

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

# Large Magnetocaloric Effect in Gadolinium Borotungstate $\text{Gd}_3\text{BWO}_9$

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### 1 Experimental Section

**Structural Analysis.** High-resolution powder X-ray diffraction patterns for quantitative analysis were collected on a PANalytical X'Pert3 Powder X-ray diffractometer equipped with Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation at 40 kV and 40 mA. Long scans with an angular range  $10^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 70^\circ$  (step scanning mode, 0.13° steps in a measuring time of 0.8 s per step) were measured. The refinement with Rietveld analysis was performed using the GSAS package with *EXPGUI* interface.<sup>[1-3]</sup> The first kind Chebyshev polynomial and pseudo-Voigt function were used for fitting backgrounds and modeling peak shape.

**Physical Measurements.** Magnetic susceptibility data were collected in the Physical Property Measurement System (PPMS®DynaCool™, Quantum Design) with an applied field of 10 mT in the 2-300 K temperature range. Isothermal magnetization curves were collected in the field range  $0 \leq \mu_0 H \leq 7$  T and temperature range of 2-11 K with a step of 1 K after cooling in zero fields.

Heat capacity measurements were conducted using the relaxation method on powder samples in a commercial setup Physical Property Measurement System (PPMS-9, Quantum Design) with Helium-3 refrigerator option, under a temperature range of 300 mK-30 K and constant external fields of 0, 1, 3 and 9 T, respectively.

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## 2 Supplementary Figures

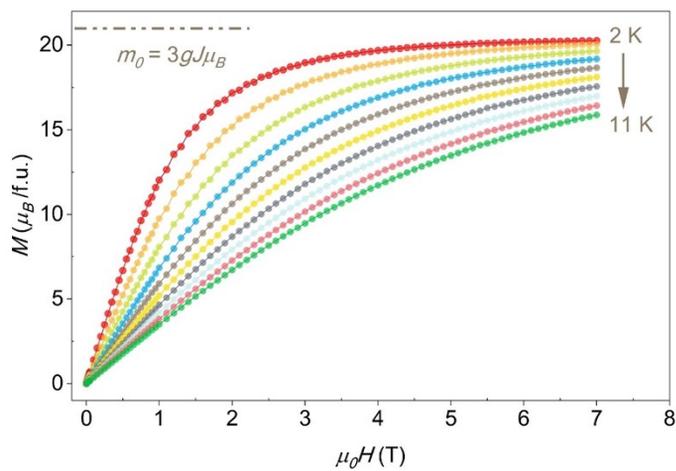


Fig. S1 Isothermal magnetization curves recorded at a field range of  $0 \leq \mu_0 H \leq 7$  T and temperature range of 2-11 K with a step of 1 K after cooling in zero field.

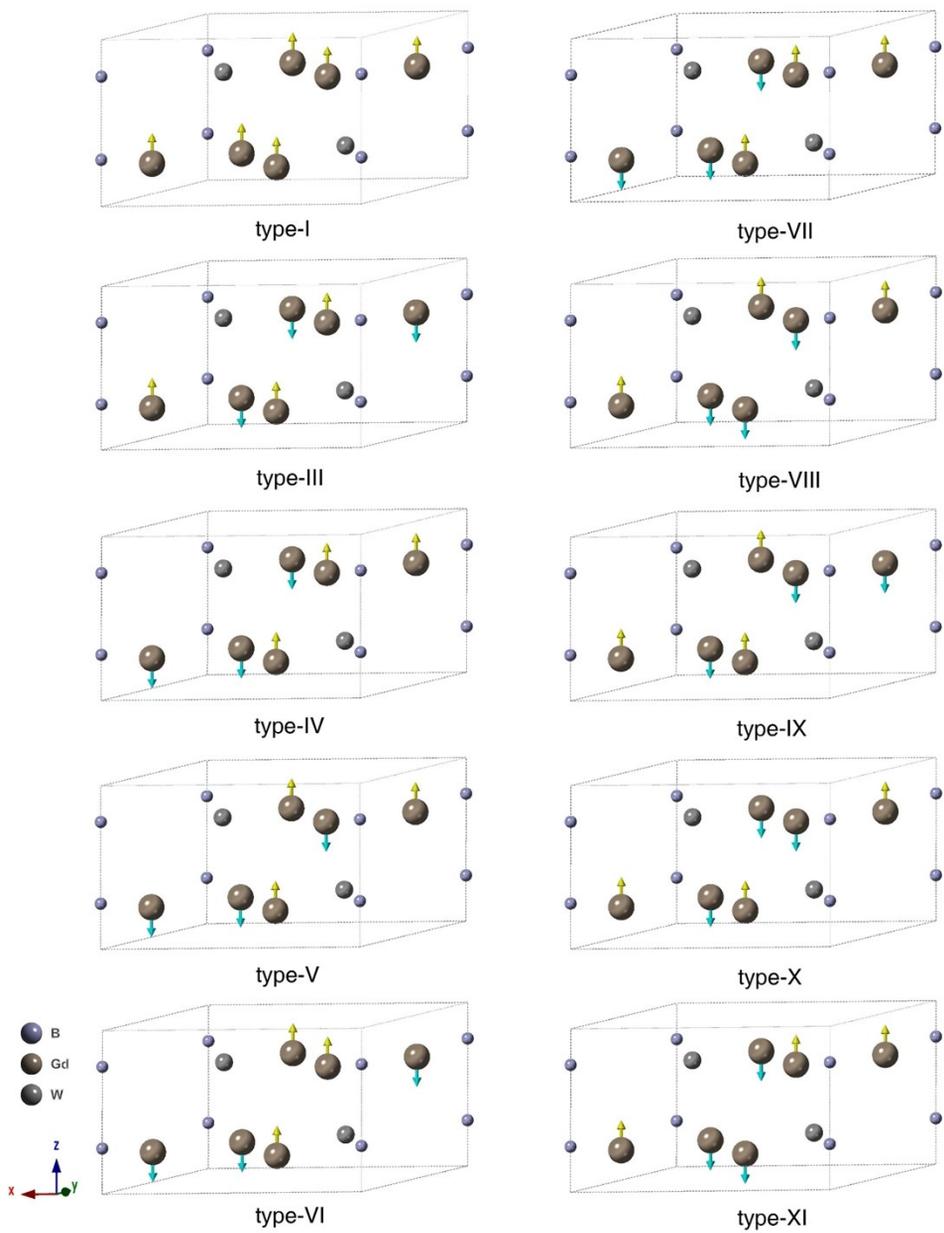


Fig. S2 Collinear spin configurations containing 6 Gd ions with differing nearest-neighbor FM and AFM spin alignments. See text for type-II.

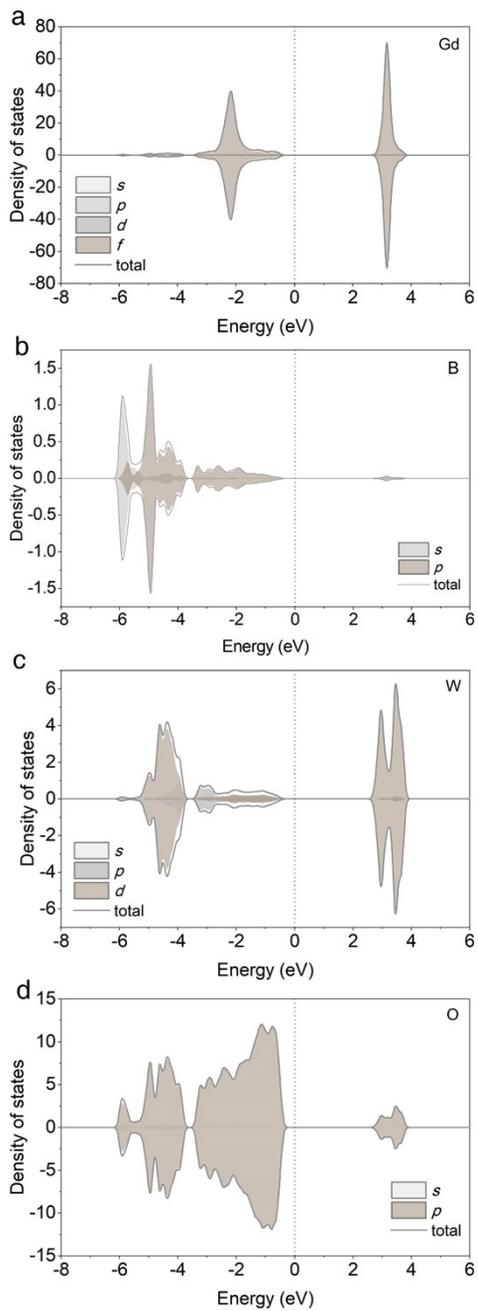


Fig. S3 Spin polarized partial density of states of  $\text{Gd}_3\text{BWO}_9$ . The dashed line is Fermi energy.

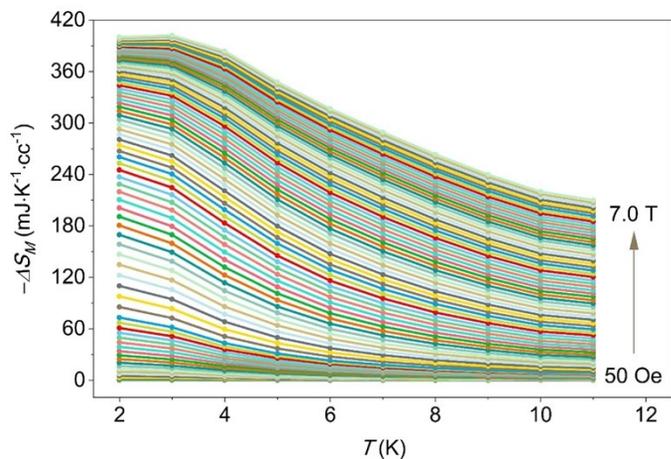


Fig. S4 Magnetic entropy change  $-\Delta S_M$  as a function of temperature under applied field  $\mu_0 H$  ranging from 50 Oe to 7 T.

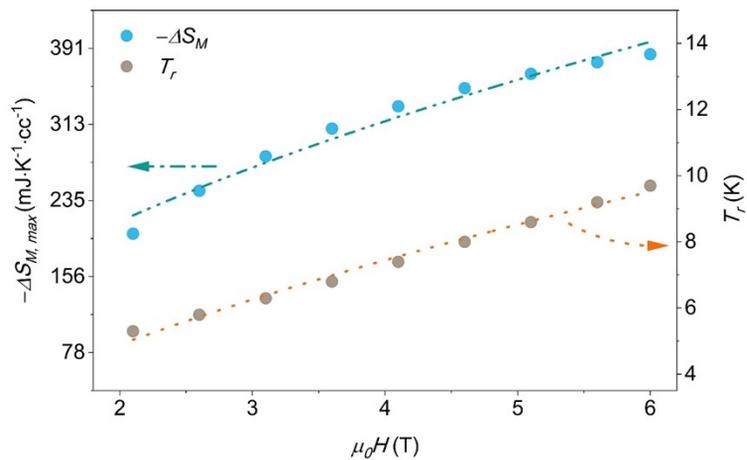


Fig. S5 Field dependence of maximum magnetic entropy change  $-\Delta S_{M, max}$  and scaling law governing the field variance of the reference temperature  $T_r$ . See text for details.

Table S1 Selected bond length values of Gd<sub>3</sub>BWO<sub>9</sub>.

Vector	Length	Optr Cell	Neighbor atom coordinates		
Gd1_Gd1	3.8815(15)	2 0 0-1	0.27581	0.35813	-0.28804
Gd1_Gd1	3.8815(15)	2 0 0 0	0.27581	0.35813	0.71196
Gd1_Gd1	3.8815(15)	6 0 0-1	0.08232	-0.27581	-0.28804
Gd1_Gd1	3.8815(15)	6 0 0 0	0.08232	-0.27581	0.71196
Gd1_W1	3.4666(15)	1 0-1 0	0.33333	-0.33333	0.24008
Gd1_W1	3.528(4)	2 1 0-1	0.66666	0.33333	-0.25992
Gd1_B1	2.841(8)	2 0 0-1	0.00000	0.00000	0.31434
Gd1_O1	2.640(23)	1 0 0-1	0.16683	0.06543	-0.18027
Gd1_O1	2.703(20)	2 0 0-1	0.10141	0.16683	0.31973
Gd1_O1	2.273(20)	6 0 0-1	0.06543	-0.10141	0.31973
Gd1_O2	2.31(4)	5 0 0 0	0.24478	-0.20356	0.04939
Gd1_O2	2.188(28)	6 0 0 0	0.44834	0.24478	0.54939
Gd1_O3	2.447(20)	2 1 0-1	0.63265	0.15489	-0.01620
Gd1_O3	2.542(20)	5 0 0 0	0.36735	-0.15489	0.48380
Gd1_O3	2.457(13)	6 0 0-1	0.52223	0.36735	-0.01620
W1_Gd1	3.4666(15)	1 0 1 0	0.35813	1.08232	0.21196
W1_Gd1	3.528(4)	2 0 0 0	0.27581	0.35813	0.71196
W1_Gd1	3.4667(15)	3 0 0 0	-0.08232	0.27581	0.21196
W1_Gd1	3.528(4)	4 1 1 0	0.64187	0.91768	0.71196
W1_Gd1	3.4667(15)	5 1 1 0	0.72419	0.64187	0.21196
W1_Gd1	3.528(4)	6 0 1 0	0.08232	0.72419	0.71196
W1_O2	1.929(33)	1 0 0 0	0.20356	0.44834	0.04939
W1_O2	1.929(33)	3 1 1 0	0.55166	0.75522	0.04939
W1_O2	1.929(33)	5 0 1 0	0.24478	0.79644	0.04939
W1_O3	1.928(22)	1 0 0 0	0.15489	0.52223	0.48380
W1_O3	1.928(22)	3 1 1 0	0.47777	0.63265	0.48380

W1_O3	1.928(22)	5 0 1 0	0.36735	0.84511	0.48380
B1_Gd1	2.841(8)	2 0 0 0	0.27581	0.35813	0.71196
B1_Gd1	2.841(8)	4 0 0 0	-0.35813	-0.08232	0.71196
B1_Gd1	2.841(8)	6 0 0 0	0.08232	-0.27581	0.71196
B1_O1	1.249(14)	1 0 0 0	0.16683	0.06543	0.81973
B1_O1	1.249(14)	3 0 0 0	-0.06543	0.10141	0.81973
B1_O1	1.249(14)	5 0 0 0	-0.10141	-0.16683	0.81973
B1_Gd1	2.841(8)	2 0 0 0	0.27581	0.35813	0.71196
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B1_O1	1.249(14)	5 0 0 0	-0.10141	-0.16683	0.81973
O1_Gd1	2.640(23)	1 0 0 1	0.35813	0.08232	1.21196
O1_Gd1	2.273(20)	2 0 0 0	0.27581	0.35813	0.71196
O1_Gd1	2.703(20)	6 0 0 0	0.08232	-0.27581	0.71196
O1_B1	1.249(14)	1 0 0 0	0.00000	0.00000	0.81434
O1_O1	2.163(23)	3 0 0 0	-0.06543	0.10141	0.81973
O1_O1	2.163(23)	5 0 0 0	-0.10141	-0.16683	0.81973
O2_Gd1	2.188(28)	2 0 0-1	0.27581	0.35813	-0.28804
O2_Gd1	2.31(4)	3 0 0 0	-0.08232	0.27581	0.21196
O2_W1	1.929(33)	1 0 0 0	0.33333	0.66667	0.24008
O3_Gd1	2.457(13)	2 0 0 0	0.27581	0.35813	0.71196
O3_Gd1	2.542(20)	3 0 0 0	-0.08232	0.27581	0.21196
O3_Gd1	2.447(20)	6 0 1 0	0.08232	0.72419	0.71196
O3_W1	1.928(22)	1 0 0 0	0.33333	0.66667	0.24008

Table S2 Selected bond angles of Gd<sub>3</sub>BWO<sub>9</sub>.

Angle	Degrees	atom 1 loc	atom 3 loc
O1_Gd1_O1	74.2(6)	1 0 0-1	6 0 0-1

O1_Gd1_O2	73.5(9)	1 0 0-1	5 0 0 0
O1_Gd1_O2	135.8(13)	1 0 0-1	6 0 0 0
O1_Gd1_O3	95.8(5)	1 0 0-1	2 1 0-1
O1_Gd1_O3	133.4(5)	1 0 0-1	5 0 0 0
O1_Gd1_O3	71.5(6)	1 0 0-1	6 0 0-1
O1_Gd1_O2	68.2(9)	6 0 0-1	5 0 0 0
O1_Gd1_O2	98.3(8)	6 0 0-1	6 0 0 0
O1_Gd1_O3	153.4(6)	6 0 0-1	2 1 0-1
O1_Gd1_O3	76.3(7)	6 0 0-1	5 0 0 0
O1_Gd1_O3	134.7(8)	6 0 0-1	6 0 0-1
O2_Gd1_O2	145.0(18)	5 0 0 0	6 0 0 0
O2_Gd1_O3	85.4(8)	5 0 0 0	2 1 0-1
O2_Gd1_O3	62.3(7)	5 0 0 0	5 0 0 0
O2_Gd1_O3	126.3(13)	5 0 0 0	6 0 0-1
O2_Gd1_O3	105.6(9)	6 0 0 0	2 1 0-1
O2_Gd1_O3	83.4(15)	6 0 0 0	5 0 0 0
O2_Gd1_O3	86.6(9)	6 0 0 0	6 0 0-1
O3_Gd1_O3	94.8(5)	2 1 0-1	5 0 0 0
O3_Gd1_O3	59.6(11)	2 1 0-1	6 0 0-1
O3_Gd1_O3	148.7(6)	5 0 0 0	6 0 0-1
O2_W1_O2	94.1(12)	1 0 0 0	3 1 1 0
O2_W1_O2	94.1(12)	1 0 0 0	5 0 1 0
O2_W1_O3	81.6(10)	1 0 0 0	1 0 0 0
O2_W1_O3	108.7(13)	1 0 0 0	3 1 1 0
O2_W1_O3	157.0(13)	1 0 0 0	5 0 1 0
O2_W1_O2	94.1(12)	3 1 1 0	5 0 1 0
O2_W1_O3	157.0(13)	3 1 1 0	1 0 0 0
O2_W1_O3	81.6(10)	3 1 1 0	3 1 1 0
O2_W1_O3	108.7(13)	3 1 1 0	5 0 1 0
O2_W1_O3	108.7(13)	5 0 1 0	1 0 0 0

O2_W1_O3	157.0(13)	5 0 1 0	3 1 1 0
O2_W1_O3	81.6(10)	5 0 1 0	5 0 1 0
O3_W1_O3	78.4(8)	1 0 0 0	3 1 1 0
O3_W1_O3	78.4(8)	1 0 0 0	5 0 1 0
O3_W1_O3	78.4(8)	3 1 1 0	5 0 1 0
O1_B1_O1	119.95(19)	1 0 0 0	3 0 0 0
O1_B1_O1	119.95(19)	1 0 0 0	5 0 0 0
O1_B1_O1	119.95(19)	3 0 0 0	5 0 0 0
Gd1_O1_Gd1	104.1(8)	1 0 0 1	2 0 0 0
Gd1_O1_B1	125.8(23)	1 0 0 1	1 0 0 0
Gd1_O1_B1	103.7(12)	2 0 0 0	1 0 0 0
Gd1_O2_Gd1	119.2(16)	2 0 0-1	3 0 0 0
Gd1_O2_W1	131.3(19)	2 0 0-1	1 0 0 0
Gd1_O2_W1	109.3(13)	3 0 0 0	1 0 0 0
Gd1_O3_Gd1	101.8(7)	2 0 0 0	3 0 0 0
Gd1_O3_Gd1	118.8(7)	2 0 0 0	6 0 1 0
Gd1_O3_W1	106.5(9)	2 0 0 0	1 0 0 0
Gd1_O3_Gd1	119.9(8)	3 0 0 0	6 0 1 0
Gd1_O3_W1	100.8(7)	3 0 0 0	1 0 0 0
Gd1_O3_W1	106.9(8)	6 0 1 0	1 0 0 0

Table S3 State of the art performances of solid-state cryogenic refrigeration (CR) materials reported in the literature.

Formula	$\Delta S_M$ J·K <sup>-1</sup> ·Kg <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta S_M$ mJ·K <sup>-1</sup> ·cc <sup>-1</sup>	T K	$\frac{\Delta H}{T}$	Ref
Gd(OH)CO <sub>3</sub>	66.4	355	1.8	7	[4]
Gd(HCOO) <sub>3</sub>	55.9	215.7	1.8	7	[5]
{[Gd <sub>6</sub> O(OH) <sub>8</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ](OH) <sub>4</sub> } <sub>n</sub>	46.6	215.6	2.5	7	[6]
[Gd <sub>4</sub> (SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH) <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>n</sub> ]	51.3	198.9	2	7	[7]

$[\text{Gd}(\text{HCOO})(\text{bdc})]_n$	47	125	2.3	9	[8]
$[\text{Gd}_{48}\text{O}_6(\text{OH})_{84}(\text{CAA})_{36}(\text{NO}_3)_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{24}(\text{EtOH})_{12}(\text{NO}_3)\text{Cl}_2]\text{Cl}_3 \cdot 6\text{DMF} \cdot 5\text{EtOH} \cdot 20\text{H}_2\text{O}$	43.6	120.7	1.8	7	[9]
$[\text{Gd}(\text{C}_4\text{O}_4)(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_n$	47.3	112.7	3	9	[10]
$[\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{glc})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	60.3	112	1.8	7	[11]
$[\text{Gd}(\text{HCOO})(\text{OAc})^2(\text{H}_2\text{O})^2]_n$	45.9	110	1.8	7	[12]
$[\text{Gd}(\text{OAc})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.5}]_n$	47.7	106.3	1.8	7	[13]
$\{[\text{Gd}_2(\text{IDA})_3] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$	40.6	100.7	2	7	[14]
$[\text{Gd}_{36}\text{O}_6(\text{OH})_{49}(\text{NA})_{36}(\text{NO}_3)_6(\text{N}_3)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{20}]_n \cdot \text{Cl}_{2n} \cdot 28n\text{H}_2\text{O}$	39.66	91.3	2.5	7	[15]
$\text{Gd}(\text{OH})_3$	62	346.08	2	7	[16]
$\text{Gd}_2\text{Cu}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{OH})_4$	45.52	212.8	4	8	[17]
$\text{Gd}(\text{OH})\text{SO}_4$	53.5	276	2	7	[18]
$[\text{Gd}_3(\text{OH})_8\text{Cl}]_n$	61.8	318.9	3	7	[19]
$\text{GdF}_3$	71	506	3	7	[20]
$\text{GdPO}_4$	62	375.8	2.1	7	[21]
$\text{GdAlO}_3$	40.9	317	2	9	[22]
$\text{GdVO}_4$	41.1	227	3	5	[23]
$\text{K}_2\text{Gd}(\text{BH}_4)_5$	54.6	59.8	5	9	[24]
$\text{K}_3\text{Li}_3\text{Gd}_7(\text{BO}_3)_9$	56.6	277.2	2	7	[25]
$\text{GdBO}_3$	57.8	366.3	2	9	[26]
$\text{Gd}_5\text{BSi}_2\text{O}_{13}$	67	461	3	7	[27]
$\text{GdCrTiO}_5$	36		5	7	[28]
$\text{EuTiO}_3$	49	331	5	7	[29]
$\text{EuSe}$	37.5	244.8	4.6	5	[30]
$\text{Gd}_2\text{NiMnO}_6$	35.5	268	4	7	[31]
$\text{GdCrO}_3$	41.24	303	3.8	9	[32]

EuHo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	30	267	2	8	[33]
EuDy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	25	224	2	8	[33]
GdFeTeO <sub>6</sub>	38.5		5	7	[34]
GdFeO <sub>3</sub>	44	321	3	7	[35]

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