

Isolation and Characterization of Novel Lanthanum Metallofullerene

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Since the first extraction of La@C₈₂,¹ endohedral metallofullerenes have attracted special attention for their unique structures and novel properties which can't be expected from empty fullerenes.²⁻⁵ Especially, the cage structures of endohedral metallofullerenes are very interesting. Lanthanum endohedral fullerenes such as La@C₈₂,^{1,6,7} La₂@C₈₀³ are known as the typical representatives of those novel materials. Here we report the first isolation and characterization of a new lanthanum metallofullerene.

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