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Abstract

Effect of monovalent sodium doping on inherent lattice distortion and magnetic properties of EuMnO $_3$ is reported in this work. Perovskite structured Eu $_{1-x}$ Na $_x$ MnO $_3$ (x=0.0, 0.1, 0.2) compounds are prepared by conventional sol-gel method. Inherent structural distortion of EuMnO $_3$ and its modification by Na doping is investigated by analyzing powder X-ray diffraction patterns of these compounds. Numerical values of different structural and microstructural parameters related to structural distortion are evaluated by Rietveld analysis of XRD patterns. Different distortions in MnO $_6$ octahedra are shown by 3D atomic models. The value of Goldschimdt tolerance factor is calculated as 0.8711 for the undoped compound and 0.8870 and 0.8856 for the 10mol% and 20mol% Na doped compounds respectively. Na doping stabilizes the orthorhombic perovskite structure and reduces both octahedral and Jahn-Teller

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