

Benzo[*b*]naphtho[2,1-*d*]furans and 2-Phenylnaphthalenes from *Streblus usambarensis*

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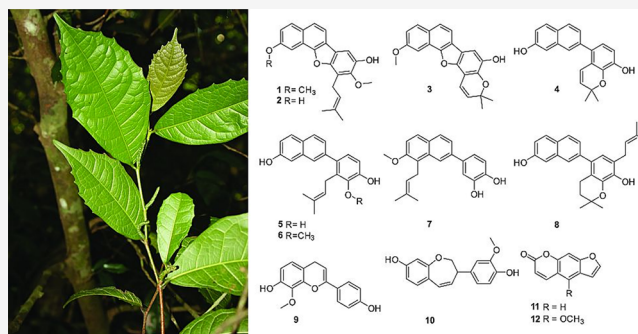
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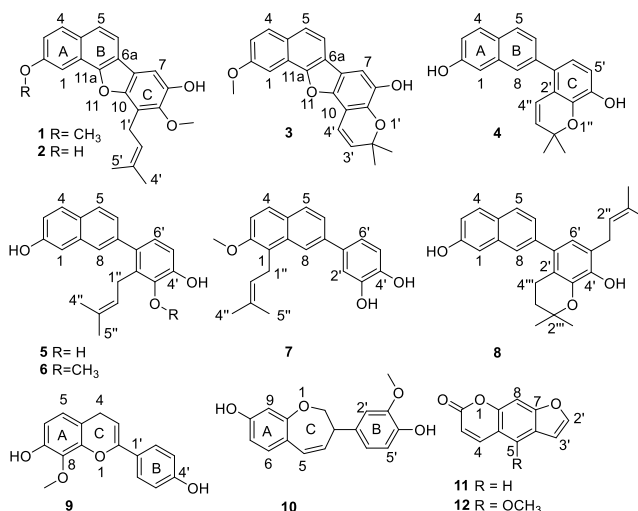
ABSTRACT: Three new benzo[*b*]naphtho[2,1-*d*]furans, usambarins A–C (1–3), five new 2-phenylnaphthalenes, usambarins D–H (4–8), a new flavan (9), and a new phenyl-1-benzoxepin (10) as well as two known compounds (11 and 12) were isolated from the extract of the stem and roots of *Streblus usambarensis* (Moraceae). The structures were deduced using NMR spectroscopic and mass spectrometric analyses, and those of compounds 1 and 4 were confirmed by X-ray crystallography. Usamarin D (4) demonstrated moderate antibacterial activity (MIC 9.0 μ M) against *Bacillus subtilis*, while none of the tested compounds were effective against *Escherichia coli*.



Streblus (Moraceae) is a genus of small deciduous shrubs with approximately 25 species found in tropical India, Malaysia, South Africa, Thailand, and the Philippines. Some of these species are in ethnomedical use in the treatment of leprosy,¹ dysentery,² filariasis,³ toothache,⁴ inflammation,⁵ and cancer,⁶ and some were reported to contain cardiac glycosides, coumarins, flavonoids, and lignans^{6–9} that have anti-cancer,^{6,7,9,10} antiparasitic,^{6,11} and antibacterial properties.^{6,7,12–14} *Streblus usambarensis* is an evergreen shrub with a smooth brown bark that has not yet been phytochemically studied. It is found in the coastal region of Kenya, Tanzania, Guinea, south of Nigeria, and Mozambique.¹⁵ We report herein the isolation of 10 new (1–10) and two known compounds (11 and 12) from its stem and roots and the evaluation of their antibacterial and cytotoxic activities.

Chromatographic separation of the CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (1:1) extracts of the roots of *S. usambarensis* on silica gel followed by purification on Sephadex LH-20, preparative TLC, and preparative HPLC led to the isolation of three new compounds (1–3) and bergaptol (11).¹⁶ Investigation of its stem extract provided seven new compounds (4–10) and bergapin (12)¹⁷ (Figure 1).

Compound 1 was obtained as a white solid and was given the molecular formula C₂₃H₂₂O₄ based on HRESIMS analysis (*m/z* 363.1596 [M + H]⁺, calcd 363.1591, Figure S8, Supporting Information). Its NMR data (Table 1 and Figures S1–S7, Supporting Information) suggested a benzo[*b*]naphtho[2,1-*d*]furan skeleton, substituted with hydroxy, a γ,γ -dimethylallyl, and two methoxy substituents. Its ring A showed an AMX spin system with protons at δ_{H} 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, H-4), 7.59 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, H-1), and 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.9



Hz, 2.6 Hz, H-3), with the corresponding carbons resonating at δ_{C} 98.7 (C-1), 117.9 (C-3), and 130.3 (C-4). One of the OMe groups (δ_{H} 3.97) was placed at C-2 of this ring based on its HMBC correlation with δ_{C} 157.9 (C-2) (Table 1, Figure S5, Supporting Information) and by its NOESY correlation with H-1 (δ_{H} 7.59) and H-3 (δ_{H} 7.23) (Figure S6, Supporting

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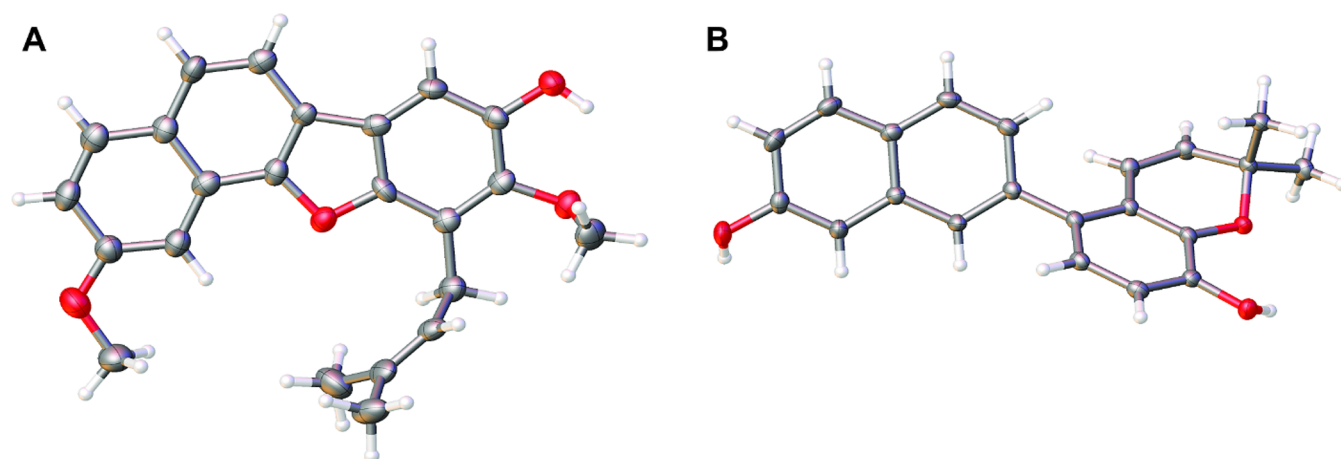


Figure 1. Solid-state structures of (A) usambarins A (1) and (B) D (4); thermal ellipsoid plots at 50% probability levels.

Table 1. NMR Spectroscopic Data (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) for Usamarin A (1)

position	δ_C , type	δ_H (J in Hz)	HMBC ^a
1	98.7 CH	7.59 d (2.6)	2, 3, 4a, 11a
2	157.9 C		
3	117.9 CH	7.23 dd (8.9, 2.6)	1, 2, 4a
4	130.3 CH	8.00 d (8.9)	2, 4a, 5, 11b
4a	127.3 C		
5	122.8 CH	7.78 d (8.4)	4, 4a, 6a, 6, 11a, 11b
6	116.1 CH	7.89 d (8.4)	4a, 5, 6b, 11a
6a	119.8 C		
6b	119.3 C		
7	103.9 C	7.38 s	6b, 8, 9
8	147.3 C		
9	145.5 C		
10	118.9 C		
10a	147.8 C		
11a	150.7 C		
11b	121.6 C		
1'	23.3 CH ₂	3.71d (7.5)	2', 3', 9, 10, 10a
2'	122.1 CH	5.35 m	1', 4', 5'
3'	131.5 C		
4'	17.7 CH ₃	1.97 m	2', 5'
5'	24.9 CH ₃	1.69 d (1.6)	2', 4'
2-OMe	55.3 CH ₃	3.97 s	2
8-OH		9.35 s	7, 8, 9
9-OMe	60.5 CH ₃	3.83 s	9

^aHMBC correlations, optimized for 6 Hz, are from stated proton(s) to the indicated carbon.

Information). Its ring B contains *ortho*-coupled protons ($J = 8.4$ Hz) at δ_H 7.78 (H-5) and δ_H 7.89 (H-6) with the corresponding carbons resonating at δ_C 122.8 (C-5) and δ_C 116.1 (C-6). Its ring C is trisubstituted with a hydroxy, a methoxy, and a γ,γ -dimethylallyl group with a single aromatic proton appearing as a singlet at δ_H 7.38 (H-7, δ_C 103.9). The hydroxy group (δ_H 9.35) was placed at C-8 (δ_C 147.3) based on its HMBC correlation (Table 1, Figure S5, Supporting Information) with C-7 (δ_C 103.9) and C-8 (δ_C 147.3) and the γ,γ -dimethylallyl group at C-10 (δ_C 118.9) based on the correlation of δ_H 3.71 (H₂-1') with C-9 (δ_C 145.5) and C-10 (δ_C 118.9). This unprecedented skeleton was confirmed by X-ray crystallography (Figure 1). The compound crystallizes in the monoclinic space group P21/c with one molecule in the

asymmetric unit. The aromatic core is nearly coplanar (average deviation from the least-squares plane = 0.026 Å). Short O–H...H distances (2.218(5) Å) of equivalent C8–OH moieties give rise to a 1-D herringbone-like hydrogen-bonded network. Based on the above spectroscopic and crystallographic data, this new compound, usamarin A (1), was characterized as 2,9-dimethoxy-10-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)naphtho[1,2-*b*]-benzofuran-8-ol.

Compound 2 was isolated as a white solid. Its HRESIMS spectrum (Figure S19, Supporting Information) exhibited a protonated molecular ion $[M + H]^+$ at m/z 349.1440 (calcd 349.1434) corresponding to the molecular formula C₂₃H₂₂O₄. Its ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 2, Figure S12–S18, Supporting Information) together with its 2D spectra showed similar spectroscopic features to those of 1, except for its C-2

Table 2. NMR Spectroscopic Data (500 MHz, CD₃OD) for Usamarin B (2)

position	δ_C , type	δ_H <i>m</i> (J in Hz)	HMBC ^a
1	103.2 CH	7.59 d (2.4)	3
2	157.3 C		
3	118.8 CH	7.10 dd (8.8, 2.5)	1, 4a
4a	128.8 C		
4	131.3 CH	7.84 d (8.8)	2, 5
5	123.9 CH	7.63 d (8.5)	4, 4a, 6a, 6b
6a	124.0 C		
6b	121.1 C		
6	116.0 CH	7.68 d (8.4)	4a, 11a, 11b
7	104.4 CH	7.29 s	6b, 8, 9
8	148.3 C		
9	146.7 C		
10a	150.0 C		
10	120.6 C		
11a	152.7 C		
11b	121.6 C		
1'	24.6 CH ₂	3.75 d (7.4)	2', 3', 9, 10, 10a
2'	123.4 CH	5.44 m	
3'	133.1 C		
4'	26.0 CH ₃	1.73	2', 4, 5'
5'	18.2 CH ₃	1.99 d (1.4)	2', 3', 4'
9-OMe	61.6 CH ₃	3.89 s	9

^aHMBC correlations, optimized for 6 Hz, are from stated proton(s) to the indicated carbon.

substituent being a hydroxy instead of a methoxy group in **1**. This was indicated by the similar chemical shift of C-2 in **1** (δ_C 157.9) and **2** (δ_C 157.3) and by the 2-OMe signal (δ_H 3.97, δ_C 55.3) of **2** missing in the spectra of **1**. Based on the above spectroscopic evidence, this new compound, usambarin B (**2**), was characterized as 9-methoxy-10-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)-naphtho[1,2-*b*]benzofuran-2,8-diol.

Compound **3** was isolated as a white solid from the roots of *S. usambarensis*. HRESIMS (Figure S28, Supporting Information) indicated a protonated molecular ion $[M + H]^+$ peak at m/z 347.1283 (calcd 347.1278), which along with the NMR data (Table 3, Figures S21–S27, Supporting Information)

Table 3. NMR Spectroscopic Data (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) for Usambarin C (3**)**

position	δ_C , type	δ_H (J in Hz)	HMBC ^a
1	99.1 CH	7.67 s	2, 4, 11a, 11b
2	158.3 C		
3	118.2 CH	7.16 dd (9.0, 2.6)	1, 2
4	130.2 CH	7.85 d (8.9)	1, 2, 3, 5
4a	117.8 C		
5	123.0 CH	7.64 d (8.3)	4, 6a, 6b
6a	127.8 C		
6b	120.5 C		
6	115.8 CH	7.73 d (8.3)	6a, 6b, 11a, 11b
7	104.6 CH	7.36 s	6b, 8, 9, 10, 10a
8	138.7 C		
9	141.8 C		
10 a	146.1 C		
10	106.8 C		
11a	151.6 C		
11b	122.4 C		
2'	78.0 C		
3'	130.8 CH	5.81 d (9.9)	2', 4, 4', 8, 2'-Me
4'	116.7 CH	7.06 d (9.8)	2', 4, 8, 9, 10a, 2'-Me
2'-Me ₂	27.9 CH ₃	1.56 d (2.0)	3', 4'
2-OMe	55.7 CH ₃	4.03 s	2
8-OH		5.45 s	7, 8, 9

^aHMBC correlations, optimized for 6 Hz, are from stated proton(s) to the indicated carbon.

established the molecular formula $C_{23}H_{22}O_4$. Its UV (λ_{max} 270, 350 nm) and NMR data were similar to those of compounds **1** and **2**, suggesting it to also have a naphtho[1,2-*b*]benzofuran skeleton. Rings A and B of **3** showed highly similar spectroscopic features to compounds **1** and **2** and are thus similarly substituted, whereas its ring C holds a pyran ring instead of the methoxy and the γ,γ -dimethylallyl groups attached at C-9 and C-10 of **1** and **2**, respectively. The only aromatic proton (δ_H 7.36, δ_C 104.6) of ring C of **3** was assigned to H-7, based on its HMBC correlations to C-6b (δ_C 120.5), C-8 (δ_C 138.7), C-9 (δ_C 141.8), C-10 (δ_C 106.8, weak), and C-10a (δ_C 146.1). The HMBC spectrum (Table 3, Figure S25, Supporting Information) further supported the placement of a hydroxy group at C-8 (δ_C 138.7), as the corresponding signal at δ_H 5.45 (8-OH) shows cross-peaks to C-8 (δ_C 138.7) and C-9 (δ_C 141.8). The HMBC correlation of δ_H 7.06 (H-4') to C-9 (δ_C 141.7) and C-10 (δ_C 106.8) indicated the location of the pyran ring at C-9/C-10. Based on the above spectroscopic evidence, this new compound, usambarin C (**3**), was characterized as 11-methoxy-3,3-dimethyl-3H-naphtho[2',1':4,5]furo[2,3-*f*]chromen-5-ol.

Compound **4** was isolated as a white solid from the stem of *S. usambarensis* and was given the molecular formula $C_{23}H_{22}O_4$ based on the observation of the protonated molecular ion peak $[M + H]^+$ at m/z 319.1334 (calcd 319.1329, Figure S36, Supporting Information). Its NMR data (Table 4, Figures

Table 4. NMR Spectroscopic Data (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) for Usambarin D (4**)**

position	δ_C , type	δ_H (J in Hz)	HMBC ^a
1	109.7 CH	7.16 d (2.5)	2, 3, 4, 8
2	153.9 C		
3	117.9 CH	7.11 dd (8.5, 1.8)	1, 4
4	129.7 CH	7.78 dd (8.5, 3.4)	1, 2, 4a, 5
4a	127.9 C		
5	127.6 CH	7.78 d (8.5, 3.4)	4, 4a, 5
6	126.2 CH	7.30 dd (8.5, 1.8)	1', 6
7	138.1 C		
8a	134.6 C		
8	126.8 CH	7.59 s	1, 1', 6, 8a,
1'	131.5 C		
2'	119.2 C		
3'	139.6 C		
4'	144.2 C		
5'	122.4 CH	6.90 d (8.3)	1', 3', 4'
6'	114.6 CH	6.87 d (8.3)	2', 4', 7
2''	76.5 C		
3''	130.5 CH	5.61 d (10.1)	2', 2'', 2''-Me,
4''	121.1 CH	6.40 d (10.1)	1', 2', 3', 2'', 3''
2''Me	27.9 CH ₃	1.52 s	2'', 2''Me, C-3''
2''Me2	27.9 CH ₃	1.52 s	
2-OH		5.13	2, 3, 4
4'-OH		5.55 s	3', 4', 5'

^aHMBC correlations, optimized for 6 Hz, are from stated proton(s) to the indicated carbon.

S29–S35, Supporting Information) suggested it to have a 2-phenylnaphthalene skeleton. Ring A of thenaphthol moiety showed an AX² spin system with protons resonating at δ_H 7.78 (dd, J = 8.5, 3.4 Hz, H-4; δ_C 129.7 for C-4), 7.16 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, H-1 δ_C 109.7 for C-1), and 7.11 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, H-3; δ_C 117.9 for C-3) and a hydroxy group at C-2 (δ_C 153.9). Ring B also possesses three mutually coupled aromatic protons at δ_H 7.78 (dd, J = 8.5, 3.4 Hz, H-5), 7.59 (br s, H-8), and 7.30 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, H-6), with the corresponding carbon atoms resonating at δ_C 127.6 (C-5), 126.2 (C-6), and 126.8 (C-8), and it is linked to the phenol moiety, ring C, via its C-7 (δ_C 138.1). Ring C has *ortho*-coupled (J = 8.3 Hz) aromatic protons at δ_H 6.87 (H-5') and δ_H 6.89 (H-6') and is substituted with a hydroxy and a 2,2-dimethylpyrano group. The hydroxy group (δ_H 5.55) is located at C-4' (δ_C 144.2), based on its HMBC correlations (Table 4, Figure S33, Supporting Information) to C-3' (δ_C 139.6), C-4' (δ_C 144.2), and C-5' (δ_C 122.4). The pyran ring was placed at C-2'/C-3' based on the HMBC correlations of H-4'' (δ_H 6.40) to C-2' (δ_C 119.2) and C-3' (δ_C 139.6). The structure of this compound, which possesses a new skeleton, was corroborated by single-crystal X-ray crystallographic analysis (Figure 1). The compound crystallizes in the centrosymmetric triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$ with one molecule in the asymmetric unit. The two aromatic subunits are folded with respect to each other by 18.3(1)°. A linear hydrogen-bonded network ($d(O\cdots H)$ = 2.201(1) Å) involves both hydroxy groups. Based on the above

spectroscopic and crystallographic data, this new compound, usambaran D (**4**), was characterized as 5-(7-hydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-chromen-8-ol.

Compound **5** was isolated as a white solid and was assigned the molecular formula $C_{21}H_{20}O_3$ based on ESIMS analysis (m/z 319.2 $[M - H]^-$, Figure S47, [Supporting Information](#)) and NMR data ([Table 5](#), Figures S40–S46, [Supporting Informa-](#)

Table 5. NMR Spectroscopic Data (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) for Usambaran E (**5**)

position	δ_C , type	δ_H (J in Hz)	HMBC ^a
1	109.7 CH	7.14 d (2.6)	2, 3, 4a, 5
2	153.8 C		
3	117.8 CH	7.10 dd (8.8, 2.6)	4
4	129.8 CH	7.76 dd (8.6, 3.0)	3, 8, 8a
4a	139.9 C		
5	127.5 CH	7.76 dd (8.6, 3.0)	1, 6, 8a
6	126.2 CH	7.24 d (1.8)	1', 8
7	134.6 C		
8	126.8 CH	7.55 s	4, 4a, 6, 7
8a	127.8 C		
1'	134.9 C		
2'	125.4 C		
3'	142.4 C		
4'	144.0 C		
5'	122.8 CH	6.83 d (8.2)	1', 3'
6'	112.9 CH	6.86 d (8.2)	2', 4'
1''	27.7 CH_2	3.36 d (6.8)	2', 3', 2'', 3''
2''	122.2 CH	5.29 m	4'', 5''
3''	135.7 C		
4''	25.9 CH_3	1.68 s	2'', 3''
5''	18.1 CH_3	1.76 s	2'', 3''
2-OH		5.00 s	1, 2, 3
3'-OH		5.55 s	2', 3', 4'
4'-OH		5.43 s	3', 4', 5'

^aHMBC correlations, optimized for 6 Hz, are from stated proton(s) to the indicated carbon.

tion). The NMR data further suggested the compound to have a 2-phenylnaphthalene skeleton. Its rings A and B showed highly similar NMR spectroscopic features to those of compound **4**, revealing them to be identical to those of **4**. The NMR data of its ring C showed an analogous substitution pattern to **4**, with *ortho*-coupled ($J = 8.2$ Hz) protons at δ_H 6.83 (H-5') and 6.86 (H-6'); however, it is substituted with a γ,γ -dimethylallyl moiety and two hydroxy groups (4'-OH δ_H 5.43, and 3'-OH δ_H 5.55) instead of the 2,2-dimethylpyrano ring and only one hydroxy group of **4**. The γ,γ -dimethylallyl substituent was positioned at C-2' (δ_C 125.4) based on the HMBC ([Table 5](#), Figure S44, [Supporting Information](#)) cross-peaks of CH_2 -1'' (δ_H 3.36) with C-2' (δ_C 125.4) and C-3' (δ_C 142.4). The placement of the hydroxy groups at C-3' (δ_C 142.4) and C-4' (δ_C 144.0) was in agreement with the chemical shifts of the oxygenated carbons of this ring, confirmed by the HMBC correlations of 3'-OH (δ_H 5.55) to C-2' (δ_C 125.4), C-3' (δ_C 142.4), and C-4' (δ_C 144.0) and of 4'-OH (δ_H 5.43) to C-3' (δ_C 142.4), C-4' (δ_C 144.0), and C-5' (δ_C 122.8) and by the NOE correlation of CH_2 -2'' (δ_H 5.29) with 3'-OH (δ_H 5.55). Based on the above spectroscopic data, this new compound, usambaran E (**5**), was characterized as 4-(7-hydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)-3-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)-benzene-1,2-diol.

Compound **6** provided an HRESIMS analysis ($[M + H]^+ m/z$ 335.1647, calcd 335.1642, Figure S56, [Supporting Information](#)) that suggested the molecular formula $C_{23}H_{22}O_4$. Its ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data, along with its 2D spectra ([Table 6](#), Figures S49–S55, [Supporting Information](#)),

Table 6. NMR Spectroscopic Data (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) for Usambaran F (**6**)

position	δ_C , type	δ_H (J in Hz)	HMBC ^a
1	109.7 CH	7.12 d (2.5)	2, 3, 8a
2	153.8 C		
3	117.7 CH	7.10 dd (8.7, 2.6)	1, 2
4	129.7 CH	7.78 dd (8.5, 2.6)	2, 5, 4a
4a	134.6 C		
5	127.4 CH	7.78 d (8.5, 2.6)	1, 6
6	126.2 CH	7.25 m	1', 5
7	139.9 C		
8a	127.8 C		
8	126.9 CH	7.55 m	1, 1', 6, 8a
1'	135.7 C		
2'	133.3 C		
3'	145.6 C		
4'	148.5 C		
5'	113.3 CH	6.90 d (8.2)	1', 3', 4',
6'	126.9 C	6.97 d (8.3)	2', 4', 7
1''	26.9 CH_2	3.33 dt (6.6, 1.3)	1', 2', 3', 2'', 3''
2''	123.5 CH	5.08 m	4'', 5''
3''	131.5 C		
4''	25.8 CH_3	1.58 d (1.4)	2'', 3'', 5''
5''	17.8 CH_3	1.35 d (1.4)	2'', 3'', 4''
2-OH		5.58 s	
4'-OH		5.30 s	
3'-OMe	61.4	3.86 s	5'

^aHMBC correlations, optimized for 6 Hz, are from stated proton(s) to the indicated carbon.

showed similar spectroscopic features to those observed for **5**, except for a methoxy substituent at C-3' in its ring C instead of a hydroxy substituent in compound **5**. The ^{13}C NMR chemical shift of this methoxy group (δ_C 61.4) is deshielded, which is diagnostic for di-*ortho*-substituted aromatic rings.¹⁸ The position of this methoxy substituent was further corroborated by the HMBC of 5'-OMe (δ_H 3.86) to C-3' (δ_C 145.8) and the NOE of 5'-OMe (δ_H 3.86) to CH_2 -1'' (δ_H 3.33) and CH-2'' (δ_H 5.08). Based on the above spectroscopic evidence, this new compound, usambaran F (**6**), was characterized as 7-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)phenyl)-naphthalen-2-ol.

Compound **7** was obtained as a white solid and presented the molecular formula $C_{22}H_{22}O_3$ from HRESIMS analysis (m/z 335.1647 $[M + H]^+$, calcd 335.1642, Figure S65, [Supporting Information](#)). Its NMR data ([Table 7](#), Figures S58–S64, [Supporting Information](#)) suggested a 2-phenylnaphthalene skeleton, similar to compounds **4**–**6**. In ring A, the ^1H NMR data ([Table 7](#), Figure S59, [Supporting Information](#)) revealed *ortho*-coupled ($J = 8.9$ Hz) protons resonating at δ_H 7.26 (H-3) and δ_H 7.72 (H-4) with the corresponding carbons at δ_C 113.8 (C-3) and 127.4 (C-4). This ring is disubstituted with a methoxy and a γ,γ -dimethylallyl group, the former being positioned at C-2 (δ_C 154.7) based on its (δ_H 3.95) HMBC correlation ([Table 7](#), Figure S63, [Supporting Information](#)) to C-2 (δ_C 154.7). The HMBC experiments further indicated the

Table 7. NMR Spectroscopic Data (500 MHz, CDCl₃) for Usambarin G (7)

position	δ_C , type	δ_H (J in Hz)	HMBC ^a
1	128.5 C		
2	154.7 C		
3	113.8 CH	7.25 m	1, 2, 2''
4	127.4 CH	7.72 d (8.9)	2, 4a, 5
5	129.1 CH	7.81 d (8.5)	1', 4, 4a
5a	133.4 C		
6	123.0 CH	7.52 dd (8.5, 1.8)	5, 6, 8
7	138.3 C		
8a	133.4 C		
8	121.4 CH	8.04 s	1, 6, 7
1'	135.5 C		
2'	114.8 CH	7.25 m	1', 5', 6'
3'	143.2 C		
4'	143.9 C		
5'	115.9 CH	6.98 d (8.2)	4'
6'	120.4 CH	7.17 dd, (8.2, 2.1)	1', 3', 2'
1''	24.3 CH ₂	3.83 d (6.8)	2, 2'', 3''
2''	123.5 CH	5.23 m	4'', 5''
3''	131.6 C		
4''	18.3 CH ₃	1.91 d (1.3)	2'', 3''
5''	25.9 CH ₃	1.69 d (1.3)	2'', 3''
2-OMe	57.0	3.95 s	
3'-OH		5.25 m	2', 4'
4'-OH		5.21 m	3', 5'

^aHMBC correlations, optimized for 6 Hz, are from stated proton(s) to the indicated carbon.

placement of the γ,γ -dimethylallyl substituent at C-1 (δ_C 128.5) through the correlation of CH₂-1'' (δ_H 3.83) with C-1 (δ_C 128.5), C-2 (δ_C 154.7), and C-8a (δ_C 133.4). Ring B of compound **7** is similar to those of compounds **4–6**, as indicated by its ¹H and ¹³C NMR data along with its 2D spectra. The aromatic protons of its ring C possess an AMX spin system with protons resonating at δ_H 7.25 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, H-2'), 7.17 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.1 Hz, H-6'), and 6.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, H-5') and with the corresponding carbon atoms resonating at δ_C 114.8 (C-2'), 115.9 (C-6'), and 120.4 (C-5'), respectively, consistent with disubstitution. These two hydroxy groups were placed at C-3' (δ_C 143.2) and C-4' (δ_C 143.9) based on the HMBC correlations of 3'-OH (δ_H 5.25) to C-4' (δ_C 143.9) and C-2' (δ_C 114.8) and of 4'-OH (δ_H 5.21) to C-3' (δ_C 143.2) and C-5' (δ_C 115.9) and the NOEs of 3'-OH (δ_H 5.25) to H-2' (δ_H 7.25), CH₂-1'' (δ_H 3.83), and H-8 (δ_H 8.02) and of 4'-OH (δ_H 5.21) to H-5' (δ_H 6.98). Based on the above spectroscopic evidence, this new compound, usambarin G (**7**), was characterized as 4-(7-methoxy-8-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)-naphthalen-2-yl)benzene-1,2-diol.

Compound **8** was isolated as a white solid with the molecular formula C₂₃H₂₂O₄ based on HRESIMS analysis (m/z 389.2117 [M + H]⁺, calcd 389.2111, Figure S74, Supporting Information). Its ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 8, Figures S67–S73, Supporting Information) together with its 2D spectra showed similar spectroscopic features to those of compounds **4–6**, indicating an analogous 2-phenylnaphthalene skeleton and identical substitution on its rings A and B. Its ring C is different from those of **4–6**, and thus has one aromatic proton appearing as a singlet at δ_H 6.75 (H-6') and a 2,2-dimethyldihydropyrano, a γ,γ -dimethylallyl, and a hydroxy substituent. Its C-3' (δ_C 139.9) and C-4' (δ_C 144.5) are

Table 8. NMR Spectroscopic Data (500 MHz, CDCl₃) for Usambarin H (8)

position	δ_C , type	δ_H (J in Hz)	HMBC ^a
1	109.6 CH	7.10 d (2.0)	2, 3
2	153.7 C		
3	117.7 CH	7.13 d (9.5)	2
4	129.8 CH	7.78 dd (8.5, 2.3)	2, 4a, 5
4a	134.8 C		
5	127.7 CH	7.78 dd (8.5, 2.3)	1, 4a, 6
6	126.5 CH	7.11 d (5.8)	1', 5
7	138.5 C		
8a	127.9 C		
8	127.2 CH	7.45 d (1.6)	1, 1', 8a, 6
1'	132.6 C		
2'	119.7 C		
3'	139.0 C		
4'	144.5 C		
5'	131.3 C		
6'	112.4 CH	6.75 s	1', 1'', 4', 3'
1''	32.0 CH ₂	2.96 d (7.4)	2'', 3'', 6', 5'
2''	123.9 CH	5.12 m	
3''	131.6 C		
4''	17.7 CH ₃	1.33 s	3'', 5''
5''	25.9 CH ₃	1.62 d (1.6)	2'', 3'', 4''
2'''	74.8 C		
3'''	33.2 CH ₂	1.68 t (6.8)	2', 2'', 4'', 2'''Me
4'''	21.9 CH ₂	2.32 m	1', 2', 2'', 3', 3'''
2'''-Me ₂	27.0 CH ₃	1.34 s	2''', 3'''
2'''-Me	27.0 CH ₃	1.34 s	2'''
2-OH		4.94 s	
4'-OH		5.60 s	3', 4', 6'

^aHMBC correlations, optimized for 6 Hz, are from stated proton(s) to the indicated carbon.

oxygenated, similar to ring C of compounds **4–7**. The γ,γ -dimethylallyl substituent was placed at C-5' (δ_C 131.3) based on the HMBC correlations (Table 8, Figure S72, Supporting Information) of H₂-1'' (δ_H 2.96) to C-4' (δ_C 144.5), C-5' (δ_C 131.3), and C-6' (δ_C 112.4) and the NOEs between H-6' (δ_H 6.75) and H-2'' (δ_H 5.12). A dihydropyran ring was placed at C2'/C-3' based on the HMBC correlation of H-4''' (δ_H 2.32) to C-3' (δ_C 139.0) and C-2' (δ_C 119.7), and the hydroxy group at C-4' based on the HMBC correlation of 4'-OH with C-3' (δ_C 139.0), C-4' (δ_C 144.5), and C-6' (δ_C 112.4). It was further confirmed by the NOEs of H-8 (δ_H 7.45) to H-4''' (δ_H 2.32). Based on the spectroscopic evidence, this compound, usambarin H (**8**), was characterized as 5-(7-hydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-7-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)chroman-8-ol.

Compound **9** was isolated as a white solid from the stem of *S. usambarensis* and was given the molecular formula of C₁₆H₁₄O₄ based on HRESIMS (m/z 271.0970 [M + H]⁺, calcd 271.0965, Figure S83, Supporting Information) analysis. Its NMR (Table 9, Figures S76–S82, Supporting Information) data suggested a flavan-2-ene skeleton with its ring A having *ortho*-coupled (J = 8.3 Hz) protons resonating at δ_H 6.97 (H-5) and δ_H 6.72 (H-6) and the corresponding carbons appearing at δ_C 114.0 (C-5) and 113.0 (C-6). This ring is substituted at C-7 (δ_C 145.9) and C-8 (δ_C 132.4) with methoxy (δ_H 3.89; δ_C 60.1) and hydroxy groups. The deshielding of the methoxy carbon (δ_C 60.1) is typical of *ortho*-substitution, and hence is consistent with its placement

Table 9. NMR Spectroscopic Data (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) for Usambarin J (9)

position	δ_C type	δ_H (J in Hz)	HMBC ^a
2	157.1 C		
3	102.9 CH	6.35 br d (1.0)	2, 4a, 8a
4	33.1 CH	3.95 s	1', 2, 3, 8
4a	122.3 C		
5	114.1 CH	6.97 d (8.3)	3, 4a, 8, 8a
6	113.0 CH	6.72 d (8.3)	4a, 7, 8
7	145.9 C		
8a	147.0 C		
8	132.4 C		
1'	127.6 C		
2'/6'	129.6 CH	7.10 AA'	3', 4', 5', 6'
3'/5'	115.2 CH	6.71 XX'	1', 5'
4'	155.9 C		
7-OH		9.06 s	5, 6, 7, 8
4'-OH		9.26 s	3', 4', 5'
8-OMe	60.1	3.89 s	8

^aHMBC correlations, optimized for 6 Hz, are from stated proton(s) to the indicated carbon.

at C-8, rather than at C-6 or C-7. The placement of 8-OMe was confirmed by the HMBC correlation of the methoxy protons (δ_H 3.89) with C-8 (δ_C 132.4) and the NOEs of 7-OH (δ_H 9.06) to H-6 (δ_H 6.72) and of 8-OMe (δ_H 3.89) to H-2'/6' (δ_H 7.10). Ring B showed the presence of an AA'XX' spin system, appearing at δ_H 7.10 (H-2'/6') and 6.71 (H-3'/5') with their carbon atoms resonating at δ_C 129.6 (C-2'/6') and 115.2 (C-3'/5') with a hydroxy placed at C-4' (δ_C 155.9). The ring C protons resonate at δ_H 6.35 (br d, J = 1.0 Hz, H-3) and δ_H 3.95 (br s, CH₂-4), and the corresponding carbons at 102.9 (C-3) and 33.1 (C-4). The C-2 to C-1' connection is confirmed by the NOE of H-3 (δ_H 6.35) to H-2'/6' (δ_H 7.10). Based on the spectroscopic evidence, this new flav-2-ene, usambarin J (9), was characterized as 2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-8-methoxy-4H-chromen-7-ol.

Compound 10 was obtained as a white solid. Its HREIMS spectrum was compatible with the molecular formula C₂₃H₂₂O₄ (m/z 285.1127 [M + H]⁺, calcd 285.1121, Figure S92, Supporting Information). Its NMR data (Table 10, Figures S85–S91, Supporting Information) were typical of a phenyl-1-benzoxepin derivative.¹⁹ The ring A has an AMX spin system with protons resonating at δ_H 7.11 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, H-6), 6.52 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, H-7), and 6.47 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, H-9) and the corresponding carbons at δ_C 133.8 (C-6), 110.1 (C-7), and 107.0 (C-9) and a hydroxy substituent connected to C-8 (δ_C 155.7) based on its (δ_H 4.75) HMBC cross-peaks to C-7 (δ_C 110.1), C-8 (δ_C 155.7), and C-9 (δ_C 107).

Ring B is disubstituted with hydroxy and methoxy groups and has an AX² spin system with protons resonating at δ_H 6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, H-5'), 6.75 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, H-6'), and 6.72 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, H-2') and the corresponding carbons at δ_C 121.3 (C-6'), 114.3 (C-5'), and 110.8 (C-2'). The HMBC cross-peaks of 4'-OH (δ_H 5.52) to C-3' (δ_C 146.6), C-4' (δ_C 144.8), and C-5' (δ_C 114.5) suggested the placement of the hydroxy substituent at C-4' (δ_C 144.8). The location of the methoxy group (δ_H 3.84 and δ_C 56.1) at C-3' (δ_C 146.6) was established by the HMBC correlation of its protons to C-3' (δ_C 146.6) and its NOE correlation to H-2' (δ_H 6.72). HMBC correlation of the signal at δ_H 6.72 (H-2') with C-3 (δ_C 49.9) confirmed the connection of ring B to ring C. Ring C possesses

Table 10. NMR Spectroscopic Data (500 MHz, CDCl₃) for Usambarin K (10)

position	δ_C type	δ_H (J in Hz)	HMBC ^a
2	75.4 CH ₂	4.29 ddd (11.7, 3.2, 1.0)	1', 4, 9a
		4.14 dd (11.8, 6.7)	1', 4, 9a
3	49.9 CH	3.90 dd (5.5, 3.2)	
4	130.7 CH	5.87 dd (11.8, 4.0)	1', 2, 3, 5a
5a	120.0 C		
5	128.1 CH	6.40 dd (11.8, 2.0)	3, 6, 9a,
6	134.1 CH	7.11 d (8.3)	5, 8, 9a,
7	110.1 CH	6.52 dd (8.4, 2.6)	5a, 8, 9
8	155.7 C		
9a	160.5 C		
9	107.0 CH	6.47 d (2.6)	5a, 7, 8, 9a
1'	133.1 C		
2'	110.9 CH	6.72 d (2.0)	1', 3, 3', 4', 6'
3'	146.6 C		
4'	144.8 C		
5'	114.5 CH	6.87 d (8.0)	1', 3', 4'
6'	121.3 CH	6.75 dd (8.0, 2.0)	2', 3, 4'
3'-OH		5.52 s	2', 3', 4'
8-OH		4.75 s	7, 8, 9
4'-OMe	56.1 CH ₃	3.84 s	4'

^aHMBC correlations, optimized for 6 Hz, are from stated proton(s) to the indicated carbon.

two sp³-hybridized carbons, C-2 (δ_C 75.5) and C-3 (δ_C 49.9), and two sp²-hybridized ones, C-4 (δ_C 130.3) and C-5 (δ_C 127.7). Its connection to ring A via the bridging C9a and C5a atoms is revealed by the HMBC correlations of CH₂-2 (δ_H 4.14 and 4.29) to C-9a (δ_C 160.5) and of H-5 (δ_H 6.40) to C-9a (δ_C 160.5) and C-6 (δ_C 134.1), whereas to ring B via the C3–C1' bond by the HMBC cross-peaks of CH₂-2 (δ_H 4.14 and 4.29) to C-1' (δ_C 133.1) and of H-2' (δ_H 6.72) and H-6' (δ_H 6.75) to C-3 (δ_C 49.9). The absolute configuration at C-3 was not determined. Based on the above spectroscopic evidence, this new compound, usambarin K (10), was characterized as 3-(3-methoxy-4-hydroxy)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[*b*]oxepin-8-ol.

The major constituents of *S. usambarensis* were evaluated for antibacterial activity against the Gram-negative *E. coli* and the Gram-positive *B. subtilis* as well as for cytotoxicity against MCF-7 human breast cancer cells (Figure S85 and Table S3, Supporting Information). Out of the tested compounds (Table S3, Supporting Information), usambarin D (4) showed moderate antibacterial activity (MIC = 9.0 μ M) against *B. subtilis*, while usambarins A (1) and B (2) were not toxic (Figure S85, Supporting Information).

In conclusion, 12 natural products including the three new benzo[*b*]naphtho[2,1-*d*]furans 1–3, the five new 2-phenyl-naphthalene derivatives 4–8, the new flavan 9, and the new phenyl-1-benzoxepin 10 were isolated and characterized from the CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (1:1) extracts of the stem and roots of *S. usambarensis*. The benzo[*b*]naphtho[2,1-*d*]furan skeletons of 1–3 are so far unprecedented in natural products, and the 2-phenyl-naphthalene skeletons of 4–8 have previously only scarcely been reported.^{20,21} Usambarin D (4) showed moderate antibacterial activity against *B. subtilis* with no significant cytotoxicity, while usambarins A (1) and B (2) were not cytotoxic against MCF-7 human breast cancer cells.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Experimental Procedures. UV spectra were measured using a Shimadzu UV-1650 PC UV/vis spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were acquired on a Bruker Avance NEO 500 MHz (TXO cryogenic probe) or a 600 MHz (TCI cryogenic probe) spectrometer and were processed using the MestreNova (v14.0.0) software referencing the chemical shifts to the residual solvent signals (CDCl_3 : δ_{H} 7.26, δ_{C} 77.16; CD_3OD : δ_{H} 3.31, δ_{C} 49.0; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$: δ_{H} 2.50, δ_{C} 39.5). TLC analysis was performed on Merck precoated silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ aluminum plates using UV detection at 254 and 365 nm. Column chromatography was done on silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh) and on Sephadex LH-20 (GE Healthcare). Preparative reversed-phase HPLC separations were performed on a Waters 600E system using Chromulan v. 0.88 (Pikron Ltd.) software and an RP-C8 Kromasil column (250 mm $\times$ 25 mm, 5 μm) or on an Interchim Ultra Performance Flash Purification (PF-430) system using Interchim v 5.1d.02 software and the same RP-C8 Kromasil column. HRESIMS spectra were acquired with a Q-TOF LC/MS spectrometer with a lockmass-ESI source (Stenhagen Analysis Lab AB, Gothenburg, Sweden), using a 2.1 $\times$ 30 mm, 1.1 μm RP-C18 column and $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeCN}$ gradient (5:95 to 95:5, with 0.2% HCOOH). Mass spectra were acquired on a Waters Micromass ZQ Multimode Ionization ESI using LC-MS in ESI mode, connected to an Agilent 1100 series gradient pump system and an RP-C18 Atlantis T3 column (3.0 $\times$ 50 mm, 5 μm), using Milli-Q water/ MeCN (5:95 to 95:5, with 1% HCO_2H , flow rate 0.75 mL/min over 6 min).

Plant Materials. The stem and roots of *Streblus usambarensis* were collected from the Gondoni forest (4°24'38.2" S, 39°28'34.5" E, altitude: 40 m), Kwale County, in July 2016. The plant was authenticated by Mr. Patrick C. Mutiso of the University Herbarium, Department of Biology, University of Nairobi, where a voucher specimen (PBC 2016/008) was deposited.

Extraction and Isolation. Ground roots of *S. usambarensis* (900 g) were extracted with $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ (1:1) at room temperature to yield a crude extract (98.8 g) after concentration. The crude extract was loaded on a silica gel (500 g) column, eluted with *iso*-hexane containing increasing amounts of EtOAc (1% to 80% v/v), and pooled into 21 fractions. Three fractions (RF1, RF2, and RF3) that were eluted with 3% EtOAc were washed separately with *iso*-hexane, giving compound 3 (15 mg) as a white amorphous solid, compound 1 (25 mg) as a colorless solid, and compound 12 (19 mg) as colorless solids, respectively. The fraction that was eluted with 8% EtOAc was separated using prep-HPLC ($\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, gradient elution 5–95% MeOH), yielding compound 2 (8.0 mg). Ground stems of *S. usambarensis* (965 g) were extracted with $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ (1:1) at room temperature. The crude extract (91 g) was partitioned between H_2O and EtOAc. The EtOAc layer was concentrated to give a crude extract (45 g). The EtOAc extract was loaded on a silica gel (500 g) column and eluted with *iso*-hexane containing increasing amounts of EtOAc (1% to 99% v/v). The eluents were then pooled into 24 fractions (SF1–SF24). Two fractions that were eluted with 5% EtOAc were subjected to column chromatography over Sephadex (eluting with $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$, 1:1) followed by purification on preparative HPLC ($\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, gradient elution 5–95% MeOH), giving compound 8 (6.5 mg) as a white solid and compound 11 (12.7 mg) as colorless needles. Fractions that were eluted with 8% EtOAc were subjected to column chromatography over Sephadex ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$, 1:1), followed by purification on preparative HPLC ($\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, gradient elution 5–90% MeOH), giving compound 4 (20.5 mg) as white crystals and compound 7 (9 mg) as a white solid. The fraction that was eluted with 8% EtOAc was subjected to Sephadex (eluting with $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$, 1:1) and further purification on preparative HPLC ($\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, gradient elution 5–90% MeOH) to provide compound 9 (6.4 mg). The fraction that was eluted with 10% EtOAc was subjected to column chromatography over Sephadex ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$, 1:1) and further purified on preparative HPLC ($\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, gradient elution 5–90% MeOH) to give compound 10 (6.5 mg) as a white paste. The fraction that was eluted with 15% EtOAc was purified by preparative HPLC ($\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, gradient

elution 5–90% MeOH) to give colorless solids of compound 5 (10 mg) and 6 (7.3 mg).

Usambarin A (1): white solid (CDCl_3); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 270 nm (4.0), 310 nm (4.1); ^1H NMR (Table 1); ^{13}C NMR (Table 1); HRESIMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ m/z 363.1596 (calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$, 363.1591).

Usambarin B (2): white solid; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 273 nm (4.0), 321 nm (4.0); ^1H NMR (Table 2); ^{13}C NMR (Table 2); HRESIMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ m/z 349.1440 (calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4$, 349.1434).

Usambarin C (3): white amorphous solid; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 270 nm (4.0), 350 nm (4.1); ^1H NMR (Table 3); ^{13}C NMR (Table 3); HRESIMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ m/z 347.1283 (calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_4$, 347.1278).

Usambarin D (4): white solid; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 230 nm (3.9), 255 nm (3.9); ^1H NMR (Table 4); ^{13}C NMR (Table 4); HREIMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ m/z 319.1334 (calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3$, 319.1329).

Usambarin E (5): white solid; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 234 nm (3.9), 262 nm (3.9), 290sh nm (4.0); ^1H NMR (Table 5); ^{13}C NMR (Table 5); EIMS $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$ m/z 319.2 (calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3$, 321.1485).

Usambarin F (6): white solid; UV (MeOH), λ_{max} (log ϵ) 234 nm (3.9); ^1H NMR (Table 6); ^{13}C NMR (Table 6); HREIMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ m/z 335.1647 (calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_3$, 335.1642).

Usambarin G (7): white solid; UV (MeOH), λ_{max} (log ϵ) 231 nm (3.9), 257 nm (3.9); ^1H NMR (Table 7); ^{13}C NMR (Table 7); HREIMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ m/z 335.1647 (calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_3$, 335.1642).

Usambarin F (8): white solid; ^1H NMR (Table 8); ^{13}C NMR (Table 8); HREIMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ m/z 389.2117 (calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_3$, 389.2111).

Usambarin J (9): white solid; ^1H NMR (Table 9); ^{13}C NMR (Table 9); HREIMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ m/z 271.0970 (calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4$, 271.0965).

Usambarin K (10): white solid; ^1H NMR (Table 10); ^{13}C NMR (Table 10); HREIMS $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ m/z 285.1127 (calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_4$, 285.1121).

X-ray Diffraction Analysis. Single crystals were obtained by slow solvent evaporation. Single crystals were mounted on a fiber loop and fixated using Fomblin oil. The data were collected at 150(2) K on a Bruker D8 APEX-II equipped with an APEX-II CCD camera using Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). Data reduction was performed with SAINT,²² and absorption corrections for the area detector were performed using SADABS.²³ Structures were solved by direct methods and refined by least-squares methods on F^2 using the SHELX and the OLEX2²⁴ software suits, respectively. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were constrained in geometrical positions to their parent atoms. The X-ray structure (cif) data of 1 (CCDC 2236402) and 4 (CCDC 2236403) have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, on application to the Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK (fax: +44-(0)1223-336033 or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk). Further details of the X-ray data acquisition are given in the Supporting Information.

Antibacterial Assay. The major constituents were assessed for antibacterial assay against *E. coli* and *B. subtilis* following the procedures described by Kalenga et al.²⁵ Initially, each sample was dissolved in 100% DMSO to constitute a 1 mg/mL solution and subsequently kept at -20 °C. The culturing of bacterial strains followed the standard protocols described by Muller et al.¹⁷ with minor modifications. Briefly, bacterial cultures were allowed to grow in Mueller-Hinton broth for 24 h to an optical density (OD) = 0.5 ($\lambda = 540$ nm). A 10-fold dilution of the broth bacterial suspension was then performed. The samples were incorporated into the medium to constitute a concentration of 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$. A prewarmed (100 μL) medium with the samples as DMSO solution was added into a 96-well microplate, incubated at 37 °C without shaking, for 20–4 h. The resazurin assay for assessing viability was then performed as described by Sarker et al.²⁶ Accordingly, an Alamar Blue staining solution (10 μL) was introduced per well continuously for 1 h at a constant temperature of 37 °C. The fluorescence emitted by the viable cells

was determined using POLARstar Omega (BMG Labtech, Cape Town, South Africa) set at excitation $\lambda = 540$ nm and emission filter $\lambda = 590$ nm. As a positive control, a standard antibiotic, ampicillin, was used (Figure S86, Supporting Information), while DMSO was applied as a negative control. The bleed-through between the wells was controlled by leaving an empty well in-between (thus 384-well plates were considered for this purpose). These assays were performed in triplicates. Minimum inhibitory concentrations (MIC) and effective concentrations (EC) were determined using an EC₉₀ calculator webtool (AAT Bioquest, Inc.) and the Quest Graph EC₅₀.

Cytotoxicity Assay. MCF-7 cells were used to evaluate the cytotoxic effect of the isolated constituents, following the protocol by Koudokpon et al.²⁷ Briefly, the cells were cultured and kept in exponential growth in a modified medium, as described by Umereweneza et al.²⁸ PrestoBlue was used to determine the cell viability (Thermo Fisher) for a 24 h incubation period as per the manufacturer's recommendations. The fluorescence from resorufin was determined and measured using POLAR star Omega (BMG Labtech) set at excitation $\lambda = 540$ nm and emission filter $\lambda = 590$ nm. Cell viability, EC₉₀, and EC₅₀ values for each compound were determined as described by Umereweneza et al.²⁸

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Data Availability Statement

The original FIDs for compounds **1–12** are freely available on Zenodo with DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.7213520.

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NMR and MS data for the isolated compounds and antibacterial and cytotoxicity data (PDF)

X-ray crystallographic data for compound **1** (CIF)

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