

# Low-temperature heat capacities and thermodynamic properties of $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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**Abstract** The low-temperature molar heat capacity of crystalline  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was measured by temperature-modulated differential scanning calorimetry (TMDSC) for the first time. The thermodynamic parameters such as entropy and enthalpy relative to 298.15 K were calculated based on the above molar heat capacity data. The compound was characterized by powder XRD, FT-IR spectrum. Moreover, the thermal decomposition characteristics of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were investigated by thermogravimetry–mass spectrometer (TG–MS). The experimental result through TG measurement shows that a three-step mass loss process exists.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}$ , and  $\text{NO}_2$  were observed as products for oxidative degradation of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  from the MS curves.

**Keywords** EDTA · Manganese · Molar heat capacity · TG · TMDSC

## Introduction

A large number of metal-EDTA compound systems have been synthesized to date [1–7]. As a multidentate ligand, depending upon reaction conditions, the reactions between a range of metal salts and EDTA salts can produce various compounds with different coordination environments, such as  $(\text{NH}_4)_2[\text{Mn}(\text{EDTA})(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [8],  $[\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4][\text{Mn}(\text{HEDTA})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [9],  $\text{Ln}_2\text{Mn}_3(\text{EDTA})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{11} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{Ln} = \text{Nd, Gd}$ ) [10],  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [11].

These compounds are widely used in industry [12], environmental chemistry [13], catalysis [14, 15], analytically related investigations [16], and so on. However, investigations on their thermodynamic properties are scanty. Moreover, these compounds may have potential of hydrogen storage. Thus, making a detailed understanding of their thermal properties is highly desirable.

It is well known that heat capacity is one of the most fundamental thermodynamic properties of substances. Molar heat capacities of the materials at different temperatures have attracted many researchers' attention as basic data in chemistry and engineering, from which many other thermodynamic properties such as enthalpy and entropy can be calculated [17, 18]. Temperature-modulated differential scanning calorimetry (TMDSC) is one of easier and more accurate methods for determining heat capacity [19]. TMDSC was initially proposed in 1992 by Reading and co-workers [20]. TMDSC which applies a small sinusoidal modulation of temperature superimposed onto a linear underlying heating rate is a recent development for an extension to conventional DSC. Recently, this method

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has been greatly developed for directly determining heat capacities for various materials isothermally and non-isothermally [17, 18, 21–23]. The structure and principle of the calorimeter have been described in detail by the references [24–26].

$\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [11] is a three dimensional EDTA-bridged network with six- and seven-coordinate modes. To date, no further research about its thermodynamic properties was reported. In the present article, we reported the low-temperature molar heat capacities of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  measured by TMDSC over the temperature range from 203 to 463 K for the first time, and the thermodynamic parameters such as entropy and enthalpy were also calculated. The accuracy of TMDSC was established by comparing the measured heat capacities of standard sapphire ( $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ) with previously reported values (NIST and NBS) [27, 28]. The thermal decomposition characteristics of this compound were investigated by TG–MS.

## Experimental

All reagents were available commercially and of analytical grade without further purification prior to use, unless specifically stated elsewhere.

### Sample preparation

$\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was prepared by a previously reported procedure [11]. A mixture of  $\text{H}_4\text{EDTA}$  (0.292 g, 1 mmol) and  $\text{MnCO}_3$  (0.172 g, 1.5 mmol) in 10 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was heated with stirring until the solution was clarifying and the pH value was around 3. After 2 days, crystalline  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was obtained by evaporation of the resulting solution. After filtration, the product was washed with distilled water and then dried at 313 K under vacuum overnight.

### Characterization

Powder X-ray diffraction pattern of the sample was collected in a X’Pert PRO X-ray diffractometer operated at 40 kV and 40 mA with a Cu Ka radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ nm}$ ). FT-IR spectrum was recorded on a Nicolet 380 FT-IR spectrometer using KBr pellet in the wavelength range of 4,000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

FT-IR (KBr pellet, 4,000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3480(br), 1698(w), 1601(vs), 1446(m), 1416(s), 1344 (m), 1293(m), 1258(m), 1110(s), 1029(w), 983(m), 930(m), 855(m), 697(w), 647(w). For the sample, the absorption band located at 1,601  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , can be assigned to –COO asymmetric stretchings, whereas bands at 1,446 and 1,416  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  can be assigned to –COO

symmetric stretchings [29]. An additional absorption peak is observed at 1,698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , which can be attributed to the protonated form (–COOH) of HEDTA.

### Heat capacity measurement

Heat capacity measurements were performed on DSC Q1000 (T-zero DSC-technology, TA Instruments Inc., USA) with dry nitrogen gas with high purity (99.999%) as purge gas (50  $\text{mL min}^{-1}$ ) through the DSC cells. As described in our previous studies [30, 31], a mechanical cooling system was used for the experimental measurement and the temperature scale of the instrument was initially calibrated in the standard DSC mode, using the extrapolated onset temperatures of the melting of indium (429.75 K) at a heating rate of 10  $\text{K min}^{-1}$ . The energy scale was calibrated with the heat of fusion of indium (28.45  $\text{J g}^{-1}$ ). The heat capacity calibration which is similar to our previous publication [31] was made by running a standard sapphire ( $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ) at each temperature. The calibration method and the experiment were performed at the same conditions as follows: (1) sampling interval: 1.00 s/pt; (2) zero heat flow at 328.15 K; (3) equilibrate at 183.15 K; (4) isothermal for 5.00 min; (5) temperature ramp at 10  $\text{K min}^{-1}$  to 473.15 K.

The masses of the reference and sample pans with lids were measured to within  $54.25 \pm 0.05 \text{ mg}$ . Samples were crimped in non-hermetic aluminum pans with lids. Sample mass was weighed on a METTLER TOLEDO electrobalance (AB135-S, Classic) with an accuracy of ( $\pm 0.01 \text{ mg}$ ).

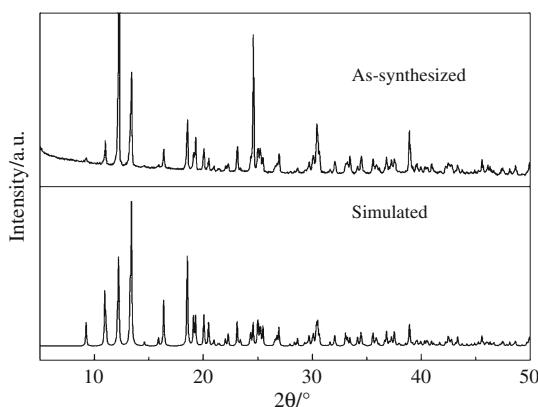
### Thermal analysis

Thermogravimetric analysis (TG) was performed on a Cahn Thermax 500 from 310 to 923 K under dynamic conditions (100  $\text{mL min}^{-1}$  of air) with a heating rate of 10  $\text{K min}^{-1}$  and a sampling rate of 1 s/pt for TG curve record. The sample mass of the  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was 40.82 mg. The TG equipment was calibrated by the  $\text{CaC}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (99.9%) with a measurement error of 3%. Mass spectra (MS) were carried out on a Multicomponent Online Gas Analyzer GAM 200.

## Results and discussion

### Characterization results

Powder XRD patterns for  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are shown in Fig. 1. The sample shows good crystallinity. The diffraction peaks of the sample prepared in this study match well with the simulated pattern according to the already published article [11], which demonstrates high



**Fig. 1** X-ray diffraction patterns of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$

purity of the compound. The program Mercury 1.4.2 was used for simulation of X-ray crystallographic powder pattern of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

#### Heat capacity of standard sapphire ( $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ )

Heat capacity measurements were repeated three times unless specially stated. The emphasis of this study is to assess the reproducibility and ensure accuracy of the measured data using TMDSC (Q1000). For sapphire measurement, the data of three reduplicate experiments and the experimental standard deviation for standard sapphire were collected as described in our previous study [31]. The experimental standard deviation is within  $\pm 0.0016$ , and the result indicates that the testing system of TMDSC is steady. Relative deviations have been calculated by the following equation:

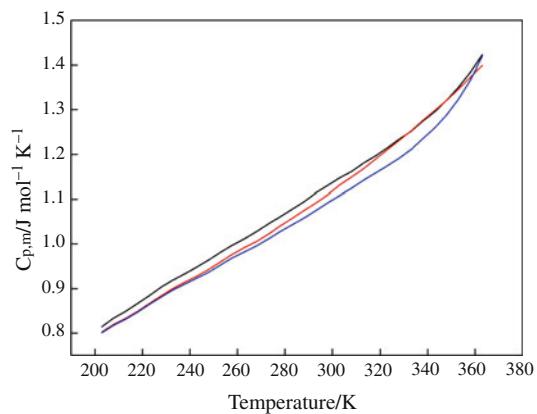
$$\text{RD}(\%) = 100 [C_{\text{p,m}}(\text{exp}) - C_{\text{p,m}}(\text{ref})] / C_{\text{p,m}}(\text{ref}) \quad (1)$$

where  $C_{\text{p,m}}(\text{exp})$  is the experimental heat capacities and  $C_{\text{p,m}}(\text{ref})$  is the referenced heat capacities. The results show that the relative deviation of our calibration data from the recommended value [27] over the whole temperature range was within  $\pm 2.2\%$ .

#### Heat capacity of $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$

The heat capacities of the sample were measured by three reduplicate experiments. The experimental standard deviations below 0.024 are obtained and show reasonably good reproducibility in the temperature range from 203 to 363 K. The curves of experimental molar heat capacities of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  versus temperature are shown in Fig. 2.

The mean molar heat capacities of the sample are fitted to the following equation of heat capacities ( $C_{\text{p,m}}$ ) with reduced temperature ( $t$ ):



**Fig. 2** The curves of experimental molar heat capacities ( $C_{\text{p,m}}$ ) vs.  $T$  for  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$

from  $T = (203 \text{ to } 363) \text{ K}$ ,

$$C_{\text{p,m}} [\text{J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}] = 979.3 + 244.6t + 11.65t^2 - 10.84t^3 + 32.58t^4 + 47.34t^5 \quad (2)$$

where  $t = (T - 283)/80$  and  $T$  is the experimental temperature, 283 is obtained from polynomial  $(T_{\text{max}} + T_{\text{min}})/2$ , 80 is obtained from polynomial  $(T_{\text{max}} - T_{\text{min}})/2$ ,  $T_{\text{max}}$  is the upper limit (363 K) of the above temperature region,  $T_{\text{min}}$  is the lower limit (203 K) of the above temperature region. The correlation coefficient of the fitting,  $R^2 = 0.99994$ . The relative deviations of all the fitting heat capacity values to the experimental points are within  $\pm 0.38\%$ . Based on Eq. 2, the heat capacity of the sample at 298.15 K was calculated to be  $1026.02 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ .

From Fig. 2, it can be seen that no phase transition or thermal anomaly is observed in the experimental temperature range. This indicates that the sample is stable in this temperature region. We can also see that the heat capacity of the sample increases with increasing temperature continuously in the temperature range from 203 to 363 K.

#### Thermodynamic functions of $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Enthalpy and entropy of substances are basic thermodynamic functions relative to physical and chemical properties. In terms of the polynomials of molar heat capacity and the thermodynamic relationship, the  $[H_T - H_{298.15}]$  and  $[S_T - S_{298.15}]$  of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are calculated with an interval of 5 K relative to the temperature of 298.15 K. The thermodynamic relationships are as follows:

$$H_T - H_{298.15} = \int_{298.15}^T C_{\text{p,m}} dT \quad (3)$$

**Table 1** The thermodynamic parameters of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 

T/K	$C_{\text{p,m}}^*/\text{J K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$	$H_{\text{T}} - H_{298.15}/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	$S_{\text{T}} - S_{298.15}/\text{J K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$	T/K	$C_{\text{p,m}}^*/\text{J K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$	$H_{\text{T}} - H_{298.15}/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	$S_{\text{T}} - S_{298.15}/\text{J K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$
203	742.43	-74.93	-344.92	288	994.63	-10.57	-34.86
208	760.04	-72.54	-326.08	293	1010.05	-5.44	-17.66
213	776.27	-69.88	-307.04	298	1025.55	-0.16	-0.51
218	791.50	-66.99	-287.93	298.15	1026.02	0	0
223	806.05	-63.90	-268.86	303	1041.18	5.28	16.59
228	820.17	-60.65	-249.90	308	1057.00	10.88	33.67
233	834.08	-57.24	-231.09	313	1073.09	16.65	50.73
238	847.92	-53.70	-212.46	318	1089.59	22.60	67.81
243	861.82	-50.01	-194.02	323	1106.67	28.73	84.95
248	875.86	-46.20	-175.76	328	1124.57	35.07	102.18
253	890.08	-42.24	-157.69	333	1143.57	41.64	119.60
258	904.50	-38.15	-139.78	338	1164.00	48.48	137.28
263	919.13	-33.92	-122.02	343	1186.27	55.64	155.36
268	933.95	-29.55	-104.39	348	1210.88	63.17	173.99
273	948.93	-25.03	-86.87	353	1238.36	71.15	193.38
278	964.06	-20.36	-69.45	358	1269.37	79.66	213.76
283	979.30	-15.54	-52.12	363	1304.63	88.83	235.43

$C_{\text{p,m}}^*$  is calculated through Eq. 2

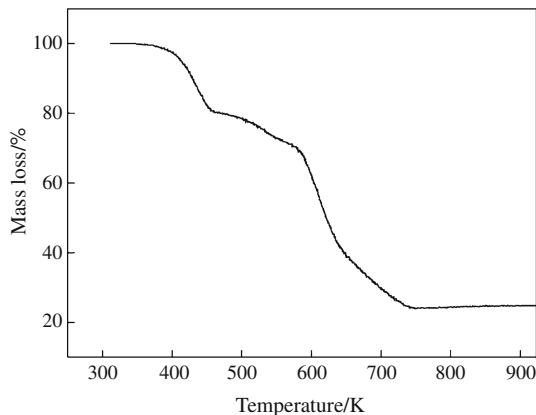
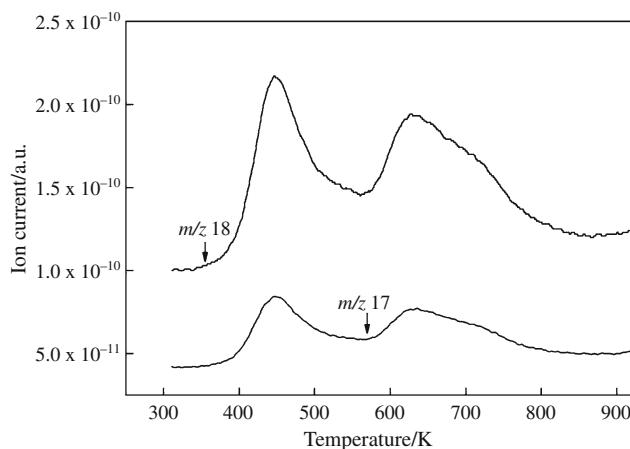
$$S_{\text{T}} - S_{298.15} = \int_{298.15}^T (C_{\text{p,m}}/T) dT \quad (4)$$

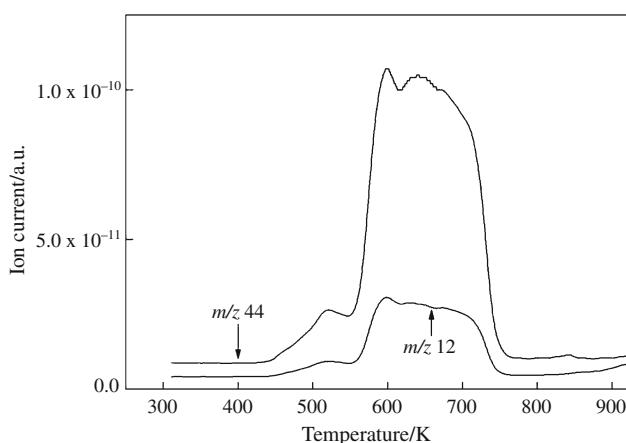
The values of thermodynamic function [ $H_{\text{T}} - H_{298.15}$ ] and [ $S_{\text{T}} - S_{298.15}$ ] are listed in Table 1.

#### Thermal stabilities and decomposition of $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$

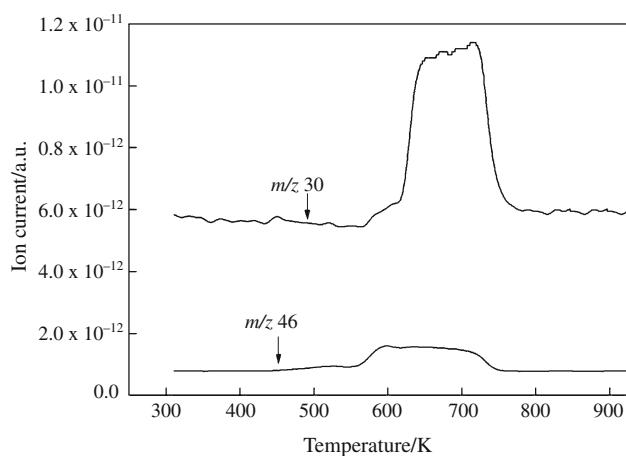
TG analysis (Fig. 3) of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  shows that the three-step mass loss occurs in the temperature range of 310 to 923 K. The first mass loss starts at about 371 K and

is about 19.18% (cal. 19.49%). It is in good agreement with the dehydration from  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2$ , which is confirmed by the MS curve ( $m/z = 18$  and  $m/z = 17$ ) (Fig. 4). The crystal structure collapses through the first mass loss, because nine  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules take part in coordination to Mn ion in the network. Further decomposition in the region of 456–743 K is divided into two steps in a continuous way according to the degradation of HEDTA. The second mass loss between 456 and 578 K is about 9.63% (cal. 9.75%) due to the decomposition of –COOH which did not coordinate to metal ion. The MS curve shows that the gas degradation products between 456 and 578 K are mainly  $\text{CO}_2$

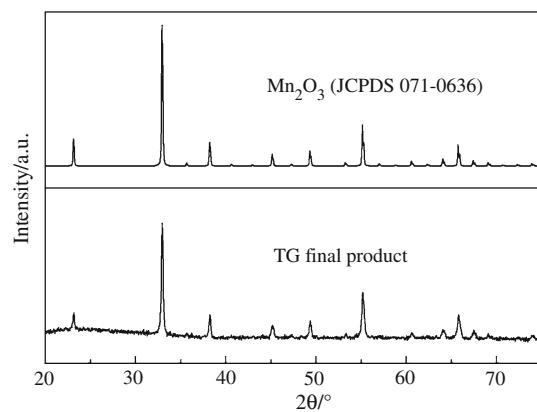
**Fig. 3** TG curve of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ **Fig. 4** MS curves of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :  $m/z = 18, 17$



**Fig. 5** MS curves of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :  $m/z = 44, 12$



**Fig. 6** MS curves of  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :  $m/z = 46, 30$



**Fig. 7** X-ray diffraction patterns of TG final product and  $\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3$

( $m/z = 44$  and  $m/z = 12$ ) (Fig. 5) and little  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $m/z = 18$  and  $m/z = 17$ ). The third mass loss occurs in the temperature range of 578–743 K, and the corresponding gas products are mainly  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $m/z = 18$  and  $m/z = 17$ ),  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $m/z = 44$  and  $m/z = 12$ ),  $\text{NO}$  ( $m/z = 30$ ) and  $\text{NO}_2$

( $m/z = 30$  and  $m/z = 46$ ) (Fig. 6). The overall mass loss of the sample is about 75.96% (cal. 74.36%), which indicates that the sample was probably decomposed into the  $\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3$  as demonstrated in Fig. 7.

## Conclusions

In this study, crystalline  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  has been prepared and characterized by powder X-ray diffraction and FT-IR spectrum. The FTIR spectroscopy manifested that  $-\text{COOH}$  of  $\text{H}_4\text{EDTA}$  is not coordinated to the metal ion. The low-temperature molar heat capacities of crystal  $\text{Mn}_3(\text{HEDTA})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were measured by the temperature-modulated differential scanning calorimetry (TMDSC) for the first time. The heat capacity of the sample at 298.15 K was calculated to be  $1023.26 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . The thermodynamic function data relative to the reference temperature (298.15 K) were calculated based on the heat capacities measurements. Moreover, the thermal stability and decomposition mechanism of the compound was further investigated by TG-MS. The experimental results show that a three-step mass loss occurs in the temperature range of 310–923 K.

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- [Dy(Ttha)]·5H<sub>2</sub>O, and eight-coordinate NH<sub>4</sub>[Dy(Cydtta)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]·4.5H<sub>2</sub>O complexes. *Russ J Coord Chem.* 2009;35:422–8.
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