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Structural and magnetic characterization of Sm³⁺ ion substituted Zn-Mn nanoferrites synthesized by glycol-thermal method

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Zn_{0.5}Mn_{0.5}Sm_xFe_{2-x}O₄ (0 ≤ x ≤ 0.05) fine powders with average crystallite size in the range 12-17 nm were synthesized by glycol-thermal reaction. The as synthesized compounds were subjected to the annealing process of 1100 °C, after which the crystallite size increased to about 60 nm. XRD analysis confirmed a single phase cubic spinel structure in all the compounds investigated. TEM images showed nearly spherical particles with uniform particle size distributions. The Mössbauer spectrum of Zn_{0.5}Mn_{0.5}Fe₂O₄ (x = 0) oxide could be resolved into two quadrupole doublets indicative of paramagnetic spin state. Sm³⁺ substituted Zn_{0.5}Mn_{0.5}Sm_xFe_{2-x}O₄ (0.01 ≤ x ≤ 0.05) fine powders show weak sextets in addition to broad doublets attributed to some particles magnetic moments in ordered magnetic phase. The Mössbauer spectra of the compounds annealed at 1100 °C exhibit magnetic split sextets indicative of ordered magnetic phase. The compounds have small coercive fields and high saturation magnetization (40 emu/g to 60 emu/g) which reduces with increasing Sm³⁺ content due to the paramagnetic nature of Sm³⁺ ions.

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