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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Two EPR spectra for  $Li_2SnO_3$  compound doped with  $Cr^{3+}$  and  $Mn^{4+}$  ions at room temperature and T = 80 K are shown in Figure S1.



Fig. S1. EPR spectra of the compound  $Li_2SnO_4$  doped with  $Cr^{3+}$  and  $Mn^{4+}$  ions for two selected temperatures T = 80 K and T = 300 K. The inset shows a fragment of the spectrum at T = 104.4 K. The red arrows indicate the intensity maxima of the EPR lines at  $g_{eff} \sim 3.6$ .

The temperature dependence of the EPR magnetic susceptibility can be described by the Curie-Weiss equation using the following equation [24]:

$$\chi = \frac{C}{T - T_{CW}},\tag{S1}$$

where C is a constant value and  $T_{CW}$  is the Curie-Weiss temperature (see Figs. S2a and S2b). To distinguish between contributions from  $Cr^{3+}$  and  $Mn^{4+}$  ions the EPR spectra were deconvoluted using SH parameter fits. The magnetic susceptibility was then determined by calculating the area under the absorption curve of  $Cr^{3+}$  and  $Mn^{4+}$  ions in the experimental EPR spectra. The magnitude and sign of the  $T_{CW}$  indicate the strength and nature of the interactions between the paramagnetic ions. The temperature studies reveal weak antiferromagnetic interactions among  $Cr^{3+}$  ions (indicated by a negative  $T_{CW}$  value) while ferromagnetic interactions (indicated by a positive  $T_{CW}$  value) are observed among  $Mn^{4+}$  ions. The difference in interaction strength between  $Cr^{3+}$  and  $Mn^{4+}$  ions is due to the difference in ionic radii between these ions.



Fig. S2. Temperature dependence of magnetic susceptibility for  $Cr^{3+}$  (a) and  $Mn^{4+}$  (b) ions in the Li<sub>2</sub>SnO<sub>3</sub> compound and fitting of the Curie-Weiss equation to experimental data.