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1 Synthesis of a sugar-based thiosemicarbazone series and structure-activity relationship versus the

2 parasite cysteine proteases: rhodesain, cruzain and *Schistosoma mansoni* cathepsin B1

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24 ABSTRACT

25 The pressing need for better drugs against Chagas disease, African sleeping sickness and 26 schistosomiasis motivates the search for inhibitors of cruzain, rhodesain and SmCB1, the major 27 cysteine proteases from Trypanosoma cruzi, Trypanosoma brucei and Schistosoma mansoni, 28 respectively. Thiosemicarbazones and heterocyclic analogues have been shown to be both 29 antitrypanocidal and inhibitory against parasite cysteine proteases. A series of compounds was 30 synthesized and evaluated against cruzain, rhodesain and SmCB1 through biochemical assays to 31 determine their potency and structure-activity relationships (SAR). This approach led to the discovery 32 of 6 rhodesain, 4 cruzain and 5 SmCB1 inhibitors with $IC_{50} \le 10 \ \mu$ M. Among the compounds tested, the 33 thiosemicarbazone derivative of peracetylated galactoside (4i) was discovered as a potent rhodesain inhibitor (IC₅₀= $1.2 \pm 1.0 \mu$ M). The impact of a range of modifications was determined: removal of 34 35 thiosemicarbazone or its replacement by semicarbazone resulted in virtually inactive compounds and modifications in the sugar also diminished potency. Compounds were also evaluated in vitro against the 36 37 parasites T. cruzi, T. brucei and S. mansoni, revealing active compounds among this series.

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39 Key words: thiosemicarbazone series, rhodesain, cruzain, Schistosoma mansoni cathepsin B1.

41 New drugs for parasitic diseases are urgently needed but these globally important infections are often "neglected" because they most commonly afflict poor and marginalized communities. Current 42 43 therapies are limited by poor efficacy, toxicity, high costs and parasite resistance. Chagas disease, African sleeping sickness and schistosomiasis are examples of diseases for which new therapies are 44 45 needed (1, 2). Among the most studied and exploited molecular targets for these diseases are cysteine proteases. These enzymes have essential roles in parasite nutrition, immune evasion, host cell invasion 46 and metacyclogenesis (3-6). Indeed, the cysteine proteases cruzain, rhodesain and SmCB1 from 47 Trypanosoma cruzi, Trypanosoma brucei and Schistosoma mansoni, respectively, are validated 48 49 molecular targets and have been the subject of numerous medicinal chemistry projects (7-17) that have 50 vielded trypanocidal inhibitors, both in parasite culture and in animal models of infection (13, 15, 18– 51 21).

52 The diverse inhibitors against these enzymes comprise compound classes which bind non-53 covalently (11, 12) and scaffolds containing a warhead that binds covalently to the catalytic cysteine. 54 Within the latter category, vinylsulfones (8, 22–25), oxy-methyl ketones (7, 26), nitriles (16), epoxides 55 and thiosemicarbazones (13-15, 27-29) have been described. Thiosemicarbazones present as advantages their low molecular weight, low cost of synthesis and their nonpeptidic nature (27). 56 57 Greenbaum and co-workers (13) synthesized and evaluated the cysteine protease inhibitory and anti-58 parasitic activities of a library of thiosemicarbazones, with promising results. According to these 59 authors, the thiosemicarbazones are regarded as validated drug leads capable of killing different species 60 of protozoan parasites (T. cruzi, P. falciparum, and T. brucei) via inhibition of cysteine proteases.

Heterocyclic thiazole derivatives are also of great importance in medicinal chemistry due to their broad spectrum of biological activities (30–34). Also, many cysteine proteases inhibitors bearing thiazole or isothiazolone ring systems have been described as promising compounds against parasitic diseases (35, 36). Because of the versatile approach to the synthesis of the thiazole scaffold in Antimicrobial Agents and

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thiosemicarbazones, we synthesized and evaluated a series of thiazole analogues as potential inhibitors
of cysteine proteases. The covalent attachment of the thiosemicarbazone or thiazole unit and a
carbohydrate moiety was also designed to modulate solubility and interaction properties (for example,
by hydrogen bonding) with the molecular target (cysteine protease).

Here, we screened a series of thiosemicarbazones and cyclic analogues against rhodesain and discovered an acetylated derivative of galactose as a potent inhibitor ($IC_{50} = 1.2 \pm 1.0 \mu M$). This is the first case of a sugar moiety being present in an inhibitor from this chemical class, encouraging further SAR (structure-activity relationship) studies on these series. Herein we report their synthesis and evaluation against the proteases, cruzain, rhodesain and SmCB1, and their *in vitro* bioactivities against *T. cruzi, T. brucei* and *S. mansoni*.

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76 MATERIALS AND METHODS

Chemistry. All melting points were determined on a Microquímica MQAPF 301 apparatus. The IR spectra were recorded using a PerkinElmer Spectrum One infrared spectrometer and absorptions are reported as wave numbers (cm⁻¹). The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE DRX200 or Bruker AVANCE DRX400 instrument, using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts are given in δ (ppm) scale and *J* values are given in Hz. All reagents of analytical grade were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Compounds **4c**, **4h**, **4n-q** and **6a-f** were synthesized according to the published procedure (36).

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General procedure A, for the synthesis of aryl glycosides bearing a formyl group (1-3). To a solution of vanillin (3 equiv.) in water containing 2.8 equimolar amounts of lithium hydroxide was added the corresponding peracetylglycosyl bromide (1 equiv.) dissolved in acetone. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2h. The progress of the reaction was followed by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) (1:1 hexane:ethyl acetate). The mixture was concentrated to remove acetone

and then diluted with water (10 mL) and washed with dichloromethane. The organic layer was separated, and washed with 10 % (w/v) NaOH aqueous solution and water until pH 7. The resulting organic phase was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure.

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4-Formyl-2-methoxyphenyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-B-D-galactopyranoside (1). Obtained from the 95 96 general procedure A as a white solid, yield 60 %; mp 123.1-123.8 °C (123-124 °C(37)); [α]_D -8.1 (c 0,49, CH₂Cl₂); IR ($\bar{\nu}$ /cm⁻¹): 2988, 2901 (C-H sp³), 1752, 1740 (C=O), 1693 (C=O), 1590, 1514 (C=C), 97 1370 (C-H sp³); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 9.89 (s, 1H, CHO); 7.43-7.40 (m, 2H); 7.25 (d, 1H, J = 98 99 8.4 Hz); 5.55 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz); 5.46 (d, 1H, J = 2.8 Hz); 5.12 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz); 5.05 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz); 4.23 (dd, 1H, J = 11.8 Hz, J = 6.8 Hz); 4.16 (dd, 1H, J = 11.8 Hz, J = 6.4 Hz); 100 4.07-4.03 (m, 1H); 3.90 (s, 3H, OCH₃); 2.17-2.02 (4s, 12H,COCH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 101 190.89 (CHO); 170.33-169.35 (4C OCOCH₃); 151.29; 150.97; 132.77; 125.39; 117.99; 110.78; 100.35; 102 103 71.28; 70.60; 68.48; 66.82; 61.31; 56.13 (OCH₃); 20.69-20.58 (4C, COCH₃).

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105 4-Formyl-2-methoxyphenyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-B-D-glucopyranoside (2). Obtained from the general 106 procedure A as a white solid, yield 57 %; mp 136.1-137.3 °C (135-137 °C(38)); [α]_D -39.2 (c 0.51, CH₂Cl₂); IR ($\bar{\nu}$ /cm⁻¹): 2988, 2901 (C-H sp³), 1753, 1737 (C=O), 1694 (C=O), 1591, 1510 (C=C), 1378 107 (C-H sp³); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 9.89 (s, 1H, CHO); 7.43-7.40 (m, 2H); 7.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 108 109 Hz); 5.34-5.28 (m, 2H); 5.13 (t, 1H, J = 6.8 Hz); 5.09 (d, 1H, J = 6.4 Hz); 4.27 (dd, 1H, J = 12.4 Hz, J 110 = 5.2 Hz); 4.18 (dd, 1H, J = 12.4 Hz, J = 2.4 Hz); 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH₃); 3.85-3.70 (m, 1H); 2.07-2.04 (4s, 111 12H, COCH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 190.89 (CHO); 170.52-169.25 (4C OCOCH₃); 151.11; 151.03; 132.86; 125.34; 118.23; 110.85; 99.73; 72.41; 72.28; 71.06; 68.28; 61.90; 56.12 (OCH₃); 112 113 20.67-20.59 (4C, COCH₃).

4-Formyl-2-methoxyphenyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-2,3,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-β-D-115 glucopyranoside (3). Obtained from the general procedure A as a white solid, yield 52 %; mp 120.0-116 122.1 °C (121-124 °C(39)); $[a]_D$ -12.5 (c 0.48, CH₂Cl₂); IR ($\bar{\nu}$ /cm⁻¹): 2942 (C-H sp³), 1741 (C=O), 117 1687 (C=O), 1592, 1507 (C=C), 1424, 1370 (C-H sp³); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 9.88 (s, 1H, 118 119 CHO); 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H); 7.17 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz); 5.35 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz); 5.32 (t, 1H, J = 8.8 Hz); 120 5.22 (t, 1H, J = 8.8 Hz); 5.14-5.08 (m, 2H); 4.97 (dd, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz, J = 3.2 Hz); 4.53-4.51 (m, 2H); 4.17-4.06 (m, 3H); 3.93-3.89 (m, 2H); 3.88 (s, 3H); 3.79-3.75 (m, 1H); 2.15-1.97 (s, 21H); ¹³C NMR 121 (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 190.89 (CHO); 170.38-169.10 (7C COCH₃); 151.16; 150.93; 132.72; 125.37; 122 123 117.87; 110.77; 101.13; 99.35; 76.05; 73.04; 72.47; 71.33; 70.94; 70.79; 69.14; 66.64; 61.84; 60.84; 124 56.11 (OCH₃); 20.79-20.50 (7C, COCH₃).

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General procedure B, for the synthesis of thiosemicarbazones. To a suspension of 1 equiv. of thiosemicarbazide and 1 equiv. of the corresponding aldehyde or ketone in ethanol were added 3 drops of glacial acetic acid. The reaction mixture was kept under reflux and magnetic stirring for 2 hours. Then, the resulting suspension was vacuum filtered and washed with cold distilled water.

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2-Phenylmethylenehydrazinecarbothioamide (4a). Obtained from the general procedure B as a white
solid (91% yield). Mp 157.3-158.6 °C (lit. 157-159 °C(40)). IR, (ū/cm⁻¹): 3418 (NH), 1589 (C=N),
1539, 1447 (C=C aromatic). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆), δ/ppm: 11.43 (1 H, s, N<u>H</u>); 8.20 (1 H, s,
N<u>H</u>₂); 8.05 (1 H, s, C<u>H</u>=N); 7.99 (1 H, s, N<u>H</u>₂); 7.78 (2 H, m, ArH); 7.39 (3 H, m, ArH).

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136 2-[(4-methylphenyl)methylene]hydrazinecarbothioamide (**4b**). Obtained from the general procedure B

137 as a white solid (82% yield). Mp 168.5-169.8 °C (lit. 162-163 °C(40)). IR, (\bar{v}/cm^{-1}) : 3398 (NH), 1596

138 (C=N), 1509, 1462 (C=C aromatic).

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2-(4-pyridinylmethylene)hydrazinecarbothioamide (4d). Obtained from the general procedure B, as a pale yellow solid (80% yield). Mp 235-236 °C (lit. 240 °C(41)). IR, (ū/cm⁻¹): 3420 (NH), 1591 (C=N),
1536 (C=C aromatic). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆), δ/ppm: 11.69 (1 H, s, N<u>H</u>); 8.58 (2 H, d, H-2 pyridine); 8.04 (1 H, s, N<u>H</u>₂); 8.21 (1 H, s, N<u>H</u>₂); 8.00 (1 H, s, C<u>H</u>=N); 7.76 (2 H, d, H-3 pyridine).

2-(1*H*-pyrrol-2-ylmethylene)hydrazinecarbothioamide (4e). Obtained from the general procedure B, as
a solid (66 % yield). Mp 191.9-193.6 °C (lit. 195-197 °C(42)). IR, (v̄/cm⁻¹): 3445 (NH), 1583 (C=N),
1530, 1550 (C=C aromatic).

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149 1-Cyclopentylidenethiosemicarbazide (4f). Obtained from the general procedure B, as a solid (51 %
150 yield). Mp 155.3-157 °C (lit. 152-154 °C(43)). IR, (ū/cm⁻¹): 3375 (NH), 1586 (C=N), 1508, 1448 (C=C
151 aromatic). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃), δ/ppm: 8.61 (1 H, s, N<u>H</u>); 7.33 (1 H, s, N<u>H</u>₂); 6.67 (1 H, s,
152 N<u>H₂</u>); 2.36 (4 H, m, C<u>H₂</u>); 1.85 (4 H, m, C<u>H₂</u>).

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154 1-Cyclohexylidenethiosemicarbazide (4g). Obtained from the general procedure B, as a solid (65 % yield). Mp 160.2-161.1 °C (lit. 154-155 °C(43)). IR, (ū/cm⁻¹): 3375 (NH), 1583 (C=N), 1505, 1461
156 (C=C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃), δ/ppm: 8.93 (1 H, s, N<u>H</u>); 7.30 (1 H, s, N<u>H</u>₂); 6.60 (1 H, s, N<u>H</u>₂);
157 2.32 (4 H, m, C<u>H</u>₂); 1.67 (6 H, m, C<u>H</u>₂).

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159 2-[[3-methoxy-4-[(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)oxy]phenyl]methylene]

- 160 hydrazinecarbothioamide (4i). Obtained from the general procedure B as a solid, yield 76%; mp 127.2-
- 161 129.9 °C; $[\alpha]_D$ -18.9 (*c* 0,53, EtOH); IR ($\bar{\nu}/cm^{-1}$): 3454 (NH), 1743 (C=O), 1597 (C=N), 1504, 1450
- 162 (C=C), 1068 (C-O); ¹H NMR (200 MHz; CDCl₃) δ/ppm: 10.27 (1H, s, N<u>H</u>); 7.90 (1H, s, C<u>H</u>=N); 7.27-

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7.12 (4H, m, ArH); 6.64 (1H, s, NH₂); 5.57-5.44 (m, 2H); 5.13 (1H, dd, J = 10.4 Hz, J = 3.2 Hz); 4.97 $(1H, d, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}); 4.29-4.00 (3H, m); 3.86 (3H, s, OCH_3); 2.17-2.02 (12H, 4s, COCH_3); {}^{13}C \text{ NMR} (50)$ 164 165 MHz; CDCl₃) δ/ppm: 177.55 (C=S); 170.02-169.09 (4C, OCOCH₃); 150.38; 147.96; 143.33; 128.81; 166 121.22; 118.59; 109.59; 100.33; 70.65; 70.19; 68.10; 66.40; 60.86; 55.73 (OCH₃); 20.34-20.25 (4C, 167 COCH₃); HRMS (m/z) 556.1590 $[M+H]^+$, calcd 556.1596 $C_{23}H_{30}N_3O_{11}S^+$.

169 2-[[3-methoxy-4-[(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)oxy]phenyl]methylene]

170 hydrazinecarbothioamide (4j). Obtained from the general procedure B as a solid, yield 84%; mp 119.4-122.9 °C; [α]_D -28.6 (c 0,28, MeOH); IR (ū/cm⁻¹): 3278 (NH), 1739 (C=O), 1597 (C=N), 1504, 1450 171 (C=C), 1030 (C-O); ¹H NMR (200 MHz; CDCl₃) δ/ppm: 10.37 (1H, s, NH); 7.91 (1H, s, CH=N); 7.21-172 173 7.10 (4H, m, ArH); 6.72 (1H, s, NH₂); 5.31-5.00 (m, 4H); 4.32-4.15 (2H, m); 3.84 (4H, m, OCH₃ + H-174 5); 2.07-2.04 (12H, 4s, COCH₃); HRMS (m/z) 556.1591 [M+H]⁺, calcd 556.1596 C₂₃H₃₀N₃O₁₁S⁺.

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176 $2-[[-3-methoxy-4-[(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-\beta-D-galactopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-D-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-\beta-acetyl-b-acetyl-\beta-acetyl$

177 glucopyranosyl)oxylphenyllmethylenelhydrazinecarbothioamide (4k). Obtained from the general procedure B as a solid, yield 71%; mp 220.1-121.8 °C; $[\alpha]_D$ -12.0 (*c* 0.5, MeOH); IR ($\bar{\nu}/cm^{-1}$): 3469 178 179 (NH), 1739 (C=O), 1594 (C=N), 1528, 1505 (C=C), 1046 (C-O); ¹H NMR (200 MHz; CDCl₃) δ/ppm: 180 10.0 (1H, s, NH); 7.86 (1H, s, CH=N); 7.27-7.08 (4H, m, ArH); 6.60 (1H, s, NH2); 5.37-4.98 (7H, m); 4.53 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz); 4.16-3.77 (8H, m); 2.16-1.97 (s, 21H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 178 181 182 (C=S); 170.33-169.05 (7C COCH₃); 150.72; 148.20; 143.60; 129.08; 121.63; 118.88; 109.92; 100.99; 183 99.75; 75.97; 72.84; 72.36; 71.25; 70.85; 70.62; 69.01; 66.53; 61.72; 60.72; 56.07 (OCH₃); 20.74-20.45 184 $(7C, COCH_3)$; HRMS (m/z) 844.2423 $[M+H]^+$, calcd 844.2441 $C_{35}H_{46}N_3O_{19}S^+$.

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186 General procedure C, for the synthesis of thiazole derivatives. To a solution of 1 equiv. of 187 thiosemicarbazone in isopropyl alcohol was added 1 equiv. of 2-bromoacetophenone, and the resulting

mixture was kept under reflux and magnetic stirring. The completion of the reaction was monitored by 188 TLC (approximately 2 hours). After cooling to room temperature, the formed precipitate was filtered, 189 190 washed with saturated solution of NaHCO₃ followed by cold distilled water. The final product was 191 recrystallized in ethanol.

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Benzaldehyde-2-(4-phenyl-2-thiazolyl)hydrazone (5a). Obtained from the general procedure C as a 193 pale solid, yield 63%; mp 187.6-188.8 °C (lit. 186-187 °C(44)). IR, (v/cm⁻¹): 3306 (NH), 1557 (C=N), 194 1482, 1428 (C=C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*_δ), δ/ppm: 12.16 (1 H, s, N<u>H</u>); 7.88 (2 H, broad s., 195 196 ArH); 7.61-7.08 (9 H, m, 8 x ArH and CH=N); 6.85 (1 H, s, H-thiazole).

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198 4-Methylbenzaldehyde 2-(4-phenyl-2-thiazolyl)hydrazone (5b). Obtained from the general procedure C as a pale solid, vield 73%; mp 192.4-194.3 °C (lit. 195-196 °C(44)). IR, ($\bar{\nu}$ /cm⁻¹): 3279 (NH), 1553 199 200 (C=N), 1509, 1480 (C=C).

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202 4-N,N-dimethylbenzaldehyde-2-(4-phenyl-2-thiazolyl)hydrazone (5c). Obtained from the general procedure C as a solid, yield 81 %; mp 203.4-204.4 °C (lit. 207-208 °C(45)). IR, (v /cm⁻¹): 3288 (NH), 203 1603 (C=N), 1520, 1480 (C=C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆), δ/ppm: 11.85 (1 H, s, N<u>H</u>); 7.92-7.86 204 205 (3 H, m, ArH); 7.48-7.24 (6 H, m, ArH and C<u>H</u>=N); 6.74 (2 H, broad s, ArH and H-thiazole).

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207 4-Pyridinylcarbaldehyde-2-(4-phenyl-2-thiazolyl)hydrazone (5d). Obtained from the general procedure C as an orange solid, yield 53%; mp 240.1-242.2 °C (lit, 250-252 °C (46)), IR, ($\bar{\nu}/cm^{-1}$); 3450 (NH), 208 1571 (C=N), 1482, 1441 (C=C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆), δ/ppm: 12.57 (1 H, broad s., N<u>H</u>); 209 210 8.60 (1 H, broad s., ArH); 8.00 (1 H, s, CH=N); 7.85 (2 H, d, ArH); 7.61 (2 H, broad s., ArH); 7.38 (4 211 H, m, ArH and H-thiazole).

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Pyrrole-2-carboxaldehyde-(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)hydrazone (5e). Obtained from the general 213 procedure C as a dark solid, yield 99%; mp 126 °C (lit. 125 °C(47)). IR, ($\bar{\nu}$ /cm⁻¹): 3304 (NH), 1623 214 215 (C=N), 1498, 1422 (C=C).

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217 2-[(2-Cyclopentylmethylene)hydrazino]-4-phenyl-thiazole (5f). Obtained from the general procedure C as a solid, yield 98%, mp 170.2-172.4 °C (lit. 156-157 °C(48)). IR, $(\bar{\nu}/cm^{-1})$: 3438 (NH), 1626 (C=N), 218 1560, 1481 (C=C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃), δ/ppm: 7.73 (2 H, dd, J = 7.8 Hz; J = 2.0 Hz, ArH); 219 220 7.51-7.36 (3H, m, ArH and NH); 6.73 (1H, s, H-thiazole); 2.61-2.48 (4H, m, CH2); 1.99-1.79 (4H, m, 221 C<u>H</u>₂).

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223 2-[(2-Cyclohexylmethylene)hydrazino]-4-phenyl-thiazole (5g). Obtained from the general procedure Cas a solid, yield 51%, mp 149-151 °C (lit. 148-149 °C(48)). IR, (v/cm⁻¹): 3050 (NH), 1610 (C=N), 224 225 1476, 1431 (C=C).

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227 2-[(6,6-dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]hept-2-en-2-yl)methylene]hydrazino-4-phenyl-1,3-thiazole (**5h**). 228 Obtained from the general procedure C as a solid, yield 29 %, mp 152.4-154.2 °C. IR, ($\bar{\nu}$ /cm⁻¹): 3363 (NH), 1615 (C=N), 1495, 1470 (C=C). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆), δ/ppm: 7.87-7.69 (3H, m, 229 230 ArH); 7.47-7.29 (4H, m, ArH, CH=N and NH); 7.26 (1H, s, H-thiazole); 5.97 (1H, s, C=CH); 2.93-2.85 231 (1H, m, CH); 2.48-2.33 (3H, m, CH₂, CH); 2.14 (1H, m, CH₂); 1.33 (3H, s, CH₃); 1.13-1.03 (1H, m, CH₂); 0.78 (3H, s, CH₃). HRMS (m/z) 324.1530 [M+H]⁺, calcd 324.1529 C₁₉H₂₂N₃S⁺. 232

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2-[[3-methoxy-4-[(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)oxy]phenyl]methylene]hydrazino-4-234

- 235 phenyl-thiazole (5i). Obtained from the general procedure C as a solid, yield 41%; mp 111.4-113.7 °C;
- 236 $[\alpha]_{D}$ -36 (c 0.5, MeOH); IR ($\bar{\nu}$ /cm⁻¹): 2952 (NH), 1748 (C=O), 1602 (C=N), 1567, 1510 (C=C), 1071
- 237 (C-O); ¹H NMR (200 MHz; CDCl₃) δ/ppm: 7.80 (2H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, ArH); 7.44-7.29 (4H, m, ArH and

238 N=C<u>H</u>); 7.05-6.97 (3H, m, ArH); 6.81-6.75 (2H, m, H-thiazole and N<u>H</u>); 5.31-4.96 (4H, m); 4.33-4.13 239 (2H, m); 3.82 (4H, m, OC<u>H</u>₃ and H-5); 2.08-2.04 (12H, 4s, COCH₃); HRMS (m/z) 656.1905 [M+H]⁺, 240 calcd 656.1909 C₃₁H₃₄N₃O₁₁S⁺. 241

Enzyme expression and purification. Recombinant enzymes cruzain, rhodesain and SmCB1 have
been expressed and purified as previously described (11, 49–51).

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Assay against cruzain, rhodesain and SmCB1. Cruzain, rhodesain and SmCB1 activity were 245 246 measured by monitoring the cleavage of the fluorogenic substrate Z-Phe-Arg-aminomethylcoumarin 247 (Z-FR-AMC) in a Synergy 2 (Biotek), from the Center of Flow Cytometry and Fluorimetry at the 248 Biochemistry and Immunology Department (UFMG). All assays were performed in triplicate using 249 0.1M sodium acetate, pH 5.5, in the presence of 1 mM beta-mercaptoethanol and 0.01% Triton X-100. 250 The final concentrations of cruzain and rhodesain were 0.5 nM, and the substrate concentration was 2.5 μM (K_m = 1 μM). For assays with SmCB1, the enzyme concentration was 8 nM and substrate 251 252 concentration was 5 µM. Enzyme kinetic was followed by continuous reading for 5 min at 12s intervals, in the case of cruzain and rhodesain, and for 30 min at 23s intervals, in the case of SmCB1. 253 254 Activity was calculated based on initial velocity rates, compared to a DMSO control. For evaluation of 255 time-dependent inhibition, percentages of enzyme inhibition by a compound with or without pre-256 incubation with enzyme for 10 min were compared. Firstly, the inhibitory activity for all enzymes were screening at 100 μ M of compound. When the inhibition was higher than 80%, the IC₅₀ was determined 257 258 based on at least two IC₅₀ curves. Each curve was determined based on at least seven compound 259 concentration, each in triplicate, and the data analyzed with GraphPad Prism 5.0, employing a 260 nonlinear regression analysis of "log (inhibitor) vs response with variable slope - four parameters" (Figure S1). The reported values on Tables 1-3 refer to the average and standard deviation between the 261 262 values obtained for at least two curves.

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T. brucei brucei **221 maintenance.** The parasites were cultured in HMI-9 medium supplemented with 265 20% of heat-inactivated Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS Gibco) starting at a density of 2×10^4 parasites/ml 266 and sub-culturing every other day.

267 <u>Compound plates preparation</u>. All compounds were stored in powder. Solutions at 10 mM in neat 268 DMSO were prepared a few hours before assay experimentation, and seeded in the row A of 384 wells 269 plate (Greiner 784201). Serial dilution with two-fold factor was prepared until the row P (from 10mM 270 to 305nM). The compounds were pinned and 50nl of each well was transferred to the assay plate 271 (Greiner 781091) containing 25µl of HMI-9 media supplemented with 20% FBS.

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T. brucei brucei screening assay. Five thousand (5×10^3) parasites were seeded in a volume of 25 µl 273 274 in the 384 wells plate already containing the compounds in serial dilution, being the highest 275 concentration tested 10 µM. After 72 hours incubation at 37C and 5% CO₂, each well received 12.5 µl of Sybr Green in lysis solution (30 mM Tris pH 7.5, 7.5 mM EDTA, 0.012% saponin, 0.12% Triton X-276 277 100 and 0.3µl/ml of Sybr Green). After addition of lysis solution the plates were sealed with plastic 278 film and the mixture was vortexed for 45 seconds at 1700 rpm (MixMate). The mixture was incubated 279 for 1 hour at room temperature and the plate was read in Flexstation (Molecular Devices) to detect the 280 fluorescence signal corresponding to parasite viability (Ex 485nm/Em 530nm). Raw viability data 281 consists of values of relative fluorescence unit (R.F.U.) obtained from the reading of Sybr Green that 282 binds to the viable parasite's DNA, and includes max and min controls and measured values. 283 Thymerasol (2 μ M) was used as the reference drug EC₁₀₀. The activity normalization was done based on the non-treated (negative control, 0% activity) and the reference drug at the EC_{100} concentration 284 285 (positive control, 100% activity), with at least 16 wells for each control per plate.

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287 T. cruzi screening assay. The assay was performed using T. cruzi (Tulahuen strain) expressing the

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289 obtained through culture in monolayers of mouse L929 fibroblasts in RPMI-1640 medium (pH 7.2-7.4) 290 without phenol red (Gibco BRL) plus 10% fetal bovine serum and 2 mM glutamine. For the bioassay, 291 4,000 L929 cells in 80 µl of supplemented medium were added to each well of a 96-well microtiter 292 plate. After an overnight incubation, 40,000 trypomastigotes in 20 µl were added to the cells and 293 incubated for 2 h. The medium containing extracelullar parasites was replaced with 200 µl of fresh 294 medium and the plate was incubated for an additional 48 h to establish the infection. For IC_{50} 295 determination, the cells were exposed to active samples at serial decreasing dilutions starting at 1000 296 μ M in DMSO (less than 1% in RPMI-1640 medium), and the plate was incubated for 96 h. After this 297 period, 50 μ l of 500 μ M chlorophenol red β -D-galactopyranoside (CPRG) in 0.5% Nonidet P40 was 298 added to each well, and the plate was incubated for 16 to 20 h, after which the absorbance at 570 nm 299 was measured. Controls with uninfected cells, untreated infected cells, infected cells treated with 300 benznidazole at 1 μ g/ml = 3.8 μ M (positive control) or DMSO 1% was used (Faria J et al, manuscript 301 in press). The results were expressed as the percentage of T. cruzi growth inhibition in compound-tested cells as compared to the infected cells and untreated cells. IC_{50} values were calculated by linear 302 303 interpolation. Tetraplicates were run in the same plate, and the experiments were repeated at least once. 304

Escherichia coli β -galactosidase as reporter gene (52, 53). Infective trypomastigote forms were

305 In vitro assay for analysis of cell viability. The active compounds were tested in vitro for cytotoxicity versus L-929 cells using the alamarBlue[®] dye. Were used the same cell number, time of the cell 306 307 development and time of compound exposure used for the beta-galactosidase assay. The cells were exposed to compounds at increasing concentrations starting at the IC₅₀ value of *T. cruzi*. The 308 compounds were tested in tetraplicate. After 96 hours of compound exposure, alamarBlue® was added 309 310 and the absorbance at 570 and 600 nm measured after 4-6 h. The cell viability was expressed as the 311 percentage of difference in the reduction between treated and untreated cells (53). IC₅₀ values were calculated by linear interpolation and the Selectivity Index (SI) was determined by the ratio between 312

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313 the cytotoxic concentration (CC_{50}) and the IC₅₀ value against the parasite for each compound.

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315 S. mansoni screening assay. The acquisition, preparation and in vitro maintenance of newly 316 transformed S. mansoni schistosomula (derived from infective stage cercariae) and adult parasites have 317 been described by us (54, 55). We employ a Puerto Rican isolate of S. mansoni that is cycled between 318 Biomphalaria glabrata snails and female Golden Syrian hamsters (infected at 4-6 weeks of age) as 319 intermediate and definitive hosts, respectively. Maintenance and handling of small mammals are 320 carried out in accordance with a protocol approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use 321 Committee (IACUC) of the University of California San Francisco. For schistosomula, 200-300 322 parasites are incubated in 96w flat-bottomed plates (Corning Costar 3599) containing 200 µL in Basch 323 medium 169 (56) supplemented with 2.5% FBS and 1x penicillin-streptomycin solution in a 5% CO₂ atmosphere at 37 °C. For adult parasites, 5 male worms are incubated in 2 ml of the above medium in 324 325 24w flat-bottomed plates (Corning Costar 3526) under the same conditions. Compound, 100% DMSO, 326 is added at the final concentrations indicated in Table 4. Controls employ the equivalent volume of 327 DMSO at a final concentration never exceeding 0.5%. Parasite responses to chemical insult are 328 adjudicated visually each day using a constrained descriptive nomenclature (54, 57). The types and 329 number of phenotypic responses recorded are then converted into a 'severity score' ranging from 0 (no 330 effect) to 4 (severely compromised). Thus, for schistosomula and adults, alterations in shape (e.g., 331 'rounding'), motility ('slow' or 'overactive') and density ('darkening') are each awarded a score of 1 332 up to the maximum of 4. In addition, for adults, the inability to adhere to the bottom of the well is 333 awarded a score of 1: damage to the integrity of the outer surface (tegument) is considered lethal to the 334 parasite and is awarded the maximum score of 4.

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336 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

337 Chemistry

338 The sugar derivatives 1, 2 and 3 were synthesized by reaction of vanillin with the corresponding 339 peracetylglycosyl bromide using lithium hydroxide as a base, according to a method previously 340 described (Figure 1) (58). A series of thiosemicarbazones was synthesized by classical methods from 341 an aldehyde or ketone and thiosemicarbazide with yields in the range of 51-95 %. Then, the 342 thiosemicarbazones obtained were subjected to reaction with α -bromo-acetophenone, giving the 343 corresponding thiazole heterocycles (yield 29-98 %) (Figure 2). The stereochemistry at the C=N bond of the thiosemicarbazone derivatives was established by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The value of the 344 chemical shift of the NH (9-12 ppm) is indicative of (E) configuration (59). Some semicarbazones 345 346 were also synthesized according to a previously described procedure (60), for comparison of the 347 activity of semicarbazones with that of the thiosemicarbazones.

348 Fifteen thiosemicarbazones and nine thiazole analogues were prepared containing an aryl or 349 heteroaryl, and/or cycloalkyl or glycosyl moieties (Figure 3). The introduction of the carbohydrate 350 moiety (compounds 4i-4k and 5i) was designed to modulate solubility and interaction properties (for 351 example, by hydrogen bonding) with the molecular target (cysteine protease).

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353 Discovery of a potent rhodesain and SmCB1 inhibitor

354 An initial screen of 18 compounds, mostly thiosemicarbazones, was performed against 355 rhodesain. Compounds were screened in two conditions, that is with and without a 10 min pre-356 incubation with the enzyme (Table 1). A clear time-dependence was observed for the active 357 compounds, as expected based on the formation of a covalent bond between rhodesain and the inhibitor. To verify if the differences in percentage of inhibition observed were statistically significant, 358 359 we have applied an unpaired t-test comparing the results of assays with and without pre-incubation. 360 This analysis reveals that, for all compounds which inhibited rhodesain by more than 80% in the 361 screen, the percentage of inhibition is higher if the enzyme is pre-incubated with the compound, and this difference is statistically significant, with p-values <0.0002 (Table S1). Therefore all subsequent 362

363 assays were performed with a 10 minute pre-incubation against the enzymes; the SAR discussion refers 364 to the inhibition observed under this condition.

Eleven compounds inhibited rhodesain by at least 50% at 100 μ M; IC₅₀ values were determined 365 366 for five of them. Several trends were observed based on this initial screen. Comparison between 4a and 367 4g indicates the importance of the aromatic ring. Addition of a methyl substituent at the *para* position does not affect inhibition (4b), whereas a dimethylamine at the same position results in a more potent 368 compound (4c, $IC_{50} = 3.0 \pm 0.8 \mu M$), as does the replacement of the phenyl by a pyridine (4d, $IC_{50} =$ 369 $3.3 \pm 0.9 \ \mu\text{M}$) or by an imidazol (4e, IC₅₀ = $4.0 \pm 1.8 \ \mu\text{M}$). Three cyclic analogues were less soluble, 370 371 and in a few cases could not be evaluated at 100 μ M. They were therefore assayed at 50 μ M (5c) or 75 372 μ M (5a and 5b). Assay results for several pairs of compounds suggested that replacement of the 373 thiosemicarbazones by a cyclized analogue decreases potency against the enzyme (4d vs. 5d, 4h vs. 5h, 4e vs. 5e, 4j vs. 5i), except for 4a vs. 5a, which showed similar potency. This initial screen resulted in 374 the discovery of a potent inhibitor, 4i, with an IC₅₀ of $1.2 \pm 1.0 \mu$ M. Comparison to 4j shows the 375 376 importance of the sugar, since replacement of the acetylated galactose by an acetylated glucose, 377 representing a difference in only one chiral center, results in a 20-fold decrease in potency (4j, $IC_{50} =$ 378 $26.2 \pm 1.5 \ \mu$ M).

379 The compounds were also evaluated against the T. cruzi and S. mansoni cysteine proteases, 380 cruzain and SmCB1. Like rhodesain, cruzain is a cathepsin L-like protease, and only two active 381 residues are different between both proteins. Similarity between the cathepsin B-like SmCB1 and 382 rhodesain active sites is lower, however common inhibitors have been reported for these enzymes (19). 383 The SAR for the three enzymes showed several similarities and also interesting differences. The 384 importance of the aromatic ring was confirmed (4a vs. 4g), and as observed for rhodesain both the 385 addition of a dimethylamine in this ring and its replacement by a pyrol increased potency against cruzain (4c, $IC_{50}=6.6 \pm 3.2 \ \mu\text{M}$, and 4e, $IC_{50}=9.7 \pm 5.2 \ \mu\text{M}$) and SmCB1 (4c, $IC_{50}=1.5 \pm 0.4 \ \mu\text{M}$, and 386 4e, $IC_{50} = 6.8 \pm 2.1 \mu M$). However, in contrast to what was measured for rhodesain, against cruzain and 387

388 SmCB1, the pyridine analogue (4d) was not as potent as the compound containing a phenyl ring (4a). 389 Interestingly, although addition of the methyl substituent neither influenced the inhibition of cruzain 390 nor rhodesain, potency against SmCB1 was increased ten-fold (4a, $IC_{50}= 22.4 \pm 3.1 \mu M$ vs 4b, $IC_{50}=$ 391 $2.5 \pm 1.9 \,\mu$ M). Overall, the thiosemicarbazones 4c and 4e were the most potent inhibitors of the three 392 enzymes.

393 The most significant difference in potency was observed for 4i. Although this compound had 394 low micromolar potency against rhodesain (IC₅₀ = $1.2 \pm 1.0 \mu$ M), it was approximately 35-fold less potent against cruzain (IC₅₀ = $37.7 \pm 9.8 \mu$ M) and essentially inactive against SmCB1 (IC₅₀ could not 395 396 be determined). Despite the similarity of the active sites of cruzain and rhodesain, the bottom of the S2 397 pocket in cruzain and SmCB1 contains a glutamate (Glu208 and Glu316, respectively), whereas 398 rhodesain has an alanine in the equivalent position. The S2 pocket is therefore considerably more open in rhodesain, possibly providing an explanation for the ability of this enzyme to bind larger scaffolds. 399 400 The epimer 4j showed lower potency against cruzain and SmCB1, when compared to rhodesain. 401 Nevertheless, against these two enzymes we observed that both compounds (4i and 4j) where only 402 modest inhibitors.

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SAR 404

405 The SAR for 4i was exploited based on the impact of removing or modifying the sugar (Table 406 2), and removing the thiosemicarbazone or modifying it to a semicarbazone (Table 3). Significant 407 differences were observed in SAR for the three enzymes regarding modifications in the sugar. Removal 408 of the sugar moiety decreased potency against rhodesain by at least 5-fold (4l, $IC_{50} = 7.3 \pm 4.0 \mu M$; 4m, $IC_{50} = 6.2 \pm 2.7 \mu M$) or more so depending on the pattern of phenyl substitution (4n, 4o). On the other 409 410 hand, against cruzain this modification increased potency by 6-fold, and both 4l and 4m had IC_{50} 411 values of approximately 10 μ M. It is worth noting that in the analogues which do not contain a sugar 412 (41-40) the potencies against cruzain and rhodesain are similar.

413 Despite the sugar not being essential for binding, it could drastically affect inhibition. For 414 example, addition of another sugar monomer (4k) resulted in a compound inactive against both cruzain and rhodesain, but active against SmCB1 (4k, $IC_{50} = 7.7 \pm 1.7 \mu M$). 415

416 Removal of the thiosemicarbazone (galactosyl 1 and lactosyl 3) or its replacement by semicarbazone (6a vs. 4n, 6b vs. 4m, 6c vs. 4l, 6d vs. 4o, 6f vs. 4h) resulted in compounds inactive 417 against the three enzymes, the only exception being 6f against SmCB1 (IC₅₀ = $5.2 \pm 2.8 \mu$ M). This 418 419 effect has also been reported for a related compound series (27) and can be explained by the more 420 electrophilic nature of the thiosemicarbazones, and the mechanism of cysteine protease inhibition by 421 these compounds.

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423 Assays against parasites in vitro

424 Compounds were evaluated against T. brucei, T. cruzi and S. mansoni. To assess the anti-425 parasitic activity of the 24 compounds against the bloodstream form of T. b. brucei, we used a viability 426 assay based on the fluorescence of the parasite's nucleic acid (Faria J et al, manuscript in press). 427 Parasites were co-incubated for 72 h with compound two-fold serially diluted from 10 µM to 305 pM. 428 At 10 µM, none of the 24 tested compounds showed more than 60% bioactivity, defined as the 429 reduction in parasite number compared to untreated control (Table S2).

430 For T. cruzi, compounds were tested against both amastigote and trypomastigote forms of the 431 Tulahuen strain (52). Weak trypanocidal activity was observed for this class and five compounds 432 generated IC₅₀ values under 100 μ M. Based on the difference between the IC₅₀ values for parasites and 433 the L929 mouse fibroblast cell line, a Selectivity Index (SI) of each compound could be determined. 434 The SI ranged from 1.3 to 10.7 (*Table S2*). Importantly, even though the trypanocidal IC_{50} values were 435 high, the trypanocidal concentration was not toxic to fibroblasts, and in the case of compounds 4b and 436 **4h**, the IC₅₀ values for fibroblasts were an order of magnitude greater than those for *T. cruzi* (*Table S2*).

Although those compounds with SI values ≥ 10 might be considered prototypes for new trypanocidal drugs, they are not recommended for *in vivo* tests as the SI values do not cross a decision gate threshold of 50 (53).

For *S. mansoni*, screens were performed against post-invasive larvae (schistosomula) and adult parasites, as previously described (54, 55). Parasite responses to chemical insult were adjudicated visually each day using a constrained nomenclature (54, 57) that accounts for changes in shape, motility and density. The types and number of phenotypic responses recorded are then converted into a 'severity score' ranging from 0 (no effect) to 4 (severely compromised). Five compounds (**5a**, **5b**, **5c**, **5d**, **4h**) showed activity against schistosomula. Among these compounds only **5d** was active against adult worms.

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448 CONCLUSION

449 Here we report the discovery of 4i, a sugar-containing thiosemicarbazone which showed low micromolar potency against rhodesain (IC₅₀ = $1.2 \pm 1.0 \mu$ M) and modest potency against cruzain (IC₅₀ 450 = $37.7 \pm 9.8 \mu$ M). Synthesis of a series of analogues allowed determination of the SAR in this series, 451 and resulted in six rhodesain, four cruzain and five SmCB1 inhibitors with $IC_{50} \le 10 \ \mu$ M. Only three 452 453 thiosemicarbazones (4c, 4e and 4m) showed similar potencies against the rhodesain, cruzain, and 454 SmCB1, a result that demonstrates that considerable differences in the SAR for the three enzymes exist. 455 In a few cases, using larger scaffolds, higher potency was observed against rhodesain. Direct assays of 456 the most potent inhibitors against the parasites T. cruzi, T. brucei and S. mansoni showed some anti-457 parasitic activity but also suggested that further SAR modifications will be needed to produce lead 458 compounds.

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649 FIGURE LEGENDS

- 650 **Figure 1** Synthesis of the glycosides **1**, **2** and **3**.
- 651 Figure 2 General synthetic route for preparation of thiosemicarbazones and their corresponding
- 652 thiazole heterocycles.
- **Figure 3** Chemical structure of the thiosemicarbazones **4a-o** and cyclic analogues **5a-i** synthesized.

Table 1. Inhibition of rhodesain, cruzain and SmCB1 by a series of thiosemicarbazones and cyclic

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analogues.

$\overset{S}{\underset{H_2N}{ \longrightarrow}} \overset{N_{\sim}}{\underset{H}{ \longrightarrow}} \overset{R_1}{\underset{H}{ \longrightarrow}}$	$N = N = R_1$
4a-k	5a-h

		Rhodesain		Cruzain		SmCB1	
		%		0⁄0		0⁄0	
Commonwell	n	inhibition	IC ₅₀ ^b	inhibition	IC ₅₀ ^b	inhibition	IC ₅₀ ^b
Compound	K ₁	at 100	(µM)	at 100	(µM)	at 100	(µM)
		$\mu \mathbf{M}^{\mathbf{a}}$		μM^{a}		μM^{a}	
4-	DI.	72.5 ±	ND	527112	ND	044+05	22.4
4a	Ph	12.7	ND	53.7 ± 1.2	ND	84.4 ± 8.3	± 3.1
<i>4</i> b	Hac	776+27	ND	<i>1</i> 1 0 + 1 1	ND	87.2 ±	2.5 ±
UF.	Π3Cξ	//.0 ± 2.7	ND	41.7 ± 1.1	ND	11.9	1.9
40	H ₃ C	$100.0 \pm$	$3.0 \pm$	01.0 ± 0.2	$6.6 \pm$	$100.0 \pm$	1.5 ±
40	H ₃ C	0.0	0.8	91.9 ± 0.2	3.2	0.0	0.4
44	N	81.7 ± 2.1	$3.3 \pm$	60.9 ± 1.1	ND	73.1±	42.4
4u	N		0.9	00.8 ± 4.4	ND	23.4	± 2.6
40	H - N %	100 ± 0.0	$4.0 \pm$	97.2 ± 0.1	$9.7 \pm$	861+11	$6.8 \pm$
40		100 ± 0.0	1.8	<i>91.2</i> ± 0.1	5.2	00.1 ± 4.4	2.1
4f		1.8 ± 9.3	ND	0.0 ± 0.0	ND	0.0 ± 0.0	ND
4g		0.0 ± 0.0	ND	0.0 ± 0.0	ND	0.0 ± 0.0	ND

4h		69.6 ± 7.0	ND	32.7 ± 2.8	ND	56.1 ± 3.0	ND
4 i	Aco OAc H ₃ CO Aco OAc OAc	96.9 ± 0.6	1.2 ±	71.4 ± 1.7	37.7 ± 9.8	59.9 ± 10.6	ND
4j	Aco Aco Aco OAc	95.4 ± 1.2	26.2 ± 1.5	70.3 ± 4.9	ND	52.6 ± 5.3	ND
5a**	Ph	$72.0\pm\!\!13.3$	ND	74.6 ± 2.6	ND	9.3 ± 3.8	ND
5b*	H ₃ C-	64.6 ± 3.6	ND	39.4 ± 6.1	ND	53.6±16.0	ND
5c**	$H_{3}C$ $H_{3}C$	65.3 ± 2.0	ND	80.9 ± 0.2	5.1 ± 1.6	0.0 ± 0.0	ND
5d	N	13.6 ± 5.4	ND	37.3 ± 5.7	ND	0.0 ± 0.0	ND
5e	H N N	30.2 ± 12.4	ND	27.5 ± 5.4	ND	41.0 ± 2.7	ND
5f		0.0 ± 0.0	ND	16.9 ± 4.8	ND	0.0 ± 0.0	ND
5g		5.1 ± 8.7	ND	23.7 ± 1.0	ND	38.0 ± 9.8	ND
5h		34.7 ± 29.1	ND	47.8 ± 3.4	ND	53.7 ±	ND

^aPercentages of inhibition are reported as the average and standard deviation of at least two

658 independent experiments, each performed in triplicate. ^b IC_{50} values represent the average and standard 659 deviation of at least two independent experiments. ND = not determined. *Compound evaluated at 75

660 μ M; ** Compound evaluated at 50 μ M.

anuscrip	661	Table 2. Inhibition of rhodesain, cr H_2N H_2N H_3N H_4								
Accepted M	662	Compound	<u>+-ч</u>							
		4k	$Aco OAc OAc OAc H_3CO OAc Aco OAc Aco OAc OAc OAc OAc OAc OAc OAc OAc OAc OAc$							
ts and		41	H ₃ CO HO							
robial Agen nemotherapy		4m	H ₃ CO H ₃ CO							
Of Of		4n	Haco							

azain and SmCB1 by 4i analogues modified in the sugar moiety.

	$H_2N \xrightarrow{N \ N}_{H_2}N \xrightarrow{N}_{H_2} R_1$ 41-q							
	·	Rhodes	ain	Cruza	in	SmCB	51	
Compound		%		%		%		
	\mathbf{R}_{1}	inhibition	IC ₅₀ ^b	inhibition	IC ₅₀ ^b	inhibition	IC ₅₀ ^b	
		at 100	(µM)	at 100	(µM)	at 100	(µM)	
		μM^{a}		μM^{a}		μM^{a}		
<u>4</u> k	Aco OAc OAc H ₃ CO	37.6 + 8.7	ND	30.9 + 2.1	ND	87.6 ±	7.7 ±	
	Aco OAc OAc	57.0 - 0.7	T(D)	50.7 - 2.1	ND	14.1	1.7	
41	H₃CO	85.6 ± 1.5	$7.3 \pm$	004+00	11.0	(0.7 ± 0.0)	ND	
	HO		4.0	80.4 ± 0.8	± 1.8	60.7 ± 0.9		
	H ₃ CO	89.8 ± 0.7	6.2 ±		$9.0 \pm$		14.6	
4m	H ₃ CO-		2.7	89.9 ± 1.5	2.8	98.4 ± 2.7	± 0.7	
4n	H₃CO−∕∕	60.6 ± 6.4	ND	58.5 ± 2.3	ND	1.5 ± 2.7	ND	
	<u>н</u> .со							
40	H ₃ CO	66 5 + 5 1	ND	75.3 ± 2.8	ND	18.7 ±	ND	
	H ₃ CO	00.0 - 0.1	T(D)	10.0 - 2.0	T(D)	16.2		
5i		70.6±				$71.0 \pm$		
		10.2	ND	53.9 ± 0.7	ND	11.7	ND	

^a Percentages of inhibition are reported as the average and standard deviation of at least two 663 independent experiments, each performed in triplicate.^b IC₅₀ values represent the average and standard 664 deviation of at least two independent experiments. ND = not determined. 665

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666 **Table 3.** Inhibition of rhodesain, cruzain and SmCB1 by **4i** analogues without thiosemicarbazones.





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		Rhodesa	in	Cruzai	n	SmCB1		
Compounds	в.	% inhibition	IC ₅₀ ^b	% inhibition	IC ₅₀ ^b	% inhibition	IC ₅₀ ^b	
	N	100 μM ^a	(µM)	100 μM ^a	(µM)	100 μM ^a	(µM)	
Galactosyl 1		33.1 ± 8.6	ND	12.0 ± 2.5	ND	15.2 ± 0.7	ND	
Lactosyl 3		3.7 ± 2.1	ND	6.8 ± 1.8	ND	15.0 ± 2.2	ND	
6a	H ₃ CO-	20.6 ± 5.9	ND	20.8 ± 1.2	ND	0.0 ± 0.0	ND	
6b	H ₃ CO H ₃ CO	10.1 ± 10.8	ND	20.2 ± 3.7	ND	1.6 ± 2.8	ND	
6с	H ₃ CO HO	0.0 ± 0.0	ND	14.6 ± 0.7	ND	14.4 ± 14.2	ND	
6d	H ₃ CO H ₃ CO H ₃ CO	18.4 ± 3.7	ND	5.1 ± 3.6	ND	38.9 ± 29.4	ND	
6f		53.8 ± 9.6	ND	39.4 ±1.1	ND	99.1 ± 1.5	5.2 ± 2.8	

^aPercentages of inhibition are reported as the average and standard deviation of at least two independent experiments, each performed in triplicate. ${}^{b}IC_{50}$ values represent the average and standard deviation of at least two independent experiments. ND = not determined.

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4 b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
4c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
4d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
4e	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
4f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
4 g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
4h	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0		
4i	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
4j	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
4k	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
4n	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
4q	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT		
5a*	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	4	4	0	0	0		
5b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0		
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Table 4. Activity against Schistosoma mansoni somules and adult worms.

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5c	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	0
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5e	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	NT	NT	NT
5f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT
5g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT
5h	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT
6a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT
6b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT
60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT
6d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT
6f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT
Galactosyl 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	NT	NT	NT
Lactosyl 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	NT	NT

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*Compound evaluated at 50 μ M due to solubility limitations. NT = not tested

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