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material. Here, for the first time two combinations of rare earth dopant ions,  $\text{Yb}^{3+}/\text{Ho}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Yb}^{3+}/\text{Tm}^{3+}$ , with different mutual ratios were chosen as pairs for inducing up-conversion. Sol-gel assisted combustion synthesis, which comprises citric acid as chelator and glycine as fuel, was used to obtain powdered samples that are subsequently thermally treated for 3.5 h at  $1100^\circ\text{C}$ . X-ray powder diffraction analysis (XRPD) was performed to determine crystal structure. Morphology characteristics were observed by scanning and transmission electron microscopy (SEM/TEM). Photoluminescent up-converting properties were measured in function of laser power (976 nm) in order to define optimal doping concentration and up-conversion mechanism.

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#### Related effects of $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Gd}_x\text{MnO}_3$ ( $x = 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2$ ) compound

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We have used theoretical and experimental methods to investigate the octahedral tilting and related effects of  $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Gd}_x\text{MnO}_3$  ( $x=0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2$ ) compound. Both methods have shown that orthorhombic-perovskite structure (space group  $Pnma$ ) is the most stable form and according to Glazer's classification belongs to  $a^-b^+a^-$  tilt system. Our bond valence calculations (BVC) have shown ten additional perovskite-related modifications of the equilibrium  $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Gd}_x\text{MnO}_3$  structure, and their stability has been investigated as function of Gd doping. We have further studied the influence of gadolinium amount on Mn-O bond angles and distances, tilting of  $\text{MnO}_6$  octahedra around all three axes and deformation due to the presence of Jahn-Teller distortion around  $\text{Mn}^{3+}$  cation, and calculated the amount of  $\text{Mn}^{3+}$  in the system. The infrared reflection spectra of  $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Gd}_x\text{MnO}_3$  samples confirmed XRD results that  $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Gd}_x\text{MnO}_3$  nanopowders are of  $Pnma-1$  structure and that the tilting of octahedra are increased with Gd doping. The EPR spectra are in accordance with the assumption that EPR linewidth is Mn-O-Mn angle dependent. The studied samples showed that small octahedra tilting in these samples brought only a small change of the EPR linewidth.