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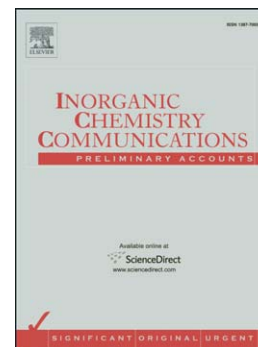
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**Abstract:** Three bidentate pyrrolyl lithium complexes were synthesized and their application for the cyclotrimerization of isocyanate to corresponding isocyanurate has been investigated and show high catalytic activities. All lithium complexes were characterized by NMR spectroscopy, elemental analysis and X-ray diffraction analysis.

**Keywords:** Lithium complex / Pyrrolyl / Cyclotrimerization / Isocyanate / Catalysis

About the organometallic compounds, lithium complexes have been not only deeply studied in academic research but also applied in industry because of their widely availabilities. A large numbers of organolithium complexes have been synthesized and structurally characterized. Of course, those of anionic N-centred species (lithium amides) are no exception [1-5]. For example, the pyrrolyl ligands can bind to a metal center by  $\eta^1$ - or  $\eta^5$ - bridging coordination modes [6-8]. Substituents on the pyrrolyl ring play a key role in influencing the binding mode of the

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