

# Luminescence Properties of $\text{Ln}^{3+}$ Doped (Ln= Sm, Dy) Nanocrystalline Scheelite $\text{BaMoO}_4$

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**Abstract**— $\text{Ln}^{3+}$  doped  $\text{BaMoO}_4$  (Ln= Sm and Dy) nanoparticles have been synthesized through co-precipitation method using ethylene glycol as a capping agent. All the prepared samples are characterized by XRD, FT-IR, SEM and photoluminescence study. XRD result revealed the pure tetragonal scheelite-type structure of  $\text{BaMoO}_4$  thereby indicating charge difference induced by trivalent ions ( $\text{Ln}^{3+}$ ) doped in to the site of bivalent host ions ( $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ ) did not affect the pure tetragonal structure of  $\text{BaMoO}_4$ . The SEM image of the as-prepared  $\text{BaMoO}_4$  samples consists of a number of uniform shuttle-like nanocrystalline with protrusion in the middle. The introduction of  $\text{Ln}^{3+}$  ions does not affect the morphology of the  $\text{BaMoO}_4$ . The photoluminescence study has been carried by measuring the excitation and emission spectra. The excitation spectrum consists of a broad band with a maximum at about 268 nm thereby demonstrating the energy transfer occurs from  $\text{MoO}_4^{2-}$  groups to the  $\text{Ln}^{3+}$  ions. The emission spectra are dominated by the transition of  $\text{Ln}^{3+}$ , which is an electric-dipole allowed transition and hypersensitive to the environment and the highest luminescence intensity is observed at 20 at.%  $\text{Ln}^{3+}$  under the ultraviolet excitation. Under this ultraviolet excitation  $\text{BaMoO}_4:\text{Sm}^{3+}$  exhibits strong orange-red and  $\text{BaMoO}_4:\text{Dy}^{3+}$  greenish-yellow emission which could serve promising materials in field of display devices.

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