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## The Decomposition of α-LiN<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>BH<sub>3</sub>: an Unexpected Hydrogen Release from a Homopolar Proton-Proton Pathway

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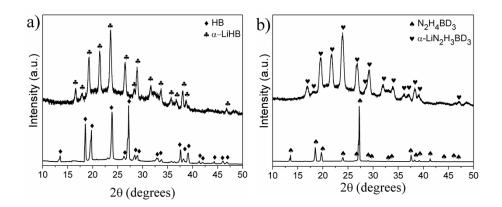


Fig. S1 XRD patterns of HB and  $\alpha$ -LiN<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>BH<sub>3</sub> (a), N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>BD<sub>3</sub> and  $\alpha$ -LiN<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>BD<sub>3</sub> (b).

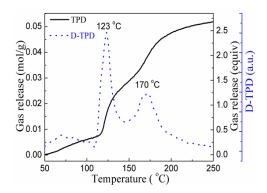
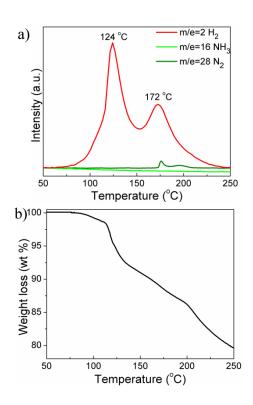


Fig. S2 Non-isothermal TPD curve and its differential curve (D-TPD) with a heating rate of 5  $^{\circ}$ C min<sup>-1</sup> for the decomposition of  $\alpha$ -LiHB.



**Fig. S3** a) MS and b) TG profiles of α-LiHB with a heating rate of 5 °C min<sup>-1</sup> in argon.

The dehydrogenation properties of  $\alpha$ -LiHB were investigated using Temperature-Programmed Desorption (TPD) and thermogravimetry analysis/mass spectroscopy (TG/MS) measurements with a heating rate of 5 °C min<sup>-1</sup> as shown in Fig. S2 and S3. The TPD and TG/MS results are in good agreement with the previous reports.

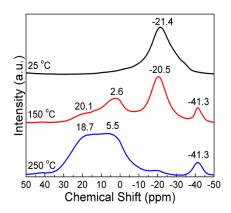


Fig. S4  $^{11}$ B NMR results for  $\alpha$ -LiHB before and after heating to 150  $^{\circ}$ C and 250  $^{\circ}$ C.