studied as a BPL prototype (4-7). *E. coli* BirA is a type II BPL and consists  
77 of three domains: an N-terminal DNA-binding domain with a helix-turn-helix motif, a  
78 ligase domain with a central  $\beta$ -sheet and a C-terminal SH3-like domain (6). *E. coli*  
79 BPL is a bifunctional protein. In addition to its biotin ligase function, it also functions  
80 as a biotin synthesis repressor (11). Binding of the BCCP domain and binding of  
81 biotin or any analog of the intermediate biotinyl-5'-AMP to *E. coli* BPL are mutually  
82 exclusive (12). BPL assembly with BCCP induces BPL dimerization, which in turn  
83 leads to binding and subsequent repression of the biotin biosynthesis operon (11,

84 12).

85 In contrast, BPLs in thermophilic archaea and mycobacteria are type I BPLs, which  
86 lack the N-terminal DNA-binding domain and hence are incapable of regulation at the  
87 expression level. The type I BPL catalytic ligase domain and the C-terminal SH3-like  
88 domain have a similar structure to those of type II BPLs. Dimerization of some type I  
89 BPLs has been reported (8,12), but it is independent of ligand binding and the  
90 dimerization interfaces are distinct from those seen in prototypical type II *E. coli* BPL  
91 (5, 8, 12). In *M. tuberculosis* BPL (Rv3279c) dimerization under specific  
92 crystallization conditions has been observed (13). However, gel filtration and dynamic  
93 light scattering data showed that the protein is monomeric in solution (13, 14).  
94 The aim of this study was to add new structural and functional findings on *M.*  
95 *tuberculosis* BPL where data have been missing and to integrate them into a  
96 complete and useful picture of this enzyme. We report the first structure of the biotin-  
97 5'-AMP-bound form of *M. tuberculosis* BPL at 1.7 Å resolution and compare it to the  
98 apo-conformation of the enzyme, which we determined at 1.8 Å resolution. Analysis  
99 of these structures revealed substantial conformational changes that took place upon  
100 biotin-5'-AMP binding. We validated the active site of *M. tuberculosis* BPL by  
101 mutating Lys138 into a serine, which completely abolishes BPL activity.

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## 103 Results

104 ***M. tuberculosis* BPL is monomeric irrespective of ligand binding** – We used  
105 analytical gel filtration to determine the BPL association state in solution (Fig. 1). The  
106 molecular weight of the full-length BPL based on its amino acid sequence is  
107 approximately 28 kDa. The retention volume of BPL (12.45 ml) from the calibrated  
108 gel filtration column gives a molecular weight of 26.7 kDa (Fig. 1A), unambiguously

109 indicating that the enzyme is monomeric in solution. The elution profile of BPL did not  
110 change when the protein is incubated with biotin and ATP implying that it remains  
111 monomeric in the presence of these ligands (Fig. 1B). This is in agreement with  
112 published data that demonstrate that *M. tuberculosis* BPL is monomeric in solution  
113 regardless of which substrate is present (14).

114 ***M. tuberculosis* BPL structure in the absence and presence of the step 1**

115 **reaction product biotinyl-5'-AMP** – We have determined the crystal structures of  
116 the apo- and biotinyl-5'-AMP-complexed forms of *M. tuberculosis* BPL at 1.8 Å and  
117 1.7 Å resolution, respectively (Fig. 2A, B). The overall structure of the apo- and  
118 ligand-bound BPLs is similar with a root mean square deviation in C $\alpha$  atomic  
119 positions of 0.47 Å (Fig. 2C). The overall fold of *M. tuberculosis* BPL is in agreement  
120 with a 2.8 Å resolution structure of the apo-form of the enzyme (13). The protein  
121 contains two domains in a dumbbell shaped arrangement. At the N-terminal part  
122 there is a catalytic domain (residues 1-217), with a BPL-LplA-LipB fold (Pfam family:  
123 PF03099). Its central part is a  $\beta$ -sheet consisting of seven strands ( $\beta 1 \uparrow \beta 2 \uparrow \beta 3 \downarrow \beta 7 \uparrow$   
124  $\beta 6 \downarrow \beta 5 \uparrow \beta 4 \downarrow$ ). Five helices flank the  $\beta$ -sheet:  $\alpha 2$  is on one side;  $\alpha 1$ ,  $\alpha 3$ ,  $\alpha 4$  and  $\alpha 5$  are  
125 on the other side. The C-terminal SH3-like domain (residues 218-265) is composed  
126 of five anti-parallel  $\beta$ -strands ( $\beta 12 \uparrow \beta 8 \downarrow \beta 9 \uparrow \beta 10 \downarrow \beta 11 \uparrow$ ) that form a small  $\beta$ -barrel.  
127 In the crystal of the ligand-bound BPL there is well interpretable electron density for  
128 biotinyl-5'-AMP, implying that ATP and biotin react to form this product of the first BPL  
129 reaction step (Fig. 2D), as previously reported for BPL from *Pyrococcus horikoshii*  
130 (9). Three regions that lack electron density in the crystal of apo-BPL, including  
131 residues 1-7, 63-77 and 162-171, are evident in biotinyl-5'-AMP-bound BPL (Fig. 2B).  
132 The latter two of these segments are near the BPL active site, and their folding is

likely to be induced by biotinyl-5'-AMP binding, as observed in the equivalent enzymes from *E. coli* and *P. horikoshii* (5, 9). This data is also in agreement with the report of an inhibitor-bound *M. tuberculosis* BPL structure in which the same disorder-to-order transition was observed (3). A short helix and loop is formed by residues 162-172, which together with the two additional strands formed by residue segment 63-77, as well as strands  $\beta 6$  and  $\beta 7$  of the central  $\beta$ -sheet, compose the ligand binding pocket. The interactions between biotinyl-5'-AMP and *M. tuberculosis* BPL are similar to those reported for other ligand-bound BPL structures (Fig. 2E, F) (3, 5, 8), demonstrating that biotinyl-5'-AMP binding and hence the overall active site architecture is conserved across type I and type II BPLs. The invariant active site Lys138 tightly interacts with the oxygen atoms of both biotinyl and AMP moieties of biotinyl-5'-AMP (Fig. 2E).

In addition, residues 1-7 form a helix at the N-terminus in the reaction intermediate-bound BPL. As this area is remote from the active site, its folding may be induced by crystal contacts specific to the monoclinic biotinyl-5'-AMP-bound BPL crystal form (*cf.* Table I).

**Lys138 is essential for *M. tuberculosis* BPL activity** – We have used a coupled enzyme assay to measure the catalytic activity towards ATP of BPL (Fig. 3A). Wild type BPL is active and its kinetic parameters for ATP consumption are  $K_M = 0.20 \pm 0.04$  mM and the  $k_{cat} = 0.017$  s<sup>-1</sup> ( $k_{cat}/K_M = 0.085$  s<sup>-1</sup>mM<sup>-1</sup>) (Fig. 3A). The kinetic parameters determined here differ slightly from those reported by Purushothaman *et al.* (14), likely due to the higher concentrations of substrate they assayed in the linear velocity range. A mobility shift assay was employed to measure BCCP biotinylation (Fig. 3C). We subsequently used these assays to test the role of the Lys138 of *M. tuberculosis* BPL. The lysine to serine substitution completely abolishes the ligase



activity (Fig. 3B) and renders BPL unable to biotinylate its protein substrate BCCP (Fig. 3C) confirming the essential role of this conserved active site lysine in BPL catalysis.

## Discussion

In this contribution, we have been able to determine and characterize the BPL structure from *M. tuberculosis* in the presence of the reaction intermediate biotinyl-5'-AMP. This allowed comparison with related structures, in particular with a recent structure of BPL in which the active site is bound by the inhibitor Bio-AMS (3). The structures of both these ligand-bound BPLs are nearly identical, their root mean square deviation of C $\alpha$  atomic positions being 0.38 Å (Figure 4). The structure of the binding pocket in biotinyl-5'-AMP-bound BPL is also similar to that of *M. tuberculosis* BPL bound by Bio-AMS (compare Fig. 4A and Fig. 4B; 3). Binding of the inhibitor leads to the same type of disorder-to-order transitions that are evident in the structure of BPL bound by the reaction intermediate (3). The two ligands adopt a similar conformation in the active site (Fig. 4D) and the same constellation of hydrogen bonds is formed between their respective ligands and the protein backbone (Fig. 2E; 3). In particular, the active site residue Lys138 is hydrogen bonded to the two ligands in the same manner.

Interestingly, the structure of a *M. tuberculosis* apo-BPL from a dehydrated crystal (3L1A) (13) reveals that the residue segments 63-77 and 162-171 are ordered, as observed for *M. tuberculosis* BPL in the presence of the reaction intermediate (Fig. 4C). These however adopted a different conformation to both the reaction intermediate and inhibitor-bound forms (Fig. 4D). These differences, although likely biased by enhanced crystal contacts due to crystal dehydration, may indicate that the

183 biotinyl-5'-AMP disorder-to-order transition is more transient than suggested by a  
184 sole binary comparison of the apo- and the biotinyl-5'-AMP-bound forms.

185 Most residues interacting with the biotinyl moiety have the same conformation in the  
186 apo- and the ligand-bound form, whereas the AMP binding residues largely reside in  
187 those regions that are disordered in the apo-structure. A reasonable scenario for  
188 substrate binding based on our structural data is therefore the following: biotin binds  
189 and induces the disorder-to-order transition of residues 63-77, which subsequently  
190 supplies important binding sites such as W74, R69 and A75 for binding ATP (Fig. 2E,  
191 F); ATP binds and induces the folding of the residues 162-171 (Fig. 2B). Should ATP  
192 bind first, its interaction with residues like W74 and R69 may occlude the biotin-  
193 binding pocket of the active site. In the ATP-bound structure of *P. horikoshii* BPL  
194 (1X01), the ligand pocket is indeed closed by ATP and prevents further binding of  
195 biotin (9).

196 The residue Lys138 has been recognized as a key functional residue in BPLs and  
197 other proteins with BPL-LplA-LipB domains (6, 15-17). Lys138 is postulated to  
198 orientate the substrates biotin and ATP and stabilize the transition state of the  
199 intermediate (8). The *P. horikoshii* BPL mutant K<sup>111</sup>A, analogous to the K<sup>138</sup>S mutant  
200 of *M. tuberculosis* BPL, binds biotin and ATP, but cannot form biotinyl-5'-AMP (9). In  
201 that structure the phosphate of ATP is not in the optimal position to react with the  
202 biotin carboxyl group. In our ligand-bound BPL structure, Lys138 forms critical  
203 hydrogen bonds to the phosphate group of the AMP moiety and the carboxyl group of  
204 the biotin moiety (Fig. 2E). The important role of Lys138 in BPL catalysis is strongly  
205 supported by all available structural data and is corroborated by our biochemical  
206 evidence demonstrating that substitution of this lysine in *M. tuberculosis* BPL  
207 abolishes its activity *in vitro*.

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209 **Materials and Methods**

210 ***Cloning, protein expression and purification.*** The open reading frame of the *M.*  
211 *tuberculosis bpl/birA* gene (Rv3279c) was amplified by PCR from genomic DNA  
212 using KOD polymerase with the sense primer 5'-  
213 AAAACCATGGCCGACCGCGATCGGCTCAG-3' and antisense primer 5'-  
214 ATTAGAATTCGCGCGAGTTAACGCAAATGCACCAC-3'. The PCR product was  
215 ligated to the *NcoI* and *EcoRI* sites of the expression vector pETM11, which  
216 contained an N-terminal poly-histidine tag, which was cleaved from the recombinant  
217 fusion protein with tobacco etch virus (TEV) protease. The construct was transformed  
218 into *E. coli* Rossetta (DE3)plysS cells for protein expression. Transformed bacteria  
219 from a single clone were cultured in Luria-Broth medium containing 50 µg/ml  
220 kanamycin at 37°C until the culture reached an optical density of 0.6 at 600 nm.  
221 Protein expression was then induced with isopropylthiogalactopyranoside at a final  
222 concentration of 0.1 mM and the culture incubated overnight at 20°C. The bacteria  
223 were harvested by centrifugation at 3000 x g and 4°C. The culture pellets were  
224 resuspended in 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM imidazole, 0.02 %  
225 (v/v) β-mercaptoethanol (BME), with mini-EDTA-free protease inhibitor (Roche) at  
226 concentrations recommended by the manufacturer. Cells were lysed by sonication  
227 using a Bandelin Sonoplus HD3200 sonicator set to pulse with an on-off cycle of 0.3  
228 sec - 0.7 sec and an amplitude of 45 % for a total of 3 min. The sample was cooled  
229 on ice throughout. The lysate was centrifuged at 38700 x g for 1 hour at 4°C. The  
230 supernatant was loaded onto a nickel-nitrilotriacetic acid (Ni-NTA) resin that had a  
231 bead volume of 2 ml (Qiagen). The resin was washed with 20 column volumes of 20  
232 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM imidazole, 0.02 % (v/v) BME. Bound

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233 proteins were eluted with 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 200 mM NaCl, 300 mM  
234 imidazole, 0.02 % (v/v) BME. The eluted protein was cleaved with 0.5  $\mu$ M TEV  
235 protease overnight at 4°C, while dialyzing against 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 50 mM  
236 NaCl, 2 mM dithiothreitol (DTT), 1 mM EDTA. Contaminants in the dialyzed protein  
237 solution were removed by reloading the sample onto the Ni-NTA column, which  
238 bound the cleaved tag and the protease. The recombinant BPL was collected in the  
239 flow-through. The protein was further purified by gel filtration using a Superdex 75  
240 column (GE Healthcare) equilibrated with 10 mM HEPES (pH 7.5), 50 mM NaCl, 1  
241 mM DTT. The column was calibrated using the low molecular weight calibration kit  
242 from Amersham. In order to assess if the presence of substrate changed the  
243 oligomeric state of BPL we added 40  $\mu$ M biotin and 3 mM ATP to the purified apo-  
244 BPL and incubated these for 30 min before re-loading the sample onto a Superdex  
245 75 column (GE Healthcare). The BPL mutant, K<sup>138</sup>S, was produced in the same  
246 manner as apo-BPL. The point mutation was introduced into the BPL coding  
247 sequence using the Stratagene site-directed mutagenesis kit using standard  
248 protocols recommended by the manufacturer.

249 ***X-ray structure determination.*** All crystals used in this study were grown by the  
250 hanging drop vapor diffusion method at 20°C. Apo-BPL crystals grew in drops  
251 composed of 0.1 M Tris-HCl (pH 8.5), 0.2 mM trimethylamine N-oxide, 20 % (w/v)  
252 PEG-2000 monomethyl ether. The crystallization drop was prepared by mixing 1  $\mu$ l of  
253 this solution with 1  $\mu$ l of 15 mg/ml apo-BPL in 10 mM HEPES (pH 7.5), 50 mM NaCl,  
254 1 mM DTT. Crystals of the biotinyl-5'-AMP-BPL complex were grown from equal  
255 volumes of 10 mM biotin, 10 mM ATP and 21 mg/ml BPL incubated at 37°C for 30  
256 min prior to setting up the crystallization drop. The drop was prepared by mixing 6  $\mu$ l

257 of this sample with 1  $\mu$ l well solution composed of 0.1 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.8), 0.2 M  
258  $\text{Li}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 25 % (w/v) PEG-4000. The crystals were mounted in loops directly from the  
259 drop, without cryo-protectant, and flash frozen in liquid nitrogen. X-ray diffraction  
260 datasets were collected at 100K, using the synchrotron radiation beam line BW7A of  
261 the DORIS storage ring at EMBL/DESY, Hamburg, Germany. The data were  
262 processed with Denzo & Scalepack (18).

263 The apo-BPL structure was solved by molecular replacement using CaspR (19) and  
264 the *E. coli* BirA structure 1HXD as the search model. Atomic positions and individual  
265 isotropic B-factors were refined using the default geometric restraints of the program  
266 Refmac5 (20). TLS tensors were used to model the anisotropic effect. Five percent of  
267 the unique reflections were excluded from refinement and served as data for cross-  
268 validation to monitor model fitting. Model building between refinement cycles was  
269 performed with XtalView (21). The diffraction and refinement statistics are  
270 summarized in Table I. Residues 8-64, 77-162, 171-265 of chain A, and residues 8-  
271 65, 77-163, 169-265 of chain B could be modeled on electron density.

272 The structure of the biotinyl-5'-AMP-BPL complex was solved by molecular  
273 replacement using the refined apo-structure as search model, using the same  
274 refinement and modeling procedure as for the apo-structure. Geometric restraints of  
275 biotinyl-5'-AMP used during refinement and model building were generated using  
276 PRODRG (22). All graphic representations of models were created using PyMol (23).

277 **Electrophoretic mobility shift assay.** After the first affinity chromatography step  
278 BPL was further purified by gel filtration using as buffer 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 0.1  
279 mM DTT, 5 % (v/v) glycerol, 200 mM KCl. A transformed *E. coli* strain containing a  
280 BCCP domain expression plasmid was grown in Luria-Broth media and purified as  
281 described (24). The recombinant BCCP domain contains the 87 C-terminal residues

282 of *E. coli* BCCP (26) and has a molecular weight of 9.3 kDa. The recombinant BCCP  
283 domain was concentrated by vacuum drying to 60  $\mu$ M. The biotinylation reaction was  
284 performed as described in (24). The biotinylation reaction mixture contained 40 mM  
285 Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 3 mM ATP, 5.5 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , 1 mM DTT, 100 mM KCl, 60  $\mu$ M BCCP,  
286 40  $\mu$ M biotin and 2  $\mu$ M or 8  $\mu$ M of wild type BPL or  $\text{K}^{138}\text{S}$ . The proteins were pre-  
287 incubated for 20 min at 20°C and their mobility was analyzed in an 8% Tris-borate-  
288 EDTA native polyacrylamide gel.

289 **Enzyme activity assay.** We used a coupled enzyme assay that measured the  
290 quantity of AMP released during the second step of BPL's reaction (25).  
291 Spectrophotometric data were recorded using a PowerWaveX Select  
292 spectrophotometer (Bio-Tek Instruments) and Greiner Bio-one UV-transparent, flat-  
293 bottom 96-well plates. Data was recorded using KC4 Kineticalc version 3.01 (Bio-Tek  
294 Instruments) and analyzed using GraphPad Prism 5 version 5.03 (Graphpad  
295 Software Inc.). The final concentration of reagents in one 300  $\mu$ l reaction volume was  
296 2.5 mM phosphoenolpyruvate, 0.2 mM NADH, 11.5 U myokinase, 9.9 U pyruvate  
297 kinase, 12.3 U lactate dehydrogenase, 100  $\mu$ M biotin, 100  $\mu$ M BCCP, 80 mM Tris-HCl  
298 (pH 8.0), 400 mM KCl, 11 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , 0.2 mM DTT, and 0.2 mg/ml bovine serum  
299 albumin. The concentration of ATP was varied between 0.1-4 mM. The concentration  
300 of protein used in each reaction was 10 nM BPL or  $\text{K}^{138}\text{S}$ . The reaction was initiated  
301 upon addition of biotin and the consumption of NADH monitored at 340 nm at 30°C  
302 for 1 hour.

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#### 304 **Electronic supplementary material**

305 **Figure S1.** Structure-annotated multiple sequence alignment of BPLs form different

species. The secondary structure elements are labeled according to the apo-structure of *M. tuberculosis* BPL (2CGH). Additional secondary structures that are the result of disorder-to-order transitions upon biotinyl-5'-AMP binding in *M. tuberculosis* BPL are framed by red boxes. Residues involved in ligand binding are labeled with a dot. Residues that form hydrogen bonds between the ligand and their side chains are indicated with a green dot, those that form hydrogen bonds between the ligand and their backbone atoms are in orange and W74 that forms stacking interactions with the adenylate-moiety of the ligand is in blue.

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429 **Table I: X-ray structure determination and refinement statistics.**

430	Crystals	apo-BPL	biotinyl-5'-AMP-BPL
431	Wavelength (Å)	0.9364	0.9762
432	Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub>
433	Cell dimensions (Å) and	a = 62.1, b = 81.0,	a = 41.7, b = 75.4,
434	angles (°)	c = 101.9	c = 77.6, β = 97.9
435	Resolution range <sup>a</sup>	39.4-1.80 (1.90-1.80)	31.4-1.70 (1.80-1.70)
436	Total unique reflections	48344	51119
437	Completeness (%) <sup>a</sup>	99.8 (99.9)	97.4 (95.9)
438	Mean I/σ(I) <sup>a</sup>	36.3 (3.9)	15.6 (3.2)
439	Multiplicity <sup>a</sup>	16.0 (8.5)	12.0 (7.1)
440	R <sub>int</sub> (%) <sup>a</sup>	4.4 (55.9)	9.8 (52.6)
441	R <sub>sigma</sub> <sup>b</sup> (%) <sup>a</sup>	1.7 (26.2)	4.1 (31.1)
442	Refinement statistics		
443	Reflections	45951	48546
444	R <sub>work</sub> /R <sub>free</sub> (%) <sup>a</sup>	18.5 (22.4)	19.5 (24.4)
445	Number of atoms		
446	protein	3868	4197
447	ligand	-	76
448	solvent	342	340
449	Relative mean square deviation from standard values		
450	Bond length (Å)	0.018	0.016
451	Bond angle (°)	1.78	1.82
452	Ramachandran plot		
453	most favored regions	92.2	91.2

454 additional allowed regions 7.8 8.4

455 generously allowed regions 0.5

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457 a, Values in parenthesis are for the highest resolution shell.

458 b,  $R_{\text{sigma}} = \Sigma[\text{sigma} (|F_o|^2)]/\Sigma[|F_o|^2]$ .  $|F_o|^2$  are intensities of the merged reflections,

459 referred to in the SHELX-97 manual.

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461 **Figure Legends**

462 **Figure 1.** BPL is a monomer in solution. A, Elution profile of BPL from an analytical  
463 gel filtration column calibrated with mass standards (inset). BPL elutes in a volume of  
464 12.45 ml with an apparent molecular weight of a monomer. B, Elution profile of BPL  
465 in the presence of 40 $\mu$ M biotin and 3mM ATP. BPL elutes in a volume of 12.04 ml.  
466 There is only a minor change in the peak position implying that BPL remains  
467 monomeric in the presence of ligand.

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469 **Figure 2.** Structures of apo- and biotinyl-5'-AMP-bound BPL. A, Apo-BPL (2CGH).  
470 The catalytic domain is colored green and the C-terminal SH3-like domain is colored  
471 blue. Secondary structure elements are labeled. B, The structure of biotinyl-5'-AMP-  
472 bound BPL (4OP0). The domains are colored as in A. Sequence segments  
473 undergoing disorder-to-order transitions, when comparing the apo and biotinyl-5'-  
474 AMP-bound structures of *M. tuberculosis* BPL, are colored red and their residue  
475 range is given. Biotinyl-5'-AMP is shown as a stick model. C, The apo- and biotinyl-  
476 5'-AMP-bound BPL structures superposed. D, The electron density map of biotinyl-5'-  
477 AMP is shown in black (2mF<sub>o</sub>-DF<sub>c</sub> map contoured at the 1 $\sigma$  level). E, Schematic  
478 representation of the BPL active site generated by LIGPLOT  
479 ([www.ebi.ac.uk/thornton-srv/software/LIGPLOT](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/thornton-srv/software/LIGPLOT)). Residues are labeled according to  
480 the sequence of 4OP0. Carbon atoms are colored black, oxygen atoms red, nitrogen  
481 atoms blue, sulfur is yellow and the phosphorus atom is colored orange. F, BPL  
482 active site with the side chains of key residues shown by stick presentation.

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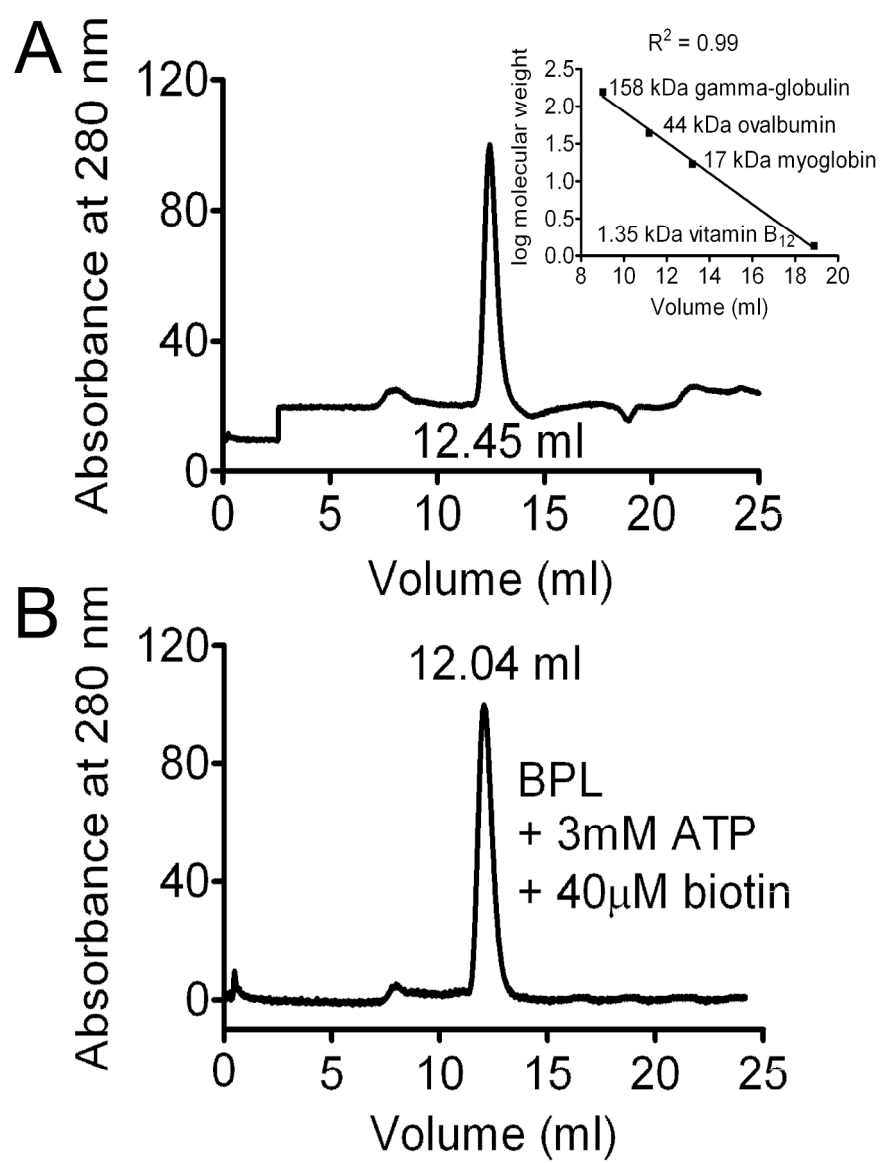
484 **Figure 3.** BPL K<sup>138</sup>S is inactive. A, Steady state kinetics of BPL for its substrate ATP.

485 BPL reaction velocities are plotted against the increasing concentration of ATP. B,  
486 Measurement of BPL activity. The decrease in OD<sub>340</sub> is a reflection of BPL activity,  
487 measured by the consumption of NADH. No decrease is evident in the mutant K<sup>138</sup>S.  
488 C, Electrophoretic mobility shift in a non-denaturing polyacrylamide gel assessing the  
489 ability of BPL to biotinylate BCCP. All reactions contained BCCP, ATP and biotin as  
490 substrates. Biotinylation of BCCP results in increased mobility toward the anode (26).  
491 Lane 1, in the absence of BPL there is no biotinylation of BCCP. Lane 2 and 3 show a  
492 shift due to biotinylation of BCCP catalyzed by wild type BPL at two concentrations, 2  
493  $\mu$ M and 8  $\mu$ M BPL, respectively. Lanes 4 and 5 contained samples of the same  
494 reactions as in lane 2 and 3, however, the wild type BPL was substituted with the  
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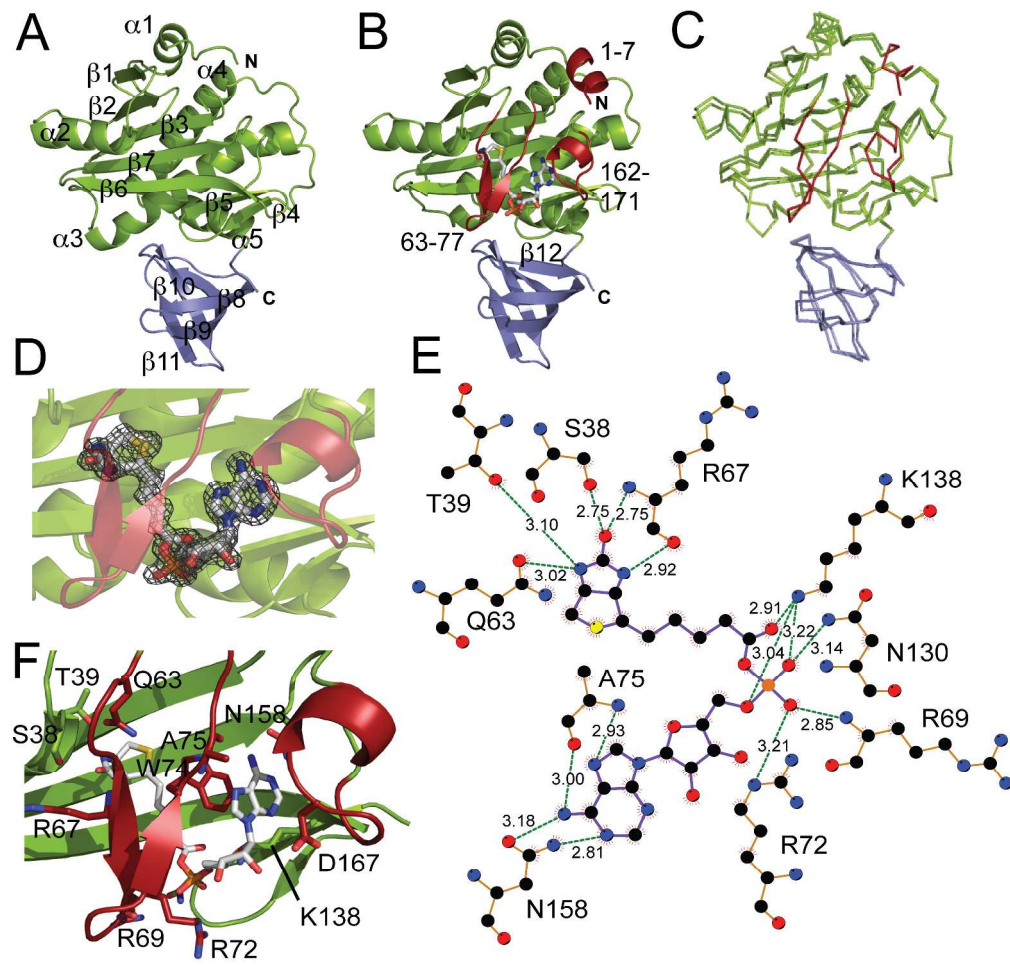
497 **Figure 4.** Comparison of *M. tuberculosis* BPL structures. A, Structure of the biotinyl-  
498 5'AMP-bound BPL (4OP0) shown as a reference structure for those depicted in B  
499 and C. These are shown separately for clarity. Colors and labels are those used in  
500 Figure 2. B, Structure of BPL bound by the inhibitor Bio-AMS (3RUX; 3). C, Structure  
501 of dehydrated BPL (3L1A; 13). Regions that undergo disorder-to-order transitions in  
502 ligand-bound BPL are colored red. D, All three BPL structures superposed. Only  
503 those regions adopting structure in the presence of ligand are depicted, as are the  
504 superposed biotinyl-5'-AMP and Bio-AMS. The root mean square deviation of C $\alpha$   
505 atomic positions between 4OP0 and 3RUX is 0.38 Å and that between 4OP0 and  
506 3L1A is 0.64 Å.

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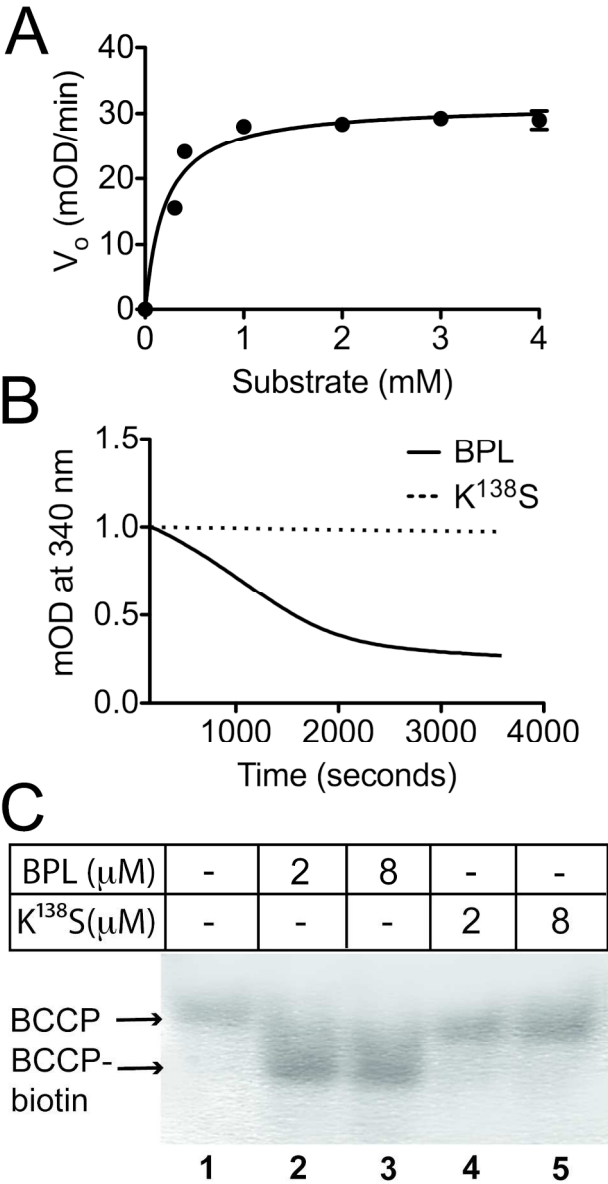


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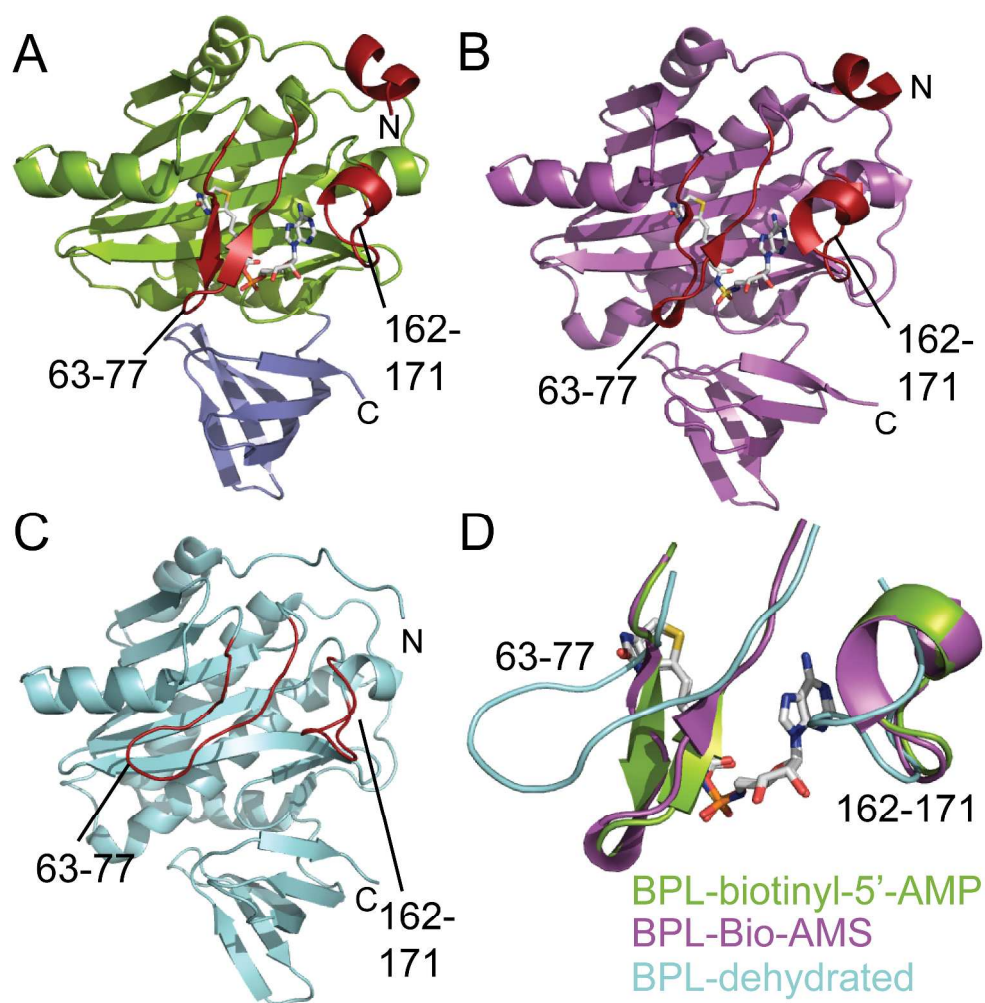




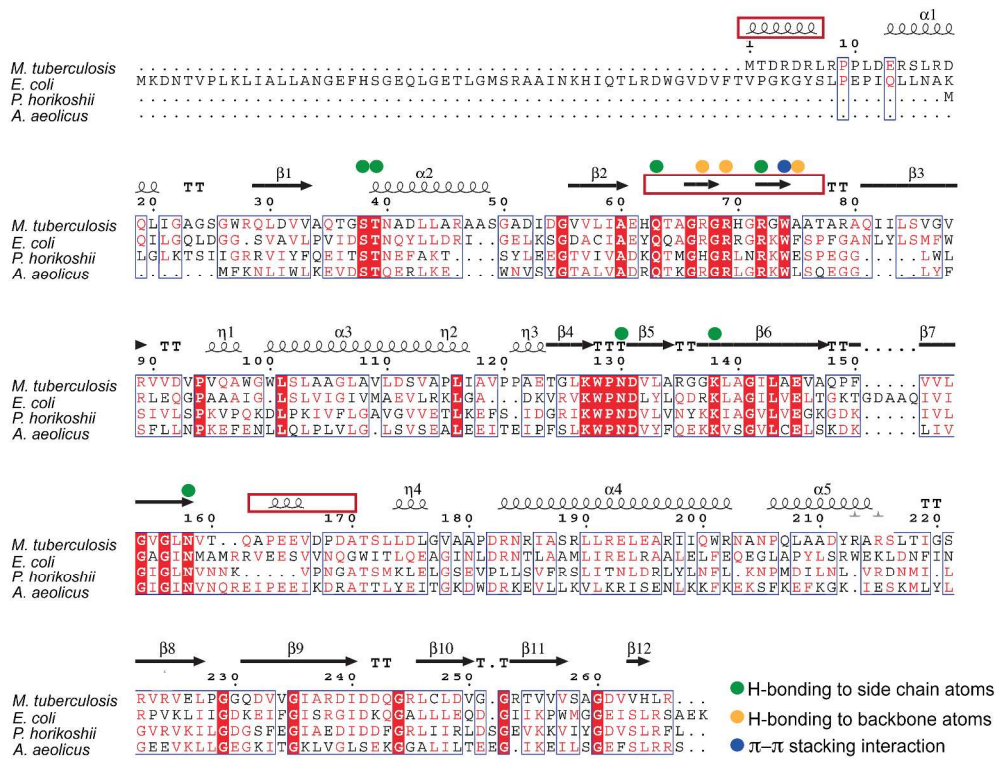
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