

Five oleanane-type pentacyclic triterpenoids were isolated by chromatographic separation of a chloroform extract of the stem bark of *Embelia schimperi*. Three of these compounds have a methyleneoxy bridge. Two compounds, embelinone and schimperinone, are reported here for the first time from a natural source (they have been synthesized previously during chemical transformations). Their structures were determined by spectroscopic techniques, among which 2-D NMR was useful for complete characterization. Three of the triterpenoids exhibited mild antibacterial properties against the gram-positive bacterial strain *Rhodococcus* sp.