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Cyano-bridged bimetallic chains based on cyclam complexes of Ni(III) or Mn(III) and hexacyanometallates(III)

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Four new compounds of the general formula: $\{[M_A(cyclam)][M_B(CN)_6] \cdot 6H_2O\}_{\infty}$, where $M_A = Ni^{III}$, Mn^{III} ; $M_B = Fe^{III}$, Cr^{III} ; were obtained in the reaction between the respective cationic building blocks: $[Ni(cyclam)]^{3+}$ and $[Mn(cyclam)]^{3+}$ (cyclam = 1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane), and anionic building blocks: $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ and $[Cr(CN)_6]^{3-}$ [1,2]. All compounds are isostructural and crystallise in space group *C 2/m*. They are characterised by one-dimensional chain topology, in which the metal centres are connected by CN-bridges. At the temperature of 40 °C partial dehydration takes place which leads to the relatively stable forms containing 2-3 water molecules. Powder X-ray diffraction studies show that the process causes significant structural changes. Moreover, it is reversible for compounds based on the Ni³⁺ ions and irreversible for those based on Mn^{3+} ions. Ferromagnetic interactions are observed within the NiFe, NiCr and MnFe chains mediated by the CN-bridges, while in MnCr compound the intra-chain interactions show antiferromagnetic character. In all four compounds antiferromagnetic ordering and appearance of magnetic hysteresis. The partial dehydration process causes marked changes in the magnetic properties of all compounds.

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