

Supporting Information for:

**Photoluminescence Properties of Double Perovskite Tantalates Activated  
with Mn<sup>4+</sup>, AE<sub>2</sub>LaTaO<sub>6</sub>:Mn<sup>4+</sup> (AE = Ca, Sr, and Ba)**

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**Table S1.** Lattice parameters for three super cells.<sup>a)</sup>

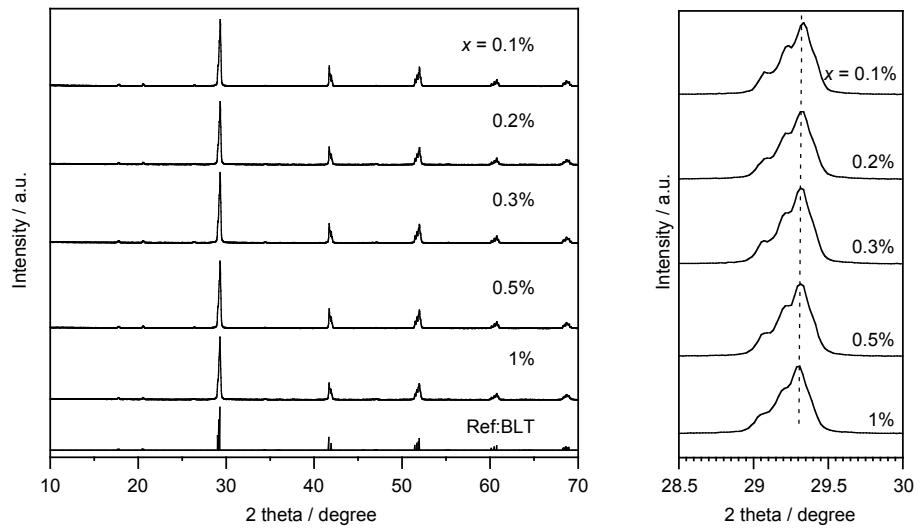
	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
Ca <sub>32</sub> La <sub>16</sub> Ta <sub>15</sub> MnO <sub>96</sub>	11.344	11.780	16.332	90	90.09	90
Sr <sub>16</sub> La <sub>8</sub> Ta <sub>7</sub> MnO <sub>48</sub>	11.810	11.810	11.810	60	60	60
Ba <sub>32</sub> La <sub>16</sub> Ta <sub>15</sub> MnO <sub>96</sub>	12.291	12.189	17.218	90	90.34	90

a) Units are angstrom and degree.

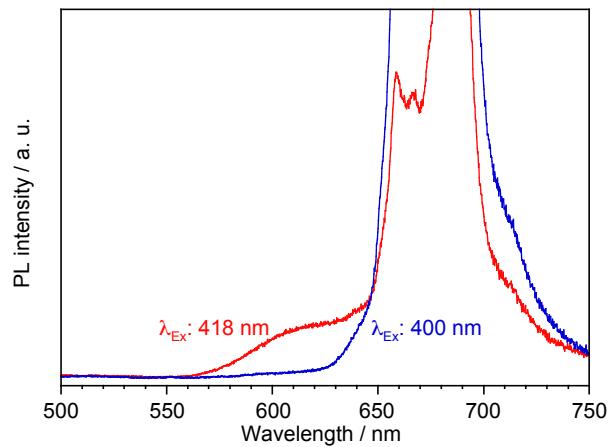
**Table S2.** The bond lengths of Mn-O in Mn<sup>4+</sup>-doped tantalates after structure optimization<sup>a)</sup>

	Ca <sub>32</sub> La <sub>16</sub> Ta <sub>15</sub> MnO <sub>96</sub>	Sr <sub>16</sub> La <sub>8</sub> Ta <sub>7</sub> MnO <sub>48</sub>	Ba <sub>32</sub> La <sub>16</sub> Ta <sub>15</sub> MnO <sub>96</sub>
	1.927	1.885	1.963
	1.927	1.885	1.963
	1.932	1.885	1.982
	1.932	1.885	1.982
	1.960	1.885	1.960
	1.960	1.885	1.960
Average	1.940	1.885	1.968

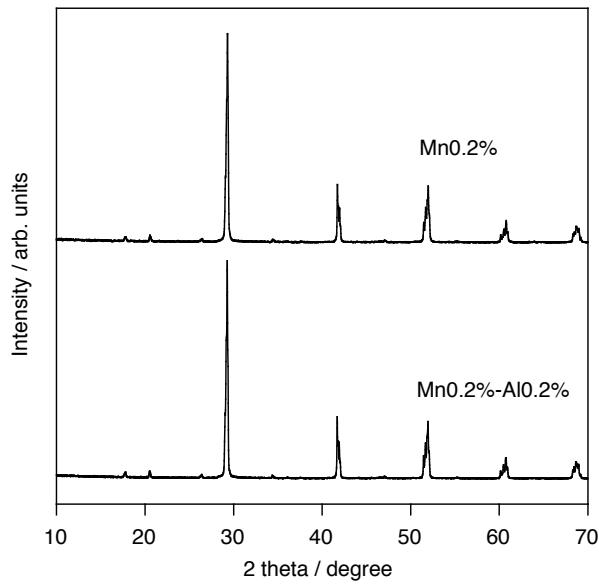
a) In a unit of angstrom.



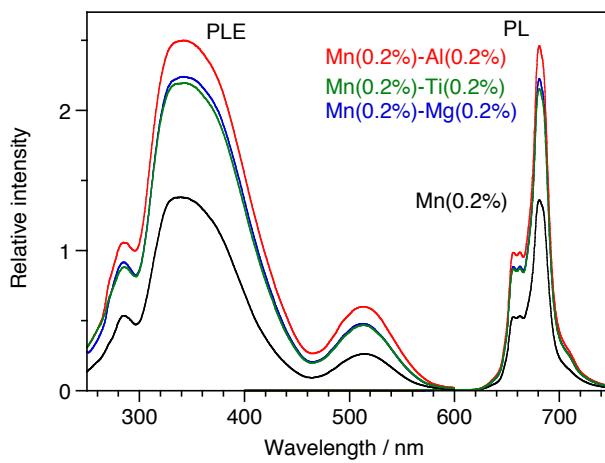
**Figure S1.** XRD patterns of BLT:Mn ( $x = 0.1\text{--}1\%$ ) with a reference of  $\text{Ba}_2\text{LaTaO}_6$  (ICSD#: 290859).



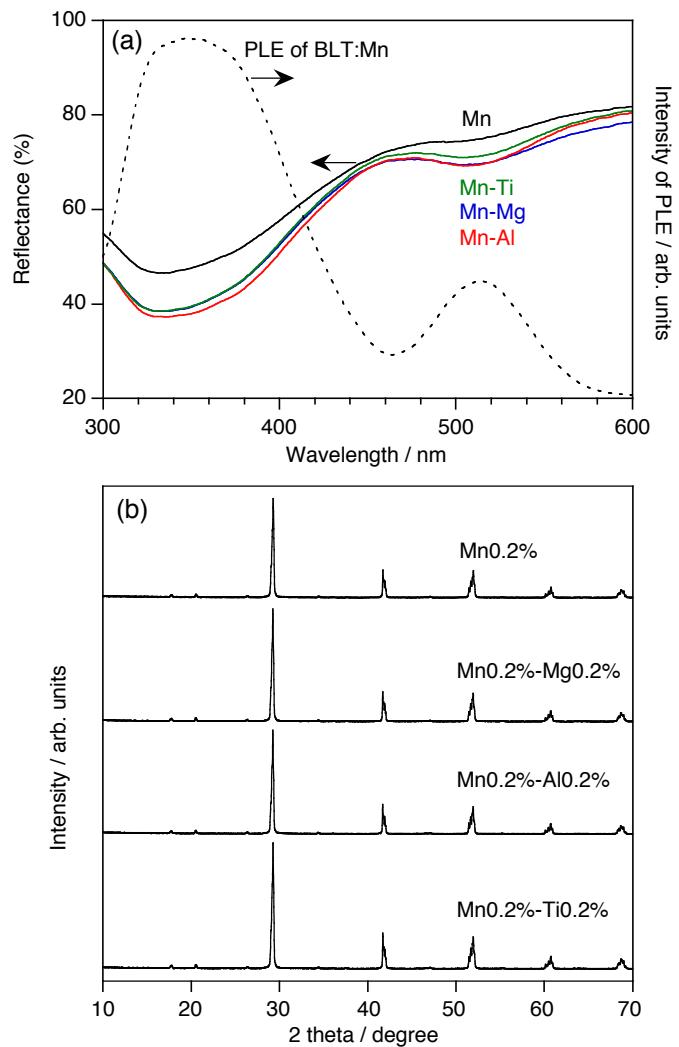
**Figure S2.** PL spectra of reduced BLT:Mn1% taken under excitation at 400 and 418 nm.



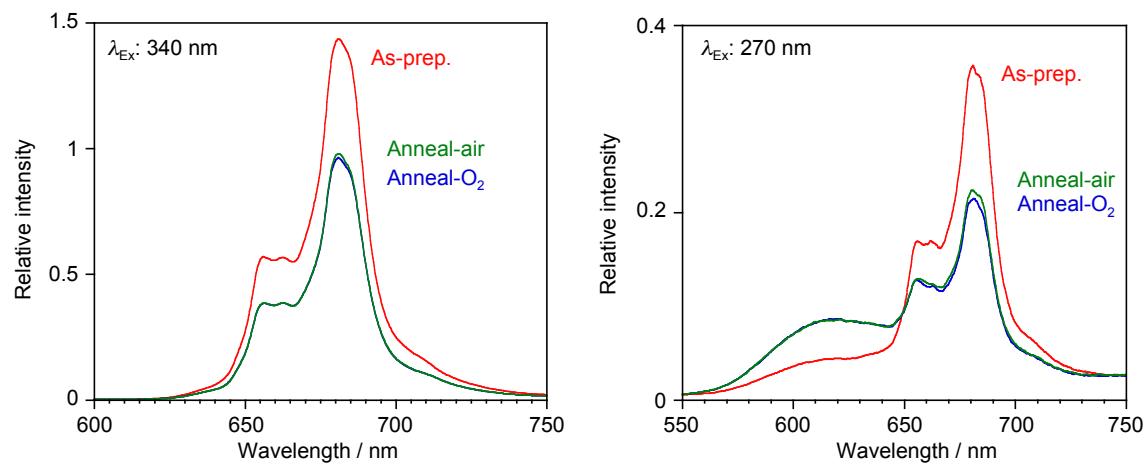
**Figure S3.** XRD patterns of BLT:Mn(0.2%) and BLT:Mn(0.2%)-Al(0.2%).



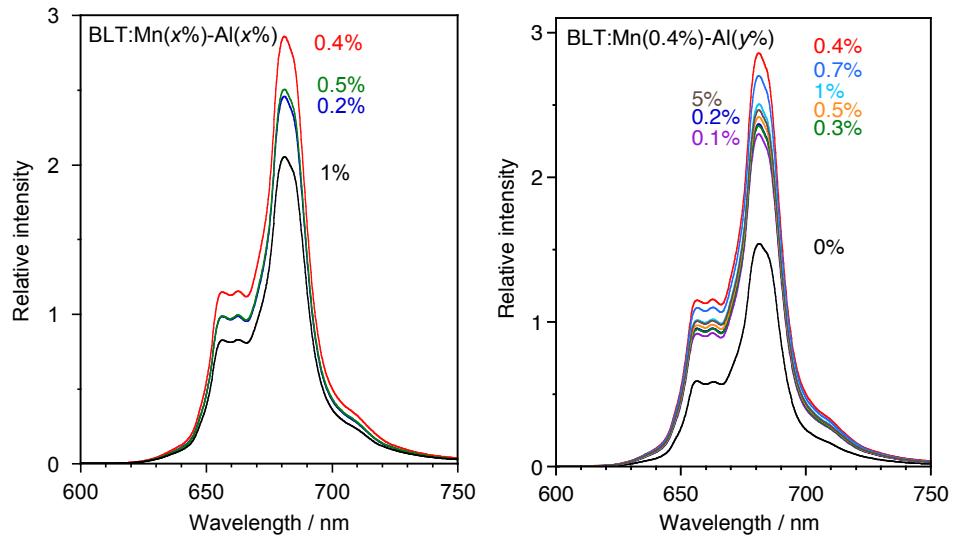
**Figure S4.** PL and PLE spectra of BLT:Mn(0.2%) and BLT:Mn(0.2%)-M(0.2%), M = Mg, Al, and Ti. Excitation and monitoring wavelengths are 350 nm and 681 nm, respectively.



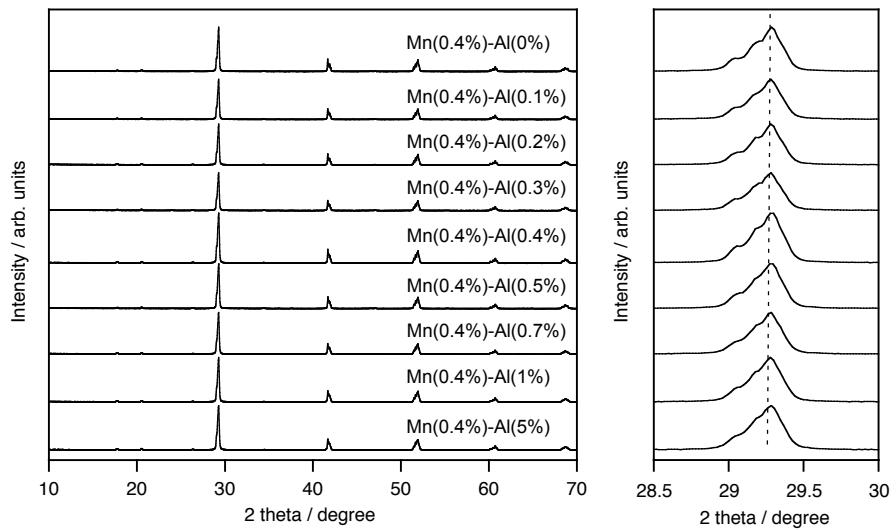
**Figure S5.** (a) Reflectance spectra of BLT:Mn(0.2%) and BLT:Mn(0.2%)-M(0.2%) with a PLE spectrum of BLT:Mn and (b) XRD patterns of BLT:Mn(0.2%) and BLT:Mn(0.2%)-M(0.2%).



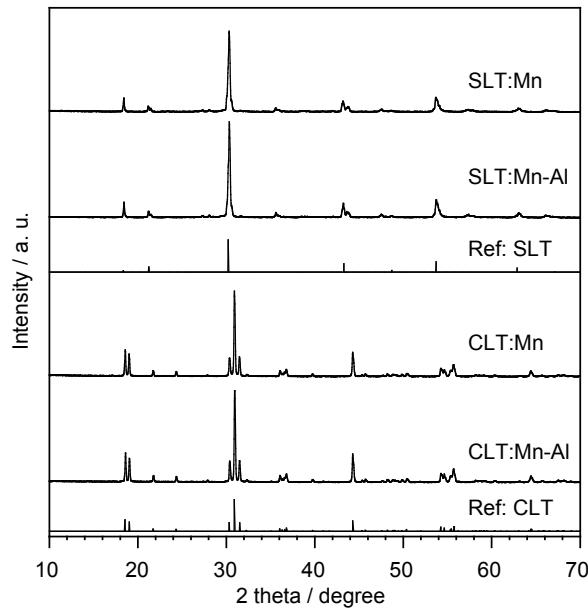
**Figure S6.** PL spectra of BLT:Mn(0.2%); as-prepared and annealed in air and O<sub>2</sub> at 1473 K for 5 h.



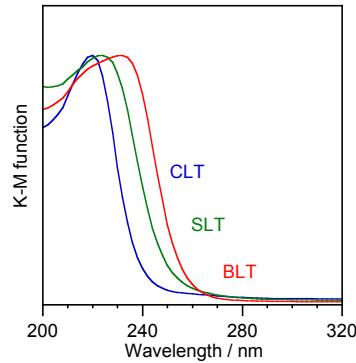
**Figure S7.** PL spectra of BLT:Mn( $x\%$ )-Al( $x\%$ ) and BLT:Mn(0.4%)-Al( $y\%$ ) excited at 340 nm.



**Figure S8.** XRD patterns of BLT:Mn(0.4%)-Al( $y\%$ ).



**Figure S9.** XRD patterns of  $AE_2LaTaO_6$  ( $AE = \text{Ca}$  and  $\text{Sr}$ ) doped with Mn(0.5%) and Mn(0.4%)-Al(0.4%). Reference patterns of CLT and SLT are also shown.



**Figure S10.** UV-vis spectra of non-doped  $AE_2LaTO_6$ .