

STUDY OF SOLVENT EFFECT ON DISPERSION OF $\text{La}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ CATALYST FOR FACILE SYNTHESIS OF CYCLIC CARBONATE FROM RENEWABLE SUGAR

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ABSTRACT

The previous approach to transform sugar into sugar carbonate was based on phosgene technique and pyridine as a base solvent which is seriously hazardous also overexposures will associate to illnesses. In short, the use of D-mannose and urea as feedstock are an advantage for waste into wealth besides being an environmentally friendly process to nature. Apart from that, the role of Aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3) supported Lanthanum triflate $\text{La}(\text{Otf})_3$ also were studied to enhance the catalytic process of 2,3-O-Carbonyl- α -Dmannopyranose synthesis.

KEYWORDS

Sugar; Cyclic carbonate; Impregnation solvent; Lanthanum triflate; Al_2O_3 .

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