Thermodynamic analyses of the orthorhombic-to-tetragonal phase transition in  $Pr_{2-x}Nd_xNiO_{4+\delta}$  under controlled oxygen partial pressures

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## **Supporting Information**

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Figure S8. Compositional dependence of the phase transition temperatures,  $T_p$ , of  $Pr_{2-x}Nd_xNiO_{4+\delta}$  in air ( $P(O_2) = 0.205$  bar), estimated using  $\Delta S^\circ$  and  $\Delta H^\circ$  obtained in this work and measured with DTA [5].

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Model	(Space group)	<i>a</i> / Å	b/Å	<i>c</i> / Å	β/°
Model 1	(Fmmm)	5.4005(22)	5.4612(23)	12.4581(51)	90
Model 2	(Fmmm)	5.4005(22)	5.4612(23)	12.4581(51)	90
	( <i>F</i> 122/ <i>m</i> )	5.14(49)	5.25(45)	12.45(31)	90.067(9)

## (a) Lattice constants

## (b) Reliability factors

Mode	(Space group)	$R_{ m wp}$	$R_{ m B}$	$R_{ m F}$
Model 1 Model 2	1 (Fmmm) 2 (Fmmm)	0.1724 0.1713	0.0561 0.0510	0.0362 0.0285
	(F122/m)	0.1713	0.0362	0.0192

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