

**Thesis Title**     Synthesis of 9',10' - Dihydro - 5 - acetoxy - spiro [3 - cyclopenten - 1,11' - (9,10) - ethanoanthracene] - 2 - one : A Precursor Approach to (±) - Pentenomycin II and (±) - Epipentenomycin II

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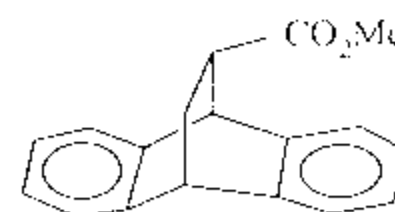
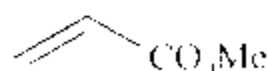
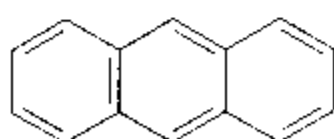
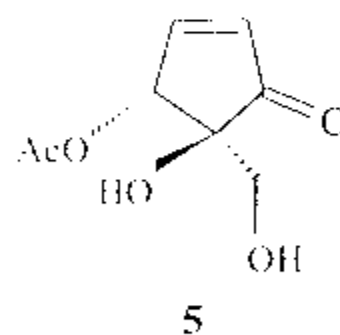
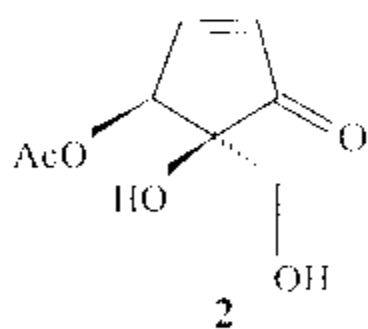
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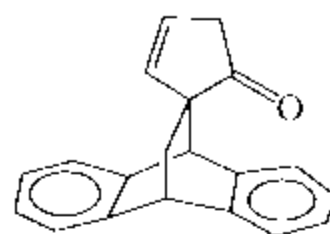
**Abstract**

This thesis described a convenient synthesis of 9',10' - dihydro - 5 - acetoxy - spiro [3 - cyclopenten - 1,11' - (9,10) - ethanoanthracene] - 2 - one , a precursor approach to (±) - Pentenomycin II (**2**) and (±) - Epipentenomycin II (**5**) , employing anthracene (**32**) and methylacrylate (**18**) as starting materials to react by Diels – Alder fashion giving ester adduct **33**. Alkylation of the adduct **33** with allyl bromide gave ester adduct **34** which then cyclised to yield compounds **35** and **36**. Epoxidation of **35** gave a mixture of two isomers; **37(a)** and **37(b)**. After ring - opening of the epoxides, a mixture of two isomers **38(a)** and **38(b)** were obtained. Finally, acetylation of isomers **38(a)** and **38(b)** resulted in **39(a)** and **39(b)**.

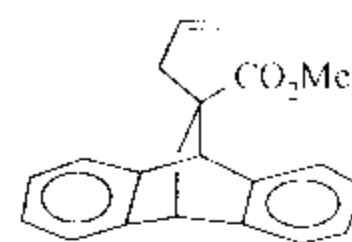




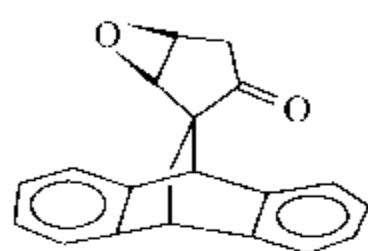
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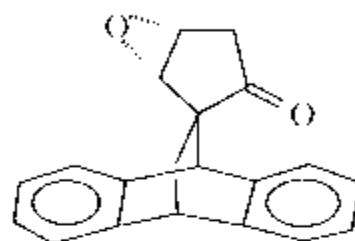
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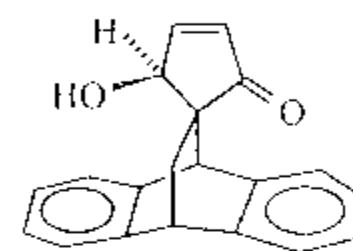
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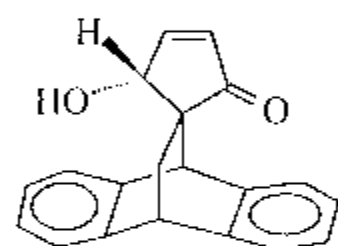
37(a)



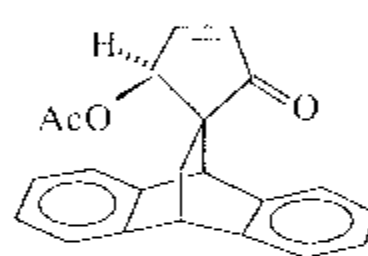
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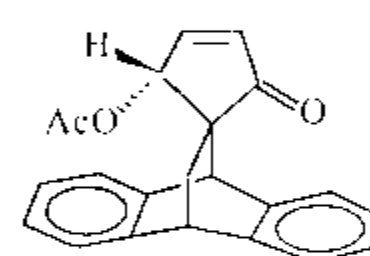
38(a)



38(b)



39(a)



39(b)