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## ABSTRACT

In this study, we evaluated the structural, chemical, and electrical properties of ternary alloy aluminum yttrium oxide ( $\text{Al}_{2-x}\text{Y}_x\text{O}_3$ ) films prepared by employing a low-cost spin-cast technique.  $\text{Al}_{2-x}\text{Y}_x\text{O}_3$  films annealed at 400 °C were found to possess smooth and excellent insulating characteristics compared to their binary  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  or  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$  film counterparts. This superior performance of the  $\text{Al}_{2-x}\text{Y}_x\text{O}_3$  films as a gate insulator can be explained based on structure stabilization from the cation alloying mixing effect. The amorphous indium zinc oxide (*a*-IZO) thin-film transistor (TFT) with the ternary alloy  $\text{Al}_{0.45}\text{Y}_{1.55}\text{O}_3$  film exhibited a high mobility of 52.9  $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ , a low subthreshold gate swing of 0.19 V/decade, a threshold voltage of -0.51 V, a high  $I_{\text{ON/OFF}}$  ratio of  $4 \times 10^6$ , and good hysteresis-free stability, suggesting that the solution-based  $\text{Al}_{0.45}\text{Y}_{1.55}\text{O}_3$  dielectric film is an attractive candidate as a gate dielectric for high-performance and low-cost *a*-IZO TFTs.

Keywords: Solution process; Aluminum yttrium oxide; Ternary alloy; Indium zinc oxide; Thin-film transistor

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