

Supplementary Information for

Post-infection treatment with a protease inhibitor increases survival of mice with a fatal SARS-CoV-2 infection

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Synthesis of deuterated 3CL_{pro} inhibitors.

General. Reagents and dry solvents were purchased from various chemical suppliers (Sigma-Aldrich, Acros Organics, Chem-Impex, TCI America, Oakwood chemical, APExBIO, Cambridge Isotopes and Fisher) and were used as obtained. Silica gel (230-450 mesh) used for flash chromatography was purchased from Sorbent Technologies (Atlanta, GA). Thin layer chromatography was performed using Analtech silica gel plates. Visualization was accomplished using UV light and/or iodine. NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ or DMSO-d₆ using a Varian XL-400 spectrometer. Melting points were recorded on a Mel-Temp apparatus and are uncorrected. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Mass Spectroscopy Core facility, using an LCMS-9030 Q-TOF mass spectrometer equipped with Nexera X3 (40-series) UHPLC system, dual ion source (DUIS) and quadrupole time of flight (Q-ToF) mass analyzer (Shimadzu, Columbia, MD). Purity was >95% as evidenced by proton NMR analysis.

Compound 1

Phenylmethyl-d₂ ((S)-4-methyl-1-oxo-1-(((S)-1-oxo-3-((S)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)propan-2-yl)amino)pentan-2-yl)carbamate (**1**). Yield (57%), mp 45-48 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.48 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.29 (m, 2H), 3.36 – 3.29 (m,

2H), 2.52 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.64 (m, 3H), 1.60 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 6H). HRMS m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calculated for $C_{21}H_{28}D_2N_3O_5$: 406.2311. Found: 406.2314; m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calculated for $C_{21}H_{28}D_2N_3NaO_5$: 428.2131. Found: 428.2136.

Compound 2

Sodium (2S)-1-hydroxy-2-((S)-4-methyl-2-(((phenylmethoxy-d₂)carbonyl)amino)pentanamido)-3-((S)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)propane-1-sulfonate (**2**). Yield (69%), mp 118-120 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.65 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.49 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 – 4.19 (m, 1H), 3.88 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.18j – 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.21 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.38 (m, 4H), 0.83 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 6H). HRMS m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calculated for $C_{21}H_{29}D_2N_3NaO_8S$: 510.1855, Found: 510.1838.

Compound 3

Sodium (5S,8S)-5-isobutyl-3,6,11-trioxo-8-(((S)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl)-1-phenyl-2,10-dioxa-4,7-diazadodecane-9-sulfonate-1,1-d₂ (**3**). Yield (72%), mp 110-113 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 5.10 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.41 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.18 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.30 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.69 – 1.32 (m, 6H), 0.83 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 6H). HRMS m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calculated for $C_{23}H_{31}D_2N_3NaO_9S$: 552.1960. Found: 552.1953; m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calculated for $C_{23}H_{30}D_2N_3Na_2O_9S$: 574.1780, Found: 574.1777. m/z : $[M]^-$ Calculated for $C_{23}H_{30}D_2N_3O_9S$: 528.1984, Found: 528.1993.

Compound 4

Sodium (5S,8S)-5-isobutyl-3,6,11-trioxo-8-(((S)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl)-1-phenyl-2,10-dioxa-4,7-diazahexadecane-9-sulfonate-1,1-d₂ (**4**). Yield (64%), mp 100-104 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.68 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 5.10 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.41 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.18 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.30 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.69 – 1.32 (m, 6H), 0.83 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 6H).

= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 5.11 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 – 4.00 (m, 1H), 4.00 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.21 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 2.41 – 1.99 (m, 4H), 1.99 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.33 (m, 7H), 1.35 – 1.16 (m, 4H), 0.86 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 9H). HRMS m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calculated for $C_{27}H_{39}D_2N_3NaO_9S$: 608.2586. Found: 608.2581; m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calculated for $C_{27}H_{38}D_2N_3Na_2O_9S$: 630.2406, Found: 630.2404; m/z : $[M]^-$ Calculated for $C_{27}H_{38}D_2N_3O_9S$: 584.2610, Found: 584.2623.

Compound 5

Phenylmethyl-d2 ((S)-1-(((S)-4-(benzylamino)-3,4-dioxo-1-((S)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)butan-2-yl)amino)-4-methyl-1-oxopentan-2-yl)carbamate (**5**). Yield (40%), mp 124-128 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.43 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.19 (m, 10H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 5.73 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.48 – 4.42 (m, 2H), 4.42 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.32 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 2.57 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.29 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.56 (m, 3H), 1.56 – 1.45 (m, 1H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 6H). HRMS m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calculated for $C_{29}H_{35}D_2N_4O_6$: 539.2838, Found: 539.2842, m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calculated for $C_{29}H_{34}D_2N_4NaO_6$: 561.2658, Found: 561.2661.

Compound 6

(Phenyl-d5)methyl ((S)-4-methyl-1-oxo-1-(((S)-1-oxo-3-((S)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)propan-2-yl)amino)pentan-2-yl)carbamate (**6**). Yield (62%), mp 40-43 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 9.40 (s, 1H), 8.48 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.03 – 5.03 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 4.09 – 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.19 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.37 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.33 (m, 3H), 0.86 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 6H). HRMS m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calculated for $C_{21}H_{25}D_5N_3O_5$: 409.2499, Found: 409.2528, m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calculated for $C_{21}H_{24}D_5N_3NaO_5$: 431.2319, Found: 431.2348.

Compound 7

Sodium (2S)-1-hydroxy-2-((S)-4-methyl-2-((((phenyl-d5)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)pentanamido)-3-((S)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)propane-1-sulfonate (**7**). Yield (68%), mp 125-128 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05 – 4.98 (m, 2H), 4.03 – 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.17 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.24 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.50 (m, 3H), 1.49 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 0.84 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 6H). HRMS *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₁H₂₆D₅N₃NaO₈S: 513.2043, Found: 513.2054, *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calculated for C₂₁H₂₅D₅N₃Na₂O₈S: 535.1863, Found: 535.1904.

Compound 8

Sodium (5S,8S)-5-isobutyl-3,6,11-trioxo-8-(((S)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl)-1-(phenyl-d5)-2,10-dioxa-4,7-diazaheptadecane-9-sulfonate (**8**). Yield (67%), mp 110-112 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.04 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.38 – 4.04 (m, 1H), 4.04 – 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.21 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.37 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 2.01 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.98 – 1.67 (m, 0H), 1.67 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.45 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.39 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.16 (m, 4H), 0.93 – 0.76 (m, 9H). HRMS *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₇H₃₆D₅N₃NaO₉S: 611.2775, Found: 611.2816.

Compound 9

(Phenyl-d5)methyl-d2 ((S)-4-methyl-1-oxo-1-(((S)-1-oxo-3-((S)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)propan-2-yl)amino)pentan-2-yl)carbamate (**9**). Yield (70%), mp 45-48 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.40 (s, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.23 – 4.17 (m, 1H), 4.12 – 4.03 (m, 1H), 3.23 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.37 – 2.03 (m, 3H), 1.93 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.56 (m, 3H), 1.56 – 1.36 (m, 1H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H). HRMS *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₁H₂₃D₇N₃O₅:

411.2625, Found: 411.2622, m/z: [M+Na]⁺ Calculated for C₂₁H₂₂D₇N₃NaO₅:
433.2445, Found: 433.2440.

Compound 10

Sodium (2S)-1-hydroxy-2-((S)-4-methyl-2-(((phenyl-d₅)methoxy-d₂)carbonyl)amino)pentanamido)-3-((S)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)propane-1-sulfonate (**10**). Yield (82%), mp 120-122 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 0H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 5.51 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 0H), 4.06 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.97 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.15 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.21 – 2.01 (m, 3H), 2.01 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.49 (m, 4H), 1.49 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 6H). HRMS m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₁H₂₄D₇N₃NaO₈S: 515.2169, Found: 515.2152.

Compound 11

Sodium (5S,8S)-5-isobutyl-3,6,11-trioxo-8-(((S)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl)-1-(phenyl-d₅)-2,10-dioxa-4,7-diazahexadecane-9-sulfonate-1,1-d₂ (**11**). Yield (44%), mp 100-105 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.16 – 4.03 (m, 1H), 4.05 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.21 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 1.99 (m, 4H), 1.99 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.34 (m, 7H), 1.34 – 1.18 (m, 4H), 0.96 – 0.69 (m, 9H). HRMS m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₇H₃₄D₇N₃NaO₉S: 613.2900, Found: 613.2899, m/z: [M]⁺ Calculated for C₂₇H₃₃D₇N₃O₉S: 589.2924, Found: 589.2940.

Figure S1. Synthesis of deuterated inhibitors **1-11**

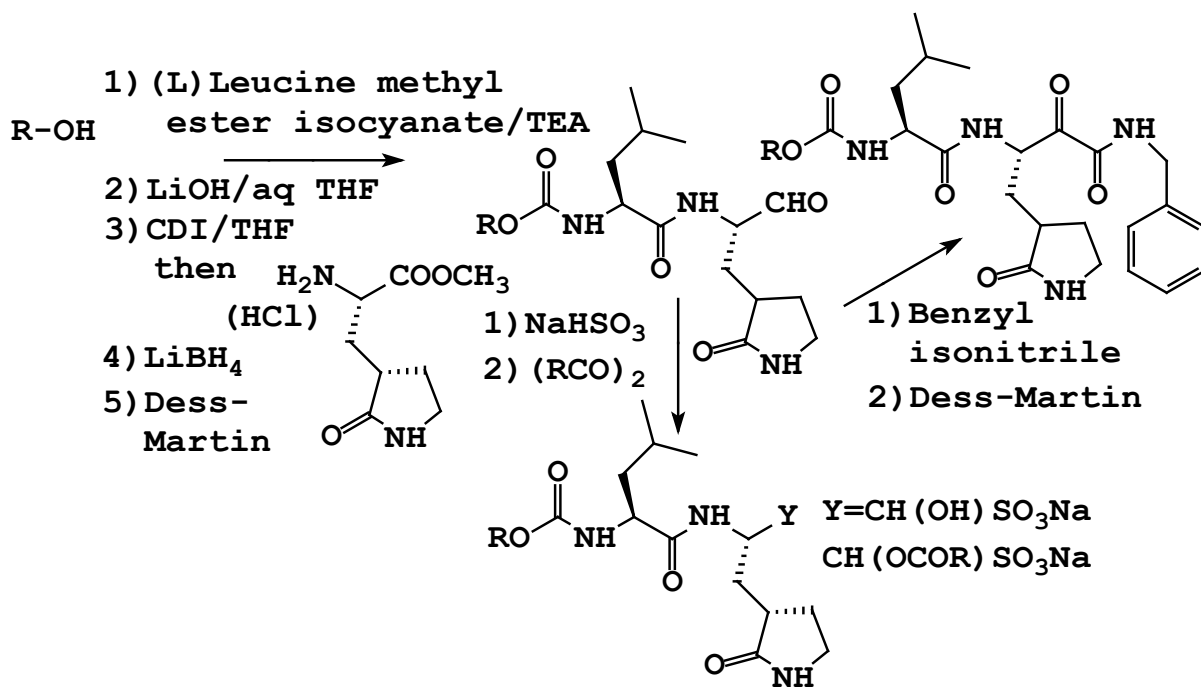


Figure S2. Structure of SARS-CoV-2 3CLpro in complex with compound **2** (gray) superimposed with (A) SARS-CoV-2 3CLpro with GC376 (PDB 6WTJ, gold) and (B) SARS-CoV-2 3CLpro with GC373 (PDB 6WTK, coral).

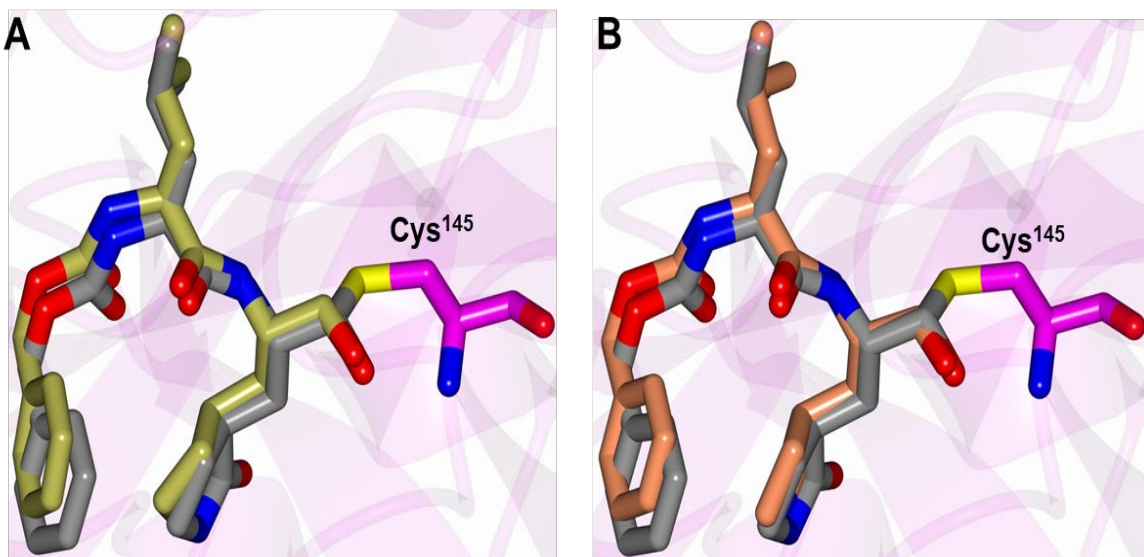


Figure S3. Cocystal structures of SARS-CoV 3CLpro (A, B, C) and SARS-CoV-2 3CLpro (D, E, F) in complex with compound **5**. Panels A and D show F_o-F_c omit maps (green mesh) contoured at 3σ . Panels B and E show hydrogen bond interactions (dashed lines) between the inhibitor and the 3CL protease. Panels C and F show electrostatic surface representation of the binding pocket occupied by the inhibitor. Neighboring residues are colored yellow (nonpolar), cyan (polar), and white (weakly polar).

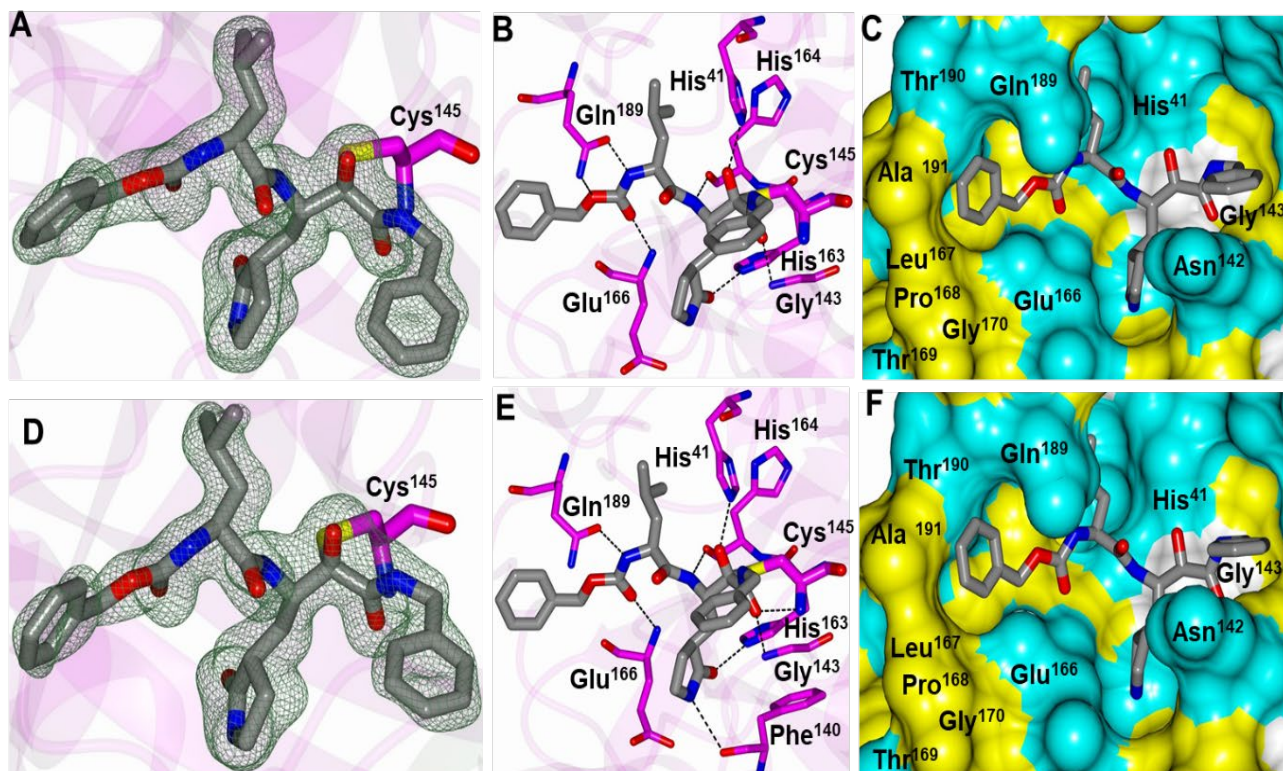


Figure S4. Structure of SARS-CoV-2 3CLpro in complex with compound **5** associated with subunit B. (A) Structure of compound **2** (gold) superimposed onto compound **5** in subunit B (gray) showing the similar binding modes. (B) F_o-F_c omit map (green mesh) contoured at 3σ . (C) Hydrogen bond interactions (dashed lines) between the inhibitor and the 3CL protease. (D) Electrostatic surface representation of the binding pocket occupied by the inhibitor. Neighboring residues are colored yellow (nonpolar), cyan (polar), and white (weakly polar).

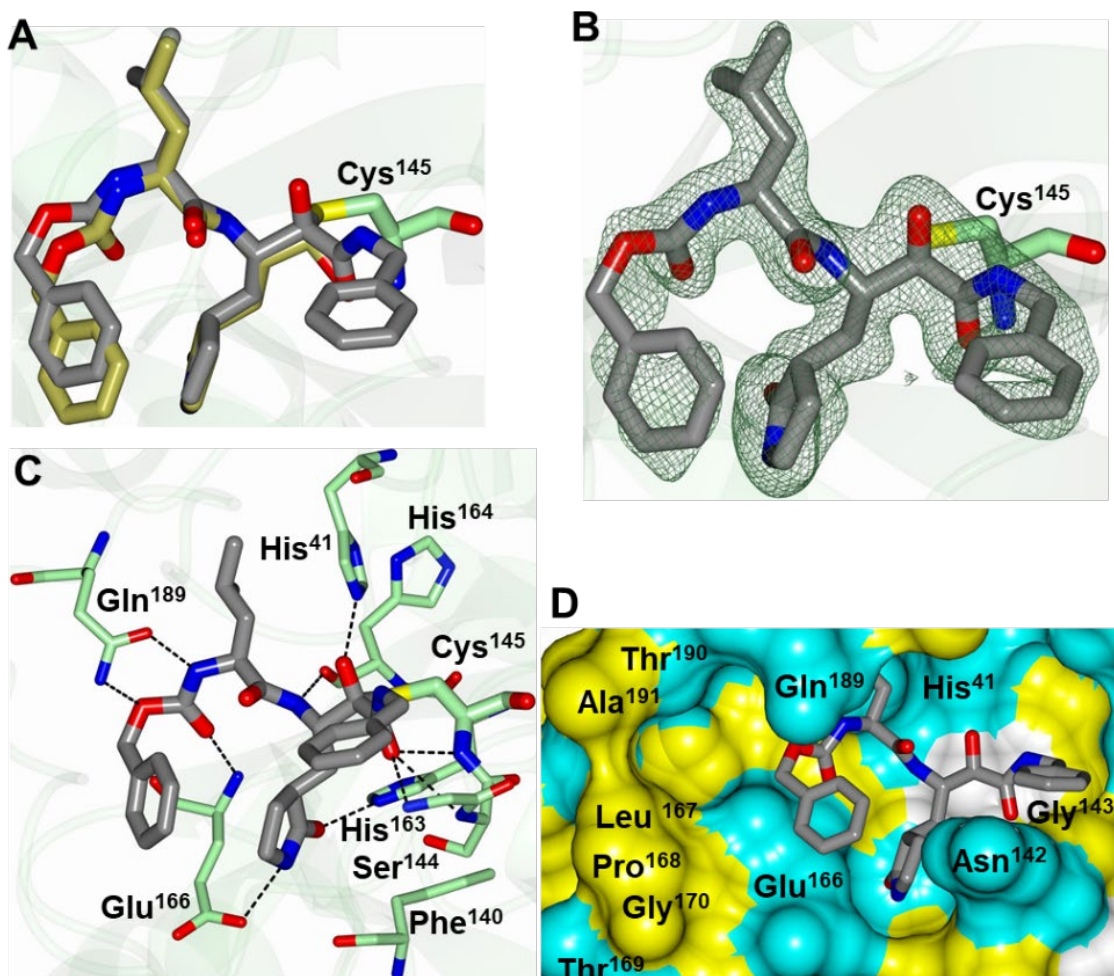


Table S1. Crystallographic data for SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 3CLpro structures.

	SARS-CoV-2 compound 2	SARS-CoV-2 compound 5	SARS-CoV compound 2	SARS-CoV compound 5
Data Collection				
Unit-cell parameters (Å, °)	<i>a</i> =55.12 <i>b</i> =98.83 <i>c</i> =58.95 β =107.8	<i>a</i> =55.25 <i>b</i> =98.53 <i>c</i> =58.96 β =108.0	<i>a</i> =107.88 <i>b</i> =45.19 <i>c</i> =53.52	<i>a</i> =55.03 <i>b</i> =98.97 <i>c</i> =59.67 <i>b</i> =108.0
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁	<i>P</i> 2 ₁	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2	<i>P</i> 2 ₁
Resolution (Å) ¹	49.42-1.90 (1.94-1.90)	46.36-1.65 (1.68-1.65)	47.94-1.85 (1.89-1.85)	49.49-1.70 (1.73-1.70)
Wavelength (Å)	1.0000	0.9201	1.000	1.0000
Temperature (K)	100	100	100	100
Observed reflections	163,367	247,132	187,771	283,870
Unique reflections	46,687	70,687	23,106	66,700
$\langle I/\sigma(I) \rangle$ ¹	8.8 (2.0)	10.7 (1.6)	13.7 (1.9)	10.5 (2.0)
Completeness (%) ¹	98.6 (100)	98.3 (96.9)	100 (100)	99.9 (100)
Multiplicity ¹	3.5 (3.6)	3.5 (3.5)	8.1 (8.4)	4.3 (4.4)
<i>R</i> _{merge} (%) ^{1, 2}	7.4 (56.5)	6.1 (79.0)	7.6 (120.5)	6.7 (75.1)
<i>R</i> _{meas} (%) ^{1, 4}	8.7 (66.4)	7.2 (93.3)	8.1 (128.4)	7.7 (85.5)
<i>R</i> _{pim} (%) ^{1, 4}	4.6 (34.6)	3.8 (49.1)	2.9 (43.8)	3.7 (40.3)
CC _{1/2} ^{1, 5}	0.996 (0.845)	0.998 (0.676)	0.998 (0.679)	0.997 (0.822)
Refinement				
Resolution (Å) ¹	37.09-1.90	46.36-1.65	34.64-1.85	46.27-1.70
Reflections (working/test) ¹	44,269/2,348	67,180/3,463	21,933/1,130	63,330/3,304
<i>R</i> _{factor} / <i>R</i> _{free} (%) ^{1, 3}	18.1/23.0	18.1/22.5	19.2/24.0	17.4/21.0
No. of atoms (Protein/Ligand/ Water)	4,483/58/197	4,493/78/337	2,203/58/127	4,510/72/298

Model Quality

R.m.s deviations

Bond lengths (Å)	0.011	0.011	0.009	0.010
Bond angles (°)	1.069	1.037	1.000	1.053

Mean *B*-factor (Å²)

All Atoms	37.4	29.6	40.1	32.5
Protein	37.3	29.0	40.1	32.0
Ligand	39.4	34.3	34.2	33.7
Water	40.1	36.0	42.5	38.4
Coordinate error	0.24	0.21	0.24	0.18

(maximum likelihood) (Å)

Ramachandran Plot

Most favored (%)	96.6	98.1	94.8	98.0
Additionally allowed (%)	3.4	1.9	4.5	2.0

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- 1) Values in parenthesis are for the highest resolution shell.
 - 2) $R_{\text{merge}} = \frac{\sum hkl \sum i |I_i(hkl) - \langle I(hkl) \rangle|}{\sum hkl \sum i I_i(hkl)}$, where $I_i(hkl)$ is the intensity measured for the i th reflection and $\langle I(hkl) \rangle$ is the average intensity of all reflections with indices hkl .
 - 3) $R_{\text{factor}} = \frac{\sum hkl ||F_{\text{obs}}(hkl) - |F_{\text{calc}}(hkl)||}{\sum hkl |F_{\text{obs}}(hkl)|}$; R_{free} is calculated in an identical manner using 5% of randomly selected reflections that were not included in the refinement.
 - 4) R_{meas} = redundancy-independent (multiplicity-weighted) $R_{\text{merge}}(1, 2)$. R_{pim} = precision-indicating (multiplicity-weighted) $R_{\text{merge}}(3, 4)$.
 - 5) $CC_{1/2}$ is the correlation coefficient of the mean intensities between two random half-sets of data(5, 6).

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