

# Clausenlanins A and B, Two Leucine-Rich Cyclic Nonapeptides from *Clausena lansium*

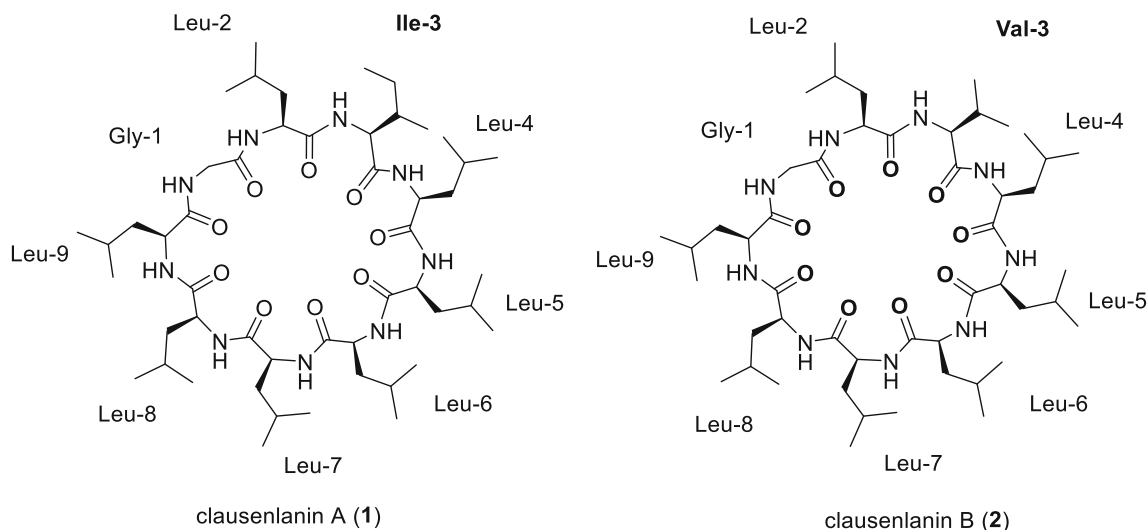


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**Abstract** Two new cyclic nonapeptides, named clausenlanins A (**1**) and B (**2**), were isolated from the roots and rhizomes of *Clausena lansium*. Their structures were elucidated as cyclo-(Gly<sup>1</sup>-L-Leu<sup>2</sup>-L-Ile<sup>3</sup>-L-Leu<sup>4</sup>-L-Leu<sup>5</sup>-L-Leu<sup>6</sup>-L-Leu<sup>7</sup>-L-Leu<sup>8</sup>-L-Leu<sup>9</sup>) (**1**) and cyclo-(Gly<sup>1</sup>-L-Leu<sup>2</sup>-L-Val<sup>3</sup>-L-Leu<sup>4</sup>-L-Leu<sup>5</sup>-L-Leu<sup>6</sup>-L-Leu<sup>7</sup>-L-Leu<sup>8</sup>-L-Leu<sup>9</sup>) (**2**) respectively on the basis of extensive spectroscopic analysis, particularly 2D NMR spectra taken at the temperature of 338 or 303 K and MS.

## Graphical Abstract

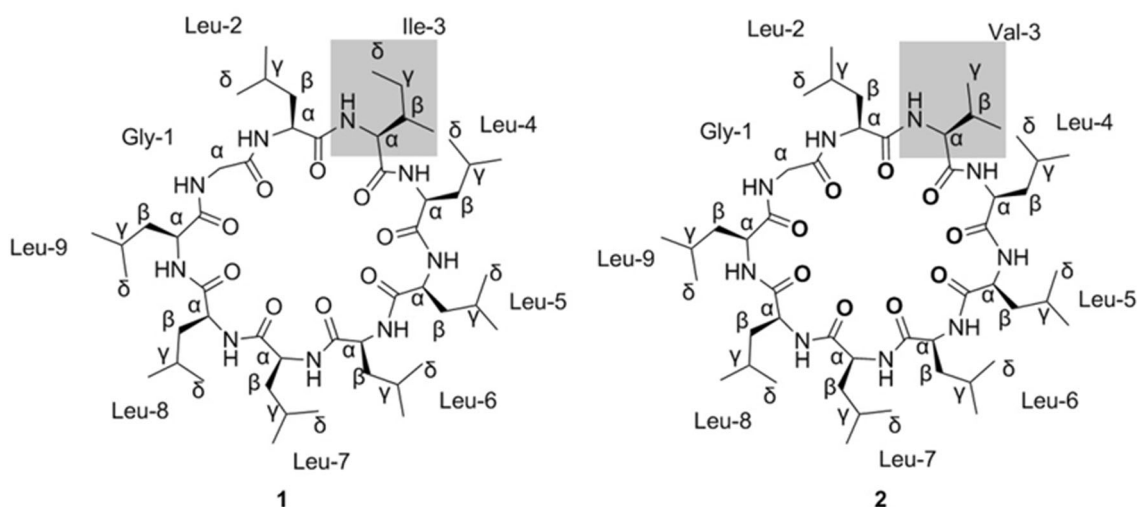


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**Fig. 1** Structures of compounds **1** and **2** from *C. lansium*

## 1 Introduction

About 30 species of *Clausena* (Rutaceae) are widely distributed in the world, and 10 of them exist in China. *Clausena lansium* (Lour.) Skeels is a fruit tree and distributes widely in south of China [1]. Its leaves and roots have been used as a folk herb for the treatment of cough, asthma, dermatological disease, viral hepatitis, and gastrointestinal disease; and its seeds for treating acute and chronic gastrointestinal inflammation, and ulcer [2]. Caryophyllaceae-type cyclopeptides (CPs), carbazole alkaloids, coumarins, amides, and terpenoids have been isolated from *C. lansium* [3–8]. Among them, CPs are formed with the peptide bonds of protein or non-protein  $\alpha$ -amino acid residues, which are homomonocyclopeptides with mainly five to twelve  $\alpha$ -amino acid residues [9]. During this work, two new cyclic nonapeptides, named clausenlanins A (**1**) and B (**2**) (Fig. 1), were isolated from the roots and rhizomes of *C. lansium*. Because the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals are weak and severely overlapped taken at room temperature, variable temperature NMR experiments were performed [10]. In this paper, their separation and structure elucidation are described.

## 2 Results and Discussion

Clausenlanin A (**1**) was obtained as an amorphous solid. Its molecular formula was shown as  $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{91}\text{N}_9\text{O}_9$  by its negative HRESIMS ( $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ , 960.6876, calcd 960.6867), indicating the  $10^\circ$  of unsaturation. The IR spectrum exhibited the absorption bands at 3429 and  $1661\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ascribable to NH and CO groups. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of **1** in  $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$  (Table 1) displayed the characteristic signals of typical CPs.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals of the amino acid residues of **1**, especially the signals of NH and  $\alpha$ -H, were severely overlapped taken at room temperature. The significant improvement of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals was observed by increasing the temperatures from 243 to 338 K. Finally a well-resolved  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum with sharp proton signals (Fig. 2a) was obtained at 338 K in pyridine- $d_5$ . Then the assignment of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals of the amino acid residues was obtained by analyzing the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum, particularly amide proton NH and  $\alpha$ -H signals. The corresponding  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR assignments were determined on the basis of the HSQC and HMBC experiments, particularly  $\alpha$ -C signals (Table 1). The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **1** showed the presence of nine NH ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.91, 8.75, 8.73, 8.72, 8.52, 8.46, 8.36, 8.23, 8.10) and ten  $\alpha$ -H ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.81, 4.77, 4.68, 4.59, 4.58, 4.57, 4.51, 4.46, 4.46, 3.85), respectively. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of **1** displayed nine carbonyl CO signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  175.6, 174.7, 174.5, 174.4, 174.1, 173.9, 173.9, 173.5, 171.1, eight  $\alpha$ -CH signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  61.2, 54.9, 54.8, 54.7, 54.5, 54.0, 53.7, 53.6, one  $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub> signal at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  44.8. These data indicated that **1** might be a cyclic nonapeptide. Analysis of the HSQC, HMBC and COSY spectra revealed that **1** consisted of one glycine ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.51 and 3.85 ( $\alpha$ -H<sub>2</sub>), 8.75 (NH);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  171.1 (CO), 44.8 ( $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub>)), and one isoleucine ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.46 ( $\alpha$ -

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**Table 1** NMR data of compounds **1** and **2**

<b>1*</b>				<b>2#</b>			
Residue	Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	Residue	Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$
Gly-1	$\alpha$	4.51 (d, 5.1)	44.8 (t)	Gly-1	$\alpha$	4.57 (overlap)	44.6 (t)
		3.85 (dd, 5.1, 16.3)				3.91 (dd, 5.2, 16.4)	
	NH	8.75 (overlap)			NH	9.03 (br.s)	
	C=O		171.1 (s)		C=O		171.2 (s)
Leu-2	$\alpha$	4.77 (d, 7.0)	53.7 (d)	Leu-2	$\alpha$	4.87 (br.s)	53.3 (d)
	$\beta$	1.93–2.21 (overlap)	40.6 (t)		$\beta$	1.93 (overlap)	40.4 (t) <sup>a</sup>
						2.07 (overlap)	
	$\gamma$	1.87–1.99 (overlap)	25.8 (d) <sup>a</sup>		$\gamma$	1.89–2.00 (overlap)	25.8 (d) <sup>b</sup>
	$\delta$	0.93–1.06 (overlap)	23.7 (q) <sup>b</sup>		$\delta$	0.86–1.03 (overlap)	23.4 (q) <sup>c</sup>
		0.91–1.02 (overlap)	22.3 (q) <sup>c</sup>			0.86–1.03 (overlap)	22.0 (q) <sup>d</sup>
	NH	8.23 (d, 7.0)		NH	8.42 (br.s)		
	C=O		175.6 (s)		C=O		174.7 (s) <sup>e</sup>
Ile-3	$\alpha$	4.46 (overlap)	61.2 (d)	Val-3	$\alpha$	4.42 (br.s)	62.6 (d)
	$\beta$	2.30 (overlap)	36.7 (d)		$\beta$	2.57 (m)	30.6 (d)
	$\gamma$	1.39 (m)	26.7 (t)		$\gamma$	1.18 (d, 4.4)	20.3 (q)
		1.87 (overlap)				1.19 (d, 4.4)	20.2 (q)
	Me $\gamma$	1.18 (d, 6.7)	16.6 (q)				
	Me $\delta$	0.92 (overlap)	11.5 (q)				
	NH	8.72 (overlap)			NH	9.22 (overlap)	
	C=O		173.9 (s)		C=O		173.9 (s)
Leu-4	$\alpha$	4.58 (overlap)	54.5 (d)	Leu-4	$\alpha$	4.65 (overlap)	54.6 (d)
	$\beta$	1.93–2.21 (overlap)	40.0 (t) <sup>d</sup>		$\beta$	2.07 (overlap)	39.9 (t) <sup>a</sup>
	$\gamma$	1.87–1.99 (overlap)	25.9 (d) <sup>a</sup>		$\gamma$	1.89–2.00 (overlap)	25.7 (d) <sup>b</sup>
	$\delta$	0.93–1.06 (overlap)	23.6 (q) <sup>b</sup>		$\delta$	0.86–1.03 (overlap)	23.6 (q) <sup>c</sup>
		0.91–1.02 (overlap)	22.3 (q) <sup>c</sup>			0.86–1.03 (overlap)	22.0 (q) <sup>d</sup>
	NH	8.73 (overlap)			NH	9.23 (overlap)	
	C=O		173.5 (s)		C=O		173.8 (s) <sup>e</sup>
Leu-5	$\alpha$	4.81 (d, 7.2)	54.0 (d)	Leu-5	$\alpha$	4.93 (br.s)	53.7 (d)
	$\beta$	1.93–2.21 (overlap)	40.6 (t)		$\beta$	2.17 (overlap)	40.4 (t) <sup>a</sup>
						2.31 (overlap)	
	$\gamma$	1.87–1.99 (overlap)	25.5 (d) <sup>a</sup>		$\gamma$	1.89–2.00 (overlap)	25.6 (d) <sup>b</sup>
	$\delta$	0.93–1.06 (overlap)	23.8 (q) <sup>b</sup>		$\delta$	0.86–1.03 (overlap)	23.8 (q) <sup>c</sup>
		0.91–1.02 (overlap)	22.6 (q) <sup>c</sup>			0.86–1.03 (overlap)	22.4 (q) <sup>d</sup>
	NH	8.10 (d, 7.2)		NH	8.35 (br.s)		
	C=O		174.4 (s)		C=O		174.7 (s) <sup>e</sup>
Leu-6	$\alpha$	4.59 (overlap)	54.8 (d)	Leu-6	$\alpha$	4.66 (overlap)	54.5 (d)
	$\beta$	1.93–2.21 (overlap)	40.3 (t) <sup>d</sup>		$\beta$	2.07 (overlap)	39.8 (t) <sup>a</sup>
						2.28 (overlap)	
	$\gamma$	1.87–1.99 (overlap)	25.8 (d) <sup>a</sup>		$\gamma$	1.89–2.00 (overlap)	25.2 (d) <sup>b</sup>
	$\delta$	0.93–1.06 (overlap)	23.7 (q) <sup>b</sup>		$\delta$	0.86–1.03 (overlap)	23.4 (q) <sup>c</sup>
		0.91–1.02 (overlap)	22.3 (q) <sup>c</sup>			0.86–1.03 (overlap)	22.0 (q) <sup>d</sup>
	NH	8.52 (d, 6.3)		NH	8.85 (br.s)		
	C=O		174.1 (s)		C=O		174.1 (s) <sup>e</sup>
Leu-7	$\alpha$	4.46 (overlap)	54.9 (d)	Leu-7	$\alpha$	4.50 (br.s)	54.7 (d)
	$\beta$	1.93–2.21 (overlap)	40.1 (t)		$\beta$	2.28 (overlap)	39.7 (t) <sup>a</sup>
						2.36 (br.s)	
	$\gamma$	1.87–1.99 (overlap)	26.0 (d) <sup>a</sup>	$\gamma$	1.89–2.00 (overlap)	25.7 (d) <sup>b</sup>	

**Table 1** continued

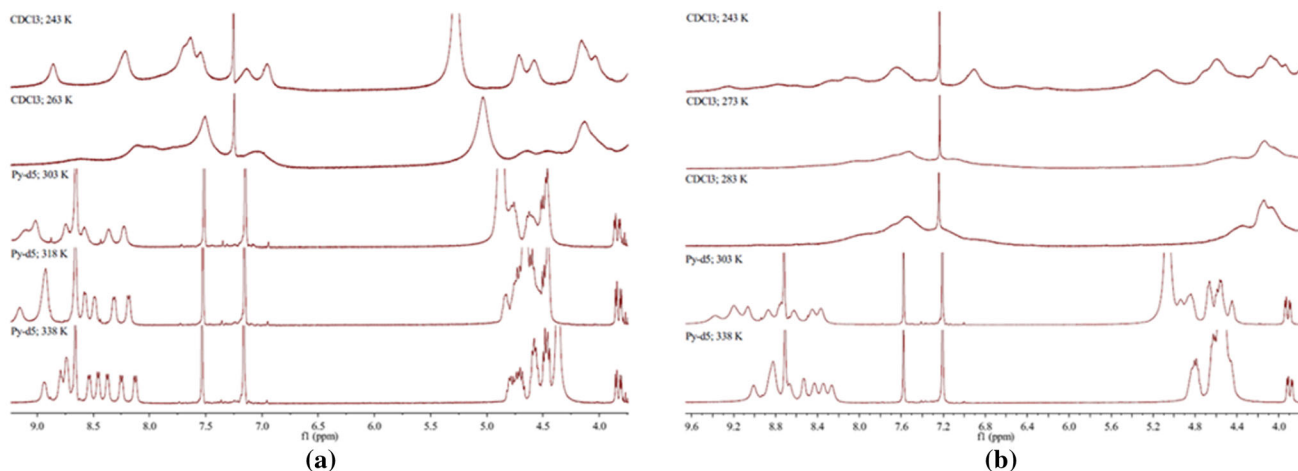
<b>1*</b>				<b>2<sup>#</sup></b>			
Residue	Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	Residue	Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$
Leu-8	$\delta$	0.93–1.06 (overlap)	23.5 (q) <sup>b</sup>	$\delta$	C=O	0.86–1.03 (overlap)	23.7 (q) <sup>c</sup>
		0.91–1.02 (overlap)	22.1 (q) <sup>c</sup>			0.86–1.03 (overlap)	21.8 (q) <sup>d</sup>
	NH	8.46 (d, 6.2)		NH	8.76 (br.s)		
	C=O		174.7 (s)	C=O			175.7 (s) <sup>e</sup>
	$\alpha$	4.68 (dd, 6.3, 7.9)	54.7 (d)	Leu-8	$\alpha$	4.79 (br.s)	54.1 (d)
	$\beta$	1.93–2.21 (overlap)	40.3 (t)	$\beta$	2.07 (overlap)	40.0 (t) <sup>a</sup>	
					2.19 (overlap)		
	$\gamma$	1.87–1.99 (overlap)	25.8 (d) <sup>a</sup>	$\gamma$	1.89–2.00 (overlap)	25.6 (d) <sup>b</sup>	
Leu-9	$\delta$	0.93–1.06 (overlap)	23.7 (q) <sup>b</sup>	$\delta$	C=O	0.86–1.03 (overlap)	23.7 (q) <sup>c</sup>
		0.91–1.02 (overlap)	22.3 (q) <sup>c</sup>			0.86–1.03 (overlap)	22.0 (q) <sup>d</sup>
	NH	8.36 (d, 6.3)		NH	8.61 (br.s)		
	C=O		174.5 (s)	C=O			174.6 (s) <sup>e</sup>
	$\alpha$	4.57 (overlap)	53.6 (d)	Leu-9	$\alpha$	4.56 (overlap)	53.6 (d)
	$\beta$	1.93–2.21 (overlap)	40.1 (t) <sup>d</sup>	$\beta$	2.17 (overlap)	40.4 (t) <sup>a</sup>	
					2.28 (overlap)		
	$\gamma$	1.87–1.99 (overlap)	25.9 (d) <sup>a</sup>	$\gamma$	1.89–2.00 (overlap)	25.7 (d) <sup>b</sup>	
Leu-10	$\delta$	0.93–1.06 (overlap)	23.5 (q) <sup>b</sup>	$\delta$	C=O	0.86–1.03 (overlap)	23.8 (q) <sup>c</sup>
		0.91–1.02 (overlap)	22.2 (q) <sup>c</sup>			0.86–1.03 (overlap)	22.0 (q) <sup>d</sup>
	NH	8.91 (br.s)		NH	9.38 (overlap)		
	C=O		173.9 (s)	C=O			173.5 (s) <sup>e</sup>

J values given in Hz in parentheses

a, b, c, d, e Chemical shifts can be exchanged with each other in the column

\* In  $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$ , 338 K, 400 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$  and 100 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$

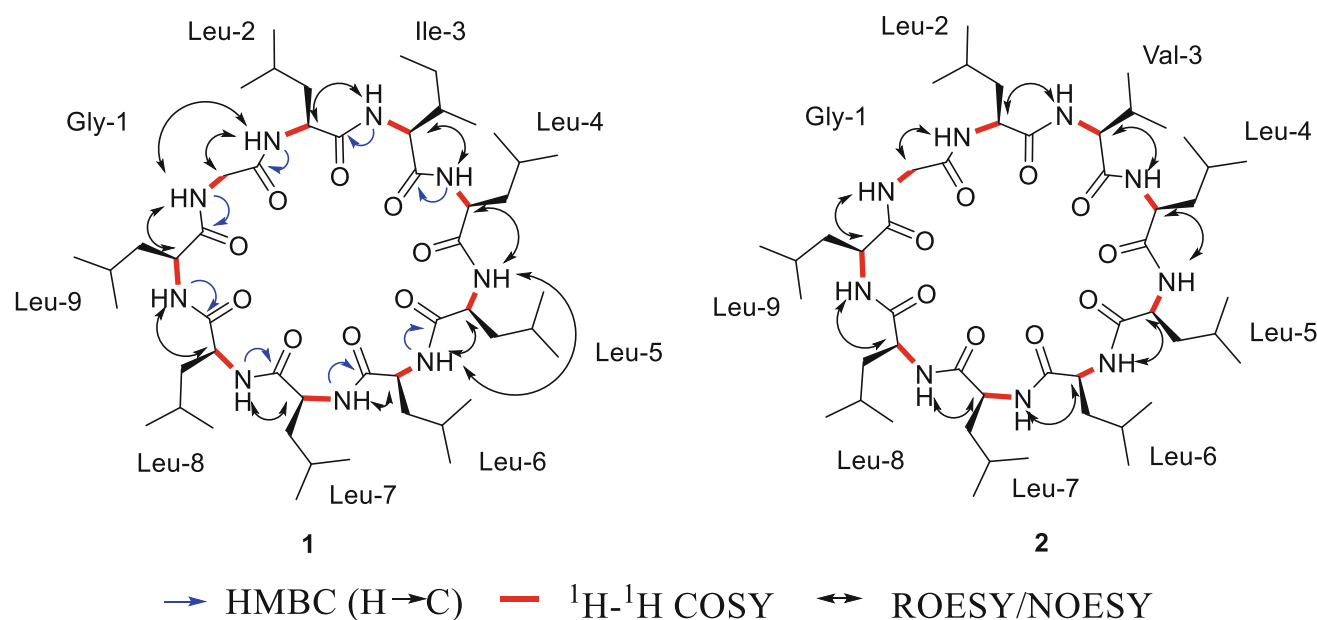
# In  $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$ , 303 K, 800 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$  and 200 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$



**Fig. 2**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compounds **1** (a) and **2** (b) at different temperatures

CH), 2.30 ( $\beta$ -CH), 1.39 and 1.87 ( $\gamma$ - $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.18 ( $\gamma$ - $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.92 ( $\delta$ - $\text{CH}_3$ ), 8.72 (NH);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  173.9 (CO), 61.2 ( $\alpha$ -CH), 36.7 ( $\beta$ -CH), 26.7 ( $\gamma$ - $\text{CH}_2$ ), 16.6 ( $\gamma$ - $\text{CH}_3$ ), 11.5 ( $\delta$ - $\text{CH}_3$ ). The remaining signals mentioned-above of seven NH and seven  $\alpha$ -H signals, seven CO and seven  $\alpha$ -C signals, and other

signals including seven methylenes at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  40.0–40.6, seven methines at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  25.5–26.0, two kinds of fourteen methyls at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  23.5–23.8 and at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  22.1–22.6, indicated that **1** contained other seven leucines. Therefore **1** consisted of seven leucines, one glycine, and one isoleucine (Table 1; Fig. 3).



**Fig. 3** Key HMBC,  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY, and ROESY/NOESY correlations of **1** and **2**

The sequence of the nine amino acid residues in **1** was determined by analyzing the ROESY correlations between the  $\alpha$ -H of one amino acid residue and the amide proton NH of the next amino acid residue (Fig. 3). The ROESY correlations of Gly<sup>1</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>2</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>2</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Ile<sup>3</sup>-NH, Ile<sup>3</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>4</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>4</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>5</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>5</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>6</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>6</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>7</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>7</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>8</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>8</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>9</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>9</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Gly<sup>1</sup>-NH indicated that the structure of **1** is cyclo-(Gly<sup>1</sup>-Leu<sup>2</sup>-Ile<sup>3</sup>-Leu<sup>4</sup>-Leu<sup>5</sup>-Leu<sup>6</sup>-Leu<sup>7</sup>-Leu<sup>8</sup>-Leu<sup>9</sup>). This sequence of **1** was confirmed by the fragment ion peaks at 962.96 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 849.83 [M+H-113]<sup>+</sup>, 736.72 [M+H-2\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 623.64 [M+H-3\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 510.52 [M+H-4\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 453.49 [M+H-4\*113-57]<sup>+</sup>, 340.43 [M+H-4\*113-57-113]<sup>+</sup>, 227.29 [M+H-4\*113-57-2\*113]<sup>+</sup> in the positive ESIMSMS.

The absolute configuration of the amino acids of **1** was determined using the advanced Marfey's method and LC-MS analysis [11, 12]. The results indicated that the absolute configurations of the amino acid residues (Leu and Ile) in **1** were the L-configuration (Table S1; Fig. 3). Therefore the structure of **1** is determined as cyclo-(Gly<sup>1</sup>-L-Leu<sup>2</sup>-L-Ile<sup>3</sup>-L-Leu<sup>4</sup>-L-Leu<sup>5</sup>-L-Leu<sup>6</sup>-L-Leu<sup>7</sup>-L-Leu<sup>8</sup>-L-Leu<sup>9</sup>).

Clausenlanin B (**2**) was obtained as an amorphous solid. Its molecular formula was shown as C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>89</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>9</sub> by its negative HRESIMS ([M-H]<sup>-</sup>, 946.6723, calcd 946.6710), indicating the 10° of unsaturation. The IR spectrum exhibited the absorption bands at 3430 and 1661 cm<sup>-1</sup> ascribable to NH and CO groups. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of **2** in C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N (Table 1) displayed the characteristic signals of typical CPs.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals of the amino acid residues of **2**, especially the signals of NH and  $\alpha$ -H, were severely

overlapped taken at room temperature. The significant improvement of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals was observed by increasing the temperatures from 243 to 338 K. Finally a well-resolved  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum with sharp proton signals (Fig. 2b) was obtained at 303 K in pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>. After compared all data of **2** with those of **1**, the results indicated that **2** and **1** are very similar, and **2** might also be a cyclic nonapeptide too. The only difference is to be replaced the isoleucine residue in **1** by valine residue in **2**. The assignment of the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signals of the valine residue was obtained by analyzing the HSQC, HMBC and COSY spectra, i.e.  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.42 ( $\alpha$ -CH), 2.57 ( $\beta$ -CH), 1.18 and 1.19 (2\* $\gamma$ -CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.22 (NH);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  173.9 (CO), 62.6 ( $\alpha$ -CH), 30.6 ( $\beta$ -CH), 20.3 and 20.2 (2\* $\gamma$ -CH<sub>3</sub>). Therefore **2** consisted of seven leucines, one glycine, and one valine (Table 1; Fig. 3).

The sequence of the nine amino acid residues in **2** was determined by analyzing NOESY correlations between the  $\alpha$ -H of one amino acid residue and the amide proton NH of the next amino acid residue (Fig. 3). The NOESY correlations of Gly<sup>1</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>2</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>2</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Val<sup>3</sup>-NH, Val<sup>3</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>4</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>4</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>5</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>5</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>6</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>6</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>7</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>7</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>8</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>8</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Leu<sup>9</sup>-NH, Leu<sup>9</sup>- $\alpha$ H/Gly<sup>1</sup>-NH indicated that the structure of **2** is cyclo-(Gly<sup>1</sup>-Leu<sup>2</sup>-Val<sup>3</sup>-Leu<sup>4</sup>-Leu<sup>5</sup>-Leu<sup>6</sup>-Leu<sup>7</sup>-Leu<sup>8</sup>-Leu<sup>9</sup>). This sequence of **2** was confirmed by the fragment ion peaks at 948.86 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 835.70 [M+H-113]<sup>+</sup>, 722.56 [M+H-2\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 609.54 [M+H-3\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 496.39 [M+H-4\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 383.41 [M+H-5\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 270.24 [M+H-6\*113]<sup>+</sup> in the positive ESIMSMS.

The absolute configuration of **2** was determined using the advanced Marfey's method and LC-MS analysis too [11, 12]. The results indicated that the absolute

configurations of the amino acid residues (Leu and Val) in **2** were the L-configuration (Table S1; Fig. 3). Therefore the structure of **2** is determined as cyclo-(Gly<sup>1</sup>-L-Leu<sup>2</sup>-L-Val<sup>3</sup>-L-Leu<sup>4</sup>-L-Leu<sup>5</sup>-L-Leu<sup>6</sup>-L-Leu<sup>7</sup>-L-Leu<sup>8</sup>-L-Leu<sup>9</sup>).

### 3 Experimental

#### 3.1 General Experimental Procedures

Optical rotations were obtained on a Jasco P-1020 polarimeter. IR spectra were measured on a Tensor 27 spectrometer with KBr pellets. UV spectra were obtained using a Shimadzu UV-2401PC spectrophotometer. 1D and 2D NMR spectra were performed on a Bruker AM-400 (<sup>1</sup>H: 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 100 MHz) or Bruker AVANCE III-800 (<sup>1</sup>H: 800 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 200 MHz). Chemical shifts were expressed in ppm with reference to the solvent signals. Mass spectra were measured on a Waters XEVO-TQD spectrometer or an Agilent 1290 UPLC/6540 Q-TOF spectrometer. Analytical or semi-preparative HPLC was performed on Agilent 1100 apparatus equipped with a UV detector and a SunFire OBD (Waters, 1.9 × 25 cm, 5 μm). Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (100–200 mesh and 200–300 mesh, Qingdao Yu-Min-Yuan Chemical Co. Ltd., Qingdao, P.R. China), MCI gel (CHP-20P, 70–150 μm, Mitsubishi Chemical Co., Japan) or Lichroprep RP-18 gel (40–63 mm, Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). Fractions were monitored by TLC (GF254, Qingdao Yu-Min-Yuan Chemical Co. Ltd., Qingdao, P.R. China), and the orange spots were visualized on the plate by spraying with 2% ninhydrin reagent, after hydrolyzed in an incubator (110 °C) for 30 min by concentrated HCl [13].

#### 3.2 Plant Material

The roots and rhizomes of *C. lansium* were collected in Hekou, Yunnan Province, P. R. China, in September 2010, and identified by Prof. Yu-Min Shui, Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences. A voucher specimen (No. 0599043) was deposited at the Herbarium of Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

#### 3.3 Extraction and Isolation

Air dried, powdered roots and rhizomes of *C. lansium* (27 kg) were extracted and refluxed with MeOH for three times each for 4 h (MeOH, 3\*50 L). The extract was evaporated under reduced pressure to yield a dark brown residue (0.9 kg). The residue was suspended in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (7:3, 3 L) and then partitioned with EtOAc (3\*2 L). After removing solvent, the EtOAc-soluble part (406 g) was

fractionated by silica gel (200–300 mesh) column chromatograph (CC) and eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH (30:1–4:1) to afford six fractions (Fr.1–Fr.6), on the basis of TLC detection.

Fr.6 (77 g) was subjected to silica gel CC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/acetone 15:1–7:3) to afford Fr.6.1–Fr.6.4. Fr.6.2 (14.3 g) was subjected to silica gel CC (PE/acetone 5:1), MPLC with MCI (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O 10:90–60:40), and MPLC with RP-18 (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O 5:95–70:30). Then, the fractions was further purified by silica gel CC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 50:1), subsequently to afford **1** (308 mg) and **2** (47 mg).

#### 3.4 Clausenlanin A (**1**)

Amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{20.7}$  –154.6 (*c* 0.10, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 203.0 (4.61) nm; CD (MeOH) 203 ( $\Delta\epsilon$ –30.8); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  3429, 2960, 1661, 1528, 584 cm<sup>–1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H (400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz) NMR data, see Table 1; positive ESIMS *m/z* 962.96 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 849.83 [M+H–113]<sup>+</sup>, 736.72 [M+H–2\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 623.64 [M+H–3\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 510.52 [M+H–4\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 453.49 [M+H–4\*113–57]<sup>+</sup>, 340.43 [M+H–4\*113–57–113]<sup>+</sup>, 227.29 [M+H–4\*113–57–2\*113]<sup>+</sup>; negative HRESIMS *m/z* 960.6876 [M–H]<sup>–</sup>, calcd for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>91</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>9</sub>, 960.6867.

#### 3.5 Clausenlanin B (**2**)

Amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{20.6}$  –73.69 (*c* 0.10, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 202.8 (4.40) nm; CD (MeOH) 203 ( $\Delta\epsilon$ –26.1); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  3430, 2960, 1661, 1527, 584 cm<sup>–1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H (800 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C (200 MHz) NMR data, see Table 1; positive ESIMS *m/z* 948.86 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 835.70 [M+H–113]<sup>+</sup>, 722.56 [M+H–2\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 609.54 [M+H–3\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 496.39 [M+H–4\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 383.41 [M+H–5\*113]<sup>+</sup>, 270.24 [M+H–6\*113]<sup>+</sup>; negative HRESIMS *m/z* 946.6723 [M–H]<sup>–</sup>, calcd for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>89</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>9</sub>, 946.6710.

#### 3.6 Advanced Marfey's Method [11, 12]

The cyclic peptide (about 1.0 mg each) was dissolved in 6 N HCl (1 mL) and heated at 110 °C for 24 h. The hydrolyzate was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was re-dissolved in 100 μL of acetone. To each a half portion (50 μL) were added 20 μL of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1 M) and 100 μL of N<sup>α</sup>-(5-Fluoro-2,4-dinitrophenyl)-L-leucinamide (L-FDLA, 1% in acetone) or 50 μL of N<sup>α</sup>-(5-Fluoro-2,4-dinitrophenyl)-L-leucinamide and 50 μL of N<sup>α</sup>-(5-Fluoro-2,4-dinitrophenyl)-D-leucinamide (mixture of L-FDLA and D-FDLA, 1% in acetone), and the mixture was heated at 45 °C for 1.5 h. Reaction was cooled to room temperature, and then acidified with 2 N HCl (10 μL), dried and dissolved in 50% aqueous MeCN. 5 μL of each solution of FDLA derivatives were analyzed by LC/MS.



The analysis of the L- and D, L-FDLA (mixture of D- and L-FDLA) derivatives was performed using an Waters Sunfire C<sub>18</sub> column (4.6\*150 mm, 5 μm) maintained at 30 °C. Acetonitrile—0.1% HCOOH/H<sub>2</sub>O was used as the mobile phase under a linear gradient elution mode (acetonitrile, 28–60%, 50 min (compound **1**); acetonitrile, 35–60%, 50 min (compound **2**)) at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. A Waters Xevo-TQD mass spectrometer was used for detection in ESI<sup>-</sup> mode. The capillary voltage was kept at 2.5 kV, and the ion source at 450 °C. Nitrogen gas was used as a sheath gas at 650 L/h. A mass range of m/z 100–2000 was scanned in 0.2 s.

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#### Compliance with Ethical Standards

**Conflicts of interest** The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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