Diterpenes from Xylopia langsdorffiana

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The phytochemical investigation of *Xylopia langsdorffiana* A.ST.-HIL. & TUL. led to the isolation of eight diterpenes, *i.e.*, of the four new compounds $(5\beta,7\beta,8\alpha,9\beta,10\alpha,12\alpha)$ -atisane-7,16-diol 7-acetate (1), named xylodiol 7-acetate, $(5\beta,8\alpha,9\beta,10\alpha,12\alpha)$ -16-hydroxyatisan-7-one (2), named xylopinone, $(3\alpha,12Z)$ -3-hydroxy-*ent*-labda-8(20),12,14-trien-18-oic acid (3), named labdorffianic acid A, and 8,20-epoxy-13-hydroxy-*ent*-labd-14-en-18-oic acid (4), named labdorffianic acid B, and of the four known compounds **5**–**8**, *i.e.*, *ent*-kauran-16-ol, *ent*-kaur-16-en-19-oic acid, *ent*-kaur-16-en-19-ol, and *ent*-trachyloban-18-oic acid. The structures were established by IR, HR-ESI-MS, and NMR data analysis with the aid of 2D techniques.

Introduction. – The Annonaceae family comprises *ca.* 2'300 species, which are distributed across approximately 130 genera [1]. *Xylopia* is composed of 160 species, of which various are used in folk medicine for rheumatism [2] and as antimicrobial agents [3]. Previous studies with this genus have reported isolations of kaurane diterpenes [4][5], labdanes [6], trachylobanes [7], atisanes [8], and dimeric diterpenes [9-11].

Xylopia langsdorffiana A.ST.-HIL. & TUL. is a 5–7-m tall tree popularly known in northeastern Brazil as 'pimenteira da terra' [3]. Isolations from this species include alkaloids [12], labdane diterpenes [13], atisane, and trachylobane [14]. Labdane and trachylobane diterpenes have demonstrated cytotoxic activity towards different cell lines [15–17]. Atisane diterpenes exhibit cytotoxic [18] and anti-inflammatory activity [19]. In this paper, we report the isolation from *X. langsdorffiana* and structure determination of eight diterpenes, *i.e.*, of the four new compounds: $(5\beta,7\beta,8\alpha,9-\beta,10\alpha,12\alpha)$ -atisane-7,16-diol 7-acetate, named xylodiol acetate (1), $(5\beta,8\alpha,9\beta,10\alpha,12\alpha)$ -16-hydroxyatisan-7-one, named xylopinone (2), $(3\alpha,12Z)$ -3-hydroxy-*ent*-labda-8(20),12,14-trien-18-oic acid, named labdorffianic acid A (3), and 8,20-epoxy-13-hydroxy-*ent*-labd-14-en-18-oic acid, named labdorffianic acid B (4), and of the four known compounds *ent*-kauran-16-oi (5), *ent*-kaur-16-en-19-oic acid (6), *ent*-kaur-16-en-19-oic acid (7), and *ent*-trachyloban-18-oic acid (8) (*Fig.*).

Results and Discussion. – Compound **1** was isolated as optically active colorless crystals. The HR-ESI-MS showed the molecular ion peak at m/z 371.2553 ($[M + Na]^+$), corresponding to the molecular formula $C_{22}H_{36}NaO_3$. The IR absorptions at 3650 and 1735 cm⁻¹ were related to the OH and ester carbonyl group, respectively. In the

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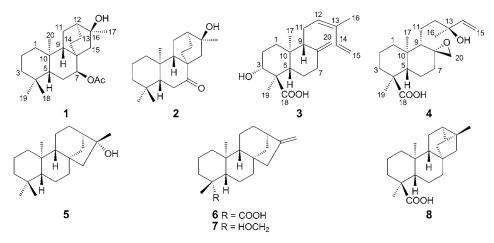


Figure. Diterpenes 1-8, isolated from the roots and fruits of X. langsdorffiana

¹H-NMR spectrum (*Table 1*), an envelope of signals was observed in the region $\delta(H)$ 0.75-2.0 with resolved and unresolved multiplicities. Also five s were present at $\delta(H)$ 1.26, 0.75, 0.77, 0.94, and 2.0, the first one arising from a Me group at an oxygenated quaternary C-atom, and the last one being characteristic of an AcO group. Comparing the ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR data of **1** (*Table 1*) with those of xylodiol (= $(5\beta,7\beta,8\alpha,9)$ - β ,10 α ,12 α)-atisane-7,16-diol) [13], it was possible to identify it as its acetylated derivative $(5\beta,7\beta,8\alpha,9\beta,10\alpha,12\alpha)$ -atisane-7,16-diol 7-acetate whose trivial name was given as xylodiol 7-acetate (1). The signal at $\delta(C)$ 72.0 was attributed to C(16), a characterictic signal of diterpenes of this type, which differed from the C(16) signal of kaurane-type diterpenes at $\delta(C)$ 77.6 [20]. The signals at $\delta(C)$ 76.2, 170.5, and 21.2 confirmed the presence of an AcO group. The chemical shifts at $\delta(C)$ 48.1 (CH), 46.8 (CH), and 50.4 (CH₂) compared to those of xylodiol (isolated from the leaves of X. *langsdorffiana* [13]) inferred the location of the AcO group at C(7), and allowed to assign these chemical shifts to C(5), C(9), and C(15), respectively. In the ¹H, ¹³C-HMQC spectrum, we observed direct correlations of $\delta(H)$ 1.26, 0.75, 0.77, 0.94, and 2.0 with $\delta(C)$ 30.5, 33.0, 21.4, 13.4, and 21.2, respectively, which were assigned to Me(17), Me(18), Me(19), Me(20), and MeCO, respectively. We also observed correlations of $\delta(H)$ 1.30, 4.6, 1.59, and 1.52 with $\delta(C)$ 48.1, 76.2, 46.8, and 37.8, respectively, which were assigned to CH(5), CH(7), CH(9), and CH(12), respectively. In the ¹H, ¹³CgHMBC spectrum and its expansions, we noted the correlations $\delta(H)$ 4.6 (H–C(7))/ $\delta(C)$ 48.1 (C(5)) and 46.8 (C(9)) confirming the insertion of the AcO group at C(7), besides the correlations $\delta(H) 0.75 (Me(18))/\delta(C) 42.0 (C(3)), 32.4 (C(4)), 48.1 (C(5)),$ and 21.4 (C(19)), and δ (H) 1.26 (Me(17))/ δ (C) 50.4 (C(15)) and 37.8 (C(12)). In the ¹H,¹H-gCOSY plot, we observed correlations of $\delta(H)$ 1.30 (H–C(5)) with $\delta(H)$ 1.58 which was assigned to H–C(6), and of $\delta(H)$ 1.59 (H–C(9)) with $\delta(H)$ 2.0 which was assigned to H–C(11). The ¹H,¹H-NOESY plot showed the correlations δ (H) 0.77 $(Me(19))/\delta(H) 0.94$ (Me(20)) and $\delta(H) 0.94$ (Me(20))/ $\delta(H) 4.6$ (H–C(7)), determining the relative configuration of the stereogenic center at C(7). After analysi of all 1D

	Table	$1.^{1}H-an$	d ¹³ C-NMR Data (CDCl ₃ ;	500 and 12	25 MHz, resp.) of Compou	Table 1. ¹ H- and ¹³ C-NMR Data (CDCl ₃ ; 500 and 125 MHz, resp.) of Compounds 1 and 2. 8 in ppm, J in Hz.	z.
Position	1				2		
	$\delta(H)$	$\delta(C)$	HMBC	COSY	<u>δ(H)</u>	δ(C) HMBC	COSY NOESY
$CH_2(1)$	$\begin{array}{ccc} CH_2(1) & 0.85 \ (m), & 39.1 \\ 1 \ 57 \ (m) \end{array}$	39.1		H-C(1)	1.63 (m), 0.85 (m)	38.7 C(10), C(20)	H-C(2)
$CH_2(2)$	1.40, 1.58 (2m)) 18.0			$1.41 \ (m)$	17.8	
$CH_2(3)$	1.17(m),	42.0		H-C(3)		41.7	
	$1.40 \ (m)$				1.18(m)		
C(4) H_C(5)	- 1 30 (m)	32.4 48 1	C(4) C(10)	H_C(6)	- 1 26 (m)	33.1 53.7	
$CH_2(6)$	1.58 (m),	24.0			2.36 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 29$, 15, H _{ax}), 36.9 C(7), C(5), C(10)	36.9 C(7), C(5), C(10)	H-C(5)
	1.66 (m)				2.31 $(dd, J=3, 16, H_{eq})$		
H-C(7) oi	r 4.6 (br. <i>s</i>)	76.2	C(5), C(9)	H-C(6)		215.9	
C(7)							
C(8)	I	37.9			1	47.2	
H-C(9)	$1.59\ (m)$	46.8		H–C(11) 1.63 (m)	$1.63 \ (m)$	50.6 C(11), C(14), C(12), C(20)	H-C(11) H-C(9)
C(10)	I	37.6			1	37.2	
$CH_2(11)$		22.5	C(8)	H-C(11) 1.23 (m)	1.23 (m)	22.9	
H-C(12)		37.8			$1.61 \ (m)$	37.2	
$CH_{2}(13)$	1.51 (<i>m</i>)	23.4			1.61(m),	23.2	H-C(14)
					1.56(m)		
$CH_{2}(14)$	0.98 (m), 1.70 (m)	26.5		H-C(14)	H-C(14) 1.84 (m), 1.10 (m)	26.7 C(16), C(9), C(8), C(14)	H–C(14) Me(20)
$CH_{2}(15)$	1.17(m),	50.4	C(9), C(17), C(14)	H-C(15)	H–C(15) 1.93 $(d, J = 14, H_{ax})$,	48.6	H-C(15)
C(16)	1.59 (m)	72.0			1.41 $(d, J=3, H_{eq})$	71.7	
Me(17)	1.26(s)	30.5	C(15), C(12)		1.29 (s)	30.1 C(16), C(15), C(12)	$H_{ax}-C(15)$
Me(18)	0.75(s)	33.0	C(3), C(4), C(5), C(19)		0.81(s)	32.6	
Me(19)	0.77(s)	21.4			0.81(s)	20.9 C(5), C(3), C(4), C(18)	
Me(20) AcO	0.94(s) 2.0(s)	13.4 170.5, 21.2	C(1), C(5), C(9), C(10) 2		1.07 (s)	13.4 C(5), C(9), C(1), C(10)	$H_{ax}-C(6)$

and 2D NMR data, the structure of **1** was confirmed as $(5\beta,7\beta,8\alpha,9\beta,10\alpha,12\alpha)$ -atisane-7,16-diol 7-acetate (= xylodiol 7-acetate) which is the first report of this substance in the literature.

Compound 2 was isolated as optically active colorless crystals. The HR-ESI-MS showed the molecular-ion peak at m/z 305.2480 ($[M+H]^+$), corresponding to the molecular formula C₂₀H₃₆O₃. The IR spectrum in (KBr) showed absorptions at 3448 and 1678 cm⁻¹, characteristic of an OH and a keto C=O group, respectively. In the ¹³C-NMR (APT) spectrum (*Table 1*), we observed the presence of 19 signals corresponding to 20 C-atoms. Of these, five were attributed to quaternary C-atoms and three to CH, eight to CH₂, and four to Me groups. The signals at $\delta(C)$ 53.2 (C(5)), 50.6 (C(9)), and 37.2 (C(10)), compared with those of **1** also suggested the presence of a tetracyclic C-atom skeleton of the atisane type. The signal at $\delta(C)$ 215.9 confirmed the presence of a keto C=O, and comparison with the 13 C-NMR data of 1 and xylodiol, suggested the position of this C=O group at C(7). In the ¹H-NMR spectrum (*Table 1*), an envelope of signal was observed in the region $\delta(H) 0.75 - 2.36$ with resolved and unresolved multiplicities. Four s were present at $\delta(H)$ 1.29, 0.81, 0.81, and 1.07, the first one arising from a Me group at an oxygenated quaternary C-atom. The two dd at $\delta(H)$ 2.36 and 2.31 were assigned to H_{ax} -C(6) and H_{eq} -C(6), respectively. Comparing the ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR data of 2 to those of 1 and xylodiol [13], it was possible to identify 2 as $(5\beta,8\alpha,9\beta,10\alpha,12\alpha)$ -16-hydroxyatisan-7-one, which was assigned the trivial name xylopinone. The ¹H,¹³C-gHMQC spectrum showed the direct correlations of δ (H) 1.29, 0.81, 0.81, and 1.07 with $\delta(C)$ 30.1, 32.6, 20.9, and 13.4, respectively, which were assigned to Me(17), Me(18), Me(19), and Me(20), respectively. We also observed correlations of $\delta(H)$ 1.26, 1.63, 1.61 with $\delta(C)$ 53.2, 50.6, and 37.2, respectively, which were assigned to C(5), C(9), and C(12), respectively. The ¹H,¹³C-HMBC spectrum and its expansions exhibited the correlation at $\delta(H) 0.81 (Me(19))/\delta(C) 53.2 (C(5))$. In the COSY plot, there was a correlation $\delta(H)$ 1.26 (H–C(5))/ $\delta(H)$ 2.36 (1 H–C(6)). Returning to the HMBC, the cross-peaks $\delta(H) 2.36 (H-C(6))/\delta(C) 215.9 (C(7)), \delta(H) 1.07 (Me(20))/$ $\delta(C)$ 53.2 (C(5)), 50.6 (C(9)), 38.7 (C(1)), and 37.2 (C(10)), and $\delta(H)$ 1.93 $(H_{ax}-C(15))/\delta(C)$ 71.7 (C(16)), 50.6 (C(9)), 47.2 (C(8)), and 26.7 (C(14)) were observed. The ¹H,¹H-NOESY plot revealed the correlations $\delta(H)$ 1.93 (H_{ax}-C(15))/ 1.07 (Me(20)) and 2.36 (H_{ax}-C(6)). After analyis of all 1D- and 2D NMR data, the structure of **2** was confirmed as $(5\beta,8\alpha,9\beta,10\alpha,12\alpha)$ -16-hydroxyatisan-7-one (=xylopinone). Which is the first report of this substance.

Compound **3** was isolated as an optically active colorless oil. The HR-ESI-MS showed the molecular-ion peak at m/z 353.2113 ($[M + Cl]^-$), consistent with the molecular formula $C_{20}H_{30}O_3$. The IR spectrum showed absorptions at 3650 (OH) and 1690 cm⁻¹ (COOH). In the ¹³C-NMR spectrum (*Table 2*), we observed the presence of 20 C-atoms, *i.e.*, five quaternary C-atoms and five CH, seven CH₂, and three Me groups. The signals at $\delta(C)$ 49.9 and 56.9 were characteristic of labdane diterpene C-atoms C(5) and C(9), respectively, with a C=C bond between C(8) and C(20) which resonated at $\delta(C)$ 147.1 and 108.7. The signals at $\delta(C)$ 14.7, 10.5, and 182.1 were assigned to Me(17), Me(19), and C(18), respectively. These data corroborated the axial *cis* position of me(17) and Me(19). The Me(19) was more protected ($\delta(C)$ 10.5) suffering a γ -effect of an OH group at C(3). The chemical shift of the Me group at $\delta(C)$ 19.7 was assigned to Me(16), consistent with (12Z) configuration. In the ¹H-NMR spectrum (*Table 2*) and

Position	3				4		
	φ(H)	$\delta(C)$	HMBC	COSY	φ(H)	$\delta(C)$	HMBC
	$1.8 \ (m, H_{ax}), 1.3 \ (m, H_{eq})$	36.7		H-C(3)	$1.70 \ (m)$	37.9	
$CH_2(2)$	$1.7 \ (m, H_{ax}), 1.6 \ (m, H_{ed})$	27.1			1.58(m)	17.5	
or	$4.0 (dd, {}^{1}J = 4.4, {}^{2}J = 12.0)$	74.5	C(19)	H-C(2)	1.59(m)	36.9	
C(4)		53.6				47.1	
H–C(5)	1.8 (m)	49.9	C(4), C(10), C(6), C(17), C(19)	H-C(6)	1.81 (<i>m</i>)	50.6	C(5)
$CH_2(6)$	$1.5~(m,{ m H}_{ m ax}),1.3~(m,{ m H}_{ m eq})$	26.1	C(5)		$1.54\ (m)$	24.3	
$CH_2(7)$	2.1 (m , H_{ax}), 2.4 (m , H_{eq})	37.4	C(8), C(9), C(6)	H–C(7)	$1.30 \ (m)$	36.1	
C(8)		147.1				58.1	
H-C(9) C(10)	1.7 (m)	56.9 38.6			$1.50 \ (m)$	54.1 39.7	
$CH_{2}(11)$	2.2 (m, H_{ax}) , 2.4 (m, H_{eq})	22.2		H-C(12), H-C(11),	0.83 <i>(m)</i>	15.8	
				H-C(9)			
H–C(12) or CH ₂ (12)	5.2 (br. t)	130.8	C(14)		1.53 (m)	43.5	
C(13)		131.9				73.4	
H-C(14)	$6.7 \ (dd, {}^{1}J = 10.5, {}^{2}J = 17.0)$	133.7	C(15), C(13), C(16) H–C(15)	H-C(15)	5.87 (dd, $^{1}J = 11.0, ^{2}J = 17.5$)	145.3	C(13)
$CH_{2}(15)$	5.0 $(dd, {}^{1}J = 4.0, {}^{2}J = 10.5),$ 5.1 $(dd, {}^{1}J = 4.0, {}^{2}J = 17.0)$	113.4		H-C(14)	5.18 $(dd, {}^{1}J = 17.5, {}^{2}J = 1.0),$ 5.01 $(dd, {}^{1}J = 11.0, {}^{2}J = 1.0)$	111.3	C(13)
	1.7(s)		C(12), C(13), C(14)		1.19(s)	27.8	C(12), C(13), C(14)
	U./3 (S)	14.7 182.1	C(9)		U.81 (S)	14.8 184.2	U(1), U(2), U(3), U(10)
Me(19) $CH_2(20)$	1.12 (s) 4.5 (br. s), 4.8 (br. s)	$10.5 \\ 108.7$	C(18), C(3), C(4) C(9), C(7)		$\begin{array}{c} 1.16 \ (s) \\ 2.75 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 2.75 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 2.5; \ ^2J = 4.5), \\ 1.5 \ (dd, \ ^1J = 4.5$	16.3 50.6	C(4), C(5), C(18)
					2.46 (a, J = 4.5)		

its expansions, we observed two broad s at $\delta(H)$ 4.8 and 4.5 which were assigned the exocyclic CH₂(20) = group at C(8), and two s of quaternary Me groups at δ (H) 0.73 and 1.12 which are characteristic of *ent*-labdane-type diterpenes and which corroborated the equatorial orientation of the COOH group at C(4). The signal at $\delta(H) 4.0 (dd, {}^{1}J =$ 4.4 Hz, ${}^{2}J = 12.0$ Hz) was attributed to a CH–O group, located at position 3, those at δ (H) 5.0 (dd, ¹J = 4.0 Hz, ²J = 10.5 Hz), 5.1 (dd, ¹J = 4.0 Hz, ²J = 17 Hz), and 6.7 (dd, $^{1}J = 10.5$ Hz, $^{2}J = 17.0$ Hz) were characteristic of H–C(14) and CH₂(15) of a labda-12,14-diene, and the signal at $\delta(H)$ 1.7 (s, Me (16)) was characteristic of a Me group attached to a C=C bond. In the HMBC spectrum, we observed the following correlations: $\delta(H) 4.0 (H-(3))/\delta(C) 10.5 (Me(19))$ confirming the assignments of C(3) and Me(19) and corroborating the position of the OH group at C(3), $\delta(H)$ 1.8 $(H-C(5))/\delta(C)$ 10.5 (Me(19)) confirming the assignment of H-C(5), $\delta(H)$ 4.8 $(1 \text{ H}-C(20))/\delta(C)$ 56.9 (C(9)) confirming the assignment of C(9), $\delta(H)$ 1.8 (H–C(5))/ δ (C) 26.1 (C(6)) confirming the assignment of C(6), δ (H) 4.5 (1 H–C(20))/ δ (C) 37.4 (C(7)) confirming the assignment of C(7), and δ (H) 1.7 (Me(16))/ δ (C) 130.8 (C(12)), 131.9 (C(13)), and 133.7 (C(14)). After data analysis and comparison with the literature, one can conclude that **3** is $(3\alpha, 12Z)$ -3-hydroxy-ent-labda-8(20)12,14-trien-18-oic acid, a new diterpene labdane named labdorffianic acid A.

Compound 4 was isolated as an optically active colorless oil. The HR-ESI-MS showed the molecular-ion peak at m/z 337.2373 ($[M+H]^+$), consistent with the molecular formula $C_{20}H_{32}O_4$. In the ¹³C-NMR spectrum (*Table 2*) we observed the presence of 20 C-atom signals, *i.e.*, five quaternary C-atoms and three CH, nine CH₂, and three Me groups. As in 3, the signals at $\delta(C)$ 184.2, 16.3, 14.8, and 50.6 were compatible with an ent-labdane diterpene and assigned to C(18) (equatorial COOH), Me(19), Me(17), and $CH_2(20)$, respectively, Me(17) and Me(19) being *cis* and axially positioned, and with C(5) suffering a γ -gauche effect from the carbonyl O-atom of the COOH group. The signals at $\delta(C)$ 58.1 (quaternary C(8)) and 50.6 (CH₂(20)) corroborated the presence of an epoxy moiety at C(8) and C(20). In the ¹H-NMR spectrum (*Table 2*), the three s at $\delta(H)$ 0.81, 1.16, and 1.19 corresponded to quaternary Me groups. The two signals at $\delta(H)$ 2.46 (d, J = 4.5 Hz) and 2.75 (dd, ${}^{1}J = 2.5$ Hz, ${}^{2}J =$ 4.50 Hz) replaced the two broad s at $\delta(H)$ 4.5 and 4.8 of 3, compatible with the prescence of a labdane-type diterpene [21] epoxidated between C(8) and C(20). The signals at $\delta(H)$ 5.87 (dd, ${}^{1}J = 11.0 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{2}J = 17.5 \text{ Hz}$), 5.18 (dd, ${}^{1}J = 17.5 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{2}J = 1.0 \text{ Hz}$), and 5.01 (dd, ${}^{1}J = 11.0 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{2}J = 1.0 \text{ Hz}$), for H–C(14) and CH₂(15) suggested the presence of a similar structure than that of the diterpene *ent*-13-epimanool (= $(\alpha R,$ 1R,4aR,8aR)- α -ethenyldecahydro- α ,5,5,8a-tetramethyl-2-methylenenaphthalene-1propanol). The direct correlations between C- and H-atoms were observed in the HMQC spectrum and confirmed that $\delta(C)$ 47.1, 58.1, 39.7, 73.4, and 184.2 as were the signals of quaternary C-atoms. The HMBC spectrum showed the following correlations: $\delta(H)$ 5.18 (1 H–C(15))/ $\delta(C)$ 73.4 (C(13)), confirming the assignment of C(13),

 $\delta(H)$ 1.19 (Me(16))/ $\delta(C)$ 43.5 (C(12)), 73.4 (C(13)), and 145.3 (C(14)) confirming the assignments of Me(16), C(12), C(13), and C(14), $\delta(H)$ 1.16 (Me(19))/ $\delta(C)$ 47.1 (C(4)), 50.6 (C(5)), and 184.2 (C(18)), confirming the assignments of Me(19), C(4), C(5), and C(18), and $\delta(H)$ 0.81 (Me(17))/ $\delta(C)$ 37.9 (C(1)), 50.6 (C(5)), 54.1 (C(9)), and 39.7 (C(10)) confirming the assignments of Me(17), C(1), C(5), C(9), and C(10). After analyis of all NMR data and comparison with literature data [21], the structure of **4**

was determined as 8,20-epoxy-13-hydroxy-*ent*-labd-14-en-18-oic acid, a new natural product named labdorffianic acid B.

The compounds 5-8 were identified by comparison with the literature as *ent*-kauran-16-ol, *ent*-kaur-16-en-19-oic acid, *ent*-kaur-16-en-19-ol, and *ent*-trachyloban-18-oic acid, respectively.

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Experimental Part

General. Anal. TLC: silica gel plates PF_{254} 7749 (Merck); visualization under UV light (254 and 366 nm) or by exposure to I₂ vapor. Prep. TLC: silica gel F254 G (Vetec). Column chromatography (CC): silica gel (SiO₂; 0.063–0.20 mm; Merck). M.p.: Microquimica MQAPF-302; uncorrected. Optical rotation: Jasco-P-2000 polarimeter. IR Spectra: Bomem-MB-100 spectrophotometer; $\tilde{\nu}$ in cm⁻¹. NMR Spectra: Varian spectrometer; at 500 (¹H) and 125 MHz (¹³C); in CDCl₃; δ in ppm rel. to Me₄Si as internal standard, J in Hz. HR-ESI-MS: Bruker Daltonics MicfroTOF-II; in m/z.

Plant Material. The roots and fruits of *X. langsdorffiana* were collected in the municipality of Cruz do Espírito Santo, Paraíba, Brazil, in June 2008 and were identified by *M. F. A.* A sample was deposited with the Herbarium *Lauro Pires Xavier*, Universidade Federal da Paraíba, under the voucher specimen number Agra 5541.

Extraction and Isolation. The roots of *X. langsdorffiana* (4 kg) were dried, crushed, and subjected to exhaustive maceration with EtOH (95%) at r.t. for 3 times, with solvent renewal every 72 h. After this process, the extraction soln. was concentrated at 40°: 70 g of crude EtOH extract. The EtOH extract (50 g) was subjected to vacuum chromatography through a fritted funnel (SiO₂, hexane, hexane/AcOEt 8:2 and 1:1, 2:8), AcOEt, AcOEt/MeOH 1:1, and MeOH): *Fractions I–VII. Fr. II* (4 g) was subjected to CC (SiO₂, hexane, hexane/AcOEt, AcOEt): *Frs. II1–II87. Frs. II6–II8* (93 mg) were subjected to CC (SiO₂, AcOEt/hexane $0 \rightarrow 10\%$): **1** (15 mg) and **2** (12 mg). *Frs. II49–II52* (48 mg) were subjected to CC (SiO₂ impregnated with AgNO₃ [22], hexane, hexane/AcOEt, AcOEt, AcOEt, AcOEt/hexane $0 \rightarrow 20\%$): **5** (21 mg) and **6** (8 mg). *Fr. IV* (1.83 g) was subjected to CC (SiO₂, AcOEt/hexane $0 \rightarrow 15\%$): **7** (35 mg) and **8** (13 mg).

The fruits of *X. langsdorffiana* were dried, crushed, and subjected to exhaustive maceration with MeOH at r.t. for 3 times, with solvent renewal every 72 h. After this process, the soln. was concentrated at 40° : 150 g of crude MeOH extract. The MeOH extract (150 g) was suspended in MeOH/H₂O 7:3 and subjected to a liquid/liquid hexane fractionation (CH₂Cl₂, AcOEt): *Fractions VIII – X. Fr. VIII* (10 g) was subjected to CC (hexane, hexane/AcOEt, AcOEt): *Fractions VIII – VIII210. Frs. VIII170 – VIII179* were filtered through SiO₂ and eluted with hexane and AcOEt: **3.** *Frs. VIII180 – VIII200* were also filtered through fresh SIO₂ and eluted in AcOEt/hexane: **4**.

 $(5\beta,7\beta,8\alpha,9\beta,10\alpha,12\alpha)$ -Atisane-7,16-diol 7-Acetate (= Xylodiol 7-Acetate; 1): Colorless crystals. M.p. 51–54°. $[a]_{25}^{25} = -25$ (c = 0.01, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3650, 1735. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 1*. HR-ESI-MS: 371.2553 ($[M+Na]^+$, $C_{22}H_{36}NaO_3^+$; calc. 371.2557).

 $(5\beta,8\alpha,9\beta,10\alpha,12\alpha)$ -16-Hydroxyatisan-7-one (= Xylopinone; **2**): Colorless crystals. M.p. $169-172^{\circ}$. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -45 \ (c = 0.01, \text{CHCl}_3)$. IR (KBr): 3448, 1678. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 1*. HR-ESI-MS: 305.2480 ([M + H]⁺, C₂₀H₃₇O₃⁺; calc. 305.2402).

 $(3\alpha,12Z)$ -3-Hydroxy-ent-labda-8(20),12,14-trien-18-oic Acid (=Labdorffianic Acid A = (1R,2R,4aS,5R,8aS)-Decahydro-2-hydroxy-1,4a-dimethyl-5-[(2Z)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dien-1-yl]-6-methylenenaphthalene-1-carboxylic Acid; **3**): Colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -34$ (c = 0.01, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3650, 1690. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: Table 2. HR-ESI-MS: 353.2113 ($[M + Cl]^-$, $C_{20}H_{30}CIO_3^-$; calc. 353.1889).

8,20-Epoxy-13-hydroxy-ent-labda-14-en-18-oic Acid (= Labdorffianic Acid B = (15,2R,4aS,5S,8aR)-Octahydro-1-[(3S)-3-hydroxy-3-methylpent-4-en-1-yl]-5,8a-dimethylspiro[naphthalene-2(1H),

2'-oxirane]-5-carboxylic Acid; **4**): Colorless oil. $[a]_{D}^{25} = -38$ (c = 0.01, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3405, 2980, 1690, 1266, 920. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 1*. HR-ESI-MS: 337.2373 ($[M + H]^+$, $C_{20}H_{33}O_4^+$; calc. 337.2373).

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