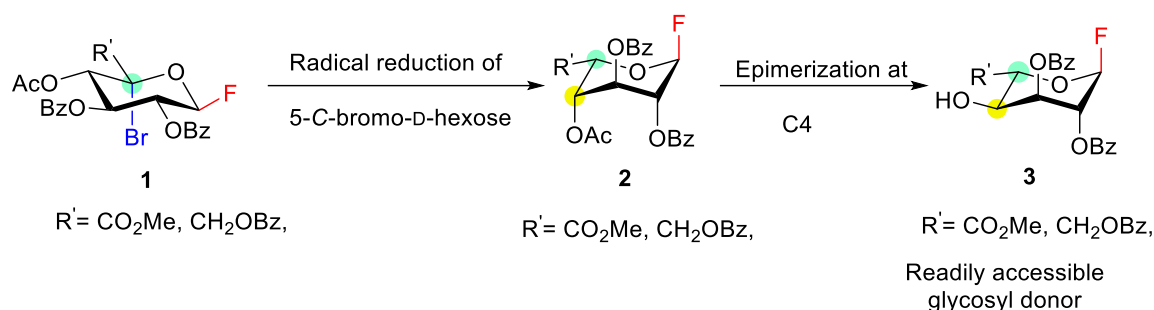


## A CONCISE SYNTHESIS OF AN L-ALTRURONIC ACID GLYCOSYL DONOR

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L-Altruronic acid (L-AltA) is a rare hexose that manifests in the capsular polysaccharides of numerous pathogenic bacteria, including *Enterococcus faecium*. Encouraging evidence has been provided for the efficacy of glycoconjugates as vaccine candidates against *E. faecium*. Of those examined, the highest-performing structure contained L-AltA as a signature sugar. However, further investigation in this area has been limited by poor synthetic access to appropriate L-AltA building blocks. We now report the straightforward preparation of a glycosyl donor-functionalized derivative of L-AltA from inexpensive starting materials. Central to this synthesis is the fluorine-directed C-5 epimerization, which has previously been instrumental in accessing other rare L-hexoses [1-3].



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