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## High-Pressure Synthesis of Intermetallic Framework Compounds $RESi_3$

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Five metastable binary rare-earth trisilicides  $RESi_3$  (RE= Gd, Tb, Dy, Er, Tm) are synthesized by high-pressure high-temperature synthesis (9.5 GPa, 823-923 K). X-Ray powder diffraction data evidence that the crystal structure of the compounds is isotopic to that of  $CaGe_3$  and lattice parameters are refined. Magnetic measurements on  $DySi_3$  reveal Curie-Weiss paramagnetic behaviour and antiferromagnetic ordering at low temperatures.

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