

**Electronic Supporting Information**

**Synthesis, characterization and crystal structure of a new mixed alkali and  
alkaline-earth metal borate  $\text{Rb}_9\text{Ba}_{24}(\text{BO}_3)_{19}$**

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**Table S1.** Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ), equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) and bond valence sums (BVS) calculation for  $\text{Rb}_9\text{Ba}_{24}(\text{BO}_3)_{19}$ .

Atoms	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U(\text{eq})$	BVS
Ba(1)	4375(1)	5625(1)	3539(1)	12(1)	1.8
Ba(2)	3032(1)	3032(1)	5000	9(1)	2.2
Ba(3)	0	3644(1)	0	10(1)	2.3
Ba(4)	1130(1)	2260(1)	1578(1)	16(1)	2.1
Rb(1)	0	0	5000	90(2)	0.9
Rb(2)	4668(1)	2334(1)	2062(2)	36(1)	0.8
Rb(3)	3333	6667	905(3)	39(1)	0.7
B(1)	2216(4)	4433(7)	2833(14)	10(2)	2.9
B(2)	5443(4)	4557(4)	2189(14)	10(2)	2.8
B(3)	2532(7)	1266(4)	2757(15)	13(2)	2.9
B(4)	0	0	0	40(1)	/
O(1)	2633(3)	5266(5)	3643(11)	27(2)	1.9
O(2)	2703(3)	3999(3)	2405(6)	13(1)	2.0
O(3)	4647(3)	3952(3)	3118(6)	16(1)	2.0
O(4)	5604(3)	4396(3)	422(9)	22(2)	1.7
O(5)	2644(3)	2026(3)	1806(6)	15(1)	2.0
O(6)	2412(5)	1206(3)	4621(8)	20(2)	1.8
O(7)	712(17)	356(9)	1080(40)	106(10)	1.7

Note: The BVS for the B(4) atom which is coordinated with disordered O(7) atoms was not calculated.

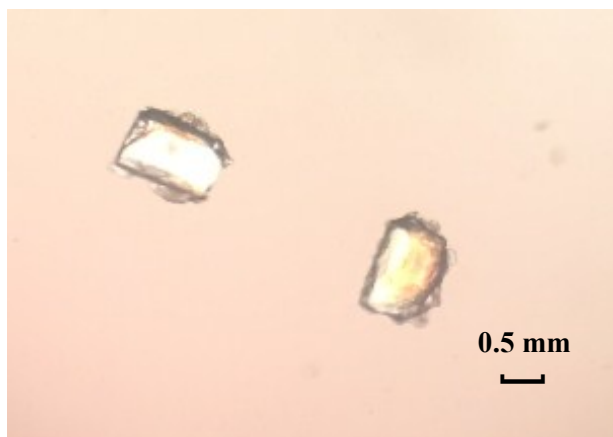
**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for Rb<sub>9</sub>Ba<sub>24</sub>(BO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>19</sub>.

Rb <sub>9</sub> Ba <sub>24</sub> B <sub>19</sub> O <sub>54</sub>			
Rb(1)-O(7)#1	3.040(3)	Ba(2)-O(6)#1	2.745(3)
Rb(1)-O(7)#2	3.040(3)	Ba(2)-O(3)	2.749(5)
Rb(1)-O(7)#3	3.040(3)	Ba(2)-O(3)#16	2.749(5)
Rb(1)-O(7)#4	3.040(3)	Ba(2)-O(5)	2.764(4)
Rb(1)-O(7)	3.040(3)	Ba(2)-O(5)#16	2.764(4)
Rb(1)-O(7)#5	3.040(3)	Ba(3)-O(2)#13	2.636(4)
Rb(1)-O(6)#4	3.557(8)	Ba(3)-O(2)#18	2.636(4)
Rb(1)-O(6)#3	3.557(8)	Ba(3)-O(3)#18	2.727(4)
Rb(1)-O(6)#1	3.557(8)	Ba(3)-O(3)#13	2.727(4)
Rb(1)-O(6)#2	3.557(8)	Ba(3)-O(5)#13	2.738(5)
Rb(1)-O(6)	3.557(8)	Ba(3)-O(5)#18	2.738(5)
Rb(1)-O(6)#5	3.557(8)	Ba(3)-O(4)#11	2.923(5)
Rb(2)-O(3)	2.870(5)	Ba(3)-O(4)#13	2.923(5)
Rb(2)-O(3)#6	2.870(5)	Ba(4)-O(6)#1	2.777(6)
Rb(2)-O(5)#6	3.212(5)	Ba(4)-O(5)	2.795(5)
Rb(2)-O(5)	3.212(5)	Ba(4)-O(5)#18	2.796(5)
Rb(2)-O(1)#4	3.249(8)	Ba(4)-O(5)#9	2.796(4)
Rb(2)-O(4)	3.263(5)	Ba(4)-O(5)#13	2.796(4)
Rb(2)-O(4)#7	3.263(5)	Ba(4)-O(2)#18	2.886(4)
Rb(2)-O(2)#8	3.602(5)	Ba(4)-O(2)	2.886(4)
Rb(2)-O(2)#9	3.602(5)	Ba(4)-O(7)	2.964(6)
Rb(3)-O(1)#11	2.866(8)	Ba(4)-O(7)#3	2.964(6)
Rb(3)-O(1)	2.866(8)	Ba(4)-O(7)#13	2.990(3)
Rb(3)-O(1)#12	2.866(8)	B(1)-O(1)	1.360(13)
Rb(3)-O(4)#10	3.272(7)	B(1)-O(2)#18	1.389(7)
Rb(3)-O(4)#13	3.272(7)	B(1)-O(2)	1.389(7)
Rb(3)-O(4)#14	3.272(7)	B(2)-O(4)	1.371(12)
Ba(1)-O(1)#12	2.706(16)	B(2)-O(3)#17	1.396(7)
Ba(1)-O(1)	2.706(17)	B(2)-O(3)	1.396(7)
Ba(1)-O(3)#15	2.829(4)	B(3)-O(6)	1.369(12)
Ba(1)-O(3)#16	2.829(4)	B(3)-O(5)#6	1.391(7)
Ba(1)-O(4)#10	2.886(6)	B(3)-O(5)	1.391(7)
Ba(1)-O(2)#17	2.920(4)	B(4)-O(7)#20	1.310(3)
Ba(1)-O(2)	2.920(4)	B(4)-O(7)#8	1.310(3)
Ba(1)-O(3)#17	3.112(5)	B(4)-O(7)#3	1.310(3)
Ba(1)-O(3)	3.112(5)	B(4)-O(7)#2	1.310(3)
Ba(2)-O(2)#16	2.738(4)	B(4)-O(7)#13	1.310(3)
Ba(2)-O(2)	2.738(4)	B(4)-O(7)	1.310(3)
Ba(2)-O(6)	2.745(3)		
O(1)-B(1)-O(2)#18	120.7(4)	O(7)#20-B(4)-O(7)#2	92.2(18)
O(1)-B(1)-O(2)	120.7(4)	O(7)#8-B(4)-O(7)#2	92.2(18)
O(2)#18-B(1)-O(2)	118.5(8)	O(7)#3-B(4)-O(7)#2	87.8(18)

O(4)-B(2)-O(3)#17	121.6(4)	O(7)#20-B(4)-O(7)#13	87.8(18)
O(4)-B(2)-O(3)	121.6(4)	O(7)#8-B(4)-O(7)#13	87.8(18)
O(3)#17-B(2)-O(3)	116.8(8)	O(7)#3-B(4)-O(7)#13	92.2(18)
O(6)-B(3)-O(5)#6	120.6(4)	O(7)#2-B(4)-O(7)#13	180.0(2)
O(6)-B(3)-O(5)	120.6(4)	O(7)#20-B(4)-O(7)	180.0(3)
O(5)#6-B(3)-O(5)	118.4(8)	O(7)#8-B(4)-O(7)	92.2(18)
O(7)#20-B(4)-O(7)#8	87.8(18)	O(7)#3-B(4)-O(7)	87.8(18)
O(7)#20-B(4)-O(7)#3	92.2(18)	O(7)#2-B(4)-O(7)	87.8(18)
O(7)#8-B(4)-O(7)#3	180.0(3)	O(7)#13-B(4)-O(7)	92.2(18)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

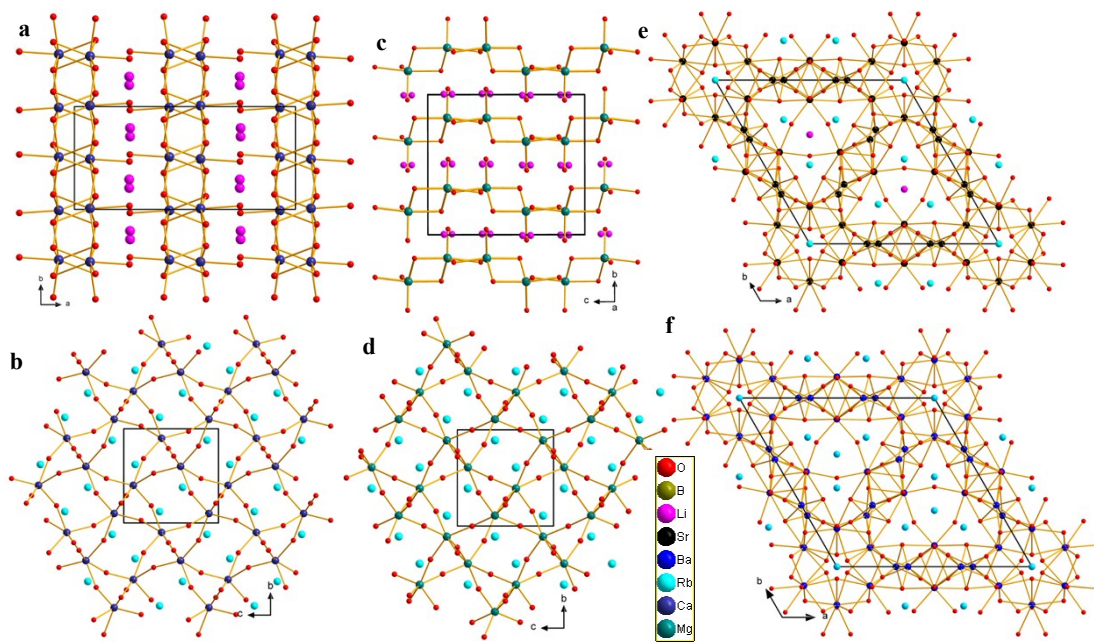
#1  $x-y, x, -z+1$     #2  $-x+y, -x, z$     #3  $-y, x-y, z$     #4  $y, -x+y, -z+1$     #5  $-x, -y, -z+1$     #6  $x, x-y, z$   
#7  $-y+1, x-y, z$     #8  $y, -x+y, -z$     #9  $y, x, -z$     #10  $-x+1, -y+1, -z$     #11  $-x+y, -x+1, z$     #12  $-y+1, x-y+1, z$   
#13  $x-y, x, -z$     #14  $y, -x+y+1, -z$     #15  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$     #16  $y, x, -z+1$     #17  $-y+1, -x+1, z$     #18  $-x+y, y, z$   
#19  $-x+y+1, -x+1, z$     #20  $-x, -y, -z$     #21  $x, y, z-1$



**Figure S1:** The crystal photo of  $\text{Rb}_9\text{Ba}_{24}(\text{BO}_3)_{19}$ .

**Table S3.** The Li<sup>+</sup>/Rb<sup>+</sup> substitution in a series of anhydrous mixed alkali and alkaline-earth metal borates space group and B-O configurations in the structures.

Formula	Space group	FBB	Refs
LiMgBO <sub>3</sub>	<i>C2/c</i>	Isolated BO <sub>3</sub> units	S1
RbMgBO <sub>3</sub>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>3</i>	Isolated BO <sub>3</sub> units	S2
LiCaBO <sub>3</sub>	<i>Pbca</i>	Isolated BO <sub>3</sub> units	S3
RbCaBO <sub>3</sub>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>3</i>	Isolated BO <sub>3</sub> units	S4
Li <sub>2</sub> Rb <sub>7</sub> Sr <sub>24</sub> (BO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>19</sub>	<i>P<sup>-</sup><sub>3</sub>m1</i>	Isolated BO <sub>3</sub> units	S5
Rb <sub>9</sub> Ba <sub>24</sub> (BO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>19</sub>	<i>P<sup>-</sup><sub>3</sub>m1</i>	Isolated BO <sub>3</sub> units	This work



**Figure S2.** Crystal structures of (a) LiCaBO<sub>3</sub>, (b) RbCaBO<sub>3</sub>, (c) LiMgBO<sub>3</sub>, (d) RbMgBO<sub>3</sub>, (e) Li<sub>2</sub>Rb<sub>7</sub>Sr<sub>24</sub>(BO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>19</sub>, (f) Rb<sub>9</sub>Ba<sub>24</sub>(BO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>19</sub>.

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