

New Sphingolipids and Other Constituents of *Pancovia laurentii*

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Phytochemical investigation of the bark and leaves of *Pancovia laurentii* (Sapindaceae) resulted in the isolation of a new ceramide and a new cerebroside, named pancoviamide (**1**), and pancovioside (**2**) respectively, together with six known compounds: uracil, (*R*)-*N*-[(1*S*,2*S*,3*R*)-2,3-dihydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)heptadec-5-en-1-yl]-2-hydroxytetracosanamide, stigmasta-7,22-dien-3-ol, β -sitosterol, β -sitosterol 3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside, and 2,3-dihydroxypropyl pentadecanoate. The structures of **1** and **2** were determined by means of spectroscopic methods. Compounds **1** and **2** were tested *in vitro* for their antiprotozoal properties against several protozoa and for their cytotoxicity.

Introduction. – *Pancovia laurentii* (Sapindaceae) is a small tree that grows in the tropical regions of Cameroon [1]. Plants of Sapindaceae family are largely used in Cameroonian folk medicine to treat several diseases such as malaria, typhoid, stomach ache, ulcer, skin diseases, dysentery, and rheumatism [2][3]. Previous phytochemical investigations of plants of the Sapindaceae family revealed the presence of triterpenoid saponins, polyphenols, flavonoids, sphingolipids, alkaloids, coumarins, and ellagic acid derivatives as major constituents [4–8]. Some of these secondary metabolites exhibited interesting biological activities such as antiplasmodial, anti-inflammatory, antiulcer, cytotoxic, antioxidant, antibacterial, scorpion venom activity, and migraine target [9–14]. No phytochemical or pharmacological studies have been reported to date on *P. laurentii*. In a continuing search for bioactive or new compounds from Cameroonian medicinal plants, we have investigated an AcOEt extract of the bark and MeOH extract of the leaves of *P. laurentii*. In this contribution, we report the isolation and structure elucidation of a new ceramide, pancoviamide (**1**), and a new cerebroside, pancovioside (**2**). The structures of compounds **1** and **2** were elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic analysis. In addition, the known constituents uracil, (*R*)-*N*-[(1*S*,2*S*,3*R*)-2,3-dihydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)heptadec-5-en-1-yl]-2-hydroxytetracosanamide, stigmasta-7,22-dien-3-ol, β -sitosterol, β -sitosterol 3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside, and 2,3-dihydroxypropyl pentadecanoate were isolated.

Results and Discussion. – The air-dried and ground bark and leaves of *P. laurentii* were extracted separately with MeOH. The residue obtained after evaporation of the solvent from the bark extract was partitioned with H₂O/AcOEt 2:3. These extracts were subjected to successive column chromatographies, and led to the isolation of eight constituents, including one new ceramide, **1**, and one new cerebroside, **2**.

Compound **1** was isolated as an amorphous powder from the fraction with hexane/AcOEt 1:1. The molecular formula, C₄₂H₈₃NO₅, with two degrees of unsaturation, was deduced from the combination of ESI-MS, and ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectral analyses (Table 1). The IR spectrum showed vibration for OH groups at 3329 cm⁻¹. The typical IR absorptions at 1618 and 1539 cm⁻¹ suggested an amide linkage, which was confirmed by a signal of N-attached C-atom at δ(C) 53.1 and a signal of a CO group at δ(C) 175.4 in the ¹³C-NMR spectrum. The ¹H-NMR spectrum in (D₅)pyridine (Table 1) exhibited signals of an amide H-atom (doublet at δ(H) 8.60 (*J* = 9.2)), of long-chain of CH₂ H-atoms (δ(H) 1.28–1.33 (br. *s*)), and of two terminal Me groups (δ(H) 0.88 (*t*, *J* = 6.6)), indicating a sphingolipid skeleton [7]. The ¹H-NMR spectrum also displayed five signals, characteristic of H-atoms geminal to OH groups, at δ(H) 4.42–4.47 (*m*, H_a–C(1)), 4.51–4.56 (*m*, H_b–C(1)), 4.36–4.39 (*m*, H–C(3)), 4.30–4.35 (*m*, H–C(4)), and 4.64–4.65 (*m*, H–C(2')). The ¹³C-NMR spectrum displayed signals for four C-atoms linked to O-atoms at δ(C) 62.2 (C(1)), 76.9 (C(3)), 73.2 (C(4)), and 72.6 (C(2')), respectively, which were assigned on the basis of HSQC data to the

Table 1. NMR Data for Pancoviamide (**1**). In (D₅)pyridine; δ in ppm, *J* in Hz.

	δ(C)	δ(H)	¹ H, ¹ H-COSY	¹ H, ¹³ C-HMBC
H _a –C(1)	62.2 (<i>t</i>)	4.42–4.47 (<i>m</i>)	H _b –C(1), H–C(2), OH	C(2), C(3)
H _b –C(1)		4.51–4.56 (<i>m</i>)	H _a –C(1), H–C(2), OH	C(2), C(3)
H–C(2)	53.1 (<i>d</i>)	5.11–5.17 (<i>m</i>)	H _a –C(1), H _b –C(1), H–C(3), NH	C(1), C(3), C(1')
H–C(3)	76.9 (<i>d</i>)	4.36–4.39 (<i>m</i>)	H–C(2), H–C(4), OH	C(2), C(4), C(1), C(5)
H–C(4)	73.2 (<i>d</i>)	4.30–4.35 (<i>m</i>)	H–C(3), H–C(5), OH	
H _a –C(5)	34.3 (<i>t</i>)	1.93–2.01 (<i>m</i>)		
H _b –C(5)		2.27–2.32 (<i>m</i>)		
CH ₂ (6–21)	30.0–30.2 (<i>t</i>)	1.28–1.33 (br. <i>s</i>)		
CH ₂ (22)	32.3 (<i>t</i>)	1.22–1.25 (<i>m</i>)		
CH ₂ (23)	23.1 (<i>t</i>)	1.25–1.29 (<i>m</i>)		
Me(24)	14.4 (<i>q</i>)	0.88 (<i>t</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.6)		
NH		8.60 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 9.2)	H–C(2)	
H–C(1')	175.4 (<i>s</i>)			
H–C(2')	72.6 (<i>d</i>)	4.64–4.65 (<i>m</i>)	H–C(3'), OH	C(1')
H _a –C(3')	35.8 (<i>t</i>)	2.20–2.26 (<i>m</i>)	H–C(2')	C(4'), C(1')
H _b –C(3')		2.01–2.12 (<i>m</i>)	H–C(2')	
H–C(4')	130.8 (<i>d</i>)	5.51–5.57 (<i>m</i>)	H–C(3')	C(6')
H–C(5')	130.9 (<i>d</i>)	5.62–5.66 (<i>m</i>)	H–C(6')	C(6')
CH ₂ (6')	33.1 (<i>t</i>)	2.16–2.19 (<i>m</i>)	H–C(5')	C(5')
CH ₂ (7')	25.9 (<i>t</i>)	2.01–2.12 (<i>m</i>)		
CH ₂ (8'–15')	30.0–30.2 (<i>t</i>)	1.28–1.33 (br. <i>s</i>)		
CH ₂ (16')	32.3 (<i>t</i>)	1.22–1.25 (<i>m</i>)		
CH ₂ (17')	23.1 (<i>t</i>)	1.25–1.29 (<i>m</i>)	H–C(18')	
Me(18')	14.4 (<i>q</i>)	0.88 (<i>t</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.6)	H–C(17')	

previous H-atoms. The locations of four OH groups at C(1), C(3), C(4), and C(2') were determined from the HMBC spectrum, which showed cross-peaks, between the H-atom signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.42–4.47 (*m*, $\text{H}_a\text{-C}(1)$) and the C-atom signals at $\delta(\text{C})$ 53.1 (C(2)) and 76.9 (C(3)), the H-atom signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 5.11–5.17 (*m*, $\text{H-C}(2)$) and the C-atom signals at $\delta(\text{C})$ 62.2 (C(1)), 76.9 (C(3)), and 175.4 (C(1')), the H-atom signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.36–4.39 (*m*, $\text{H-C}(3)$) and the C-atom signals at $\delta(\text{C})$ 53.1 (C(2)), 73.2 (C(4)), 62.2 (C(1)), and 34.5 (C(5)), and between the H-atom signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.64–4.65 (*m*, $\text{H-C}(2')$) and the C-atom signal at $\delta(\text{C})$ 175.4 (C(1')). The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of **1** also showed signals of two olefinic H-atoms of a disubstituted $\text{C}=\text{C}$ moiety at $\delta(\text{H})$ 5.51–5.57 (*m*, $\text{H-C}(4')$) and 5.62–5.66 (*m*, $\text{H-C}(5')$), which was substantiated by the signals observed in the $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ and DEPT-135 spectra at $\delta(\text{C})$ 130.8 and 130.9. In the HMBC spectrum, cross-peaks between the H-atom signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 2.20–2.26 (*m*, $\text{H}_b\text{-C}(3')$) and the C-atom signals at $\delta(\text{C})$ 130.8 (C(4')) and 175.4 (C(1')), and between the H-atom signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 2.16–2.19 (*m*, $\text{H-C}(6')$) and the C-atom signal at $\delta(\text{C})$ 130.8 (C(4')), evidenced the $\text{C}(4')=\text{C}(5')$ bond. The $^1\text{H},^1\text{H-COSY}$ spectrum showed cross-peaks between the olefinic H-atom signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 5.51–5.57 (*m*, $\text{H-C}(4')$) and the H-atom signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 2.01–2.12 (*m*, $\text{H}_a\text{-C}(3')$), the H-atom signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.64–4.65 (*m*, $\text{H-C}(2')$) and the H-atom signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 2.20–2.26 (*m*, $\text{H}_b\text{-C}(3')$), confirming the location of the $\text{C}=\text{C}$ bond. In addition, the two CH_2 H-atom signals at $\delta(\text{H})$ 2.20–2.26 (*m*, $\text{H}_b\text{-C}(3')$) and 2.01–2.12 (*m*, $\text{H}_a\text{-C}(3')$) inter-correlate and also correlate to the signal of a H-atom at the O-bearing C-atom at $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.64–4.65 (*m*, $\text{H-C}(2')$), suggesting the presence of a $-\text{CO}-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}$ moiety [15][16]. The other olefinic H-atom signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 5.62–5.66 (*m*, $\text{H-C}(5')$) showed cross-peaks with CH_2 H-atom signals at $\delta(\text{H})$ 2.16–2.19 (*m*, $\text{H-C}(6')$), which further showed cross-peaks with long-chain CH_2 H-atom signals at $\delta(\text{H})$ 1.28–1.33 (*br. s.*). The configuration of the $\text{C}=\text{C}$ bond was found to be (*E*) as evidenced by the chemical shifts of C(3') ($\delta(\text{C})$ 35.8) and C(6') ($\delta(\text{C})$ 33.1). In fact, it is known that the geometry of the $\text{C}=\text{C}$ bond in the long-chain alkene can be determined on the basis of the $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ chemical shift of the CH_2 C-atom adjacent to the olefinic C-atom, which is observed around $\delta(\text{C})$ 27 in (*Z*)-isomer and $\delta(\text{C})$ 33 in (*E*)-isomer [17]. The fatty acid and sphingosine chain lengths were determined by characteristic fragment-ion peaks observed in the different mass spectra. Indeed, the length of the fatty acid was determined from EI-MS (Fig. 1), which showed the ion peak at m/z 289 ($[\text{Me}(\text{CH}_2)_{12}\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}_2\text{CHOHCOH} + \text{Li}]^+$)

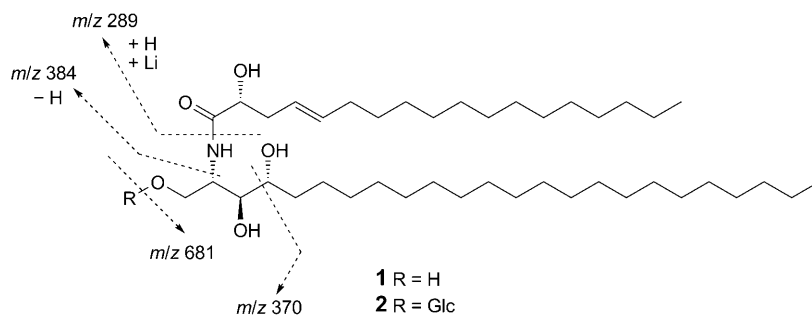


Fig. 1. Mass fragmentation pattern of compounds **1** and **2**

[18][19]. The length of the long-chain base was also obtained from EI-MS (*Fig. 1*), which showed significant fragment-ion peaks at m/z 384 ($[M - C_{16}H_{31}CHOHCONH_2]^+$) and 370 ($[M - CH_3(CH_2)_{19}CHOH]^+$). Consideration of biogenesis and steric hindrance of sphingolipids, and the chemical shift of the H–C(2) signal and the C-atom signals of C(1) to C(4), C(1'), and C(2') of sphingolipids generally allow us to determine the absolute configuration of the phytosphingosine moiety. The H-atom signal at $\delta(H)$ 5.11–5.17 (*m*, H–C(2)) and the C-atom signals at $\delta(C)$ 62.2 (C(1)), 76.9 (C(3)), 175.4 (C(1')), and 72.6 (C(2')) in **1** were nearly identical to those of previously reported ceramides in the literature [20][21], indicating the same configuration. Thus, the structure of **1** was established as (2*R*,4*E*)-2-hydroxy-*N*-[(2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-1,3,4-trihydroxytetracosan-2-yl]octadec-4-enamide, named pancoviamide (*Fig. 2*).

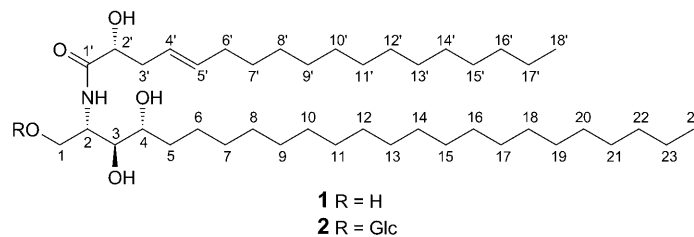


Fig. 2. Structures of compounds 1 and 2

Compound **2** was isolated as an amorphous white powder from the fraction with AcOEt/MeOH 9:1. The molecular formula, $C_{48}H_{93}NO_{10}$, with three degrees of unsaturation, was deduced from HR-ESI-MS, which exhibited a *pseudo*-molecular-ion peak $[M + K]^+$ at m/z 882.64245 (calc. 882.64254), and the combination of 1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectral analyses (*Table 2*). Compound **2** responded positively to the *Molish* test, suggesting that it was a glycoside. The IR spectrum showed an absorption band at 3306 cm^{-1} which indicated the presence of OH groups. The typical IR absorptions at 1633 and 1537 cm^{-1} suggested an amide linkage, which was confirmed by a N-attached C-atom signal at $\delta(C)$ 52.1 and a CO signal at $\delta(C)$ 176.1 in the ^{13}C -NMR spectrum. The 1H -NMR spectrum in (D_5)pyridine (*Table 2*) showed signals of an amide H-atom (*doublet* at $\delta(H)$ 8.60 ($J = 9.2$)), long-chain CH_2 H-atoms ($\delta(H)$ 1.28–1.33 (*br. s*)), two terminal Me groups ($\delta(H)$ 0.88 (*t*, $J = 6.9$)), also indicating, as in **1**, a sphingolipid skeleton [18]. Furthermore, the 1H -NMR spectrum also exhibited signals of an anomeric H-atom of sugar at $\delta(H)$ 4.96 (*d*, $J = 8.0$) and eleven other carbinol H-atoms appearing as *multiplets* between $\delta(H)$ 3.85 and 4.77, and suggesting the glycosphingolipid nature of **2** [18]. The appearance of C-atom signals at $\delta(C)$ 106.0 (C(1'')), 75.6 (C(2'')), 78.8 (C(3'')), 72.8 (C(4'')), 78.9 (C(5'')), and 63.0 (C(6'')) in the ^{13}C -NMR spectrum, and the correlation observed in HMBC spectrum between the signals of H-atom at $\delta(H)$ 4.96 and the C-atom at $\delta(C)$ 106.0 are characteristic of a β -glucopyranosyl group as a sugar moiety in **2** [22][23]. The other parts of the different spectra of **2** were similar to those of **1**. The EI-MS spectrum (*Fig. 1*), besides the typical fragment-ion peaks of **1**, also showed an additional fragment-ion peak at m/z 682 ($[M + H - 162]^+$), revealing the elimination of one terminal hexosyl moiety [24], and confirming the existence of the glucopyranosyl group in **2**. All these findings indicated that **2** is the

Table 2. NMR Data for Pancovioside (**2**). In (D₅)pyridine; δ in ppm, J in Hz.

	δ (C)	δ (H)	¹ H, ¹ H-COSY	¹ H, ¹³ C-HMBC
H _a -C(1)	70.9 (<i>t</i>)	4.50–4.56 (<i>m</i>)	H _b -C(1), H _b -C(2), OH	C(2), C(3), C(1'')
H _b -C(1)		4.73–4.77 (<i>m</i>)	H _a -C(1), H _b -C(2), OH	C(2), C(3), C(1'')
H-C(2)	52.1 (<i>d</i>)	5.31–5.36 (<i>m</i>)	H _b -C(1), H _a -C(1), H _b -C(3), NH	C(1), C(3), C(1')
H-C(3)	76.3 (<i>d</i>)	4.33–4.36 (<i>m</i>)	H-C(2), H-C(4), OH	
H-C(4)	71.9 (<i>d</i>)	4.20–4.26 (<i>m</i>)	H-C(3), H-C(5), OH	C(3)
H _a -C(5)	34.3 (<i>d</i>)	1.88–1.96 (<i>m</i>)		
H _b -C(5)		2.15–2.31 (<i>m</i>)		
CH ₂ (6–21)	29.9–30.7 (<i>t</i>)	1.28–1.33 (br. <i>s</i>)		
CH ₂ (22)	32.5 (<i>t</i>)	1.21–1.25 (<i>m</i>)		
CH ₂ (23)	23.4 (<i>t</i>)	1.26–1.29 (<i>m</i>)		
Me(24)	14.7 (<i>q</i>)	0.88 (<i>t</i> , $J=6.9$)	H-C(23)	
NH		8.60 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.2$)	H-C(2)	C(2), C(1')
H-C(1')	176.1 (<i>s</i>)			
H-C(2')	72.9 (<i>d</i>)	4.56–4.60 (<i>m</i>)	H-C(3'), OH	C(1')
H _a -C(3')	35.9 (<i>t</i>)	2.15–2.31 (<i>m</i>)	H-C(2'), H _b -C(3')	C(4'), C(1')
H _b -C(3')		1.97–2.05 (<i>m</i>)	H-C(2'), H-C(4'), H _a -C(3')	
H-C(4')	130.6 (<i>d</i>)	5.44–5.57 (<i>m</i>)	H-C(3')	C(6')
H-C(5')	130.8 (<i>d</i>)	5.44–5.57 (<i>m</i>)	H-C(6')	C(6')
CH ₂ (6')	33.4 (<i>t</i>)	1.97–2.05 (<i>m</i>)	H-C(5')	C(5')
CH ₂ (7')	27.8 (<i>t</i>)	2.06–2.11 (<i>m</i>)		
CH ₂ (8'–15')	29.9–30.7 (<i>t</i>)	1.28–1.33 (br. <i>s</i>)		
CH ₂ (16')	32.5 (<i>t</i>)	1.21–1.25 (<i>m</i>)		
CH ₂ (17')	23.4 (<i>t</i>)	1.26–1.29 (<i>m</i>)	H-C(18')	
Me(18')	14.7 (<i>q</i>)	0.88 (<i>t</i> , $J=6.9$)		
Glc				
H-C(1'')	106.0 (<i>d</i>)	4.96 (<i>d</i> , $J=8.0$)	H-C(2'')	C(3'')
H-C(2'')	75.6 (<i>d</i>)	4.02–4.07 (<i>m</i>)	H-C(1'')	C(3''), C(1'')
H-C(3'')	78.8 (<i>d</i>)	4.20–4.26 (<i>m</i>)		C(2'')
H-C(4'')	72.8 (<i>d</i>)	4.20–4.26 (<i>m</i>)	H-C(5'')	C(5'')
H-C(5'')	78.9 (<i>d</i>)	3.85–3.90 (<i>m</i>)	H-C(4''), H _a -C(6'')	
H _a -C(6'')	63.0 (<i>t</i>)	4.35–4.39 (<i>m</i>)	H _b -C(6''), H-C(5'')	C(5'')
H _b -C(6'')		4.50–4.56 (<i>m</i>)	H _a -C(6'')	

corresponding β -D-glucopyranoside of **1**. On the basis of this evidence, the structure of **2** was assigned as (2*R*,4*E*)-*N*-[(2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-1-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-3,4-dihydroxytracosan-2-yl]-2-hydroxyoctadec-4-enamide, named pancovioside (Fig. 2). Previous phytochemical studies in some Sapindaceae species led to the isolation of cerebrosides and ceramides in this family [7][8], with various biological activities [25–27].

The structures of the known compounds were established by comparing their spectral and physical data with reported data as uracil [28], (*R*)-*N*-[(1*S*,2*S*,3*R*)-2,3-dihydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)heptadec-5-en-1-yl]-2-hydroxytetracosanamide [29], stigmasta-7,22-dien-3-ol [30], β -sttosterol [30], β -sitosterol 3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside [31], and 2,3-dihydroxypropyl pentadecanoate [32].

Compounds **1** and **2** were tested against *Plasmodium falciparum* K1 chloroquine-resistant strain, *Leishmania donovani*, *Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense*, and *Trypanosoma cruzi*, protozoa responsible for malaria, visceral leishmaniasis, African trypanosomiasis, and chagae disease, respectively, according to the method described in [33].

Compounds **1** and **2**, together with crude extracts, were also tested for their cytotoxicities. However, no significant effect was detected in this bioassay with the two compounds ($IC_{50} > 5$; Table 3).

Table 3. In vitro Antiprotozoal and Cytotoxicity Activities of Compounds **1**, **2**, and Extracts

Sample	IC_{50} [$\mu\text{g/ml}$]					Cytotoxicity L6
	<i>T. b. rhodesiense</i>	<i>T. cruzi</i>	<i>L. donovani</i>	<i>P. falciparum</i> K1		
Bark (AcOEt)	nt ^{a)}	nt	nt	1.14		13.7
Leaves	nt	nt	nt	3.64		46.6
1	53.450	> 90	> 90	> 5		> 90
2	> 90	> 90	> 90	> 5		> 90
Melarsoprol ^{b)}	0.004					
Benznidazole ^{c)}		0.536				
Miltefosine ^{d)}			0.194			
Chloroquine ^{e)}				0.037		
Podophyllotoxin ^{f)}						0.004

^{a)} nt = Not tested. ^{b)} Reference drug for *T. b. rhodesiense*. ^{c)} Reference drug for *T. cruzi*. ^{d)} Reference drug for *L. donovani*. ^{e)} Reference drug for *P. falciparum*. ^{f)} Reference drug for the cytotoxicity test.

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Experimental Part

General. M.p.: Büchi-540 melting-point apparatus. Optical rotations: in $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ soln. on a *Jasco* digital polarimeter (model *DIP-360*). IR Spectra: *Jasco* Fourier-transform IR spectrometer. ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra: *Bruker* spectrometer equipped with 5-mm ^1H and ^{13}C probes operating at 500 and 125 MHz resp., with TMS as internal standard. Flash column chromatography (CC): silica gel (SiO_2 ; 230–400 and 70–230 mesh; *Merck*). TLC: percolated aluminium silica gel *60 F₂₅₄* sheets; with different mixtures of petroleum ether (PE), hexane, AcOEt, and acetone as eluents; spots were visualized under UV light (254 and 365 nm) or with $\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ reagent.

Plant Material. The stem bark and leaves of *Pancovia laurentii* were collected in August 2008 at Mont Kala (Yaoundé) in the Centre province of Cameroon and identified by Mr. *V. Nana*, botanist at the National Herbarium of Cameroon, where a voucher specimen has been deposited (N° 3816/SFRK).

Extraction and Isolation. The dried bark (2 kg) and leaves (800 g) of *P. laurentii* were extracted with MeOH (2×10 l) for 48 h. The extracts were concentrated under vacuum at r.t. to afford 90 g (brown) and 20 g (green) extracts, resp. The bark extract was suspended in H_2O and extracted successively with AcOEt and BuOH to afford 30 and 45 g extracts, resp. The latter AcOEt bark extract (25 g) was fractionated by CC (SiO_2 , 230–400 mesh; gradient mixtures hexane/AcOEt). Ninety fractions of 400 ml each were collected and combined on the basis of TLC to yield four main fractions: *Fr. 1* (2.0 g), *Fr. 2* (5.1 g), *Fr. 3* (6.4 g), and *Fr. 4* (10.5 g).

Fr. 1 and *Fr. 4* were complex mixtures that were not further studied. *Fr. 2* (5.1 g) was subjected to CC (SiO_2 , 70–230 mesh; hexane/AcOEt mixtures of increasing polarity) and resulted in the collection of 176 fractions of 150 ml each, which were combined on the basis of TLC analysis. Further purification of *Subfrs. 20–35* afforded β -sitosterol (200 mg) and 2,3-dihydroxypropylpentadecanoate (28 mg). *Subfrs. 123* and *134* yield (*R*)-*N*-[(1*S*,2*S*,3*R*)-2,3-dihydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)heptadec-5-en-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-

tetracosanamide (11 mg). *Fr. 3* (6.4 g) was subjected to CC (SiO₂, 70–230 mesh; hexane/AcOEt gradient) and yielded β -sitosterol 3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (400 mg) and pancovioside (**2**; 4 mg).

The MeOH leaves extract (17 g) was fractionated by CC (SiO₂, 230–400 mesh; hexane/AcOEt mixtures of increasing polarity). Seventy fractions of 200 ml each were collected and combined on the basis of TLC analysis to yield three main fractions: *Fr. A* (1.5 g), *Fr. B* (4.2 g), and *Fr. C* (7.0 g). *Fr. C* was a complex mixture that was not further studied. *Fr. B* (4.2 g) was subjected CC (SiO₂, 70–230 mesh; hexane/AcOEt gradient of increasing polarity) and resulted in the collection of 300 fractions of 150 ml each. Further purification of *Subfrs. 200–237* afforded *pancoviamide* (**1**; 5 mg). *Subfrs. 270–290* yielded uracil (100 mg). Chromatography of *Fr. A* (1.5 g) yielded essentially stigmasta-7,22-dien-3-ol (1300 mg).

Pancoviamide (= (2*R*,4*E*)-2-Hydroxy-N-[(2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-1,3,4-trihydroxytetracosan-2-yl]octadec-4-enamide; **1**). Colorless powder. M.p. 145.4°. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +16.66$ ($c = 0.006$, CHCl₃/MeOH 1:1). IR (KBr): 3329, 1618, 1539. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 1*. ESI-MS: 688 ($[M + Li]^+$), 289 ($[Me(CH_2)_{12}CH=CHCH_2CHOHCOH + Li]^+$). EI-MS: 384 (25, $[M - C_{16}H_{31}CHOHCONH_2]^+$), 370 (30, $[M - Me(CH_2)_{19}CHOH]^+$).

Pancovioside (= (2*R*,4*E*)-N-[(2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-1-(β -D-Glucopyranosyloxy)-3,4-dihydroxytetracosan-2-yl]-2-hydroxyoctadec-4-enamide; **2**). Colorless powder. M.p. 178.0°. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +10.56$ ($c = 0.00375$, CHCl₃/MeOH 1:1). IR (KBr): 3306, 1633, 1537, 1072. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 2*. ESI-MS: 289 ($[Me(CH_2)_{12}CH=CHCH_2CHOHCOH + Li]^+$), 682 ($[M + H - 162]^+$). HR-ESI-MS: 882.64245 ($[M + K]^+$, C₄₈H₉₃KNO₁₀⁺; calc. 882.64254). EI-MS: 384 (50, $[M - C_{16}H_{31}CHOHCONH_2]^+$), 682 (100, $[M + H - 162]^+$), 370 (30, $[M - Me(CH_2)_{19}CHOH]^+$).

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