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**CHARACTERISATION OF POSSIBLE PHOENICIAN POTTERY
PRODUCTION OF TYRE**

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Highlights

- The probable Tyrian products were characterized.
- The variability exhibited points to the use of a non standardized recipe.
- Production technology is based on low fired high calcareous pastes.
- Possible secondary baryte has been observed in all examined specimens.
- Ceramics of other origins were also identified.

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15 **Abstract**

16 Very few archaeometric studies have been conducted on the Iron Age sites of Lebanon.
17 Indeed, there is a great imbalance in the information published on fabric analysis in the
18 Levant. Most of the bibliography comes from sites located in Palestine and therefore in
19 recent years the characterization of metropolitan Phoenician pastes is based up on proxy
20 data. In an attempt to provide direct information about the characteristics of Phoenician
21 production, 101 fragments of pottery from the necropolis of Tyre – Al Bass have been
22 sampled. All individuals have been analyzed by means of X-ray fluorescence (XRF)
23 and X-ray diffraction (XRD) analyses in order to shed light on chemical and
24 mineralogical information to define reference groups and the technology employed in
25 production. Furthermore, selected samples, according to the previous results, have been

26 further analyzed by means of scanning electron microscopy (SEM) in order to shed light
27 on microstructure and vitrification stage. Thus, the present study represents the first
28 steps towards the characterization of the Phoenician ceramics of Tyre in order to
29 describe different fabrics and to differentiate possible production groups.

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31 **Introduction**

32 Since 1997 a multidisciplinary team led by Prof. María Eugenia Aubet (Universitat
33 Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona) has been working on the Phoenician cemetery of Tyre - Al
34 Bass in Lebanon dated to Iron Age II (ca. 850-550 BC). The site was located on an
35 ancient beach of lacustrine environment that is nowadays ca. 500 m away from the
36 seashore (Aubet, 2004). Along these lines, we should note that an environmental study
37 carried out during the 1997 and 1999 archaeological missions (Carmona and Ruiz,
38 2004) enabled reconstruction of the paleolandscape of the Al Bass area. These authors
39 concluded that in the past, this area was a lagoon. In fact, there exist some old maps
40 showing that this terrain was swamped at least until 1864. Thus, fluvial deposits would
41 have filled the ancient lagoon through the last centuries, and ceramics seem to be buried
42 in sandy strata, affected nowadays by strong fluctuations of groundwater level.

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44 In 2011, 101 pots, jugs, plates, and urns, of coarse ware, red slip ware, and concentric
45 circles decoration were sampled (Table 1). Restrictions given by the archaeological
46 mission forced us to sample material from the general context of the paleobeach where
47 the cemetery is located, thus any of these ceramics can be related to a specific tomb. All
48 individuals were archaeologically classified as belonging to the Tyrian local production
49 according to their macroscopic characteristics by naked eye. Thus, the main objective of
50 this study was the chemical and technological characterization of the Tyrian production.

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52 **Methods**

53 To characterize the chemical composition of all 101 samples, X-ray fluorescence (XRF)
54 was applied. First, all superficial layers of the potsherds were mechanically removed,
55 samples were powdered and homogenized in a tungsten carbide mill, and dried in an
56 oven overnight. Major and minor elements were determined by preparing duplicates of
57 glass beads (dilution 1:20) of 0.3 g of specimen mixed up with 5.7 g of lithium
58 tetraborate ($\text{Li}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$), melted in a fully-automatic bead preparation system PANalytical
59 Perl'X-3 at a temperature of 1125 °C. Trace elements were determined by powdered
60 pills made from 5 g of the powdered specimen mixed up with 2 ml of a solution of n-
61 butylmethacrylate synthetic resin (Elvacite 2044, in 20 % acetone). The quantification
62 of the concentrations was performed using an Axios^{mAX}-Advanced PANalytical
63 spectrometer with an Rh excitation source using a calibration line performed with 56
64 International Geological Standards. Interferences were taken into consideration and
65 matrix effects were corrected by using the PANalytical Pro-Trace software for trace
66 elements. The elements determined comprised Fe_2O_3 (as total Fe), Al_2O_3 , MnO, P_2O_5 ,
67 TiO_2 , MgO, CaO, Na_2O , K_2O , SiO_2 , Ba, Rb, Mo, Th, Nb, Pb, Zr, Y, Sr, Sn, Ce, Co, Ga,
68 V, Zn, W, Cu, Ni and Cr. Loss of ignition (LOI) was determined by firing 0.3 g of dried
69 specimen at 950 °C during 3 h.

70 The mineralogical composition was studied by means of X-ray diffraction (XRD).
71 Measurements were made using a Bragg-Brentano geometry PANalytical X'Pert PRO
72 MPD Alpha-I diffractometer (radius = 240 mm) working with the Cu- $\text{K}\alpha$ radiation (λ
73 = 1.5406 Å) (45 kV – 40 mA) equipped with an X'celerator detector. Measurements
74 were taken from (4 to 100)°2 θ with a measure step of 0.017°2 θ and an acquisition
75 time of 50 s per step. Evaluations of the crystalline phases present in each analyzed

76 individual have been evaluated with the software package DIFFAC/AT Siemens that
77 includes the database of the *International Centre for Diffraction Data, Joint Committee*
78 *of Powder Diffraction Standards*, 2006 (ICDD-JCPDS).

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80 Finally, some specimens in representation of the different chemical groups and their
81 fabrics as well as those that showed some peculiarities in their chemical data (TAB003,
82 TAB005, TAB007, TAB012, TAB014, TAB017, TAB022, TAB042, TAB054,
83 TAB070, and TAB100) were selected for analysis with scanning electron microscopy
84 (SEM) attached to an energy-dispersive X-ray analyser (EDX) in order to characterize
85 the microstructure, the sintering stage of the ceramic's matrix and to identify aplastic
86 inclusions. Thus, fresh fractures of the observed samples were coated with a carbon
87 layer in a high vacuum atmosphere. An acceleration voltage of 20 kV, beam current of 1
88 nA, and 100 s per microanalysis was used.

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90 **Chemical Results**

91 The elemental concentrations determined by means of XRF are a special case of the
92 projective $d+1$ -dimensional space, the simplex S^d . Projective points are represented by a
93 $d+1$ -dimensional vector of coordinates adding up to a constant k ($k \in R^+$),

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$$95 \mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_{d+1}] \mid x_i \geq 0 \ (i = 1, \dots, d + 1), \ x_1 + \dots + x_{d+1} = k,$$

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97 (in the present case, $k = 100$), a subset in the positive orthant R_+^{d+1} , following a
98 multiplicative model with a logarithmic interval metrics (Barceló-Vidal *et al.* 2001,
99 Aitchison 2005, Buxeda 2008). Therefore, for the statistical data treatment, raw
100 concentrations have been ALR transformed, according to

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102 $\mathbf{x} \in S^d \rightarrow \mathbf{y} = \log\left(\frac{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{D}}{\mathbf{x}_D}\right) \in R^d$

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104 being S^d the d-dimensional simplex, $\mathbf{x}_D = [x_1, \dots, x_d]$, and $D = d + 1$, or CLR transformed,

105 according to

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107 $\mathbf{x} \in S^d \rightarrow \mathbf{z} = \log\left(\frac{\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})}\right) \in R^D$

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109 being S^d the d-dimensional simplex, and $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$ the geometric mean of all D ($D = d + 1$)

110 components of \mathbf{x} (Aitchison 1986, Buxeda 1999). Moreover, several elements were

111 discarded: Mo and Sn due to analytical imprecision, and Co and W because of the

112 possible contaminations from the tungsten carbide cell of the mill.

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114 The compositional variation matrix enabled the quantification of the total variation (vt)

115 present in the data matrix and the investigation of the source of this variability. In this

116 case, the vt should be considered high ($vt = 2.69318$). This value suggests these data

117 have a polygenic character, which means that not all individuals exhibited similar

118 compositions; so, following the provenance postulate, it would be expected that they

119 represent different units of production (Buxeda and Kilikoglou 2003). The evenness

120 chemical variability graph (Figure 1) shows that most of the chemical variability is

121 linked to Pb, Cr and, especially, MnO, Ba and Na₂O. Contrariwise, it is also clear that

122 TiO₂ is the element that imposes the lowest relative variation when used as divisor in

123 ALR transformation and will (Buxeda 1999), therefore, be used in the statistical data

124 treatment. Because of the extreme variability introduced by Na₂O, Ba and MnO these

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Comentario: Figure 1

125 elements were not included in the statistical data treatment. Also, Pb, Cu and P₂O₅ were
126 not used because they are known to be sensitive to post-depositional perturbations.

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128 A first cluster analysis was performed with S-Plus 2000 (MathSoft 1999) software,
129 using the square Euclidian distance and the centroid agglomerative algorithm on the
130 subcomposition Fe₂O₃, Al₂O₃, MgO, CaO, K₂O, SiO₂, Rb, Th, Nb, Zr, Y, Sr, Ce, Ga, V,
131 Zn, Ni and Cr, ALR transformed using TiO₂ as divisor. Globally, it can be said that all
132 individuals exhibit high levels of CaO (between 19.58% and 43.11% in normalised
133 data). However, the study of the dendrogram (Figure 2) shows that, while 89 out of 101
134 individuals can be identified as forming a large group (labelled AB), still 12 individuals
135 are clear outliers (TAB011, TAB012, TAB016, TAB017, TAB024, TAB031, TAB038,
136 TAB039, TAB051, TAB067, TAB079, TAB093), having very different chemical
137 compositions in relation to group AB, but also among themselves (Table 3).

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139 Further examination of the 89 individuals included in group AB was done by
140 performing a second cluster analysis on the same subcomposition as before but
141 excluding the 12 outliers. Now, a structure in three different subgroups accounting for
142 71 out of 89 samples (mainly AB1 to AB3) can be seen in the dendrogram (Figure 3),
143 while the 18 samples left are not place in these subgroups. The main differences
144 between AB1 and AB2 are clearly related to the CaO and Sr relative contents, higher in
145 AB1 (Table 2). These higher concentrations seem to be related to a coarser nature of
146 pastes in subgroup AB1, and do not have any archaeological counterpart. Indeed, in
147 both subgroups, plates and jugs are mixed, as well as the different surface treatments
148 recorded (plain, painted and red slip).

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Comentario: Figure 3, Table 2, Table 3

150 The repetition of the data cluster analysis, not considering CaO and Sr, leads to the
151 fusion of subgroups AB1 and AB2. Regarding subgroup AB3, its lower Ni content
152 seems to suggest a separate group. Nevertheless, an iterative calculation of Mahalanobis
153 distances to AB1 centroid, even considering CaO and Sr, leads to a unique group (AB)
154 including all 89 individuals. These results clearly point to a single group, with a
155 relatively high variability, even if some structure can be observed within it.

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157 Regarding the 12 outliers, no conclusions can be drawn to present. However, it must be
158 noticed that TAB012, which exhibits very high Cr and Ni contents (6359 ppm and 1504
159 ppm respectively, in normalized data, see Table 3), shows a very different chemical
160 composition. Considering the historical commerce contacts between Tyre and Cyprus,
161 the provenance of this jug can be tentatively related to somewhere in this island. In fact,
162 the archaeological study focus on the typology and chronology of the necropolis
163 ceramics, has already detected the use of Cypriot pottery as urns or even among the
164 pottery objects that accompany them (Aubert and Núñez, 2008). The high MgO and CaO
165 content in specimen TAB017 (11.63 % and 42.91 % respectively, in normalized data,
166 see Table 3), related to the probable presence of abundant dolomite should also be
167 noted. From an archaeological point of view it is also interesting to see how individuals
168 TAB031 and TAB067 stand as outliers (Table 3). TAB031 corresponds to the only urn
169 fragment analyzed in this study, while TAB067 is a neck-ridge jug with a painted
170 decoration of concentric circles, stylistic fact that makes us considered it the oldest
171 sample analyzed (Bikai 1978, Núñez 2004).

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173 Finally, a more surprising result is related to the very high (even extreme) Ba content in
174 all individuals. Along these lines, it must be highlighted that the highest content is

175 exhibited by individual TAB042 (31518 ppm, on normalized data). Such high numbers,
176 however, are related to determinations of Ba concentrations over 2000 ppm, which is
177 the upper regression limit and must be, therefore, considered as semiquantitative under
178 the present analytical conditions (Figure 4).

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Comentario: Figure 4

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180 **Mineralogical and microstructural results**

181 The chemical data indicates that the majority of the individuals can be considered as
182 calcareous ($5-6\% < \text{CaO} < 15-20\%$) or even better as highly calcareous ($\text{CaO} > 15-20$
183 $\%$) pottery. The latter type is usually fired at low temperatures in order to avoid
184 dissociation of primary calcite that will allow the apparition of an excess of unreacted
185 CaO after firing. This excess of CaO will then reform calcium carbonate, with a
186 significant increase in volume that will cause pottery to crumble away after the internal
187 multiple pressures (Picon 1973; Maniatis *et al.* 1981, 1983; Tite *et al.* 1982; Tschegg *et*
188 *al.* 2009). The situation of most of the individuals of the three subgroups inside the
189 ceramic triangle (Figure 5) is located in the thermodynamic equilibrium triangle of
190 quartz-anorthite-wollastonite, characteristic of calcareous pottery (Heimann 1989).
191 Some individuals of AB2 (TAB022, TAB025, TAB029, TAB035, TAB036, TAB040,
192 TAB042, TAB047, TAB050, TAB061, TAB080, TAB090, TAB095 and TAB100), one
193 of AB1 (TAB060) and one of AB3 (TAB052), are inside the thermodynamic
194 equilibrium triangle wollastonite-anorthite-gehlenite, which is characteristic of highly
195 calcareous products.

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Comentario: Figure 5

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197 As expected, XRD results enable the estimation of a low equivalent firing temperature
198 (EFT) for individuals in AB group (below 800 °C), since no firing phases are observed
199 (Figure 6, upper left). In addition that baryte can be observed by XRD in individual

200 TAB042 (Figure 6, upper right), and dolomite is clearly observed in the outlier
201 individual TAB017 (Figure 6, lower right). The latter can also be considered as low
202 fired, since no firing phases are present and calcite and, especially, dolomite are
203 detected (Echallier 1984). Finally, regarding the outlier individual TAB012 (Figure 6,
204 lower left), amphibole is clearly present, reinforcing its hypothetical Cypriot
205 provenance (Aström 1972; Bieber 1978; Atalar and Kilic 2006; Tschegg et al. 2009). In
206 this case, estimation of EFT is problematic, due to the lack of other individuals of the
207 same production that allow a comparison.

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Comentario: Figure 6

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209 Results of SEM show that individuals in the AB group exhibit a typical non-vitrified
210 matrix (Figure 7, individual TAB003). EFT can then be estimated below 700-750 °C.
211 Moreover, the matrix shows the presence of abundant microfossils and calcareous
212 inclusions, typical of those individuals. SEM examination has also enabled the
213 observation of baryte in all examined individuals. Even if it is difficult to identify if this
214 baryte is primary or secondary, in several cases its secondary origin is clear. In such
215 cases, baryte is detected inside voids, in different morphologies (Figure 7, TAB070).
216 Even if the secondary nature of these baryte crystals seems clear, its origin and
217 mechanism still have to be studied and further work is still needed. Regarding outlier
218 individual TAB017 rhombohedral inclusions were found, pointing to a possible addition
219 of dolomite as temper (Figure 7, TAB017). Finally, the outlier individual TAB012
220 exhibits a matrix in an initial vitrification / continuous vitrification (Vc-) stage. Thus,
221 EFT can be estimated in the range 750 - 850 °C (Figure 7, TAB012), which is higher
222 than the usual firing temperatures estimated for individuals in group AB.

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Comentario: Figure 7

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224 **Final remarks**

225 Thanks to this preliminary study it has been possible to characterize by chemistry and
226 SEM the Phoenician pottery found in the cemetery of Tyre - Al Bass. Tyrian
227 productions were identified in the larger AB group, as well as possible Cypriot ones
228 (TAB012), and several other productions (up to 11) represented by single sample. The
229 absence of technological variations among the different archaeological shapes and types
230 studied, point to the fact that similar clays and temper were used in a production
231 technology based on the use of high calcareous pastes fired at low temperatures.
232 Nevertheless, the variability exhibited in the chemical data also seems to point to the
233 use of a non-standardized recipe in the paste preparation.

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235 Secondary baryte has been observed in all examined individuals, and must be related to
236 the high Ba concentrations determined by XRF. Its presence could be related to some
237 extent to a weathering phenomenon, but still needs to be carefully studied.

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239 Much more work is clearly needed, but the results achieved to date shed light on the
240 Tyrian pottery production and its technology, but also show a complex picture of
241 ceramics of diverse origins arriving at the site.

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	Coarse ware	Red slip ware	Concentric circles	Total
Jugs	25	23	1	49
Plates	40	11	-	51
Urns	1	-	-	1
Total	66	34	1	101

Table 1

	AB (n = 89)		AB 1 (n = 34)		AB 2 (n = 26)		AB 3 (n = 11)	
	m	sd	m	sd	m	sd	m	sd
Fe₂O₃ %	6.77	0.75	6.79	0.42	7.38	0.44	5.93	0.3
Al₂O₃ %	15.48	1.68	15.21	0.77	17.27	0.94	14.85	1.3
MnO %	0.06	0.03	0.08	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.01
P₂O₅ %	0.59	0.12	0.55	0.11	0.69	0.12	0.51	0.05
TiO₂ %	0.8	0.09	0.78	0.04	0.88	0.05	0.78	0.06
MgO %	2.02	0.28	2.07	0.17	1.88	0.2	2.07	0.31
CaO %	28.61	4.54	29.38	2.36	24.65	2.87	28.49	3.11
Na₂O %	0.13	0.1	0.1	0.08	0.13	0.07	0.27	0.15
K₂O %	1.98	0.29	1.91	0.19	2.12	0.31	2.24	0.17
SiO₂ %	43.08	2.64	42.68	1.92	44.41	1.83	44.32	1.82
Ba (ppm)	3159	3540	2960	1943	3823	5736	3325	1387
Rb (ppm)	78	12	77	8	87	10	80	9
Th (ppm)	11	2	11	1	13	1	12	1
Nb (ppm)	17	2	17	2	17	3	17	2
Pb (ppm)	26	58	20	5	22	3	18	3
Zr (ppm)	155	13	155	15	159	12	159	11
Y (ppm)	35	2	34	2	35	3	35	2
Sr (ppm)	666	148	696	124	519	72	735	83
Ce (ppm)	77	11	75	10	80	10	79	10
Ga (ppm)	18	2	18	1	19	2	18	2
V (ppm)	129	16	131	10	139	16	115	11
Zn (ppm)	122	12	121	9	130	9	117	15
Cu (ppm)	47	12	50	12	47	9	31	2
Ni (ppm)	110	32	126	19	120	32	60	4
Cr (ppm)	124	14	124	10	130	16	120	17

Table 2

	TAB011	TAB012	TAB016	TAB017	TAB024	TAB031	TAB038	TAB039	TAB051	TAB067	TAB079	TAB093
Fe₂O₃ %	4.99	10.18	10.00	6.33	6.98	8.72	8.79	6.56	6.65	6.18	5.62	7.64
Al₂O₃ %	7.93	10.91	13.47	8.59	18.53	11.93	13.92	14.52	15.43	10.02	9.56	17.43
MnO %	0.11	0.18	0.16	0.13	0.05	0.18	0.16	0.07	0.04	0.09	0.09	0.05
P₂O₅ %	0.46	0.24	0.39	0.26	0.77	0.32	0.33	0.66	1.01	0.68	0.34	0.66
TiO₂ %	0.53	1.18	0.71	0.87	1.00	0.76	0.87	0.81	0.79	0.91	0.60	0.93
MgO %	1.29	5.94	3.29	11.63	2.06	4.23	5.38	2.00	2.54	1.67	1.49	4.43
CaO %	32.69	23.63	27.33	42.91	18.93	26.22	18.84	33.03	26.61	33.58	29.21	19.67
Na₂O %	0.15	0.74	1.26	0.06	0.13	0.50	1.16	0.04	0.30	0.25	0.01	0.11
K₂O %	0.48	1.21	1.31	1.35	1.96	1.35	1.69	1.61	1.56	0.71	0.70	1.72
SiO₂ %	51.14	44.79	41.79	27.71	48.83	45.47	48.36	39.90	44.55	45.54	52.15	47.04
Ba (ppm)	1058	1954	1619	7028	5853	1211	3761	6013	3750	1655	959	1598
Rb (ppm)	17	35	31	34	61	41	52	46	37	31	30	45
Th (ppm)	2	5	2	2	14	4	9	6	9	6	5	13
Nb (ppm)	13	13	9	13	15	9	12	11	13	19	15	20
Pb (ppm)	10	11	11	10	21	12	14	22	17	10	11	57
Zr (ppm)	145	121	95	154	156	119	147	158	151	271	150	174
Y (ppm)	34	25	25	14	38	25	31	28	35	38	25	39
Sr (ppm)	447	764	523	308	711	753	546	519	762	1100	532	531
Ce (ppm)	43	17	16	32	80	39	57	29	82	77	47	100
Ga (ppm)	10	13	12	10	18	12	14	15	17	11	11	20
V (ppm)	85	280	151	93	140	135	104	171	100	132	90	11
Zn (ppm)	69	99	106	45	126	89	91	100	120	110	80	145
Cu (ppm)	38	55	114	53	25	71	32	48	36	48	42	49
Ni (ppm)	74	1504	99	77	72	142	95	300	66	81	83	99
Cr (ppm)	121	6359	125	85	160	348	104	515	119	157	118	151

Table 3

Table captions

Table 1. Individuals characterized in the study

Table 2. Means (m) and standard deviation (sd) of the chemical composition groups cited in the text.

Table 3. Normalized concentrations of the 12 outliers.

Figure captions

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Figure 3. Dendrogram on the 89 individuals of group AB after a cluster analysis performed on the subcomposition Fe₂O₃, Al₂O₃, MgO, CaO, K₂O, SiO₂, Rb, Th, Nb, Zr, Y, Sr, Ce, Ga, V, Zn, Ni and Cr, ALR transformed using TiO₂ as divisor

Figure 4. Histogram of Ba concentrations in normalized data for all 101 individuals

Figure 5. Ceramic diagram with the individuals in subgroups AB 1, AB 2 and AB 3. An = anorthite (CaAl₂Si₂O₈); Mul = mullite (3Al₂O₃·2SiO₂); Gh = gehlenite (Ca₂Al₂SiO₇); Wo = wollastonite (CaSiO₃); Qz = quartz (SiO₂). Abbreviations after Whitney and Evans 2010

Figure 6. XRD spectra. Upper left: TAB022, as representative of individuals in AB group. Upper right: TAB042, individual in group AB with the higher concentration in baryte. Lower left: outlier TAB012 of possible Cypriot origin. Lower right: outlier TAB017 rich in dolomite. Ba: baryte. Cal: calcite. Di: pyroxene. Dol: dolomite. Gh: gehlenite. Hem: hematite. Ill: illite-muscovite. Kfs: potassium feldspars. Mrbk: amphibole. Pl: plagioclase. Qz: quartz. Abbreviations after Whitney and Evans 2010

Figure 7. SEM microphotographs. TAB003: representative of AB individuals exhibiting a non vitrification stage matrix. TAB070: secondary baryte in pores. TAB017: possible crystals of dolomite temper. TAB012: initial vitrification / continuous vitrification (Vc-) stage matrix

Figure1

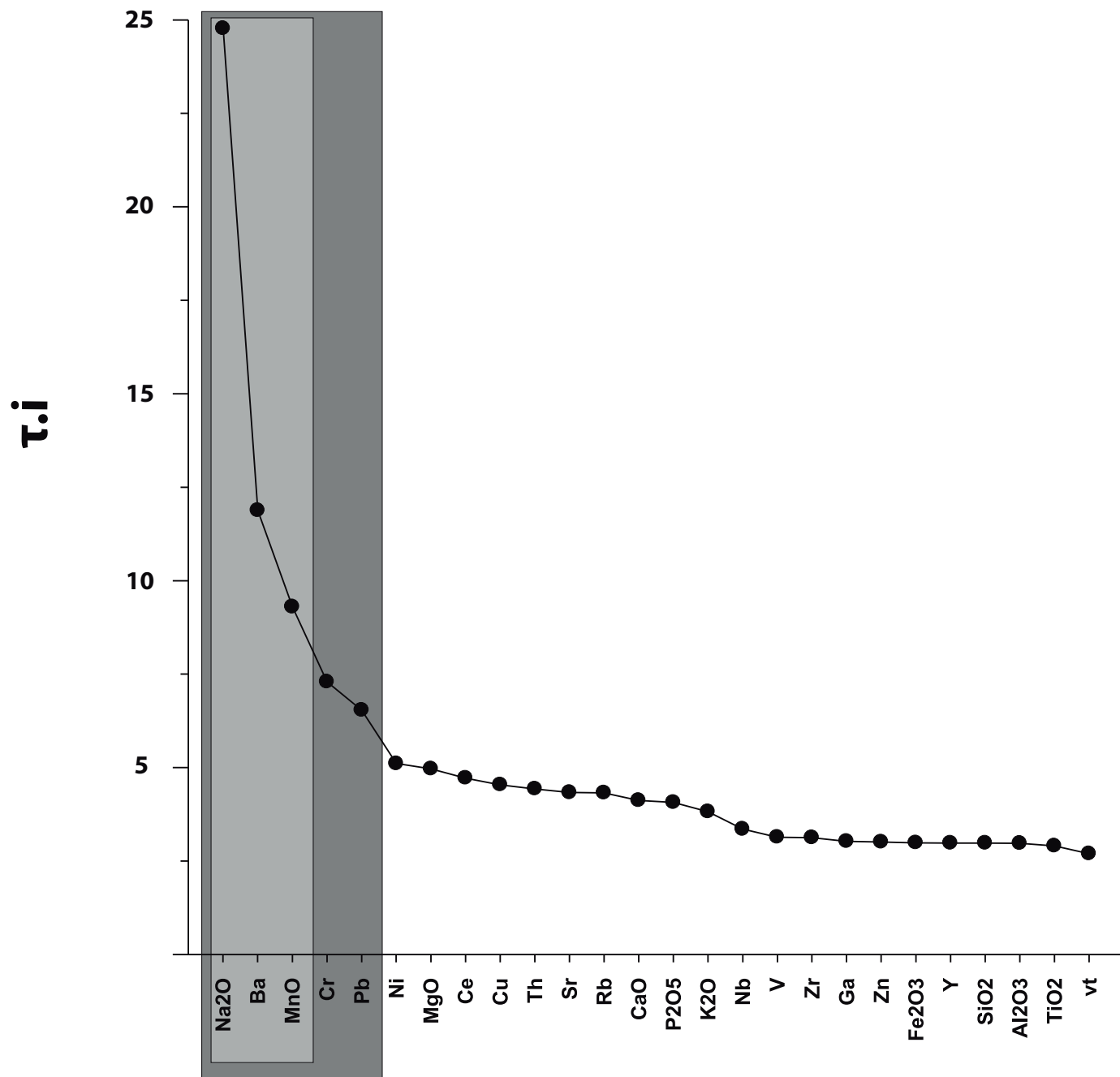
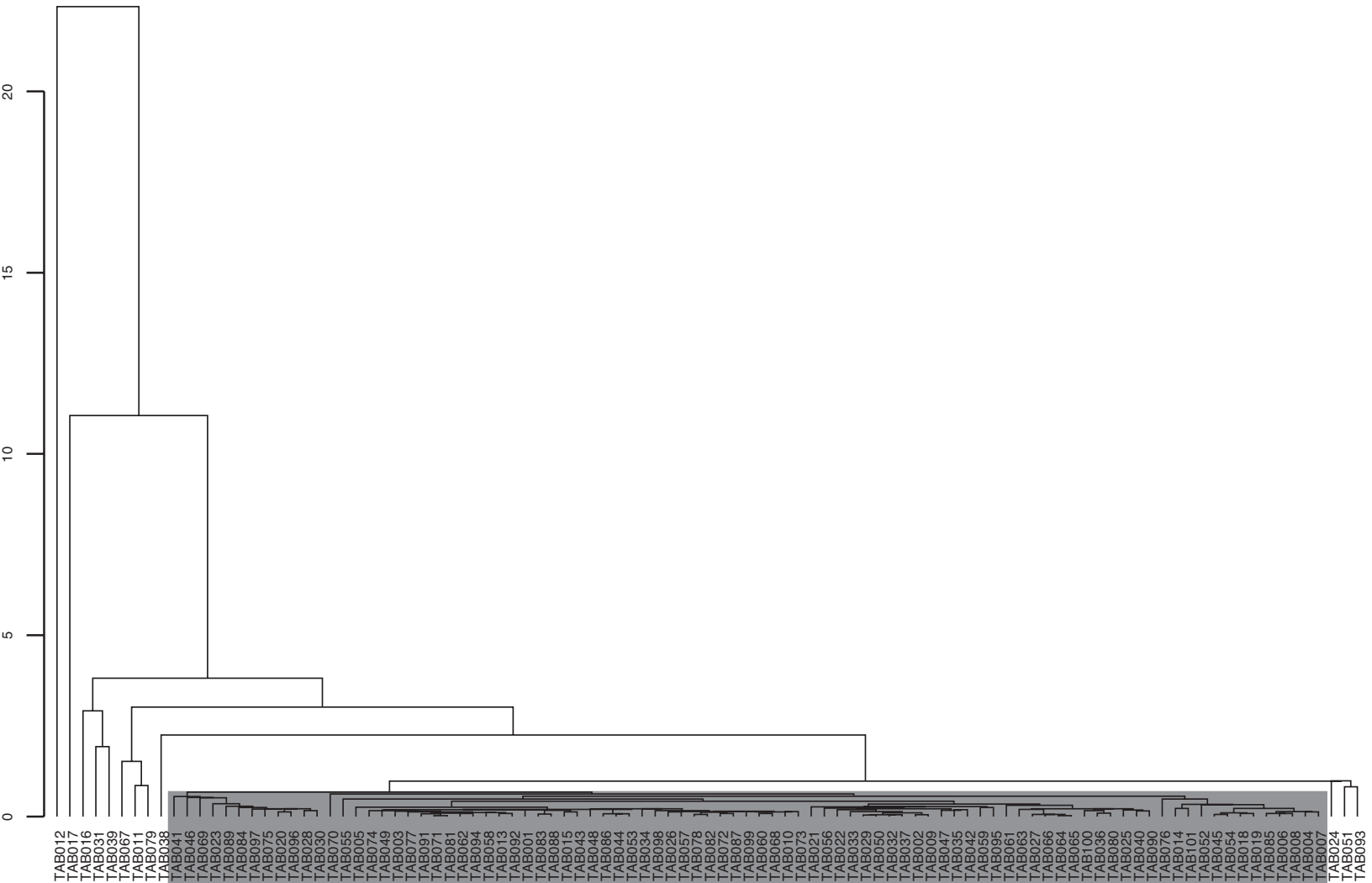


Figure2



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Figure3

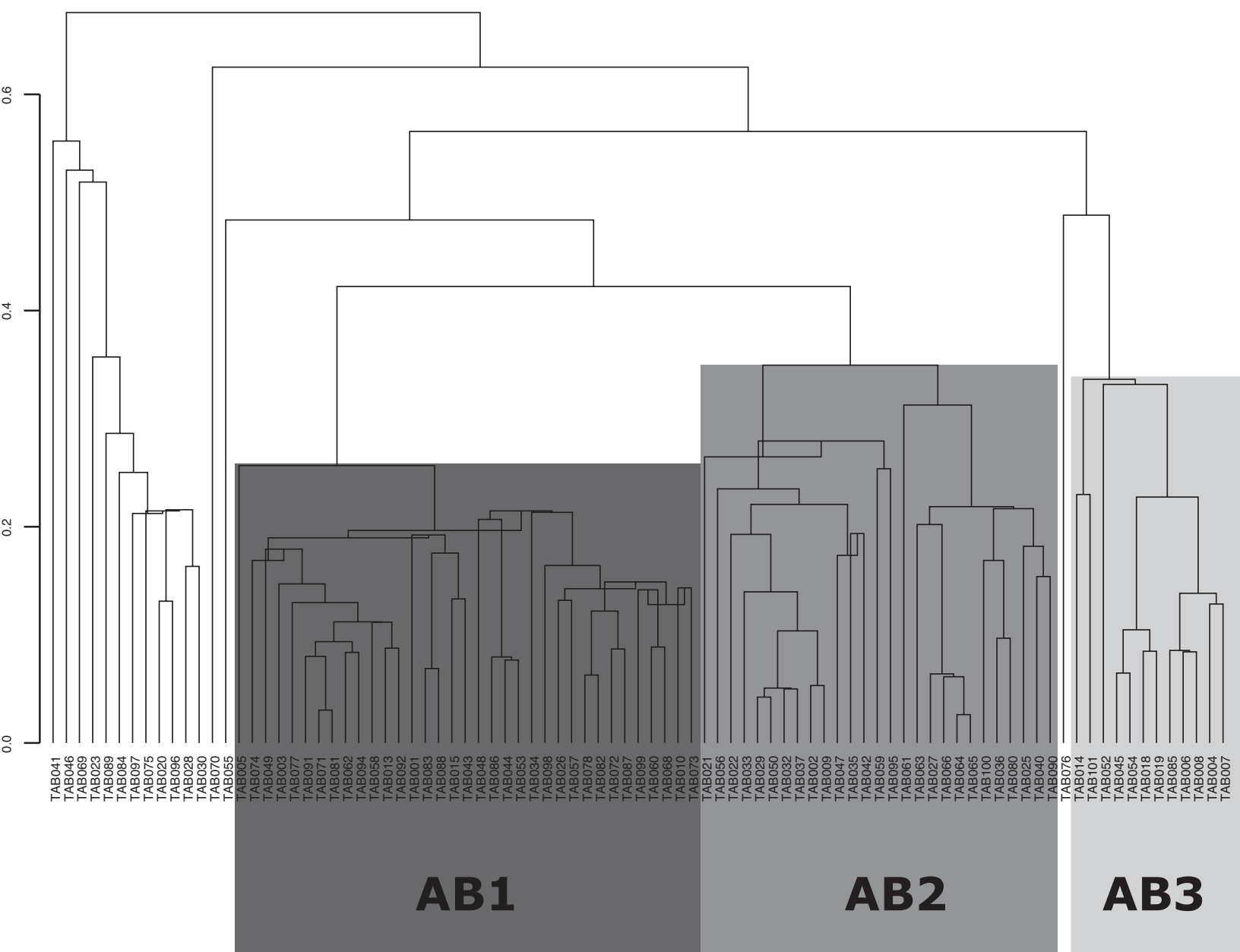


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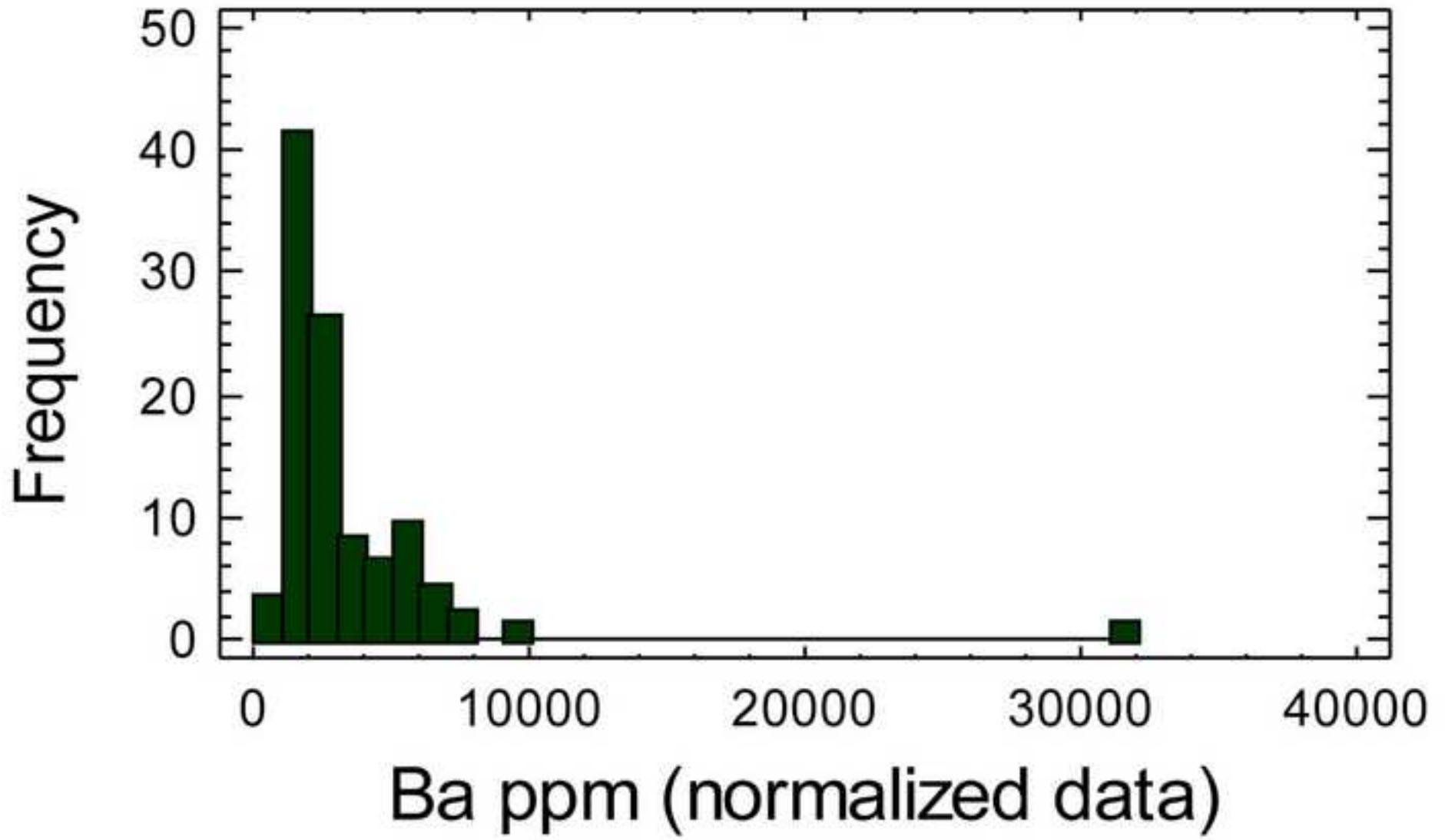


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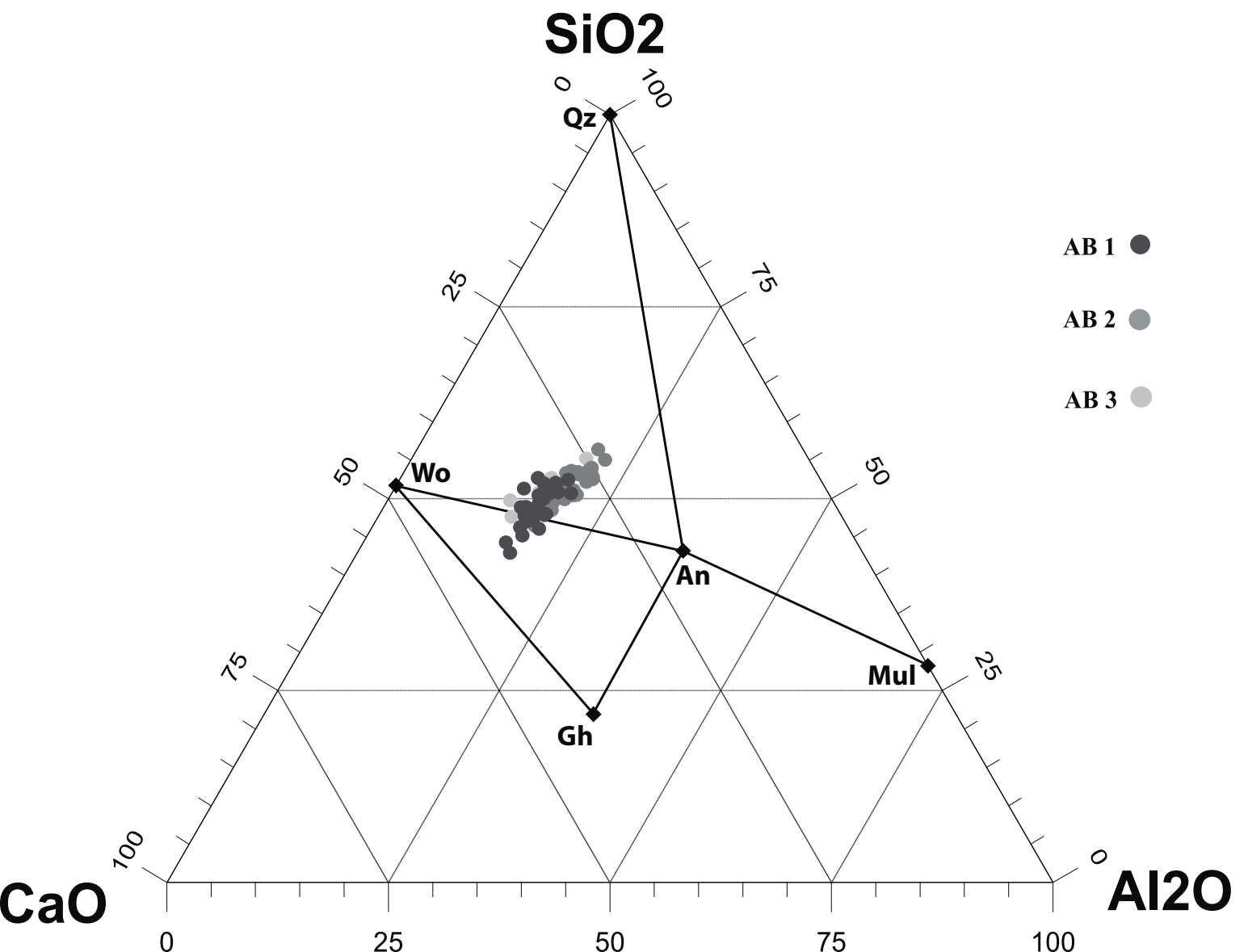


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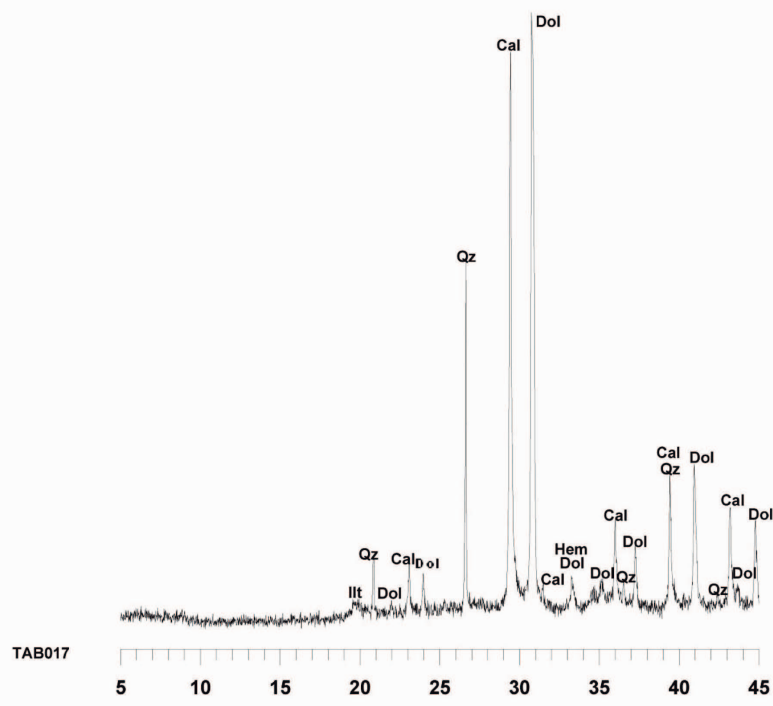
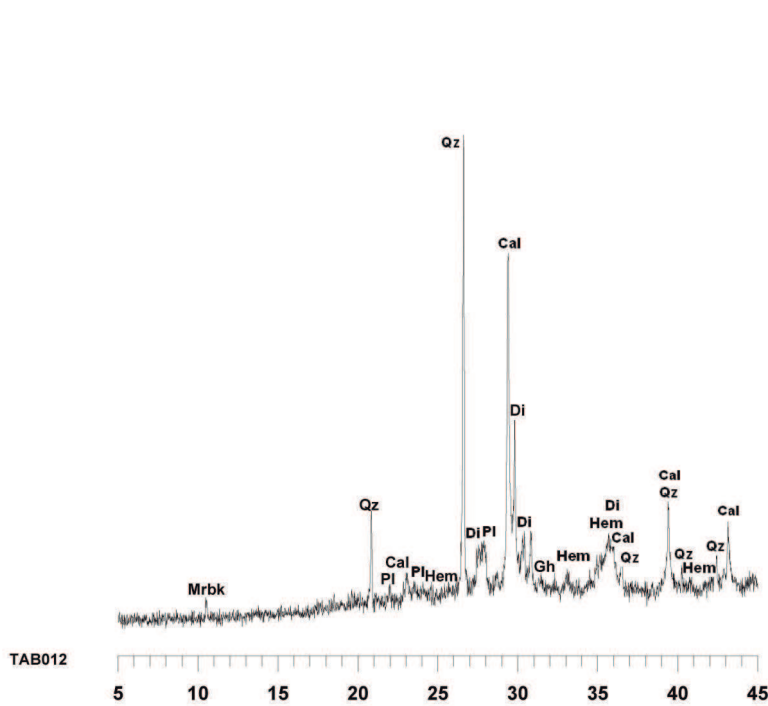
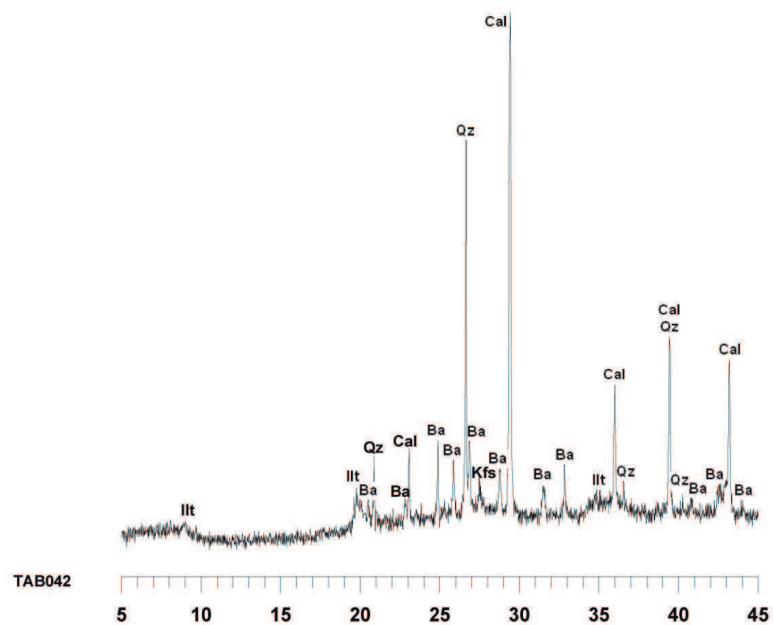
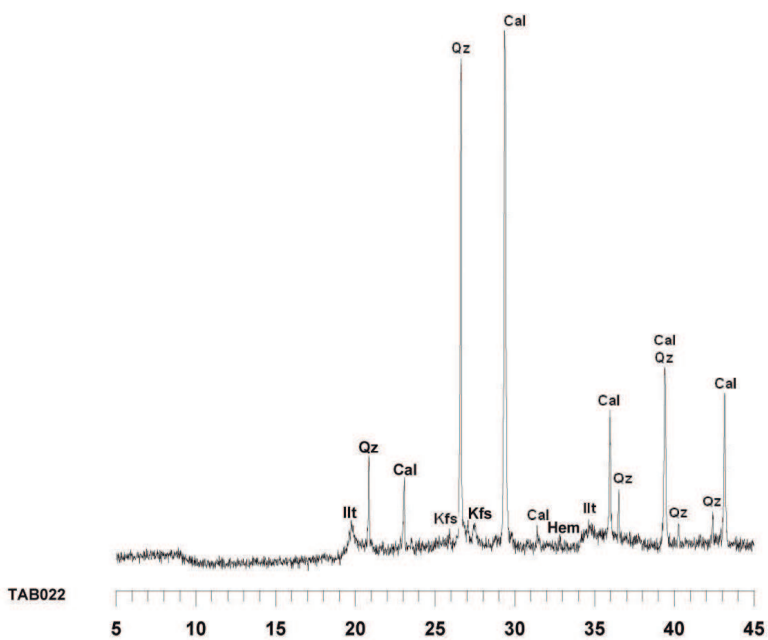


Figure7

