



Petrogenesis of chemical compositional trends within a mafic dyke at Wadi Lethi, Southern Sinai, Egypt.

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Abstract

Systematic mineralogical and chemical composition variations across a mafic dyke at the Wadi Lethi area, in southern Sinai, are observed. This dyke extrudes the Neoproterozoic Younger Granite of southern Sinai. New petrographic, geochemical data, and mineral chemistry data are applied to predict the evolution scheme of this dyke. The collected samples vary in composition from (outward zone) basalt to (inward zone) andesite. The studied samples exhibit a wide uniform variation in main oxides and trace elements content and display a significant inward chemical variation.

The studied samples are mainly identified into (basalt, basaltic-andesite, trachy-andesite, and andesite). The geochemical characters reveal that the investigated dyke originated from calc-alkaline magma under orogenic tectonic setting. Mineral chemistry data reveals that the studied dyke formed at water pressure ranges from 1-3 kbar and low oxygen fugacity conditions. The fractional crystallization process is assumed to have prevailed during the extrusion of the investigated dyke.

Keywords: Mafic dyke, mineral chemistry, petrogenesis, zonation

1. Introduction

The significant interface between many of the extrusive dykes and their hosting granitic plutons is usually attributed magma generation along with joint-like fractures [1, 2]. The Neoproterozoic cratonization of Sinai massif and the Eastern Desert of Egypt was accompanied by extensive granitic plutonism followed by several episodes of crustal extension and dykes emplacement. Akaad and [3-6], stated that the dykes in the basement complex of Egypt display a transitional time from compressional to extensional orogenic regime, and their origin is depending on lithospheric dynamics (passive rifting) and not by the asthenosphere rise (active rifting). These dykes are chronologically classified as post granite dykes. Geochronologically, three mechanisms of dykes generation have been discriminated in the Egyptian basement rocks, (1) metamorphosed syn-tectonic dykes (800–650Ma; [7], (2) non-metamorphosed post-tectonic dykes (591–459 Ma; [8]; [9-13] and (3) Neogene dykes (30–12 Ma; [14-15] related to the updoming and opening of the Red Sea Rift system. The first two categories are represented by mafic to felsic dykes, whereas the third category dykes are mafic in composition. In Sinai, various dyke types of Pan-African age [16-17] and Tertiary dykes [18] have been identified.

Although the enrichment of the dykes extruding the basement complex of the NW domain in Sinai, only little literatures about dykes are available.

Generally, zonation includes two features (normal zonation and reverse zonation), normal zonation is rare and reverse zonation is common. The mechanism of such zoning is quite different, four main mechanisms are responsible for reverse zonation [19], 1- Magma contamination, 2- flow differentiation, 3- In situ crystal growth on the walls of the dyke, and 4- Compositional change of the emplaced magma, in contrast, fractional crystallization of magma is the main cause of normal zonation.

In the present work, an internal compositional variation (zonation) is observed in a mafic dyke extruded the Younger Granite of Wadi Lethi area. These phenomena are important to predict the emplacement conditions controlling the extrusion of this dyke. Application of new data (petrography, geochemistry, and mineral chemistry data) during the studying of this dyke to assess the extrusion conditions of this dyke.

2. Geology of the investigated area

Wadi Lethi area (Fig. 1) is located between Lat. 27° 50'-28° 27' 59" and long 33° 55' -34° 15' and covers an area of about 10 km² in the west of the

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Sharm El-Sheikh Mountains, South Sinai. The area is accessible through an asphaltic road (Sharm-Dahab). The geomorphology of the considered area depends on the rock types and the main structures. Generally, the investigated area is occupied by moderate to high elevated mountains. The area is mainly occupied by granitoid rocks belonging to the Neoproterozoic rocks of the northern domain of the Arabian-Nubian Shield which is related to the calc-alkaline phase of the youngest magmatic activity of the Arabo-Nubian Shield [20] The sequence of the basement rocks exposed in the studied area from oldest to youngest is as follows: 1- Metavolcanics, 2- Older granite (Diorite-Tonalite- Granodiorite) 3- Dokhan volcanics, and 4- Younger granite phase- III (Alkaline granite) following [21].

The basement rocks at the Wadi Lethi area are strongly affected by a system of NNE trending faults. Several acidic, intermediate, and basic dykes cut

these rocks. These dykes vary in their distribution, trends, morphology, and petrographic characteristics. The basic and intermediate dykes are predominant while the other types are relatively subordinate. Most of these dykes relatively tolerate weathering giving high ridges relative to their country rocks. They cut across the hosts (Younger Granite) and usually have sharp contacts. Branching of dykes is frequently observed. These dykes usually exhibit a marked variation in color, grain size, texture, and composition. They are usually devoid of enclaves from the host rocks. These dykes vary in length and width and variably form swarms running parallel to each other. The majority of dykes' trends are NE-SW, NNW-SSE, and NW-SE. Generally, the dykes are fine to medium-grained, massive, and sometimes show porphyritic texture. There is an intersection relationship among variable types of dykes. The investigated dyke is of 3.5 m thick and may extend over 300 m in length with NE-SE trend (Fig. 2).

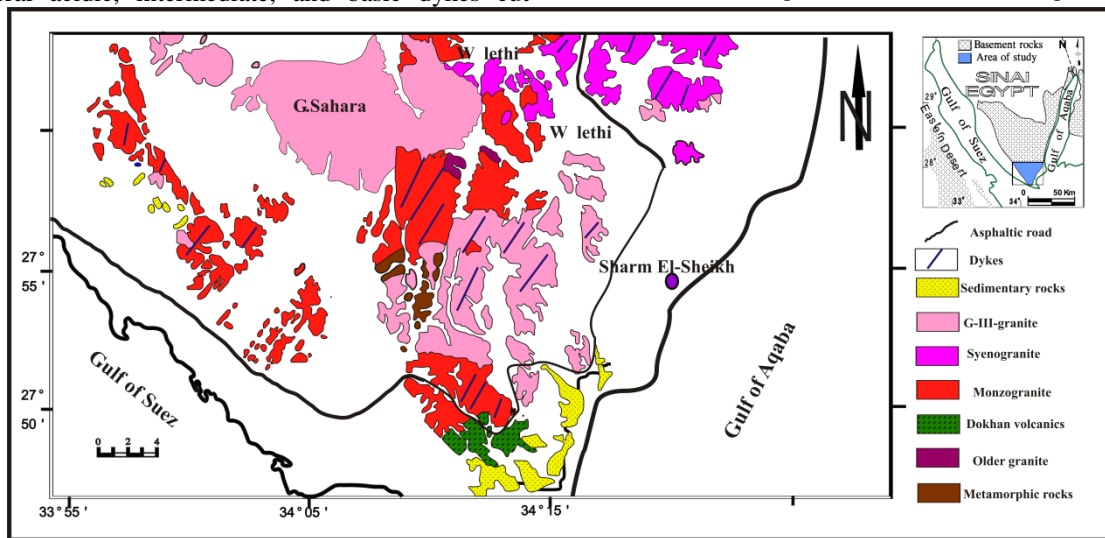


Fig. 1. Geological map of the studied area.



Fig.2. Field photo of the studied dyke extruded the Younger Granite (YG).

2. Result and discussions

2.1. Petrography

Petrographical investigation reveals that the margins of the investigated dyke are basaltic in composition and grade inward into an andesitic composition.

Basalt

The investigated basaltic samples are commonly equigranular and made of plagioclase ranging in composition from labradorite to andesine (An_{45-65}), augite, and hornblende (Fig.3A). Epidotes, chlorite, tremolite-actinolite, and, iron oxides (Fig.3B) are the main alteration products. Moderate kaolinization and sassinization are recorded. Lathes are variably arranged intergranular texture (Fig. 3C). Oscillatory zoning is variably recorded (Fig. 3D).

Andesite

Andesitic samples are composed of plagioclase, hornblende, biotite with subordinate k feldspar, and quartz. Titanite, allanite, apatite, and opaques are the accessory phases (Figs. 3E&F). Epidote, kaolinite, tremolite- actinolite, and chlorite are the alteration products. Plagioclase (An_{30-42}) is a common phase; represented by subhedral crystals Partial alteration of some crystals to kaolinite is variably observed. Hornblende forms subhedral elongated crystals associated with biotite. Biotite exists as clustered flakes partly altered to chlorite and iron oxides (Fig. 3G). Quartz is rare and exists as cracked crystals with undulated extinction. Quartz-k feldspar intergrowth is recorded (Fig.3H).

2.2. Mineral chemistry

Representative chemical analyses of some essential minerals (Feldspar represented by plagioclase, hornblende, biotite, and chlorite) from the investigated samples were estimated by electron microprobe and displayed in Tables 1,2 and 3. at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas (U.S.A).

The Plagioclase chemical formula was computed following (8) oxygen atoms using Minpet software after [22]. Plagioclase composition ranges from oligoclase, andesine to labradorite reaches ($Ab_{23.2-75}$ & $An_{62-23.2}$). The classification of plagioclase following the postulated nomenclature ternary plot after [23] is exhibited in Fig.4.

Amphibole minerals are represented by hornblende as the most common essential mafic phase. The discrimination and classification following [23] are displayed in Figs. 5&6. The wide composition of plagioclase supports the fractional crystallization trend.

The chemical analyses of hornblende are listed in Table 2. The cations number of hornblende was calculated on the basis of (23) oxygens. Z, Y, X, and A sites in the hornblende follow the empirical formula of $A0-1 X2-3 Y5 Z8 O22 (OH, F, Cl)_2$ after [25]. Following [26], the studied samples are fall in the calcic amphibole field. Further subdivision of the amphiboles according to the plot $Mg/(Mg+Fe^{2+})$ against TSi is given in Fig. 6 which indicates that most of the analyzed samples are fall in tschermakite (Ca-rich amphibole), Tsch-Hbl and less extend to Magnesio-hornblende following [26].

Following the hornblende chemical analyses, the studied rocks have formed under low oxygen fugacity (fO_2) conditions according to the relation postulated by [27] (Fig.7). According to the diagram $Fe/(Fe+Mg)$ versus $Al^{IV}+Al^{VI}$ of [28], The amphiboles in study samples are mostly plotted in the field 1-3 kbar (Fig. 8).

Chemical compositions of biotites are listed in Table 3. The chemical formula was computed according to (24) oxygen atoms and ignoring H₂O using Minpet Software after [22]. Accordingly, the chemical analyses of biotite crystals are fall within the lepidomelane field (Fig.9).

Chemical analyses of chlorite are listed in Table 4. The chemical formula was calculated following (24) oxygen accordingly; the chemical compositions of chlorite are mainly chamosite (Fe rich chlorite) (Fig. 10) adapted to [29].

2.3. Geochemistry

The collected fresh samples are chemically analyzed for major oxides and minor elements by XRF in Acme Lab. LTD., (Vancouver, Canada).

The selected chemical analyses of the collected samples are displayed in Table 5. The studied dyke exhibits a wide uniform variation in major oxides and minor elements and displays a significant inward chemical variation. SiO₂ contents ranges from 51.39 % to 61.75 %, Al₂O₃ (18.09%-14.76%). The studied samples have a high abundance of Fe₂O₃ and MgO. Generally, the studied samples exhibit an inward increase of SiO₂, TiO₂, Na₂O against a decrease in MgO and Fe₂O₃ that support a normally closed system (fractionation of basaltic magma). Binary variation plots between MgO and major oxides are displayed in Figure 11, the studied samples display normal fractional crystallization trends.

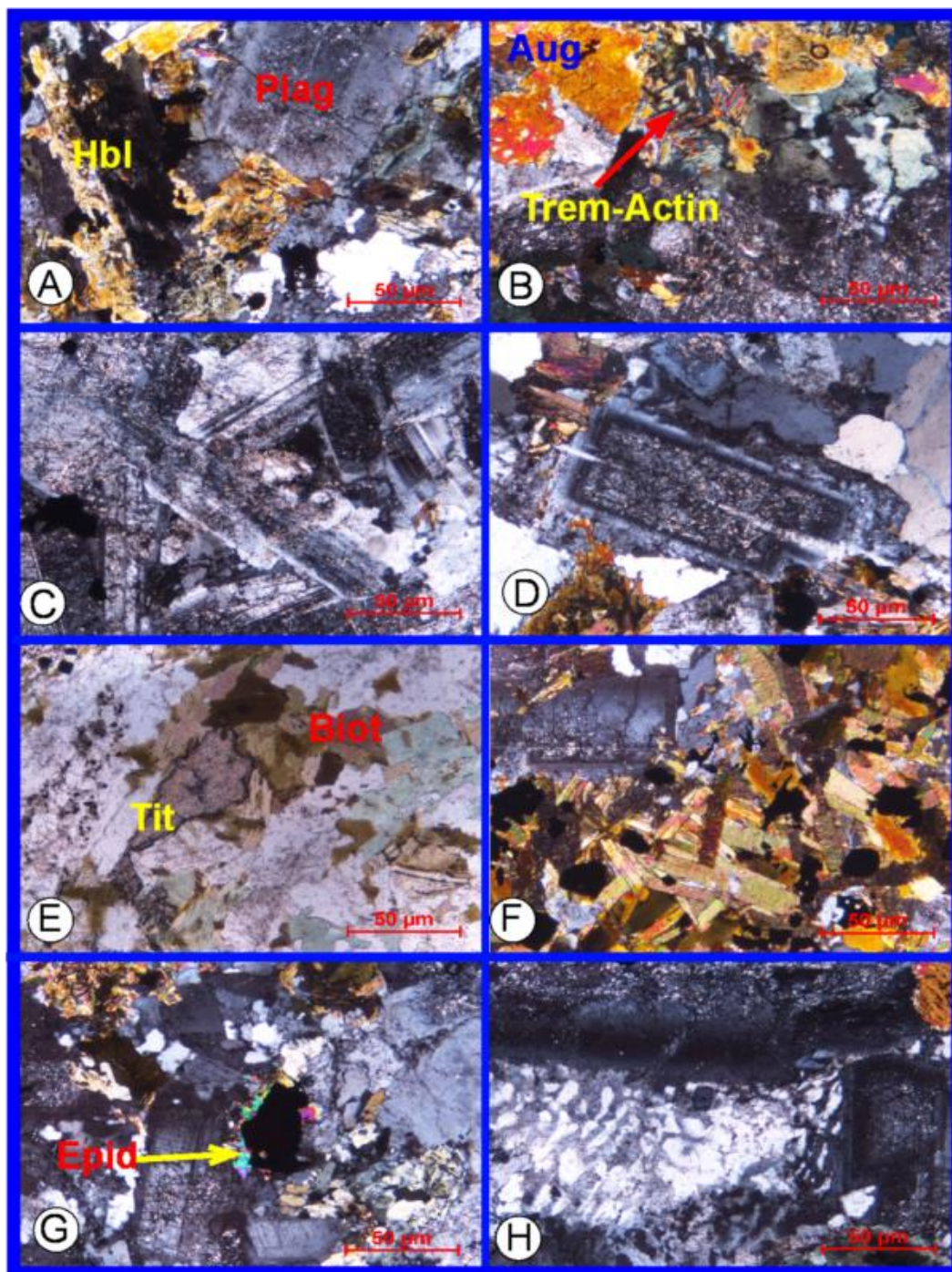


Fig.3. Microphotographs displaying: A. simply twinned hornblende and plagioclase crystals, B. Alteration of augite (Aug) to tremolite and actinolite (Trem-Actin). C- Plagioclase lathes display intergranular texture. D- Oscillatory zoned plagioclase crystal. E. Association of biotite (Biot) and titanite (Tit) crystals. F. Association of biotite flakes with opaques. G. Opaque crystal rimmed by epidote. H. Graphic intergrowth of quartz and k feldspar.

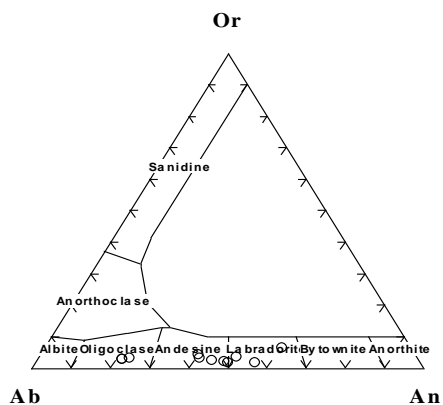


Fig.4. Plagioclase chemistry on the Or-Ab-An plot.

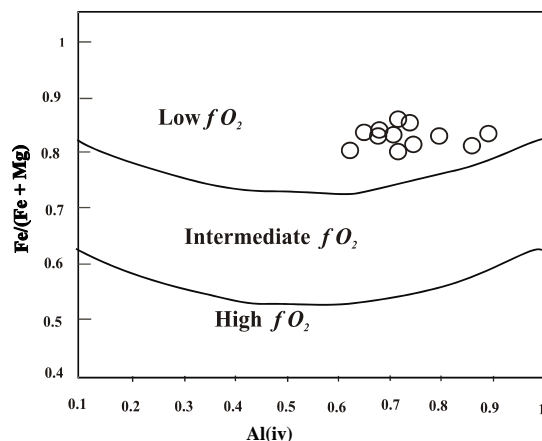


Fig.7. Plot of [27] using the chemical analyses of hornblende in the studied samples.

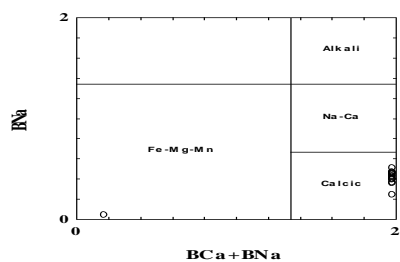


Fig.5. Amphibole classification plot.

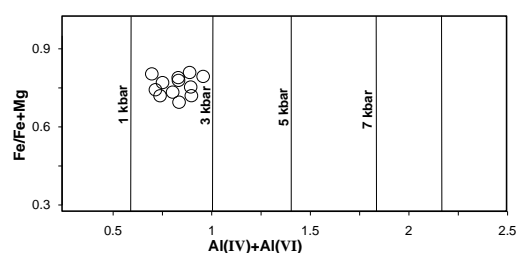


Fig.8. Plot of Fe/(Fe+Mg) vs Al(IV)+Al(VI) for hornblende from the studied samples.

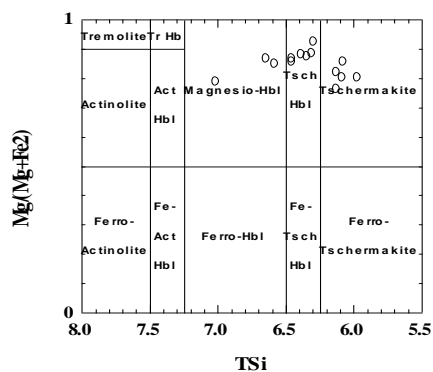


Fig. 6. Hornblende classification plot.

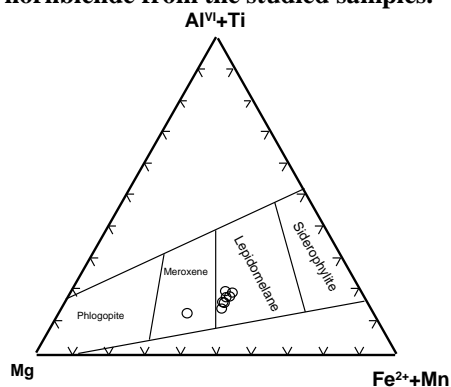


Fig.9. (Al^{VI}+Ti)-Mg-(Fe²⁺+Mn) classification diagram for the analyzed biotite .

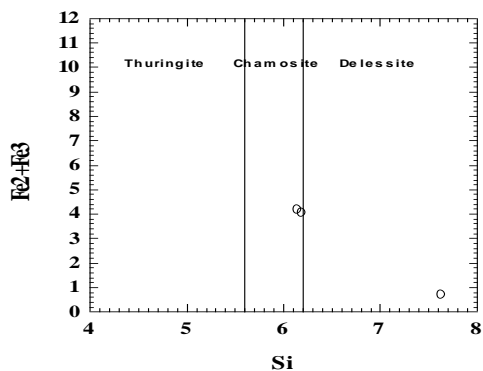


Fig.10. Chlorite classification plot

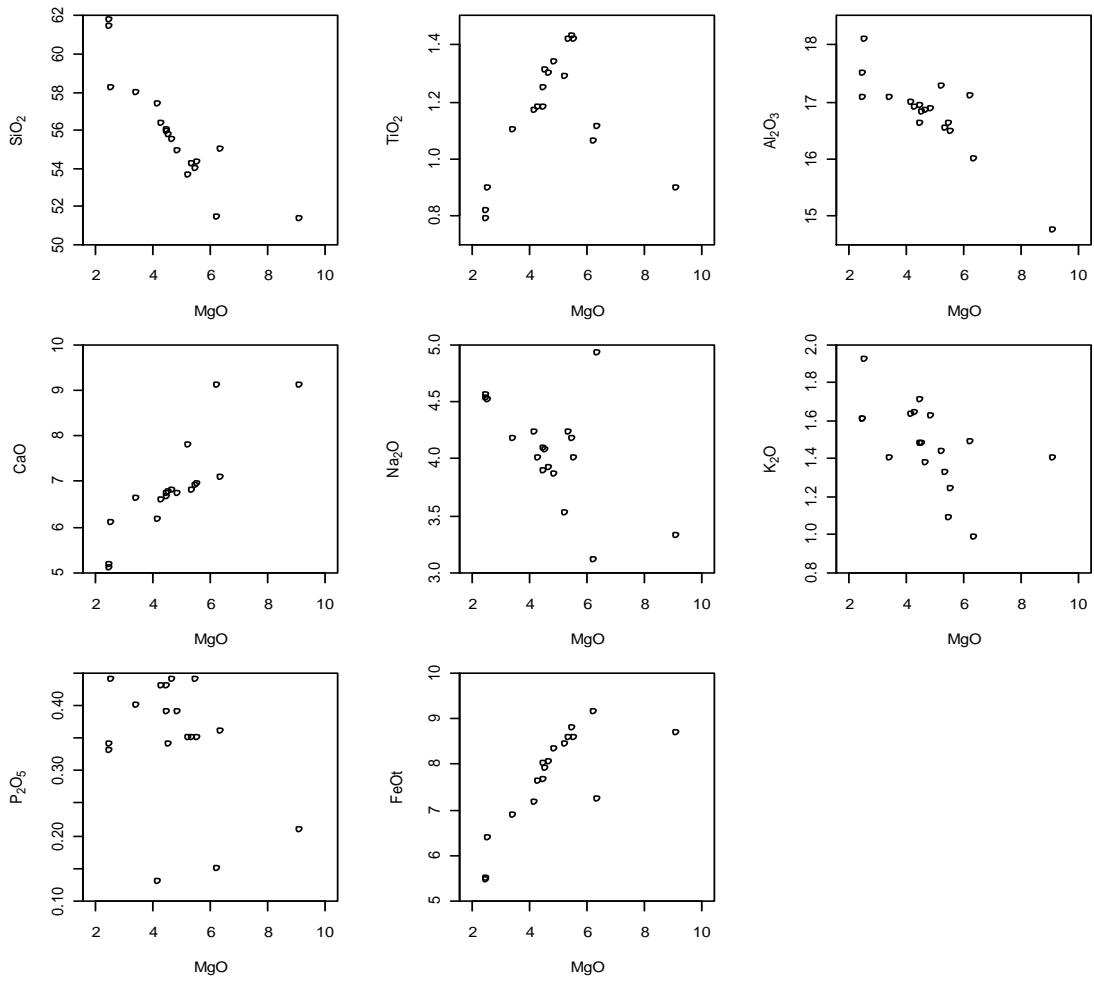


Fig.11. Binary variation plots of major oxides versus MgO.

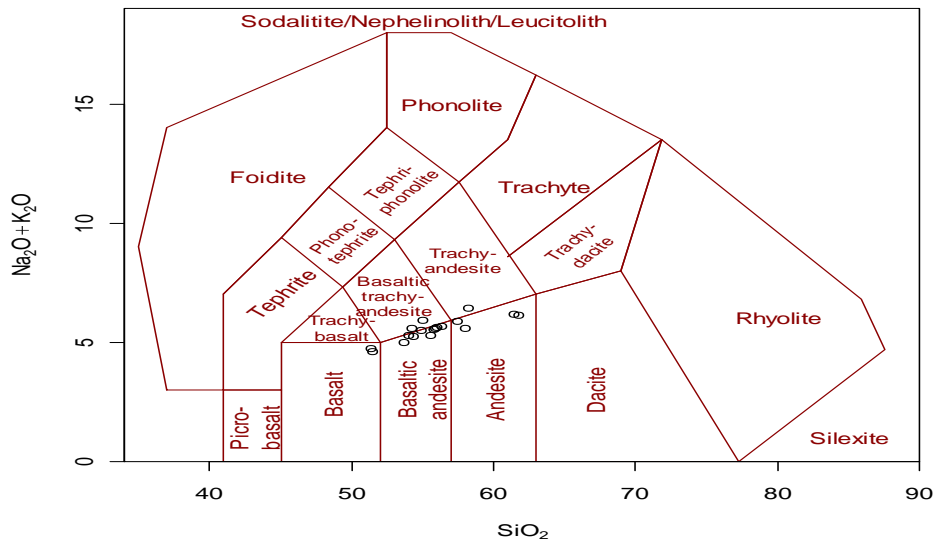


Fig. 12. Geochemical classification diagrams of Middlemost for volcanic rocks.

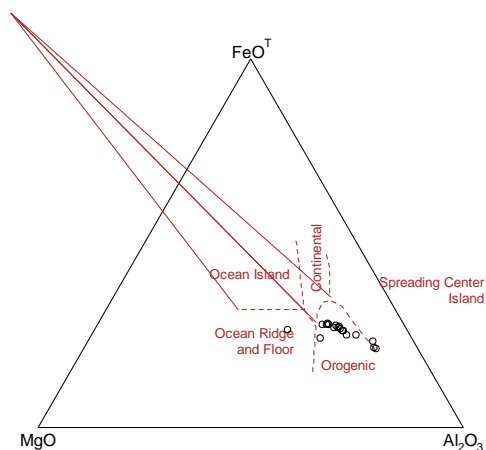


Fig. 13. Ternary diagrams of [31] for the studied rocks

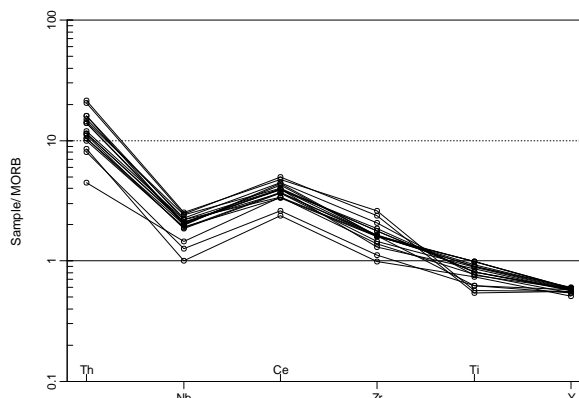


Fig.16. Spider plot of the studied samples according to MORB of [34].

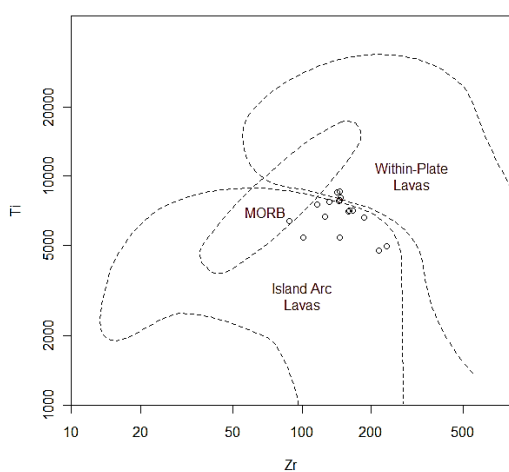


Fig. 14. The studied sample on the binary diagrams of [32].

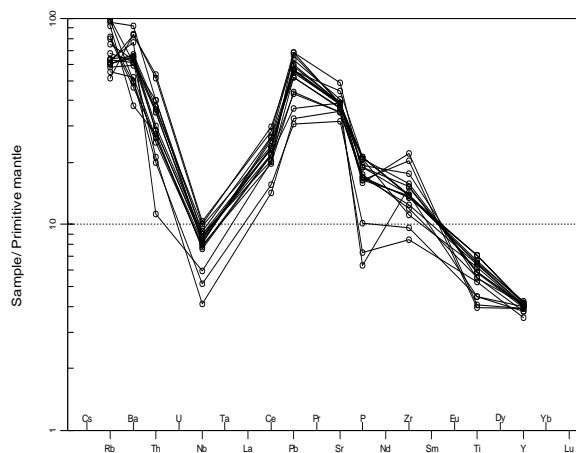


Fig.17. Spider plot of the studied samples according to primitive mantle of [35].

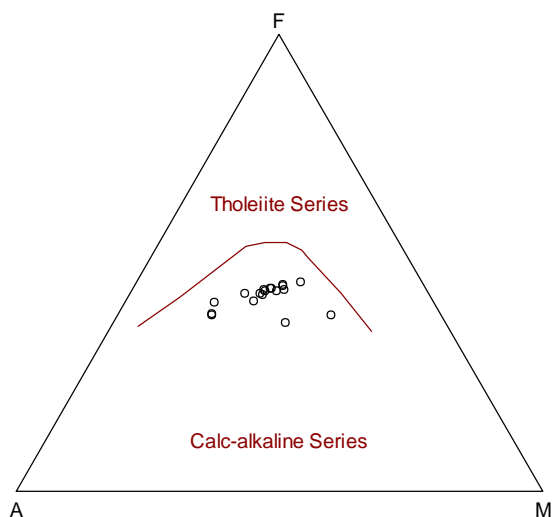


Fig.15. The studied sample on AFM diagram of [33].

According to the plot of [30], the studied samples are mainly classified into trachy-andesite, basaltic andesite, andesite, and basalt (Fig.12). Following the ternary plot of [31] the studied samples are in the orogenic field (Fig.13). On the Zr-Ti binary plot of [32], the studied samples are mainly plotted in island arc lavas and extend to within plate lavas (Fig.14). The AFM ternary plot of [33] reveals that the investigated samples are wholly plotted in the calc-alkaline series (Fig 15).

Elements abundant diagrams (Figs.16&17), in which concentrations are normalized to the hypothetical Mid Oceanic Ridge basalt composition [34] and primitive mantle composition [35], may give a general indication of the source and tectonic affinities of studied samples. The concentration of LILE is significantly higher (Cs, Rb, Ba, and Sr) against HFSE (Nb, Zr, Y, Ti, and Ce) with a negative Nb anomaly. The depletion of Nb and Ti could be attributed to titanite-ilmenite fractionation [36]. Positive Zr anomaly suggests crustal contamination processes [37]. A wide range of major oxides and higher content of LILE support post magmatic processes affected the composition of the investigated dyke [38].

Table 1. Selected chemical analyses of plagioclase feldspar from the studied dyke.

| Sample | plg-1 | plg-10 | plg-11 | plg-2 | plg-3 | plg-4 | plg-5 | plg-6 | plg-7 | plg-8 | plg-9 |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SiO ₂ | 61.44 | 60.9 | 54.55 | 60.78 | 55.35 | 50.54 | 56.1 | 52.44 | 53.93 | 56.6 | 53.44 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.03 | -- | -- | 0.01 | -- | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.02 | -- | 0.02 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 23.24 | 22.9 | 27.73 | 23.52 | 27.16 | 30.1 | 25.95 | 28.67 | 27.87 | 26.7 | 28.79 |
| FeO | 0.14 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.41 | 0.18 | 0.14 | 0.12 |
| MnO | 0.02 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0.01 | -- | -- | 0.02 | -- | 0.02 |
| MgO | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.02 |
| CaO | 4.68 | 4.65 | 10.15 | 5.06 | 9.1 | 12.41 | 8.7 | 11.56 | 10.22 | 8.5 | 10.6 |
| Na ₂ O | 8.36 | 8.3 | 5.6 | 8.17 | 5.69 | 3.6 | 6.22 | 4.6 | 5.39 | 6.1 | 5.1 |
| K ₂ O | 0.31 | 0.3 | 0.15 | 0.35 | 0.2 | 0.93 | 0.35 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.5 | 0.44 |
| Cations | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Si | 5.535 | 5.545 | 5.004 | 5.496 | 5.07 | 4.702 | 5.179 | 4.867 | 4.973 | 5.143 | 4.895 |
| Al | 2.466 | 2.455 | 2.996 | 2.504 | 2.93 | 3.298 | 2.821 | 3.133 | 3.027 | 2.857 | 3.105 |
| Ti | 0.002 | 0 | 0 | 0.001 | 0 | 0.003 | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.001 | -- | 0.001 |
| Fe ⁺² | 0.011 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.007 | 0.008 | 0.031 | 0.023 | 0.032 | 0.014 | 0.011 | 0.009 |
| Mn | 0.002 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0.001 | -- | -- | 0.002 | -- | 0.002 |
| Mg | 0.003 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.003 | 0.012 | 0.015 | 0.021 | 0.001 | 0.003 | 0.001 | 0.003 |
| Ca | 0.452 | 0.454 | 0.998 | 0.49 | 0.893 | 1.237 | 0.861 | 1.149 | 1.01 | 0.827 | 1.04 |
| Na | 1.46 | 1.465 | 0.996 | 1.432 | 1.011 | 0.649 | 1.113 | 0.828 | 0.964 | 1.075 | 0.906 |
| K | 0.036 | 0.035 | 0.018 | 0.04 | 0.023 | 0.11 | 0.041 | 0.014 | 0.015 | 0.058 | 0.051 |
| Ab | 74.9 | 75 | 49.5 | 73 | 52.5 | 32.5 | 55.2 | 41.6 | 48.5 | 54.8 | 45.4 |
| An | 23.2 | 23.2 | 49.6 | 25 | 46.3 | 62 | 42.7 | 57.7 | 50.8 | 42.2 | 52.1 |
| Or | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 2 | 1.2 | 5.5 | 2 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 3 | 2.6 |

3. Table 2. Selected chemical analyses of hornblende from the studied dyke.

| Sample | hbl-1 | hbl-10 | hbl-11 | hbl-12 | hbl-13 | hbl-14 | hbl-15 | hbl-2 | hbl-3 | hbl-4 | hbl-5 | hbl-6 | hbl-7 | hbl-8 | hbl-9 |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SiO ₂ | 40.99 | 45.15 | 43.53 | 43.45 | 43.12 | 43.25 | 40.93 | 41.29 | 48.17 | 41.55 | 31.9 | 40.08 | 43.88 | 44.38 | 45.49 |
| TiO ₂ | 2.35 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.02 | 0.98 | 2.34 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.45 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 10.78 | 8.81 | 9.98 | 9.91 | 10.09 | 10.22 | 10.58 | 11.149 | 6.03 | 10.41 | 15.26 | 9.96 | 8.7 | 9.29 | 8.65 |
| FeO | 18.243 | 15.2 | 15.12 | 15.37 | 14.66 | 15.58 | 18.48 | 18.29 | 14.4 | 18.65 | 21.24 | 19.58 | 15.6 | 15.37 | 13.9 |
| Cr ₂ O ₃ | 0.0012 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0.03 | -- | 0.003 | -- | -- | 0.09 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| MnO | 0.75 | 0.31 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.77 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.73 | 0.48 | 0.82 | 0.38 | 0.34 | 0.34 |
| MgO | 9.96 | 12.43 | 11.57 | 11.74 | 11.77 | 11.45 | 9.7 | 10.17 | 13.55 | 10.02 | 15.75 | 9.98 | 11.99 | 12.2 | 12.7 |
| CaO | 11.23 | 12.11 | 12.05 | 11.99 | 11.83 | 12 | 11.65 | 11.43 | 12.11 | 11.65 | 1.03 | 11.2 | 11.93 | 11.96 | 12.26 |
| Na ₂ O | 1.31 | 1.19 | 1.5 | 1.43 | 1.73 | 1.57 | 1.5 | 1.56 | 0.8 | 1.53 | 0.07 | 1.42 | 1.31 | 1.36 | 1.23 |
| K ₂ O | 1.14 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.5 | 0.49 | 0.56 | 0.82 | 0.71 | 0.5 | 0.76 | 2.4 | 0.79 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.49 |
| Cations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Si | 6.102 | 6.552 | 6.358 | 6.319 | 6.27 | 6.283 | 6.061 | 6.054 | 6.987 | 6.1 | 5.064 | 5.944 | 6.431 | 6.43 | 6.616 |
| Al | 1.89 | 1.448 | 1.642 | 1.681 | 1.728 | 1.717 | 1.845 | 1.925 | 1.013 | 1.8 | 2.853 | 1.74 | 1.502 | 1.57 | 1.384 |
| Fe ⁺³ | 0.008 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.003 | 0 | 0.095 | 0.021 | 0 | 0.1 | 0.083 | 0.316 | 0.067 | 0 | 0 |
| Al | 0 | 0.058 | 0.074 | 0.016 | 0 | 0.031 | 0 | 0 | 0.017 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.015 | 0.098 |
| Fe ⁺³ | 1.533 | 1.321 | 1.469 | 1.472 | 1.537 | 1.541 | 1.636 | 1.811 | 0.914 | 1.676 | 1.934 | 1.534 | 1.368 | 1.427 | 1.225 |
| Ti | 0.263 | 0.153 | 0.209 | 0.252 | 0.295 | 0.24 | 0.29 | 0.223 | 0.107 | 0.258 | 0.263 | 0.39 | 0.243 | 0.207 | 0.159 |
| Mg | 2.21 | 2.689 | 2.519 | 2.545 | 2.551 | 2.48 | 2.141 | 2.223 | 2.93 | 2.193 | 2.792 | 2.206 | 2.62 | 2.635 | 2.754 |
| Fe ⁺² | 0.729 | 0.523 | 0.377 | 0.398 | 0.243 | 0.352 | 0.558 | 0.411 | 0.832 | 0.513 | 0 | 0.578 | 0.477 | 0.436 | 0.466 |
| Mn | 0.095 | 0.038 | 0.041 | 0.046 | 0.043 | 0.043 | 0.097 | 0.093 | 0.092 | 0.091 | 0 | 0.103 | 0.047 | 0.042 | 0.042 |
| Ca | 0.169 | 0.218 | 0.31 | 0.272 | 0.331 | 0.31 | 0.279 | 0.239 | 0.107 | 0.268 | 0 | 0.188 | 0.246 | 0.239 | 0.257 |
| Ca | 1.622 | 1.665 | 1.575 | 1.597 | 1.512 | 1.558 | 1.569 | 1.556 | 1.775 | 1.564 | 0.175 | 1.592 | 1.628 | 1.618 | 1.653 |
| Na | 0.378 | 0.335 | 0.425 | 0.403 | 0.488 | 0.442 | 0.431 | 0.444 | 0.225 | 0.436 | 0.022 | 0.408 | 0.372 | 0.382 | 0.347 |
| K | 0.216 | 0.098 | 0.106 | 0.093 | 0.091 | 0.104 | 0.155 | 0.133 | 0.093 | 0.142 | 0.486 | 0.149 | 0.088 | 0.096 | 0.091 |

4. Table 3. Selected chemical analyses of biotite from the studied dyke.

| Sample | bio-1 | bio-2 | bio-3 | bio-4 |
|--|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| SiO ₂ | 40.99 | 41.29 | 48.17 | 41.55 |
| TiO ₂ | 2.35 | 2.02 | 0.98 | 2.34 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 10.78 | 11.149 | 6.03 | 10.41 |
| Cr ₂ O ₃ | 0.0012 | 0.003 | 0 | 0 |
| FeO | 18.243 | 18.29 | 14.4 | 18.65 |
| MnO | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.73 |
| MgO | 9.96 | 10.17 | 13.55 | 10.02 |
| CaO | 11.23 | 11.43 | 12.11 | 11.65 |
| Na ₂ O | 1.31 | 1.56 | 0.8 | 1.53 |
| K ₂ O | 1.14 | 0.71 | 0.5 | 0.76 |
| Cations | | | | |
| Si | 6.657 | 6.642 | 7.587 | 6.707 |
| Al ^{IV} | 1.343 | 1.358 | 0.413 | 1.293 |
| Al ^{VI} | 0.719 | 0.754 | 0.706 | 0.686 |
| Ti | 0.287 | 0.244 | 0.116 | 0.284 |
| Fe ⁺² | 2.478 | 2.461 | 1.897 | 2.518 |
| Mn | 0.103 | 0.102 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Mg | 2.412 | 2.439 | 3.182 | 2.411 |
| Ca | 1.954 | 1.97 | 2.044 | 2.015 |
| Na | 0.413 | 0.487 | 0.244 | 0.479 |
| K | 0.236 | 0.146 | 0.1 | 0.157 |
| Fe ²⁺ /Fe ²⁺ +Mg | 0.51 | 0.5 | 0.37 | 0.51 |
| Mg# | 0.49 | 0.5 | 0.63 | 0.49 |

5. Table 4. Selected chemical analyses of secondary chlorite from the studied dyke.

| Sample | chl-1 | chl-2 | chl-3 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| SiO ₂ | 29.8 | 29.55 | 28.9 |
| TiO ₂ | 1.1 | 0.68 | 0.8 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 16.47 | 16.86 | 16.5 |
| Cr ₂ O ₃ | 0.17 | 0.19 | -- |
| FeO | 2.65 | 22.1 | 22.57 |
| MnO | 0.29 | 0.3 | 0.63 |
| MgO | 16.79 | 17.4 | 16.84 |
| CaO | 0.18 | 0.2 | 0.76 |
| Na ₂ O | 0.03 | 0 | 0.04 |
| K ₂ O | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| Cations | | | |
| Si | 7.675 | 6.238 | 6.185 |
| Al ^{IV} | 0.325 | 1.762 | 1.815 |
| Al ^{VI} | 4.67 | 2.429 | 2.344 |
| Ti | 0.213 | 0.108 | 0.129 |
| Fe ⁺² | 0.571 | 3.902 | 4.04 |
| Cr | 0.035 | 0.032 | 0 |
| Mn | 0.063 | 0.054 | 0.114 |
| Mg | 6.446 | 5.476 | 5.373 |
| Ca | 0.05 | 0.045 | 0.174 |
| Na | 0.015 | 0 | 0.017 |
| K | 0.394 | 0.189 | 0.082 |
| Fe ²⁺ /Fe ²⁺ +Mg | 0.08 | 0.42 | 0.43 |
| Mg# | 0.92 | 0.58 | 0.57 |

6. Table 5. Selected chemical analysis of some samples of the studied dyke.

| Samples | DI-1 | DI-2 | DI-3 | DI-4 | DI-5 | DI-6 | DI-7 | DI-8 | DI-9 | DI-10 | DI-12 | DI-13 | DI-14 | DI-15 | DI-16 | DI-17 | DI-18 | DI-19 |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SiO ₂ | 51.39 | 54.27 | 54.3 | 55.01 | 53.62 | 53.96 | 55.55 | 55.94 | 56.34 | 54.94 | 57.39 | 57.99 | 58.2 | 61.75 | 61.45 | 55.78 | 51.46 | 56.05 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.9 | 1.42 | 1.42 | 1.11 | 1.29 | 1.43 | 1.3 | 1.25 | 1.18 | 1.34 | 1.17 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.82 | 0.79 | 1.31 | 1.06 | 1.18 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 14.76 | 16.54 | 16.48 | 16 | 17.27 | 16.61 | 16.86 | 16.63 | 16.91 | 16.88 | 17 | 17.07 | 18.09 | 17.06 | 17.49 | 16.81 | 17.1 | 16.94 |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ | 9.64 | 9.51 | 9.54 | 8.02 | 9.38 | 9.78 | 8.92 | 8.9 | 8.45 | 9.25 | 7.96 | 7.66 | 7.09 | 6.1 | 6.06 | 8.78 | 10.16 | 8.5 |
| MnO | 0.15 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.12 | 0.14 | 0.13 |
| MgO | 9.11 | 5.4 | 5.58 | 6.36 | 5.22 | 5.52 | 4.71 | 4.5 | 4.34 | 4.88 | 4.19 | 3.46 | 2.6 | 2.53 | 2.51 | 4.55 | 6.23 | 4.48 |
| CaO | 9.09 | 6.81 | 6.95 | 7.09 | 7.78 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.65 | 6.59 | 6.73 | 6.18 | 6.64 | 6.11 | 5.17 | 5.09 | 6.76 | 9.11 | 6.74 |
| Na ₂ O | 3.33 | 4.23 | 4.01 | 4.92 | 3.53 | 4.17 | 3.92 | 4.09 | 4.01 | 3.86 | 4.23 | 4.17 | 4.52 | 4.53 | 4.55 | 4.07 | 3.11 | 3.89 |
| K ₂ O | 1.4 | 1.33 | 1.24 | 0.99 | 1.44 | 1.09 | 1.38 | 1.48 | 1.64 | 1.62 | 1.63 | 1.4 | 1.92 | 1.61 | 1.61 | 1.48 | 1.49 | 1.71 |
| P ₂ O ₅ | 0.21 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.35 | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.39 | 0.13 | 0.4 | 0.44 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.15 | 0.39 |
| Minor Elements | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ce | 26.2 | 33.1 | 36.9 | 33.9 | 36.4 | 42.8 | 39.4 | 39.5 | 38.9 | 36.7 | 40.4 | 44.7 | 44.2 | 47.3 | 49.8 | 34 | 23.8 | 39.4 |
| Cr | 1002.6 | 225.9 | 237.7 | 240.2 | 220 | 203.6 | 162.8 | 141.2 | 130.6 | 164.1 | 115.5 | 48.2 | 17.8 | 16.4 | 13.4 | 158.1 | 268.2 | 147 |
| Nb | 3.4 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 5.6 |
| Ni | 209.6 | 68.2 | 71 | 154 | 62.4 | 63.5 | 50.9 | 47.9 | 43.8 | 49.8 | 35.5 | 18.7 | 8.4 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 48.5 | 82.4 | 48.2 |
| Pb | 4.6 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 10.3 | 5.5 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 9 | 8.8 | 8.5 | 10 | 8.4 | 10.3 | 9.5 | 7.8 | 4.9 | 8.5 |
| Rb | 58.7 | 48.9 | 48.2 | 37.8 | 55.4 | 33.2 | 38 | 36.2 | 38.2 | 36.5 | 45.2 | 35.9 | 57.5 | 36.6 | 30.7 | 35 | 59.9 | 40.9 |
| Sr | 630.6 | 702.8 | 701.5 | 975.1 | 776.5 | 740 | 764.4 | 756.2 | 777.5 | 771.6 | 772.9 | 774.4 | 882.5 | 769 | 808.9 | 728.6 | 704.4 | 769.4 |
| Th | 1.6 | 2 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 2.3 |
| Y | 16.2 | 17.9 | 17.8 | 16.3 | 17.3 | 17.6 | 17.5 | 17.1 | 17.5 | 17.8 | 17 | 17.6 | 17.2 | 16.8 | 16.7 | 18.2 | 15.2 | 17.3 |
| Zr | 101.1 | 142.5 | 142.2 | 125.3 | 131.2 | 145.3 | 144.7 | 116.8 | 165.8 | 146.6 | 158.4 | 185.7 | 145.9 | 233.4 | 215.2 | 145.7 | 88.5 | 159.9 |
| Ba | 329.2 | 322.7 | 306.7 | 506.7 | 250.6 | 344.2 | 404.4 | 430.2 | 435 | 425.2 | 414.7 | 442.6 | 607.4 | 547.2 | 553 | 393.6 | 403.8 | 407.1 |
| CIPW-norms | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q | 0.0 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 2.0 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 7.2 | 9.0 | 11.5 | 9.7 | 15.8 | 15.2 | 7.9 | 2.7 | 8.4 |
| Or | 8.3 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 8.5 | 6.4 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 8.3 | 11.3 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 10.1 |
| Ab | 28.2 | 35.8 | 33.9 | 41.6 | 29.9 | 35.3 | 33.2 | 34.6 | 33.9 | 32.7 | 35.8 | 35.3 | 38.2 | 38.3 | 38.5 | 34.4 | 26.3 | 32.9 |
| An | 21.2 | 22.2 | 23.3 | 18.6 | 27.0 | 23.4 | 24.3 | 22.6 | 23.3 | 23.9 | 22.6 | 23.7 | 23.4 | 21.5 | 22.5 | 23.2 | 28.3 | 23.7 |
| Di | 15.6 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 8.5 | 4.1 | 2.7 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 9.9 | 2.8 |
| Hy | 12.3 | 11.7 | 12.3 | 11.9 | 11.1 | 12.5 | 10.8 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 11.2 | 9.1 | 7.4 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 9.9 | 10.9 | 9.9 |
| Ol | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Il | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Hm | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 8.0 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 9.2 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 8.8 | 10.2 | 8.5 |
| Tn | 1.8 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 2.5 |
| Ru | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Ap | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.9 |

7. Conclusions

- The investigated mafic dyke displays internal chemical compositional variation ranging from (outward) basalt to (inward) andesite. This dyke was derived from calc-alkaline magma. Plagioclase, hornblende, augite, biotite are the main phase of the studied dyke.
- The investigated dyke was formed under 1-3kbar water pressure and low oxygen fugacity conditions. The concipitous Nb and Ti anomalies and LILE depletion characteristics refer to arc to back-arc basalt.
- The author assumed that fractional crystallization processes produce the chemical compositional variation trend that occurs across the studied dyke

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