The study of superexchange interaction of ordered Li_{0.5}Fe_{1.0}Rh_{1.5}O₄

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Abstract Li_{0.5}Fe_{1.0}Rh_{1.5}O₄ has been studied by X-ray diffraction, Mössbauer spectroscopy. The crystal structure is characterized by the additional reflection (200) that is described by 1:1 ordered structure of Li, Fe at tetrahedral (A) site and can be assigned to the space group F43m. The lattice constant (a_0) is 8.4348 Å. The temperature dependence of the magnetic hyperfine field is analyzed by the Néel theory of ferrimagnetism. The inter-sublattice superexchange interaction is found to be antiferromagnetic with a strength of $J_{A-B} = -3.78 \ k_B$ while the intra-sublattice superexchange interactions are ferromagnetic with strengths of $J_{A-A} = 5.40 \ k_B$ and $J_{B-B} = 7.39 \ k_B$. The Debye temperatures of the tetrahedral and octahedral sites are determined to be 388 and 464 ± 3 K, respectively, and the Néel temperature has been found to be 260 ± 3 K.

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