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## derived sugar alcohol

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Figure S1. Synthetic route of isosorbide from D-(+)-glucose.



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of ADIAc. Top: full scale, Bottom: enlarged view.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**:  $\delta = 1.97$  (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>1</sup>), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>2</sup>), 3.82 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>1</sup>), 3.84 (dd, J = 4.9, 10.3 Hz, 1H, H<sup>8</sup>), 3.88 (dd, J = 5.5, 10.3 Hz, 1H, H<sup>7</sup>), 3.92 (dd, J = 4.1, 9.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>2</sup>), 4.38 (d, J = 4.8, 1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 4.44 (dd, J = 4.1, 7.5 Hz, 1H, H<sup>3</sup>), 4.74 (dd, J = 4.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H, H<sup>5</sup>), 5.12 (dd, J = 4.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 5.87 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, NH).



Figure S3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ADIAc.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 20.6 (NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 23.1 (OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 56.2 (C<sup>2</sup>), 70.7 (C<sup>6</sup>), 73.0 (C<sup>1</sup>), 74.0 (C<sup>5</sup>), 80.3 (C<sup>4</sup>), 86.6 (C<sup>3</sup>), 169.7 (NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 170.4 (OCOCH<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S4. DEPT spectra of ADIAc.



Figure S5. <sup>13</sup>C-<sup>1</sup>H HMQC (horizontal axis: <sup>1</sup>H, vertical axis: <sup>13</sup>C) (top) and <sup>13</sup>C-<sup>1</sup>H HMBC (horizontal axis: <sup>1</sup>H, vertical axis: <sup>13</sup>C) (bottom) of ADIAc.



Figure S6. LR-ESI positive (A) and negative (B) mass spectra of ADIAc.



**Figure S7.** Relationship between physical properties of rare earth triflate and ADI yield in the dehydration of ADS at 150 °C for 1 h. Six coordination is assumed for the ionic radius.



**Figure S8.** Energy diagrams for the 1,4-dehydration of ADS in the presence and absence of Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>(EG) calculated by DFT. (Yb) represents Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>(EG).

Table S1. Orientation, charge and multiplicity for the transition state of 3,6-dehydration with Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>(EG) in a format of Gaussian input.

1 2				
Yb	-1	0.59807000	-0.39873000	-0.03193900
0	0	-1.09881600	0.18355900	-1.36084400
C	0	-1.46443200	0.82491300	-2.38064000
N	0	-2.43285400	1.74795700	-2.31016500
C .	0	-0.83408200	0.56140400	-3./1/02100
н	0	-2.62644100	2.2/69/400	-3.15/10/00
	0	1 22571200	-0.51502100	-3.91352900
	0	-1.525/1200	0 97127600	-4.55214500
п 0	1	1 94700900	0.0/12/000	-3.000000/00
0	-1	0 94205600	0.12371000	1 901647200
C	-1	1 10081000	0.1040000	3 10983200
L L	_1	1 55800000	0.05150200	1 10236100
н	-1	1 08793100	1 70397900	2 81473400
C	-1	-0 29606500	0 08776400	3 14548200
н	-1	-0.92335100	0.66626700	3.83028000
н	-1	-0.28479900	-0.96160400	3,46584100
Н	-1	2.64774000	0.40590900	1,90341400
Н	-1	-1.60321300	-0.45702400	1.76002400
0	-1	2.53358900	-1.31938600	-0.87739000
0	-1	-0.28249800	-2.50477400	0.37455700
0	-1	1.74390400	1.66677500	-0.41213000
S	-1	-1.54319000	-3.14908600	0.90492400
S	-1	3.62900700	-2.36031700	-0.85255800
S	-1	2.99809800	2.41509900	-0.03719600
0	-1	-2.38152800	-2.19917000	1.67513000
0	-1	-1.31812000	-4.47145000	1.49809000
0	-1	3.62381400	1.88973300	1.20274800
0	-1	3.89944000	2.68693100	-1.16412000
0	-1	4.11313000	-2.69015600	-2.20606600
0	-1	3.34172400	-3.49210700	0.04721700
С	-1	5.02082000	-1.44119100	-0.05001300
C	-1	-2.50756600	-3.45773300	-0.65449000
C	-1	2.31190100	4.07258500	0.44529000
F	-1	-3.6361/200	-4.10860000	-0.36360600
F	-1	-2.81304700	-2.2905/300	-1.23656400
F	-1	-1./8343800	-4.19020700	-1.506/3100
r r	-1	3.200/4300	1 14672400	-0./118/000
r c	-1	4.70821100	-1.14072400	0.05802200
г с	-1	3 20505700	1 85500000	0.03002300
F	-1	1 74084600	4.85363300	-0 61393400
F	-1	1.39203800	3,92986800	1.40918100
c	0	-2.99701100	2,27067100	-1.05799600
c	0	-4.54276000	2,20352500	-1.12115400
H	0	-2.63696600	1.62440600	-0.25829200
С	0	-2.47868400	3.69313000	-0.83312700
С	0	-5.29930100	2.21439200	0.21887900
н	0	-4.92449000	2.99910500	-1.77013800
0	0	-4.99371900	0.94498000	-1.66090000
Н	0	-2.73248400	4.31723700	-1.70268000
Н	0	-2.95861700	4.12337800	0.05114200
0	0	-1.06622400	3.60276500	-0.66300900
Н	0	-6.36240000	2.33732600	-0.01173000
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п	0	-2.90300100	0.70/21100	1.62420400
0	0	-3.88/9/600	0./8234600	1.02438400
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н	0	-4.23/20000	-0.62206400	-0.72270000
н	a	-3 76050200	1 68031500	1 99039600
0	â	-5.24389000	-1.87101400	1.28832200
Ĥ	ด	-5.70444000	-1.58082300	2.09731200
н	õ	-4.30899700	-1.99425600	1.56197900

Table S2. Orientation, charge and multiplicity for the transition state of 1,4-dehydration with Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>(EG) in a format of Gaussian input.

1 2				
Yb	-1	-0.98601400	0.43254600	0.38568600
0	0	1.12204400	0.28120300	-0.41380600
С	0	1.74169600	0.32105600	-1.51076900
N	0	2.88083000	-0.35934000	-1.67117300
C	0	1.24043600	1.13576000	-2.66641100
C	0	3.46046600	-1.21181700	-0.64420700
н	0	3.34784500	-0.29518700	-2.57038300
н	0	1.19142300	2.18594600	-2.36066000
н	0	1.87658900	1.04398000	-3.54968000
Н	0	0.22372700	0.81229500	-2.91434000
C	0	3.61993200	-2.63028200	-1.12210300
C	0	4.82448700	-0.68651400	-0.1156/800
н	0	2.78285300	-1.19985400	0.20969800
н	0	3.46510200	-2.90119600	-2.15606900
Г	0	5.69642500	- 3. 39362300	-0.4142/500
	0	5.6/90/000	-1.0105/000	-1.1/14/900
	0	4.74908000	1 24219200	1 12252900
0	0	5 59029400	-1.34218300	-1 51255800
U U	0	5.33023400	-2.400000000 0.20620200	2 05146900
п С	0	7 3/008200	-0.38039200	-2.03140800
L L	0	6 00002400	-1 56986100	1 17107000
н	a	5 76010000	-2 55524200	-2 /6182700
C	0	7 75050800	0 51627100	-2.40182700
н	a	7 97567100	-1 22585200	-0.55251000
0	a	7 62669600	-1.73/51700	0 10257100
н	â	7 19090500	0 83102100	0.40237100
н	â	7 51258100	1 20372300	-1 16956800
0	â	9 15251200	0 60936700	-0 13163200
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н	â	9 36764000	-0 01719400	0.10921000
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0	ø	1.64008300	-3.12298900	-0.87869400
0	-1	-3.04342900	0.07880200	1.81494400
0	-1	-0.55117900	0.70851800	2.72849700
c	-1	-2.70817500	-0.22039600	3,18514500
Н	-1	-3.60102700	-0.14513500	3.81666500
н	-1	-2.30320800	-1.23328400	3.25965200
С	-1	-1.68935700	0.79828100	3.62643000
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н	-1	-2.10470100	1.81216300	3.57510700
Н	-1	-3.46660700	-0.72998700	1.43186700
Н	-1	-0.04002500	1.54342800	2.82015200
0	-1	-2.40890200	0.46350200	-1.42674500
0	-1	-0.94722700	2.74842500	0.45720300
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S	-1	-3.58276100	1.04229000	-2.18231500
S	-1	-2.32853100	-3.01193400	0.23931900
0	-1	0.24133700	3.41194600	2.53996600
0	-1	-1.09876500	5.10458700	1.24981400
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0	-1	-4.05382700	2.32852400	-1.63799000
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С	-1	1.19795600	4.25078000	0.21443700
С	-1	-1.60018000	-4.22260800	1.44516700
F	-1	1.84574500	5.29515500	0.73561900
F	-1	2.01652000	3.19051100	0.20071700
F	-1	0.83870300	4.53674700	-1.04109200
F	-1	-4.53828400	-1.40990000	-2.11700000
F	-1	-5.22133000	-0.13269600	-0.48914700
F	-1	-6.02558200	0.13530600	-2.49384400
F	-1	-2.46226600	-5.22048200	1.66060000
F	-1	-0.46252700	-4.72355000	0.95485300
F	-1	-1.33889400	-3.61471800	2.61041400
Н	0	1.52261100	-3.97567200	-1.34079700

Table S3. Orientation, charge and multiplicity for the transition state of 3,6-dehydration without Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>(EG) in a format of Gaussian input.

1 1			
0	-1.72202100	-2.13996000	-0.03999300
С	-2.56814600	-1.21458700	-0.00393700
N	-2.21875600	0.07838800	0.11348600
С	-4.04081600	-1.52680700	-0.07732600
С	-0.85791400	0.61341300	-0.09823200
н	-2.96024100	0.76227700	0.00384700
Н	-4.29390200	-2.23763700	0.71621900
н	-4.67174900	-0.63925200	0.01452500
Н	-4.24667300	-2.01570800	-1.03641800
С	0.05843000	0.28479300	1.10761300
Н	-0.44237800	0.14896800	-0.99910300
С	1.49787600	0.82961900	1.13630200
Н	-0.45587700	0.59788300	2.02398700
0	0.32512500	-1.12655900	1.18726900
Н	1.90089500	0.54926200	2.11652400
С	2.35072000	0.10133500	0.06265800
Н	-0.40044600	-1.63112000	0.69839800
С	2.05483100	-1.36410400	0.06291400
н	3.40525400	0.24064200	0.33668600
0	2.10058000	0.61654900	-1.23640200
н	1.42680300	-1.79911100	-0.69956200
Н	2.41688700	-1.98733800	0.86636800
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Н	2.12871700	1.58823400	-1.15076000
Н	3.53359400	-1.42599000	-1.88228100
Н	3.54097800	-2.82161200	-1.22202200
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н	2.37263000	2.55605600	1.37914700
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Н	-1.25373300	2.63156800	0.60289500
н	-0.06582200	2.52195300	-0.71484200
0	-2.05693300	2.30459900	-1.29409100
н	-2.25809400	3.25449500	-1.32484600

Table S4. Orientation, charge and multiplicity for the transition state of 1,4-dehydration without Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>(EG) in a format of Gaussian input.

11			
0	3.84754900	0.20634700	-0.53424400
С	3.09461600	1.08684000	-0.07396400
N	1.76681900	0.89291700	0.09732500
С	3.63526200	2.43934600	0.31637400
С	1.05313200	-0.28452900	-0.37847200
Н	1.22580200	1.66648800	0.46569700
Н	4.06205200	2.91387800	-0.57442000
Н	2.87668400	3.09960600	0.74398400
Н	4.44714000	2.30208900	1.03809500
С	1.06090400	-1.44157200	0.59772200
С	-0.42334300	0.05314500	-0.71822400
Н	1.51144300	-0.61960500	-1.31195800
Н	1.52738500	-1.36133000	1.56750500
Н	0.64948200	-2.39098600	0.29227300
С	-1.17134900	0.16314900	0.61469500
Н	-0.45641300	1.01287800	-1.25009000
0	-0.89496000	-0.99715500	-1.54597700
0	-0.68915600	-0.98455200	1.36690200
Н	-0.87130200	1.08073400	1.13009000
С	-2.70481500	0.11795700	0.55155600
Н	-1.80708600	-1.22268000	-1.25681600
Н	-0.58122400	-0.75163200	2.30923500
С	-3.29381800	1.27774400	-0.24792800
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Н	-2.97068500	1.20678900	-1.29671600
Н	-2.93722200	2.22818100	0.15965000
0	-4.71284800	1.29696100	-0.15467800
Н	-3.02384600	-1.83001800	0.53605800
Н	-5.03006400	0.44820200	-0.50902700
Н	3.40219500	-1.41799100	-0.22738600
0	2.92580900	-2.25126100	0.04008200
Н	2.75040700	-2.71058200	-0.80167900