High temperature thermoelectric properties of perovskite type $Pr_{0.9}Sr_{0.1}Mn_{1-x}Fe_xO_3 \ (0 \le x \le 1)$

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Polycrystalline samples of $Pr_{0.9}Sr_{0.1}Mn_{1-x}Fe_xO_3$ ($0 \le x \le 1$) were synthesized using a conventional solid-state reaction method. We investigated crystal structure, magnetic susceptibility, electrical resistivity, Seebeck coefficient, and thermal conductivity as a function of temperature. The perovskite structure at room temperature showed orthorhombic *Pbnm* phases for all samples. Although the sample for $Pr_{0.9}Sr_{0.1}MnO_3$ (x = 0) showed the ferromagnetic-like ground state below $T_C = 145K$ (Curie temperature), the ferromagnetic-like ground state below $T_C = 145K$ (Curie temperature), the ferromagnetic-like ground state decreases with increasing x. Seebeck coefficient of the samples for $0 \le x \le 0.8$ decreases with increasing temperature because of the double exchange interaction on Mn ions. In fact, the carrier type for x = 0 changes from hole-like to electron-like behavior above 800K. On the other hand, the samples for $x \ge 0.9$ show a large positive Seebeck coefficient over the whole temperature range. This means that the low spin sate of Fe ions dominates the electronic structure for $x \ge 0.9$ In particular, the sample for x = 1 shows promising p-type thermoelectric properties with a relatively high Seebeck coefficient, moderate electrical resistivity and a temperature stable low thermal conductivity. For example, the sample for x = 1 showed a power factor of $61.8 \mu \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-2}$ at 850K leading to a ZT value of about 0.05 at 850K.