LUMINESCENCE STUDY OF NEODYMIUM-DOPED CALCIUM SULFATE

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Different rare earth elements (REE) doped calcium sulfate (CaSO₄) based dosimeters are being used in personnel dosimetry, such as CaSO₄:Dy and CaSO₄:Tm. In this paper, optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) characteristics of CaSO₄:Nd crystalline prepared by the precipitation method was studied. The structure of the produced CaSO₄:Nd powder was characterized using the SEM-EDX method. The effect of the heating rate (HR), preheat and reusability properties were investigated after beta (β) irradiation. Furthermore, thermoluminescence (TL) glow curves were recorded and TL glow peaks of CaSO₄:Nd were determined after the preheat process at 90°C.

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