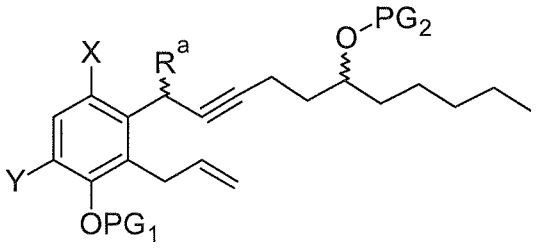
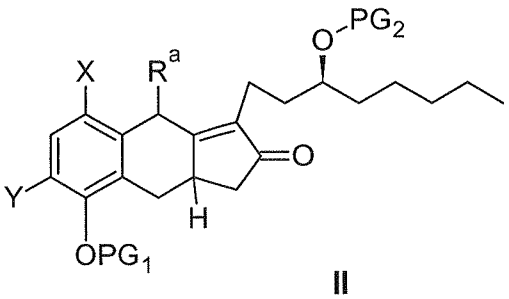
to using a silyl protective group for the non-benzylic alcohol moiety of the C-11 side-chain.

In one aspect, there is provided a compound of formula I or formula II



I



II

wherein

X is Br and **Y** is H; and

PG_1 is selected from the group consisting of methyl, methoxymethyl, benzyloxymethyl, methoxyethoxymethyl, benzyl, 4-methoxybenzyl, 2,6-dichlorobenzyl, 3,4-dichloro-benzyl; $-CH_2COOH$, $-CH_2COOR_x$, and $-CH_2CH_2OPG_2$; and

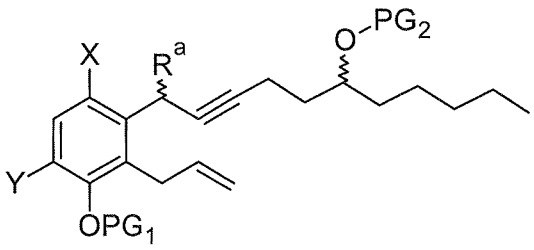
PG_2 is TBDMS; and

R^a is hydroxy; and

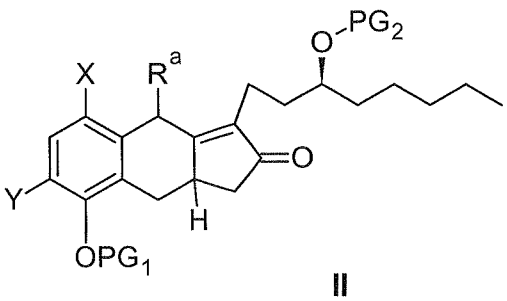
R_x is C_{1-4}alkyl or aryl.

Claims :

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