Low-Field Magnetoresistance and Magnetic Study of $Ba_2Fe_{1+x}Mo_{1-x}O_6$

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Abstract—We have investigated low-field magnetoresistance (MR) and magnetic properties of $\text{Ba}_2\text{Fe}_{1+x}\text{Mo}_{1-x}\text{O}_6$ (x=0–0.2) in point of some effects of Fe–Mo disorder between the Fe and Mo ions. Polycrystalline samples have been prepared by the conventional solid-state reaction in a stream of 5% H_2 –Ar gas. The X-ray data indicate that symmetry is cubic and the data are compatible with the Fm3m space group. All samples are single phase and exhibit a series of superstructure-reflection lines due to cation order of Fe and Mo. The magnitude of negative MR is 2.9% for x=0 and 1.5% for x=0.2 at room temperature with magnetic fields of 7 kOe. Saturation magnetization is 2.8 μ_B /f.u. for x=0.2 which is smaller than the value of 3.8 μ_B /f.u. for x=0. This large variation of magnetization between x=0 and 0.2 arises from the disorder at the Fe and Mo sites.

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