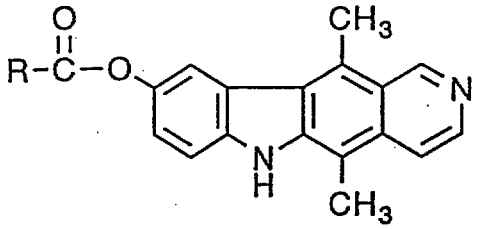
ELLIPTICINE DERIVATIVE AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE SAME

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

An ellipticine derivative of the formula [I]: .



[I]

wherein R is a substituted lower alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkoxy group or a heteromonocyclic group,
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which show excellent antitumor activity, less side effects, less toxicity and/or high solubility in water and are useful as antitumor agent, and a process for preparing the same.