Supplementary Information

Peptidomimetic Vinyl-Heterocyclic Inhibitors of Cruzain Effect Anti-Trypanosomal Activity

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Part 1. Molecular Modeling

In addition to compound 9, we also utilized Schrodinger to develop both covalent and non-covalent models of compounds 7, 11-13 and 15 bound to cruzain, also based on the crystal structure of K11777 covalently bound to cruzain as described in the Experimental Section. The covalent and non-covalent models are in general similar in terms of the orientation of the peptide sidechains. The modeled structures differ, however, by virtue of the nature of how the molecular modeling was performed, leading to the distal positioning of the vinyl group in the non-covalent structures from the active-site residues Cys_{25} and His_{162} . Compounds 12 and 15 which each contain an N-methyl-pyridine, indicate that the methyl group with its attending positive charge is directed to His_{162} , suggesting that the latter is neutral.

Compound	Structure	Cdock Affinity	Predicted
		(kcal/mol)	K_{i} (μ M)
7	Cbz-Phe-Phe-vinyl-2Pyrmd	-7.11	6.11
9	NMePip-Phe-hPhe-vinyl-2Pyrmd	-7.01	7.23
11	Cbz-Phe-Phe-vinyl-2Pyr	-7.17	5.52
12	Cbz-Phe-Phe-vinyl-2PyrNMe	-8.00	1.36
13	Cbz-Phe-hPhe-vinyl-2Pyr	-7.63	2.54
15	Cbz-Phe-hPhe-vinyl-2PyrNMe	-8.32	0.79

Table S1. Predicted affinity of covalent docking for select structures



Figure S1. Molecular models of compound 7, 11-13. and 15 bound to cruzain created using Schrodinger. Left panels: binding poses in which a covalent bond is formed between the β -carbon of the vinyl group of the inhibitor. Right panels: binding poses in which no covalent bond is formed with Cys₂₅.

Part 2. Fitting of Time-Course Inhibition Data using Kintek Explorer®

In addition to data fitting as described in the Experimental Section, time courses for PVH inhibitors found in **Table 4** and elsewhere were fitted using Kintek Explorer, using both a single-step and two-step binding model (Scheme S1).

One-step:

k.K.

Two-step:

$$E + I \xrightarrow{k_3 n_1} EI^*$$

$$E + I \xrightarrow{k_1} EI \xrightarrow{k_3} EI^*$$

$$K_i = k_2/k_1 \qquad K_i^* = k_4 K_i/(k_3 + k_4)$$

Scheme S1

Fitted parameters from the one-step model: Sigma: 91.608; $k_3K_i = 0.0246 \pm 0.000045 \,\mu\text{M}^{-1}\,\text{s}^{-1}$, $k_4 = 0.00175$ $\pm 0.00005 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $k_4/k_3K_i = 0.071 \pm 0.001 \mu\text{M}$. Fitted parameters from the two-step model: Sigma: 89.323; k_1 $= 0.02 \pm 0.02 \ \mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}, k_2 = 0.07 \pm 0.099 \ \text{s}^{-1}, k_3 = 0.0058 \pm 0.001 \ \mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}, k_4 = 0.0011 \pm 0.0008 \ \text{s}^{-1}, K_i = 0.4011 \pm 0.0008 \ \text{s}^{-1}, k_4 = 0.0011 \pm 0.0008 \ \text{s}^{-1}, k_$ ± 0.02 µM, and $K_i^* = 0.06$ µM. The lower value of Sigma for the two-step indicates a slightly better fit, albeit with more poorly determined individual rate constants. Note that when $k_4 \ll k_3$, $K_i^* \sim k_4 K_i/k_3$, as is reflected in the values calculated from both models above: $k_4/k_3K_i \sim K_i^* = 0.071 \pm 0.001 \,\mu\text{M}$ and $K_i^* = 0.06$ μ M. These values of K_i^* compared favorably with the value of $K_i^* = 0.126 \pm 0.004 \mu$ M determined by global fitting as reported in **Table 2.** Application of fitting by Kintek Explorer for potent cruzain inhibitors **11-13** provided respective values for the two models of: $k_4/k_3K_1 \sim K_1^* = 0.23 \pm 0.02 \,\mu\text{M}$ and $K_1^* = 0.6 \,\mu\text{M}$. $k_4/k_3K_i \sim K_i^* = 0.474 \pm 0.002 \ \mu\text{M}$ and $K_i^* = 0.4 \ \mu\text{M}$, and $k_4/k_3K_i \sim K_i^* = 0.233 \pm 0.008 \ \mu\text{M}$ and $K_i^* = 0.233 \ \mu\text{M}$ and $K_i^* = 0.233 \ \mu\text{M}$ and $K_i^* = 0.233 \ \mu\text{M}$ and μ M, which again are comparable to their respective values of K_i^* obtained by global data fitting as reported in Table 2.



Figure S2. Time-dependent inhibition of cruzain by **15** depicting formation of product AMC vs. time for 0-2100 sec using the onestep model (top) and two-step model (bottom) at micromolar concentrations of **15** of 0 (green), 0.75 (blue), 1.5 (yellow), 3.0 (cyan), 6.0 (magenta), 10.0 (dark green), 15.0 (purple) and 20.0 (orange). Fitting of time course using Kintek Explorer with resulting rate constants obtained from fitting of the 2-step model of **Scheme S1**.

Part 3. Thiolation of Cruzain Inhibitors by Glutathione

Compound	Rate of Thiolation, $k \pmod{1}^{-1}$ min ⁻¹)	K_{eq} (M ⁻¹)
K11777	0.00028 ± 0.0004	NA
7	Negligible	NA
11	Negligible	NA
12	0.037 ± 0.002	7400
15	0.054 ± 0.004	2400
17^b	Negligible	NA
25	Negligible	NA
26	0.015 ± 0.005	930

 Table S2. Kinetic Constants of Thiolation of Cruzain Inhibitors^a

^a 1 mM glutathione was mixed with 0.5 mM K11777 and compounds in Tris (pH 8.0), 10%

DMSO (v/v) at room temperature. Aliquots were analyzed by LCMS as described; b 5mM glutathione was used for 17; NA, not applicable.

Part 4. Synthesis and Characterization of AMC-Peptide Substrates

Boc-L-homophenylalanine-AMC: tert-butyl (*S*)-(1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-4phenylbutan-2-yl)carbamate. A round bottom flask charged with Boc-L-homophenylalanine (1.5 g, 5.64 mmol) and 7-amino-4-methylcoumarin (627.2 mg, 3.58 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (50 ml) and tetrahydrafuran (15 mL) was added followed by the addition of N,N-diisopropylethylamine (915 μ L, 5.25 mmol). Propylphosphonic anhydride in a 50% wt. solution of ethyl acetate (3.2 mL, 5.37 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C resulting in a yellow color. The reaction was The reaction was allowed to react for 30 hours and was monitored by TLC (3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) or LC-MS analysis. Solvents were removed and the yellow oil was solubilized in DCM (~60 mL) and washed with water (25 mL, 4x) and brine (25 mL, 2x). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvents removed under reduced pressure to yield an off white solid. The crude amide directly used for the next reaction without purification. LC-MS Rt: 5.59 min, *m*/z 437.3 ([M+H]⁺, C₂₅H₂₈N₂O₅⁺ Calcd 437.21

 H_2N -L-homophenylalanine-AMC-TFA: (S)-1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-4phenylbutan-2-aminium-TFA. A round bottom flask charged with Boc-L-homophenylalanine-AMC (60 mg, 0.137 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (6 mL) was added followed by the dropwise addition of trifluoroacetic acid (2 mL) at 0°C. The reaction was monitored via TLC (3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) and was complete following 1.5 hours. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and co-evaporated with chloroform (15 mL, 4x) and ether (15 mL, 2x) to yield a tan solid. LC-MS analysis verified the formation of the desired amine. The product was directly used for the next reaction without purification.

(S2) *Cbz-L-phenylalanine-L-homophenylalanine-AMC: Benzyl* ((S)-1-(((S)-1-(((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H*chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)carbamate.* A round bottom flask charged with ⁺H₃N-L-homophenylalanine-TFA (60 mg, 0.138 mmol) and Cbz-phenylalanine-OH (49.5 mg, 0.166 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (4 mL) was added followed by the addition of N,N-diisopropylethylamine (120 μ L, 0.69 mmol). Propylphosphonic anhydride in a 50% wt. solution of ethyl acetate (164 μ L, 0.276 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C resulting in a yellow color. The reaction was allowed to react for 45 minutes or until no starting material remained via TLC (3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate v/v) and LC-MS analysis. Solvents were removed and the yellow oil was solubilized in DCM (~20 mL) and washed with water (10 mL, 4x) and brine (10 mL, 1x). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvents removed under reduced pressure to yield a yellow solid. The crude was purified via preparative HPLC to yield the desired amide (50.1 mg, 59% yield) as a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 1.91 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 2.56 – 2.89 (m, 3H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.30 – 4.60 (m, 2H), 4.84 – 5.11 (m, 2H), 6.28 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.39 (m, 14H), 7.45 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 8.40 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 10.46 (s, 1H). LC-MS Rt: 5.88 min, m/z 618.4 ([M+H]⁺, C₃₇H₃₅N₃O₆⁺ Calcd 618.3.

(*S3*) *Cbz-L-leucine-L-homophenylalanine-AMC: benzyl* ((*S*)-4-methyl-1-(((*S*)-1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2Hchromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)amino)-1-oxopentan-2-yl)carbamate. A round bottom flask charged with ⁺H₃N-L-homophenylalanine • TFA (64 mg, 0.142 mmol) and Cbz-Leucine-OH (49.1 mg, 0.185 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (4 mL) and tetrahydrafuran (4 mL) was added followed by the addition of N,N-diisopropylethylamine (124 μ L, 0.71 mmol). Propylphosphonic anhydride in a 50% wt. solution of ethyl acetate (164 μ L, 0.276 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C resulting in a yellow color. The reaction was allowed to react for 45 minutes and no starting material remained via TLC (3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate v/v) and LC-MS analysis. Solvents were removed and the yellow oil was solubilized in DCM (~20 mL) and washed with water (10 mL, 4x) and brine (10 mL, 1x). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvents removed under reduced pressure to yield a yellow solid. The crude amide was purified via preparative HPLC to yield (48.9 mg, 59%) as a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.50 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (d, *J* = 32.8 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.54 – 2.79 (m, 3H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 7.09 – 7.41 (m, 9H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 10.42 (s, 1H). LC-MS Rt: 5.88 min, *m*/z 584.3 ([M+H]⁺, C₃₄H₃₇N₃O₆⁺ Calcd 584.3

Boc-L-4-pyridylalanine-AMC: tert-butyl (*S*)-(1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3-(*pyridin-4-yl*)propan-2-yl)carbamate. A round bottom flask charged with Boc-L-4-pyridylalanine-OH (325 mg, 1.22 mmol) and 7-amino-4-methylcoumarin (164.5 mg, 0.939 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (6 mL) and tetrahydrafuran (14 ml) was added followed by the addition of N,N-diisopropylethylamine (600 μ L, 3.44 mmol). Propylphosphonic anhydride in a 50% wt. solution of ethyl acetate (1.125 mL, 1.89 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C resulting in a yellow color. The reaction was allowed to react for 15 hours and product formation was monitored via TLC (1% MeOH:DCM v/v) and LC-MS analysis. Solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the yellow oil was solubilized in DCM (~30 mL) and washed with water (15 mL, 4x) and brine (15 mL, 2x). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The resulting yellow solid was deemed pure enough (~94% via LC-MS, 425 mg) to proceed directly to the next step. LC-MS Rt: 2.84 min, *m*/z 424.26 ([M+H]⁺, C₂₃H₂₅N₃O₅⁺ Calcd 424.2

 NH_2 -L-4-pyridylalanine-AMC •TFA: (S)-1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3-(pyridin-4-yl)propan-2-aminium •TFA. A round bottom flask charged with Boc-L-4-pyridylalanine-AMC (150 mg, 0.353 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (10 mL) was added followed by the dropwise addition of trifluoroacetic acid (3 mL) at 0°C. The reaction was monitored

via TLC (1% MeOH:DCM v/v) and was complete following 1.5 hours. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and co-evaporated with chloroform and ether to yield a yellow solid. LCMS analysis verified the formation of the product. The product was directly used for the next reaction without purification.

(S5) Cbz-L-phenylalanine-L-4-pyridylalanine-AMC: Benzyl ((S)-1-(((S)-1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3-(pyridin-4-yl)propan-2-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)carbamate. A round bottom flask charged with ⁺H₃N-L-4-pyridylalanine • TFA (154 mg, 0.352 mmol) and Cbz-phenylalanine-OH (137.3 mg, 0.459 mmol) was purged with N_2 gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (10 mL) and tetrahydrafuran (2 ml) was added followed by the addition of N,Ndiisopropylethylamine (367.9 µL, 2.11 mmol). Propylphosphonic anhydride in a 50% wt. solution of ethyl acetate (419.1 µL, 0.704 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C resulting in a yellow color. The reaction was allowed to react for 45 minutes or until no starting material remained via TLC (1% MeOH:DCM v/v) and LC-MS analysis. Solvents were removed and the yellow oil was solubilized in DCM (~30 mL) and washed with water (15 mL, 4x) and brine (15 mL, 1x). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvents removed under reduced pressure to yield a yellow solid. 100 mg of the crude was purified via preparative HPLC to yield (32.94 mg, 39%) as a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 2.33 – 2.45 (m, 3H), 2.72 (dd, J = 13.9, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.85 - 3.09 (m, 2H), 3.14 (dd, J = 13.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 - 4.37 (m, 1H), 4.14.68 – 4.89 (m, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 6.29 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (ttd, J = 22.3, 14.7, 13.7, 6.4 Hz, 12H), 7.39 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.25 - 8.56 (m, 3H), 10.52 (s, 1H). LC-MS Rt: 3.57 min, m/z605.3 ([M+H]⁺, C₃₅H₃₂N₄O₆⁺ Calcd 605.23.

N-methyl-piperazine-L-phenylalanine-OH: (4-methylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-L-phenylalanine. A round bottom flask charged with methyl (4-methylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-L-phenylalanine (500 mg, 1.64 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous methanol (8.5 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (8.5 mL) was added followed by the addition of 0.5 M LiOH in H₂0 (17 mL, 8.5 mmol). The reaction was monitored by TLC (5% MeOH:DCM v/v) and after 3.5 hours the reaction was stopped and solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The reaction mixture was dissolved in acidified water (0.5 M HCl, 10 mL) to neutralize the unreacted LiOH and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude compound was then transferred to the next reaction step without purification.

(S7) N-methyl-piperazine-L-phenylalanine-L-homophenyl-alanine-AMC: 4-methyl-N-((S)-1-(((S)-1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-

yl)piperazine-1-carboxamide. A round bottom flask charged with ^+H_3N -L-homophenylalanine • TFA (105 mg, 0.313 mmol) and N-methyl-piperazine-phenylalanine-OH (160 mg, 0.55 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (10 mL) was added followed by the addition of

N,N-diisopropylethylamine (274 μ L, 1.57 mmol). Propylphosphonic anhydride in a 50% wt. solution of ethyl acetate (377 μ L, 0.626 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C resulting in a yellow color. The reaction was allowed to react for 45 minutes and no starting material remained via TLC (1:1 ethyl acetate: hexanes v/v) and LC-MS analysis. Solvents were removed and the yellow oil was solubilized in DCM (~20 mL) and washed with water (10 mL, 4x) and brine (10 mL, 1x). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvents removed under reduced pressure to yield a yellow solid. The crude amide was purified via preparative HPLC to yield (21.1 mg, 11%) of a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.94 – 2.16 (m, 6H), 2.31 (s, 4H), 2.32 – 2.41 (m, 5H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 4H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.85 – 3.04 (m, 2H), 3.25 (ddd, *J* = 12.7, 10.6, 4.9 Hz, 3H), 3.41 (ddt, *J* = 12.5, 5.6, 2.9 Hz, 3H), 4.36 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (td, *J* = 8.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.40 (m, 10H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 9.16 (s, 1H). LC-MS Rt: 3.29 min, *m*/z 610.1 ([M+H]⁺, C₃₅H₃₉N₅O₅⁺ Calcd 610.3.

Boc-L-4-pyridylalanine-L-homophenylalanine-AMC: tert-butyl ((*S*)-1-(((*S*)-1-(((*4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino*)-1-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3-(pyridin-4-yl)propan-2-yl)carbamate. A round bottom flask charged with ⁺H₃N-L-homophenylalanine • TFA (146 mg, 0.325 mmol) and Boc-L-4-pyridylalanine-OH (104 mg, 0.39 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (10 mL) was added followed by the addition of N,N-diisopropylethylamine (283 μ L, 1.63 mmol). Propylphosphonic anhydride in a 50% wt. solution of ethyl acetate (387 μ L, 0.65 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C resulting in a yellow color. The reaction was allowed to react for 45 minutes and no starting material remained via TLC (1:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate v/v) and LC-MS analysis. Solvents were removed and the yellow oil was solubilized in DCM (~20 mL) and washed with water (10 mL, 4x) and brine (10 mL, 1x). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvents removed under reduced pressure to yield a yellow solid. The crude amide was moved directly to the next step with no purification. LC-MS Rt: 3.57 min, *m*/z 581.7 ([M+H]⁻, C₃₃H₃₆N₄O₆⁻ Calcd 581.3.

 NH_2 -L-4-pyridylalanine-L-homophenylalanine-AMC •TFA: S)-1-(((S)-1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7yl)amino)-1-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3-(pyridin-4-yl)propan-2-aminium TFA. A round bottom flask charged with Boc-L-4-pyridylalanine-L-homophenylalanine-AMC (172 mg, 0.294 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (10 mL) was added followed by the dropwise addition of trifluoroacetic acid (5 mL) at 0°C. The reaction was monitored via TLC (1:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) and was complete following 1.5 hours. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and co-evaporated with chloroform (15 mL, 4x) and ether (15 mL, 2x) to yield a tan solid. LC-MS analysis verified the formation of the desired amine. The product was directly used for the next reaction without purification. (S8) Cbz-L-4-pyridylalanine-L-homophenylalanine-AMC: Benzyl ((S)-1-(((S)-1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2Hchromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3-(pyridin-4-yl)propan-2-yl)carbamate. A round bottom flask charged with NH₂- L-4-pyridylalanine-L-homophenylalanine-AMC-TFA (227 mg, 0.379 mmol; excess weight is due to residual TFA salts) was purged with N_2 gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous ethanol (4 mL) was added followed by the addition of a solution of sodium bicarbonate (127 mg, 1.52 mmol) in water (4 mL). Subsequently, a solution of benzyl chloroformate (107 uL, 0.76 mmol) in 1,4 dioxanes (4 mL) was added dropwise and the reaction was allowed to react overnight. Solvents were removed under reduced pressue and the reaction mixture was solubilized in dichloromethane (30 mL) and washed with H₂O (10 mL, 3x), brine (10 mL, 2x). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvents removed under reduced pressure to yield an orange oil. The crude amide was purified via preparative HPLC to yield (45.9 mg, 20%) as a white powder. 1H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 1.88 – 2.27 (m, 2H), 2.44 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H), 2.68 (ddddd, J = 20.0, 15.3, 12.7, 7.8, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (dd, J = 14.1, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, J = 13.9, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, J = 9.1, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, J = 9.1, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 3.5 2H), 6.21 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 7.37 (m, 12H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H).LC-MS Rt: 3.79 min, m/z 617.5 ([M+H]⁻, C₃₆H₃₄N₄O₆⁻ Calcd 617.3.

Boc-L-phenylalanine-AMC: tert-butyl (*S*)-(1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3phenylpropan-2-yl)carbamate. A round bottom flask charged with Boc-L-phenylalanine (380 mg, 1.43 mmol) and 7-amino-4-methylcoumarin (193 mg, 1.1 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous tetrahydrafuran (30 mL) was added followed by the addition of N,N-diisopropylethylamine (958 μ L, 5.5 mmol). Propylphosphonic anhydride in a 50% wt. solution of ethyl acetate (1.31 mL, 2.2 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C resulting in a yellow color. The reaction was allowed to react for 15 hours was monitored by TLC (3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) or LC-MS analysis. Solvents were removed and the yellow oil was solubilized in DCM (~80 mL) and washed with water (30 mL, 4x) and brine (30 mL, 2x). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvents removed under reduced pressure to yield a yellow solid. The crude amide was purified via preparative HPLC (363 mg, 78%) LC-MS Rt: 5.31 min, *m*/z 423.3 ([M+H]⁺, C₂₄H₂₆N₂O₅⁺ Calcd 423.2.

 H_2N -L-phenylalanine-AMC •TFA: (S)-1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3phenylpropan-2-aminium •TFA. A round bottom flask charged with Boc-L-phenylalanine-AMC (40 mg, 0.095 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (3 mL) was added followed by the dropwise addition of trifluoroacetic acid (1 mL) at 0°C. The reaction was monitored via TLC and was complete following 1.5 hours. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and co-evaporated with chloroform (15 mL, 4x) and ether (15 mL, 2x) to yield a tan solid. LCMS analysis verified the formation of the desired amine. The product was directly used for the next reaction without purification.

(S9) *Cbz-L-phenylalanine-L-phenylalanine-AMC: benzyl* ((*S*)-*1-(((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)carbamate.* A round bottom flask charged with ⁺H₃N-L-phenylalanine •TFA (40 mg, 0.092 mmol) and Cbz-phenylalanine-OH (33 mg, 0.11 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (5 mL) and was added followed by the addition of N,N-diisopropylethylamine (80 µL, 0.46 mmol). Propylphosphonic anhydride in a 50% wt. solution of ethyl acetate (110 µL, 0.18 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C resulting in a yellow color. The reaction was allowed to react for 45 minutes and no starting material remained via TLC (3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate v/v) and LC-MS analysis. Solvents were removed and the yellow oil was solubilized in dichloromethane (~20 mL) and washed with water (10 mL, 4x) and brine (10 mL, 1x). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvents removed under reduced pressure to yield a yellow solid. The crude amide was purified via preparative HPLC to yield (34.2 mg, 62%) as a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.72 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.87 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (td, *J* = 9.6, 9.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 7.06 – 7.39 (m, 15H), 7.39 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 10.47 (s, 1H). LC-MS Rt: 5.68 min, *m/z* 603.4 ([M+H]⁺, C₃₆H₃₃N₃O₆+ Calcd 604.2.

Cbz-L-arginine(Mtr)-L-homophenylalanine-AMC: Benzyl ((S)-5-(3-((4-methoxy-2,6-dimethylphenyl)sulfonyl) guanidino)-1-(((S)-1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)amino)-1-oxopentan-2-yl)carbamate. A round bottom flask charged with ⁺H₃N-L-homophenylalanine • TFA (120 mg, 0.266 mmol) and Cbz-Arginine (Mtr)-OH (180 mg, 0.346 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (10 mL) and was added followed by the addition of N,N-diisopropylethylamine (232 µL, 1.33 mmol). Propylphosphonic anhydride in a 50% wt. solution of ethyl acetate (317 µL, 0.532 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C resulting in a yellow color. The reaction was allowed to react for 3 hours and no starting material remained via TLC (3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate v/v) and LC-MS analysis. Solvents were removed and the yellow oil was solubilized in DCM (~40 mL) and washed with water (10 mL, 4x) and brine (10 mL, 1x). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvents removed under reduced pressure to yield a yellow solid that was moved directly to the next step. LC-MS Rt: 5.73 min, m/z 837.9 ([M+H]⁻, C₄₃H₄₈N₆O₉S⁻ Calcd 837.3.

(S10) Cbz-L-arginine-L-homophenylalanine-AMC: benzyl ((S)-5-guanidino-1-(((S)-1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)amino)-1-oxopentan-2-yl)carbamate. A round bottom flask charged with Cbz-Arginine (Mtr)-L-homophenylalanine-AMC (130 mg, 0.158 mmol) and phenol (450 mg, 4.8 mmol, 5% wt/v) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Trifluoroacetic acid (6

mL) and was added followed by allowing the reaction to proceed for 12 hours. The solvent was removed under a flow of N₂ gas and the crude product was subsequently purified by preparative HPLC to yield (34 mg, 34% yield) as a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 1.58 – 2.00 (m, 4H), 2.00 – 2.33 (m, 2H), 2.34 – 2.53 (m, 3H), 2.52 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 3.20 (q, *J* = 6.3, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 6.23 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 7.41 (m, 10H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dt, *J* = 18.0, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H). LC-MS Rt: 3.62 min, *m*/z 625.5 ([M+H]⁻, C₃₄H₃₈N₆O₆⁻ Calcd 625.3.

(*S11*) *NMe-Pip-Phe-Phe-AMC:* 4-methyl-*N*-((*S*)-1-(((*S*)-1-(((*4*-methyl-2-oxo-2*H*-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)amino)-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)piperazine-1-carboxamide. A round bottom flask charged with ⁺H₃N-L-phenylalanine **•**TFA (100 mg, 0.29 mmol) and N-methyl-piperazinephenylalanine-OH (160 mg, 0.55 mmol) was purged with N₂ gas yielding positive pressure. Anhydrous dichloromethane (15 mL) and was added followed by the addition of N,N-diisopropylethylamine (253 µL, 1.45 mmol). Propylphosphonic anhydride in a 50% wt. solution of ethyl acetate (345 µL, 0.58 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C resulting in a yellow color. The reaction was allowed to react for 45 minutes and no starting material remained via TLC (1:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate v/v) and LC-MS analysis. Solvents were removed and the yellow oil was solubilized in dichloromethane (~40 mL) and washed with water (10 mL, 4x) and brine (10 mL, 1x). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvents removed under reduced pressure to yield a yellow solid. The crude amide was purified via preparative HPLC to yield (24.6 mg, 14%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.38 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.55 – 2.78 (m, 4H), 2.81 – 3.04 (m, 1H), 3.02 – 3.28 (m, 3H), 3.32 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 4.47 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 – 7.40 (m, 15H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 9.45 (s, 1H). LC-MS Rt; 3.15 min, *m*/z 596.2 ([M+H]⁺, C₃₄H₃₇N₅O₅⁺ Calcd 596.3.

Part 5. Structures of PVH Inhibitors 1-27



























Figure S3. Structures of Inhibitors from Table 2 and Experimental Section.

Part 6. HPLC Traces of Synthesized Substrates and Inhibitors

All cruzain substrates and inhibitors have been analyzed by LCMS, and have determined as >95% analytical purity as demonstrated in the chromatograms below.

S2:



S3:



























Compound 1:



Compound 2:



Compound **3**:



Compound 4:



Compound **5**:







Compound 7:







Compound 9:







Compound 11:







Compound 13:



Compound 14:



Compound 15:







Compound 17:



Compound 18:



Compound 19:



Compound 20:



Compound 21:







Compound 23:







Compound 25:



Compound **26**:



Compound 27:





Part 7. NMR Spectra of Synthesized Substrates and Inhibitors

S2:

S3:









S5:

S8:







S10:





















































¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **19**

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Part 8. Unpublished Data



Figure S4. Crystal structure of cruzain bound to compound **1**. A covalent bond is evidently formed between the sulfur of Cys₂₅ and the β -carbon of the former olefin bond (Tang, *et al.*).