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**Observation of Anomalous Reentrant Superconductivity in Gd added Bi-2223 Superconductor** MURAT ERDEM, CABIR TERZIOGLU, AHMET VARILCI, Abant Izzet Baysal University — We report the observation of an anomalous reentrant superconducting-normal resistive transition behaviour in Gd added  $\text{Bi}_{1.8}\text{Pb}_{0.35}\text{Sr}_{1.9}\text{Ca}_{2.1}\text{Cu}_3\text{Gd}_x\text{O}_y$  superconductor with  $x=0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4$  and  $0.5$ . The resistive transitions of the samples are measured by four probe contact method under different magnetic fields. Zhao et. al. [1] first observed this behaviour in Bi-2212/2223 intergrowth single crystals. This is interpreted using a model where Josephson coupling between the  $\text{CuO}_2$  trilayers is weakened by thermally activated resistance. Similar observations are made in the literature [2], [3]. Possible physical origins of this anomalous phenomenon are discussed.

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