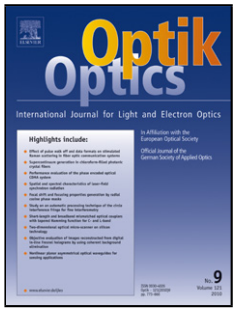

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Abstract

The authors of a recent paper (Optik 125 (2014) 2022-2025) claim to have grown a so called thiosemicarbazide lead nitrate (TSLN) crystal by the slow evaporation method. In this comment we prove that TSLN is actually thiosemicarbazide.

Keywords: Crystal Growth; Thiosemicarbazide lead nitrate; Slow evaporation method; dubious crystal; thiosemicarbazide

Comment

During the course of a literature survey we came across the title paper by Shakila and Kalainathan [1] reporting in the abstract “Single crystal XRD study revealed that materials crystallized with triclinic crystal structure and its belongs to centrosymmetric space group Cc and powder X-ray diffraction(XRD) is to confirm the crystalline nature of the crystal…”, In view of a strange space group assignment in the triclinic crystal system this paper attracted our attention and was taken up for scrutiny for verification of the claim. A perusal of the paper reveals that the authors have grown crystals of a so called thiosemicarbazide lead nitrate, by the slow evaporation solution method. It is noted that in addition to an unusual name viz. thiosemicarbazide lead nitrate, not in accordance with IUPAC nomenclature, the crystals are abbreviated by a strange code TSL.