

GEOPT6 - AN INTERNATIONAL PROFICIENCY TEST FOR ANALYTICAL GEOCHEMISTRY LABORATORIES - REPORT ON ROUND 6 (OU-3: Nanhoron microgranite) and 6A (CAL-S: CRPG limestone).

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Abstract

Results are presented for round six of the international proficiency testing programme for analytical geochemistry laboratories. Exceptionally, two samples were distributed for round 6 during September 1999 and comprised the regular sample, OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite) and an 'experimental' sample CAL-S (CRPG limestone). Laboratories were required to analyse samples and report results by 15th December 1999. In the present report an analysis has been undertaken to calculate z-scores so that laboratories can assess the quality of their submitted data. The results presented here draw attention to discrepancies in the reliability of major element determinations at concentration levels approaching the detection limit.

characterised technique or techniques operated under routine analytical conditions. Results are then tabulated by the organisers and z-scores calculated by comparing each analysed result submitted with the consensus value. By examining the magnitude of the z-score, participating laboratories can decide whether the quality of their data is satisfactory in relation to all the other laboratories contributing to the round and choose to take corrective action if this appears justified.

This sixth round was conducted in a similar manner to the first five rounds, full details of which were reported by Thompson et al. (1996, 1998, 1999a,b,c). However, the exceptional feature of the present round was that two proficiency testing samples were distributed: OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite), which comprised the regular silicate rock proficiency testing sample and CRPG CAL-S, an 'experimental' sample designed to evaluate the success of the scheme in the analysis of limestone matrices. The latter sample (CAL-S) was originally prepared as a candidate reference material by K. Govindaraju, but was not circulated because insufficient laboratories responded to the call for analyses. Inclusion as an 'experimental'

Introduction

GeoPT, the international proficiency testing programme, has now become well-established as a standard procedure for contributing to the quality assessment of data from analytical geochemistry laboratories. The trial involves distributing a sample of established homogeneity to participating laboratories, which are required to analyse the sample using a well-

proficiency testing sample offered the additional benefit of providing the CRPG with data for the preliminary characterisation of this sample as a reference material.

This report summarises the specific features of the present round, and presents results from participating laboratories, a listing of consensus values and the derived z-scores, together with a discussion of the overall quality of contributed data for the two samples.

Organisation

Steering Committee for Round 6: M. Thompson (Chair), P.J. Potts (Secretary), J.S. Kane, P.C. Webb and J. Carignan

Sample: (i) The GeoPT6 sample was OU-3 (Nanhron microgranite) which was collected from Chwarel Nanhron Quarry (SH 287 330), Inkermann Bridge, Nanhron, North Wales (UK grid reference SH 287 330) during May 1999. The sample comprised a fresh broken block from floor of quarry and was crushed, split and packaged at the Open University using procedures described in previous rounds.

(ii) The GeoPT6A sample was CAL-S which was prepared as a candidate reference material by K. Govindaraju (1996). This sample was collected from Sorcy, near Nancy and about 300 kg was prepared for distribution in packets of 30 g.

Timetable for GeoPT6:

Distribution of sample: September 1999

Deadline for submission of analytical results:

15th December 1999

Distribution of preliminary report:

March 2000

Analysis of results

OU-3 Nanhron microgranite

Seventy-six laboratories contributed results to the GeoPT6 round and elemental concentration data submitted by these participating laboratories are listed in Table 1. These results were analysed using 'robust' statistical procedures as described more fully by Thompson et al. (1996) to derive assigned value concentrations [X_a], these being the best estimates of the true composition of this sample. Values, which are listed in Table 2, were assigned for 11 major elements (excluding MgO and P_2O_5) and 40 trace elements. The reason values could not be assigned for other elements were (i) insufficient data, or (ii) unsatisfactory statistical analysis, normally associated with a non-normal distribution of contributed results. For the elements with assigned values, z-scores were calculated for each elemental result submitted by each laboratory using the procedures described previously. Z-score values for OU-3 (Nanhron microgranite) are listed in Table 3. Briefly, z-scores were calculated from $z = [X - X_a] / H_a$ where X is the contributed result, X_a is the assigned value (see above) and H_a is the target precision. The target precision [H_a] was calculated using a modified form of the Horwitz function, $H_a = 0.01 \cdot X_a^{0.8495}$. Note that [X_a] must be expressed as a concentration fraction. Laboratories were required to select whether their submitted data was designed to comply with a 'pure geochemistry' or 'applied geochemistry' fitness-for-purpose criterion. For data designated to meet the pure geochemistry criterion (data quality designated 1), target precision was calculated as above. For data designated to meet the applied geochemistry criteria (data quality designated 2), target precision was calculated from:

$H_a' = 0.02 \cdot X_a^{0.8495}$. Z-score results in the range $-2 < z < 2$ were considered to be satisfactory. If the z-score for any element falls outside this range, contributing laboratories are advised to examine their

procedures to ensure that determinations are not subject to unsuspected analytical bias.

CAL-S (CRPG limestone)

A similar analysis was undertaken for CRPG CAL-S. Contributed data from 63 laboratories are listed in Table 4. For this sample, values could only be assigned for 4 major elements (MgO, CaO, CO₂ and LOI) and 23 trace elements, a significant proportion of these being the rare earth elements. These data are listed in Table 5. Results of the z-score calculation are listed in Table 6, with the same advice to contributing laboratories in the assessment of results that fall outside the -2<z<2 range.

Laboratories that contributed data to this proficiency testing round are listed in Table 7. Note that in order to preserve anonymity, there is no correspondence between order of entries in this table and the order in which laboratory results are listed in results and z-score tables.

Discussion

A note on the production of charts of results.

In most previous GeoPT rounds, the report has included a comprehensive range of charts to demonstrate the distribution of data for each element assessed, as is normal practice for proficiency tests. However, GeoPT is unique in the large number of analytes covered, and it is, therefore more appropriate to be more selective in the presentation of elemental charts. In fact where z-scores are presented in a GeoPT report, it can be assumed as a matter of course that the results are distributed approximately normally (perhaps with heavy tails and a few outliers). For such elements, there will be sufficient valid results to derive an acceptable consensus, and the majority of the participants will have produced satisfactory results. Consequently there is no difficulty for the individual

participant to interpret the z-score, because all of the charts will look similar. Only where the above-mentioned features do not apply is the chart going to be different and, indeed worthy of careful study by participants, in revealing systematic errors that may have a technique-related origin. Examples of charts for elements for which consensus values could not be assigned are shown in Figure 1 (OU-3, Nanhon microgranite) and Figure 2 (CAL-S, CRPG limestone).

A preliminary comment on results for CAL-S (CRPG limestone)

Broadly the results were disappointing and indicated problems with the methods of analysis used. While some analytes were determined reasonably well (Mg, Ca, CO₂, LOI, Cd, Co, Cr, Cs, Mo, Sr, U, Zn, and the rare earths), the majority of results were unsatisfactory. This poor performance was undoubtedly the result of a combination of low concentrations of the analytes in the test material and unsuitable methods being used for those concentrations.

For the elements determined well, the distributions of results were (a few outliers aside) symmetrical with a well defined robust mean close to the median. The corresponding z-scores showed only a minority of participants falling outside the satisfactory bounds.

The results for the other analytes were all very low compared with silicate rocks and showed a common range of characteristic abnormalities.

- (i) A strongly positively skewed frequency distribution of results, sometimes with hints of multimodality.
- (ii) A robust mean clearly different from the mode, which makes the determination of a consensus impracticable.

(ii) A very wide distribution of results as judged by the sigma value, so that no matter where the consensus were placed most of the participants would receive an 'unsatisfactory' classification if z-scores were calculated.

This behaviour can be easily seen from the charts in Figure 2. It has been shown to occur when the analytical results are produced by a range of methods with detection limits comparable with or only slightly lower than the concentration present. That could easily have occurred in the present instance if methods suitable for concentrations typically present in silicate rocks were used for the carbonate material under consideration. It might be argued that the problem is not the result of the unsuitability of the analytical methods, but rather the result of an unsuitable fitness-for-purpose criterion (that is, the sigma value). After all, why should a geologist want to determine sodium at a concentration of perhaps 100 ppm with a precision of 4 ppm? Should not a more realistic sigma value be used? Unfortunately this argument does not help. Even if GeoPT adopted a higher sigma value in this instance, the results would not allow the determination of a reliable consensus for use as the assigned value. In fact the results are largely the outcome of random processes, and would not provide any information even if they were by some dubious procedure converted into z-scores.

So the message from this exercise is clear: If geologists really want to determine elements at the concentrations prevailing in this rock then they should use alternative analytical methods.

Overall performance

As an overall guide to the performance of laboratories participating in this round, z-scores are plotted for each element determined by that laboratory using a

symbol indicating the degree of compliance with the z-score criterion, for OU-3 in Figure 3 and CAL-S in Figure 4. The symbols used indicate satisfactory results (i.e., $-2 < z < +2$), or results that show larger discrepancies from this band of acceptability. These diagrams offer participating laboratories the opportunity to assess rapidly the quality of their data in the GeoPT round. Note that where a laboratory specified results of both data quality 1 and 2, these are plotted in separate columns in these Figures.

Participation in future rounds

The benefit from proficiency testing arises from regular participation. All laboratories are invited to register for future rounds of this proficiency testing programme by contacting the Secretary of the Steering Committee.

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Appendix 1

Sample preparation

Approximately 250 sachets of OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite) were prepared at the Open University using the standard procedures described in reports of previous GeoPT rounds.

CAL-S was distributed as received from the CRPG in 30 g aliquots hermetically sealed in plastic sachets.

Homogeneity testing

(a) OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

Homogeneity testing was based on analysis of duplicate test portions taken from each of 12 packets. These samples were analysed in duplicate by WD-XRF at the Open University for the major elements (SiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , Fe_2O_3 , MnO , MgO , CaO , Na_2O , K_2O , P_2O_5 , TiO_2 , LOI, Ba, Cr, Ni) on glass discs and the trace elements (As, Ba, Co, Cr, Cu, Ga, Mo, Nb, Ni, Pb, Rb, S, Sc, Sr, Th, U, V, Zn, Zr) on powder pellets, following the procedures described in the GeoPT1

report (Thompson et al. 1996). Results for 12 major/minor and 19 trace elements were analysed using standard analysis of variance (ANOVA) procedures, as described in the GeoPT2 report (Thompson et al. 1998).

The power of the ANOVA test depends on the inherent measurement precision of the individual elements determined and is poorest for those elements whose concentrations approach the method detection limits. For the GeoPT6 homogeneity test, Ba, U, Sc, V, Co, Cu, Ni, As, and S all occurred at concentrations in the detection limit range, and Cr occurred at only a slightly higher concentration. Homogeneity conclusions for these elements were not reached because of the unreliability of the test.

Homogeneity is demonstrated most reliably for Rb, Zr, Nb, Ga, and Zn, all present at concentrations >10 times the detection limit. It is also demonstrated for the trace elements Sr, Pb, Th, which occur at concentrations between 5 and 10 times the detection limit.

No significant differences between packets were detected at the 95% confidence level for any of the major/minor oxides.

Detailed results of the homogeneity tests are listed in the table below. The two columns giving the associated probability that the packets are the same are for packets 1-10 and 3-12 respectively, as the software used precludes simultaneous testing involving more than ten packets. See the GeoPT2 report (Thompson et al. 1998) for more details.

Statistical data for the homogeneity testing of OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

Element / oxide	Mean	Std Dev	Probability homogeneous		Element / oxide
			1-10	3-12	
	% m/m	% m/m			
SiO ₂	74.46%	0.20	0.79	0.87	SiO ₂
Al ₂ O ₃	10.997	0.03	0.66	0.22	Al ₂ O ₃
Fe ₂ O ₃	3.81	0.012	0.29	0.77	Fe ₂ O ₃
MgO	0.0172	0.006	0.15	0.13	MgO
CaO	0.204	0.0027	0.24	0.86	CaO
Na ₂ O	3.72	0.017	0.46	0.36	Na ₂ O
K ₂ O	4.58	0.017	0.85	0.72	K ₂ O
MnO	0.091	0.0012	0.09	0.49	MnO
TiO ₂	0.224	0.0029	0.58	0.51	TiO ₂
P ₂ O ₅	0.0145	0.0014	0.61	0.13	P ₂ O ₅
	µg g ⁻¹	µg g ⁻¹			
Rb	176.15	1.28	0.83	0.81	Rb
Sr	11.21	0.398	0.05	0.15	Sr
Zr	943	6.2	0.60	0.46	Zr
Nb	81	0.71	0.75	0.75	Nb
Pb	32.8	0.99	0.87	0.71	Pb
Th	24.1	0.95	0.21	0.56	Th
Zn	139	1.66	0.68	0.59	Zn
Ga	31.3	0.76	0.41	0.29	Ga

(b) CAL-S (CRPG limestone)

This sample was prepared as a candidate reference material and preliminary analyses were undertaken by Govindaraju (1996). Full details of a formal homogeneity test are not currently available, but results are listed below for 25 determinations made over a period of 6 months by the CRPG, Nancy, where this sample was used as a quality control sample.

Results from the use of CAL-S as a quality control sample

Data were derived from 25 determinations made over a 6 month period.

	ICP-AES			ICP-MS			
	Conc % m/m	S.D. % m/m	RSD %	Conc μg g ⁻¹	S.D. μg g ⁻¹	RSD %	
SiO ₂	0.108	0.134	124.1	Ho	0.024	0.003	12.5
Al ₂ O ₃	0.052	0.029	55.8	La	0.82	0.07	8.5
Fe ₂ O ₃ T	0.026	0.011	42.3	Lu	0.01	0.003	30.0
MgO	0.415	0.053	12.8	Mo	0.185	0.047	25.4
CaO	55.89	1.28	2.3	Nb	0.032	0.019	59.4
Na ₂ O	0.031	0.012	38.7	Nd	0.375	0.074	19.7
K ₂ O	0.06	0.062	103.3	Ni	5	5	100.0
TiO ₂	0.02	0	0.0	Pb	0.905	0.325	35.9
Total	99.95	1.32	1.3	Pr	0.092	0.016	17.4
				Rb	0.897	0.579	64.5
	ICP-MS			Sb	0.062	0.033	53.2
	conc. μg g ⁻¹	S.D. μg g ⁻¹	RSD %	Sm	0.058	0.025	43.1
As	0.347	0.16	46.1	Sn	0.124	0.071	57.3
Ba	2.26	4.78	211.5	Sr	249	11	4.4
Be	0.059	0.079	133.9	Ta	0.003	0.002	66.7
Bi	0.007	0.008	114.3	Tb	0.013	0.003	23.1
Cd	0.453	0.65	143.5	Th	0.022	0.025	113.6
Ce	0.347	0.097	28.0	Tl	0.111	0.078	70.3
Co	0.665	0.225	33.8	Tm	0.011	0.003	27.3
Cr	3.9	1	25.6	U	0.727	0.053	7.3
Cs	0.133	0.125	94.0	V	2.5	0.59	23.6
Cu	3.4	5.2	152.9	W	0.21	0.24	114.3
Dy	0.092	0.02	21.7	Y	1.95	0.08	4.1
Er	0.072	0.012	16.7	Yb	0.062	0.014	22.6
Eu	0.018	0.008	44.4	Zn	15.44	2.89	18.7
Ga	0.08	0.034	42.5	Zr	1.36	1.18	86.8
Gd	0.095	0.021	22.1	In	0.05	0.02	40.0
Hf	0.031	0.024	77.4	Ge	0.008	0.009	112.5

Results from Jean Carignan, CRPG, Nancy.

Table 1 Results submitted for OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

Table 1

Results submitted in the GeoPT6 round for the analysis of OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

Round identifier	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10	F11	F12	F13	F14	F15	F16	F17	F18	F19	F20	F21
Sample	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3												
Technique codes	A.M	X	X	X	X	M,X,W	W,X	G,MX	X	X	X	A.M	AA,A,G,V	M	M	X,AA,G,V	X	X	X	X	X
Data quality:	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
SiO ₂ % m/m	74.6	74.3	74.42	74.28	73.16	74.69	74.25	73.1	71.5	73.84	76.09	71.46	74.27	73.65	74.82						
TiO ₂ % m/m	0.23	0.218	0.23	0.24	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.23
Al ₂ O ₃ % m/m	11.05	10.95	11.22	10.91	11.23	11.08	11.16	17.1	12.43	11.22	11.39	10.68	11.27	11.77	11.18	11.16	11.05	11.77	11.18	11.16	11.05
Fe ₂ O ₃ T % m/m	4.0	3.821	3.78	3.97	3.79	4.009	3.81	3.63	3.95	3.91	3.84	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.81
Fe(OH) ₂ % m/m																					
MnO % m/m	0.085	0.081	0.090	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
MgO % m/m	0.03	0.017	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
CaO % m/m	0.20	0.210	0.22	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.19	0.21	0.19	0.34	0.46	0.22	0.238	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Na ₂ O % m/m	3.58	3.683	3.64	3.76	3.60	3.76	3.61	3.90	4.52	3.74	3.82	3.563	3.67	3.76	4.15	3.86	3.7	3.695	3.7	3.695	3.48
K ₂ O % m/m	4.47	4.583	4.65	4.37	4.59	4.38	4.57	4.47	4.56	4.51	4.49	4.471	4.50	1.94	4.57	4.3	4.56	4.601	4.57	4.56	4.601
P ₂ O ₅ % m/m	0.01	0.015	0.017	0.005	0.01	0.005	0.01	0.005	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.004	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017
H ₂ O % m/m																					
CO ₂ % m/m																					
LOI % m/m	1.76	1.87	1.60	1.77	1.80	1.79	1.80	1.79	1.76	1.94	1.76	1.93	1.93	1.91	1.91	1.91	1.91	1.91	1.91	1.91	1.91
Ag mg kg ⁻¹																					
As mg kg ⁻¹																					
Au mg kg ⁻¹																					
B mg kg ⁻¹																					
Ba mg kg ⁻¹	2.64	30	15	27	10	29.4	130	19	48	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9
Be mg kg ⁻¹																					
Bi mg kg ⁻¹																					
Br mg kg ⁻¹																					
Cd mg kg ⁻¹																					
Ce mg kg ⁻¹	198.0	228	195	197.9	190	187.3	187.3	187.3	187.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Cl mg kg ⁻¹																					
Co mg kg ⁻¹	0.3	3	8	16	16	0.32	1.00	59.8	7	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Cr mg kg ⁻¹	27.0	15	7	0.7	0.7	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67
Cs mg kg ⁻¹	0.66	4				6	3.3	3.2	1.7												
Dy mg kg ⁻¹	6.0									18.01	17.6	18.9	18.9	18.9	18.9	18.9	18.9	18.9	18.9	18.9	18.9
Er mg kg ⁻¹	19.4									11.15	10.8	21	3.2	3	20.28	19.9	19.9	19.9	19.9	19.9	19.9
Eu mg kg ⁻¹	11.0									1.19	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056
F mg kg ⁻¹	1.20									137.0	1181	137.0	1181	137.0	1181	137.0	1181	137.0	1181	137.0	1181
Ga mg kg ⁻¹	31	35	32	33.2	32.4	33.4	32	33	32	18.84	16.1	21	21	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Gd mg kg ⁻¹	174																				
Ge mg kg ⁻¹																					
Hf mg kg ⁻¹	22.1		17																		
Hg mg kg ⁻¹	4.10																				
I mg kg ⁻¹																					
In mg kg ⁻¹																					
Ir mg kg ⁻¹																					
La mg kg ⁻¹	95.3																				
Lu mg kg ⁻¹																					

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Lu	mg kg ⁻¹	1.69																			
Mo	mg kg ⁻¹	1.9																			
N	mg kg ⁻¹																				
Nb	mg kg ⁻¹	77.0	82.7																		
Na	mg kg ⁻¹	86.5																			
Ni	mg kg ⁻¹	2.0	1																		
Os	mg kg ⁻¹																				
Pd	mg kg ⁻¹	39.0	33																		
Pt	mg kg ⁻¹																				
Rh	mg kg ⁻¹																				
Re	mg kg ⁻¹																				
Rh	mg kg ⁻¹																				
Ru	mg kg ⁻¹																				
S	mg kg ⁻¹																				
Sh	mg kg ⁻¹	0.33																			
Sc	mg kg ⁻¹	0.3																			
Se	mg kg ⁻¹																				
Sm	mg kg ⁻¹	18.6																			
Sn	mg kg ⁻¹	11.3																			
Sr	mg kg ⁻¹	100.0	11.3																		
Ta	mg kg ⁻¹	5.9																			
Tb	mg kg ⁻¹	3.15																			
Te	mg kg ⁻¹																				
Th	mg kg ⁻¹	23.5																			
Tl	mg kg ⁻¹	1.91																			
Tm	mg kg ⁻¹	5.4																			
U	mg kg ⁻¹	0.5																			
V	mg kg ⁻¹																				
W	mg kg ⁻¹	1.38																			
Y	mg kg ⁻¹	109.0	121.9																		
Yb	mg kg ⁻¹	1.0																			
Zn	mg kg ⁻¹	141.0	139																		
Zr	mg kg ⁻¹	975.0	953																		

Technique codes: A=CP-AES, AA=AAS, D=DCP-AES, E=Emission spectrometry, G=gravimetric, I=IR/IRGA and detection, S=solution selective electrodes, W=wet chemistry, X=XRF, O=other.

T=titrimetry, V=volumetric, I=ion chromatography, G=gravimetric, I=IR/IRGA and detection, S=solution selective electrodes, W=wet chemistry, X=XRF.

Table 1 Results submitted for OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

Round identifier	F22	F22	F23	F23	F24	F24	F25	F25	F26	F26	F27	F27	F28	F28	F29	F29	F30	F30	F31	F31	F32	F32	F33	F33	F34	F34	F35	F35	F36	F36	F37	F37	F38	F38	F39	F39		
Sample	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3			
Technique codes	X AA	X AA	X AA	X AA	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,	A, A,										
Data quality:	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1					
SiO ₂	% mm	73.97		75.3	73.4	73.97	74.86		74.00	74.45	74.31	74.55	71.02	74.7		73.23		73.91		74.3	74.7		74.12															
TiO ₂	% mm	0.22		0.23	0.22	0.22	0.22		0.2220	0.219	0.23	0.21	0.242	0.22	0.23		0.21		0.22		0.23	0.23		0.227														
Al ₂ O ₃	% mm	11.04		11.6	11.2	10.92	10.97		11.04	11.120	10.95	10.60	11.25	11.2	11.19		11.19		11.1	11.1		11.1		11.1		11.1		11.1		11.1		11.1		11.1		11.1		
Fe,O ₁	% mm	3.74		4.06	3.72	3.89	3.77		3.840	3.84	3.87	4.21	3.00	3.83	4.20		3.725		3.95		3.81		3.86															
Fe(II)O	% mm	3.34		3.22																																		
MnO	% mm	0.1		0.1	0.09	0.09	0.09		0.0900	0.09	0.095	0.10	0.077	0.095	0.09		0.096		0.094		0.092		0.09		0.091		0.091		0.091		0.091		0.091					
MgO	% mm	0.06		0.05	0.03	0.09	0.09		0.030	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.030	0.05	0.03		0.025		0.024		0.065		0.03		0.02													
CaO	% mm	0.2		0.09	0.09	0.26	0.25		0.194	0.19	0.23	0.18	0.23	0.23	0.23		0.20		0.21		0.23		0.2		0.21		0.21		0.2		0.2		0.2		0.2			
Na ₂ O	% mm	3.76		3.81	3.73	3.59	3.35		3.680	3.54	3.66	3.66	4.04	3.70	3.53		3.729		3.69		3.75		3.61		3.72		3.72		3.72		3.72		3.72		3.72			
K ₂ O	% mm	4.6		4.48	4.51	4.37	4.52		4.561	4.56	4.59	4.56	4.72	4.72	4.47		4.53		4.55		4.52		4.52		4.55		4.52		4.52		4.52		4.52		4.52			
P ₂ O ₅	% mm	0.02		0.11					0.0130	0.005	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.014	0.01		0.003		0.02		0.02		0.02		0.02		0.02		0.02		0.02		0.02		0.02			
H ₂ O*	% mm																																					
CO ₂	% mm																																					
LOI	% mm	1.64		2.01	1.82	1.87	1.8		1.70	1.82	1.84	1.84	1.83	1.83	1.83		1.79		1.94		1.9		1.9		1.9		1.9		1.9		1.9		1.9		1.9		1.9	
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T-1 Results submitted for OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

Round identifier	F22	F22	F23	F24	F25	F26	F26	F27	F28	F29	F30	F31	F32	F33	F34	F35	F36	F37	F38
Sample	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3
Lu	mg kg ⁻¹		1.7	1.8	3		1.0				1.17		1.59	1.731		5.65		1.7	1.59
Mo	mg kg ⁻¹		2											1.57				1.6	2.2
N	mg kg ⁻¹				77	79	83	99	78.6	84	75	87	70.8	70	82.2	71.5		90.5	67
Nb	mg kg ⁻¹				59	86							86.04	88	89.3	87.67		88	99
Nd	mg kg ⁻¹	0			3							3	9.41			0			88.24
Ni	mg kg ⁻¹																		1.6
Os	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Pb	mg kg ⁻¹				59	30	35		36.0	34	34		37.26	29	36.5		41.5		38
Pd	mg kg ⁻¹						23	22.7					23.72	18	23.6			41	40.75
Pt	mg kg ⁻¹																	24.5	26
Rb	mg kg ⁻¹	149		181	177.5	173		175.0	172	175	176	168	195	173.1	174		178	22.6	
Re	mg kg ⁻¹																	181	169.3
Rh	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Ru	mg kg ⁻¹																		
S	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Sb	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Sc	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Se	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Sm	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Sn	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Sr	mg kg ⁻¹	44	15	14.8	10	12.0	10.6	12	11	11.63	17	16	13.0	19.22				12	41
Ta	mg kg ⁻¹																	0.26	0.28
Tb	mg kg ⁻¹																		0.37
Te	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Th	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Tl	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Tm	mg kg ⁻¹																		
U	mg kg ⁻¹																		
V	mg kg ⁻¹	21		9	5	6	6.2	5	7	3	24.05	9	5.55	5.333	4			6	5.7
W	mg kg ⁻¹																	1.9	1.62
Y	mg kg ⁻¹																	1.15	1.689
Yb	mg kg ⁻¹																	1.15	1.07
Zn	mg kg ⁻¹	150		156	140	139	157.0	141	156	147	169.5	160	10.7	11.57				11.5	10.6
Zr	mg kg ⁻¹	895	873	994	910.0	1001	972	1051			890	858	1017	920				155	10.69
																		142	142
																		959	920.4

Table 1 Results submitted for OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

Round identifier	F39	F40	F41	F42	F43	F44	F45	F46	F47	F48	F49	F50	F51	F52	F53	F54	F55	F56	F57	F58
Sample	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3
Technique codes	A, X	A, M, X	A, AA, T	A, X, W	D, E, AA	M, X	A, AA	N, AA, G,	A, X, AA	X, M	X	M	X	X, AA						
Data quality	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
SiO ₂	73.69	74	75.99	74.30	72.60	0.11	0.25	0.11	0.24	0.207	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.23
TiO ₂	0.222	0.22	0.115	0.239	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.207	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.234	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.23
Al ₂ O ₃	11.15	11	10.65	11.16	11.16	10.0	11.16	10.0	10.0	11.2	11.17	11.17	11.19	11.18	11	11.5	11.0	11.5	11	11
Fe ₂ O ₃ T	4.009	3.83	3.676	3.88	4.02	3.95	4.02	3.95	3.95	3.82	4.02	3.82	3.9	3.74	3.74	3.65	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.83
Fe(III)O	% mm																			
MnO	% mm																			
MgO	% mm																			
CaO	% mm																			
Na ₂ O	% mm																			
K ₂ O	% mm																			
P ₂ O ₅	% mm																			
HO*	% mm																			
CO ₂	% mm																			
LOI	% mm																			
Ag	mg kg ⁻¹																			
As	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Au	mg kg ⁻¹																			
B	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Ba	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Be	mg kg ⁻¹	12.1																		
Bi	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Br	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Cd	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Ce	mg kg ⁻¹	186.4	190			166		0.36	0.5		<0.5	0.277		227	175.9	188	190.5	236	196	0.35
Cl	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Co	mg kg ⁻¹	2.4				2		2.1	2.1		<1	0.26		17	13.9	17		1	1	0.46
Cr	mg kg ⁻¹	15.7				42		5.2	10		0.61	0.66		6	19	16	14	20.	23.7	0.55
Cs	mg kg ⁻¹	3				4		6	2											0.37
Cu	mg kg ⁻¹	20.9	18.5					18.3				4.5	1.9	1		6			4.18	4
Dy	mg kg ⁻¹	12	10.5					11.4				16.8	18.15		10.1	10.91	12.7	18.1		17.4
Er	mg kg ⁻¹	1.4	1.1					1.8				1.4	1.04		1.4	1.24			11.7	10.8
Eu	mg kg ⁻¹																			1.1
F	mg kg ⁻¹																			1.02
Ga	mg kg ⁻¹	30																		1100
Gd	mg kg ⁻¹	18.7	18.5																	32
Ge	mg kg ⁻¹																			16.3
Hf	mg kg ⁻¹																			22
Hg	mg kg ⁻¹	4	3.6																	3.86
Ho	mg kg ⁻¹																			32.3
In	mg kg ⁻¹																			32
Ir	mg kg ⁻¹																			16.3
La	mg kg ⁻¹	90.8	90.5					96.1												84
Lu	mg kg ⁻¹	1						2												90.
																				80.8

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Table 1 Results submitted for OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

Round Identifier	F59	F60	F61	F62	F63	F64	F65	F66	F67	F68	F69	F70	F71	F72	F73	F74	F75	F76	F77	F78
Sample	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3
Technique codes	AA, G	X	A, M, X	X	1	1	A, M, I, X	X	X	X	M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Data quality:																				
SiO ₂	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2
TiO ₂	73	74.18	74.4		73.74	74.2	74.15	74.13	74.29		75.03	74.33	73.63	74.6	74.37	74.02	73.78	74.51		
Al ₂ O ₃	0.22	0.236	0.207		11.54	10.95	10.85	11.24	10.59		11.33	11.09	10.97	11.0	11.03	10.99	11.09	11.70		
Fe ₂ O ₃	3.84	10.87	11.1	11.43	3.85	3.72	3.92	4.07	3.84		3.83	3.63	3.79	3.76	2.65	4.00	3.85	4.22		
Fe(OH) ₂	% m/m																			
MnO	0.091	0.09	0.093	0.089	0.06	0.079	0.02	0.10	0.089	0.08	0.085	0.09	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10		
MgO	0.024	0.02	0.23	0.21	0.26	0.20	0.21	0.17	0.22	0.25	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.18	0.21	0.34	0.03			
CaO	0.2	0.23			3.34	3.63	4.02	3.77	3.47	3.55	3.59	3.72	3.63	3.60	3.57	3.76	3.4			
Nb ₂ O	3.83	3.353	3.59	3.83	4.33	4.71	4.53	4.62	4.23	4.68	4.37	4.82	4.59	4.70	4.59	5.00	4.79			
K ₂ O	4.63	4.54	4.58	4.63																
P ₂ O ₅	% m/m	0.01																		
H ₂ O ^a	% m/m							0.3												
CO ₂	% m/m																			
LOI	% m/m	1.985	2.974	1.91		1.93	1.90	1.98	1.75	1.88	1.74	1.79	1.79	1.74	1.79	1.79	1.79	1.79	1.79	
Ag	mg kg ⁻¹																			
As	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Au	mg kg ⁻¹																			
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Cd	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Ce	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Cl	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Co	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Cr	mg kg ⁻¹	19	18	0.43	0.21	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	
Cs	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Cu	mg kg ⁻¹	3	2	0.67	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	
Dy	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Er	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Eu	mg kg ⁻¹																			
F	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Ga	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Gd	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Ge	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Hf	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Hg	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Ho	mg kg ⁻¹																			
I	mg kg ⁻¹																			
In	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Ir	mg kg ⁻¹																			
La	mg kg ⁻¹	91	97.5	91.3	1.48	33.5	24.9	24.0	0.006	24.8	25.35									
Lu	mg kg ⁻¹																			

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Round Identifier	F59 OU-3	F60 OU-3	F61 OU-3	F62 OU-3	F63 OU-3	F64 OU-3	F65 OU-3	F66 OU-3	F67 OU-3	F68 OU-3	F69 OU-3	F70 OU-3	F71 OU-3	F72 OU-3	F73 OU-3	F74 OU-3	F75 OU-3	F76 OU-3	F77 OU-3	F78 OU-3	
Sample	Mg kg ¹		1.83																		
Lu	Mg kg ¹																				
Mo	Mg kg ¹																				
N	Mg kg ¹																				
Nb	Mg kg ¹	97	89.0																		
Na	Mg kg ¹	87	90.2	86.6																	
Ni	Mg kg ¹	1	3.19																		
Os	Mg kg ¹																				
Pb	Mg kg ¹	33	40.6																		
Pd	Mg kg ¹	37																			
Pr	Mg kg ¹																				
Pt	Mg kg ¹																				
Rb	Mg kg ¹																				
Re	Mg kg ¹																				
Rh	Mg kg ¹																				
Ru	Mg kg ¹																				
S	Mg kg ¹																				
Sb	Mg kg ¹		0.27	0.3																	
Sc	Mg kg ¹		1.78	0.44																	
Se	Mg kg ¹																				
Sm	Mg kg ¹																				
Sn	Mg kg ¹																				
Sr	Mg kg ¹	11	10.6																		
Ta	Mg kg ¹		4.8	5.19																	
Tb	Mg kg ¹			2.93																	
Te	Mg kg ¹																				
Th	Mg kg ¹	24	22.2	22.3																	
Tl	Mg kg ¹		0.95																		
Tm	Mg kg ¹																				
U	Mg kg ¹																				
V	Mg kg ¹																				
W	Mg kg ¹																				
Y	Mg kg ¹																				
Yb	Mg kg ¹																				
Zn	Mg kg ¹	144.5	139	156	162																
Zr	Mg kg ¹	978	954																		

Table 2**Assigned values for OU-3 derived from robust statistics**

	Assigned value	Target precision	Measured precision	Ratio measured/ target		Assigned value	Target precision	Measured precision	Ratio measured/ target
	Xa	Ha		target		Xa	Ha		
SiO ₂	74.0902	0.7751	0.083	0.1071	Ge	1.5	0.11287	0.11721	1.03841
TiO ₂	0.224	0.0056	0.0013	0.2396	Hf	22.631	1.132	0.438	0.387
Al ₂ O ₃	11.1078	0.1546	0.0254	0.1644	Ho	4.01181	0.26034	0.08392	0.32234
Fe ₂ O ₃ T	3.8341	0.0626	0.0151	0.2416	La	94.64	3.817	1.337	0.35
Fe(II)O	3.25563	0.05451	0.03	0.55029	Li	1.41583	0.10747	0.12029	1.11932
MnO	0.0902	0.0026	0.0006	0.2405	Lu	1.62811	0.12101	0.02755	0.22767
CaO	0.2	0.0051	0.0038	0.739	Mo	1.975	0.1426	0.0945	0.6627
Na ₂ O	3.678	0.0605	0.0164	0.2706	Nb	80.2614	3.318	1.0984	0.331
K ₂ O	4.55	0.0724	0.0094	0.1295	Nd	87	3.5532	0.5606	0.1578
CO ₂	1.91333	0.0347	0.00881	0.25385	Pb	36.2532	1.6891	0.6367	0.3769
LOI	1.815	0.0332	0.0113	0.3408	Pr	22.7	1.1349	0.3766	0.3319
					Rb	171.864	6.336	0.918	0.145
As	3.37931	0.22503	0.3022	1.34295	Sb	0.3	0.02876	0.01079	0.37506
Ba	28.75	1.387	0.82	0.591	Sm	18.7165	0.9633	0.2443	0.2536
Be	10.945	0.6107	0.3302	0.5408	Sn	11.45	0.6345	0.9282	1.4629
Cd	0.38	0.0352	0.0514	1.4608	Sr	11.21	0.6232	0.2356	0.378
Ce	196.337	7.094	3.406	0.48	Ta	5.7485	0.3534	0.1949	0.5516
Cr	18.6128	0.9588	0.874	0.9116	Tb	3.08152	0.20807	0.05633	0.27071
Cs	0.6674	0.0567	0.0143	0.2516	Th	22.8445	1.141	0.3604	0.3159
Cu	3.3	0.2205	0.3258	1.4772	Tl	0.7355	0.0616	0.0586	0.9512
Dy	18.8723	0.9701	0.3891	0.4011	Tm	1.73173	0.12752	0.04387	0.34405
Er	11.4472	0.6344	0.2093	0.3299	U	5.5396	0.3424	0.0958	0.2798
Eu	1.15196	0.0902	0.02169	0.24043	Y	113.146	4.442	1.247	0.281
F	1100	30.67	36.21	1.18	Yb	11.3745	0.631	0.1741	0.2759
Ga	32.1145	1.5239	0.2945	0.1933	Zn	149.218	5.619	1.504	0.268
Gd	18.0729	0.9351	0.3653	0.3906	Zr	942.79	26.9	7.53	0.28

Concentration units: Majors % m/m, traces mg kg⁻¹

Values were not assigned to elements omitted from this table owing to insufficient data or an unsatisfactory statistical distribution

Table 3 Z-scores for OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

	Table 3											
	Z-scores for results from the analysis of OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)											
Round identifier:	F1	F2	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F9	F10
Sample	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3
Technique codes:	A,M	X	X	X	X	M, X, W	W, X	G, M,X	X	X	X	X
Data quality:	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2
SiO ₂	0.33	0.27		0.21	0.24	-1.20	0.39	0.21	-0.64	-3.34		-0.16
TiO ₂	0.54	-1.07		0.54	2.86	1.07	-0.36	-0.71		-0.71		0.54
Al ₂ O ₃	-0.19	-0.99		0.36	-1.28	0.79	-0.09	0.34	19.38	8.55		0.36
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.33	-0.21		-0.43	2.17	-0.70	1.40	-0.38	-1.63	1.85		0.61
Fe(II)O						0.45						
MnO	-1.00	0.31		-0.04	-7.77	26.85	-1.96	-0.08	-0.04	-0.08		0.35
CaO	0.00	1.96		1.96	-1.96	0.00	0.98	-1.96	13.73	50.98		1.96
Na ₂ O	-0.81	0.08		-0.31	1.36	-1.29	0.68	-1.12	1.83	13.92		0.51
K ₂ O	-0.55	0.46		0.69	-2.49	0.55	-1.17	0.28	-0.55	0.14		-0.28
CO ₂												
LOI	-0.83	1.66		-3.24	-1.36		-0.23	-0.75			-0.83	1.88
			-3.06		-1.69	1.43			5.38	-5.24		-0.84
As												
Ba	-0.85	0.90		-4.96	-1.26	-13.52		0.47	36.50	-7.03		6.94
Be						-0.89		-0.07				
Cd										0.57		
Ce	0.12			2.23	-0.19	0.22		-0.89		-1.27		3.01
Cr	4.37		-1.88	-6.06	0.40	-2.73		2.28	-3.45	3.53		-1.88
Cs	-0.07					0.57		0.05				
Cu	6.12		1.59			12.24		0.00	-0.23	-7.26		
Dy	0.27					-0.89		-1.31				
Er	-0.35					-0.47		-1.02				
Eu	0.27					0.42		-1.06				
F				1.63		8.80	1.32					
Ga		-0.73		0.95	-0.08	0.71		0.19		0.84		-0.04
Gd	-0.36					0.82		-2.11				
Ge				-1.33		5.32				-1.77		
Hf	-0.23			-2.49				-1.44		-0.20		-0.28
Ho	0.17					-1.12		-1.27				
La	0.09			1.62	-0.95	0.02		-1.22		-3.55		1.10
Li						-3.87		0.78				
Lu	0.26					-0.31		-1.14				
Mo	-0.26		7.10	0.09	4.38	-0.53		-0.39		-4.03		
Nb	-0.49	0.73		-2.90	2.33	0.22		0.98		-0.92		-0.49
Nd	-0.07			0.99	0.56	0.23		0.31		-4.36		
Pb	0.81	-1.93		-1.56	-0.15	0.15		-1.33	-1.56	-2.40		-0.67
Pr	0.31			-6.48		0.53		0.44		-10.75		
Rb	-0.15	0.83		0.96		0.65		-0.14		-0.28		-0.30
Sb	0.52					3.48		0.70		3.48		
Sm	-0.06			-6.60		0.11		-1.57		23.13		
Sn	-0.12			9.10		-8.59		1.65		1.18		
Sr	-0.97	0.14		-4.18	-5.15	4.48		-1.14	3.84	0.14		-0.97
Ta	0.21			10.26		0.71		-2.00		14.86		-2.47
Tb	0.16					1.29		-1.21				
Th	0.29		0.51	1.82	3.64	0.14		-0.04		11.09		2.26
Tl				3.77				-2.04		10.79		
Tm	0.70											
U	-0.20		-8.09	0.67	-1.58	0.47		-0.12		-0.12		0.67
Y	-0.47	1.97		-1.82	4.69	-0.33		-1.16		1.14		-0.92
Yb	-0.30					-0.70		-1.66		6.06		
Zn	-0.73	-1.82		0.07	-2.17	-1.64		-2.35	1.85	-0.57		-1.09
Zr	0.60	0.38		0.75	3.50	-1.07		1.01		2.13		0.17
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Table 3 Z-scores for OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

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Round identifier:	F11	F11	F12	F13	F15	F15	F16	F17	F18	F19	F20
Sample	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3
Technique codes:	X	X	A, M	AA, A, G, W	M	M	I	X	M, X, AA, G	X, W	X
Data quality:	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
SiO ₂	2.58		-1.70	0.23				1.88	0.14	-0.57	0.94
TiO ₂	1.07		-0.36	-0.71					0.36	0.89	1.25
Al ₂ O ₃	1.83		-1.38	1.05				2.14	0.47	0.32	-0.41
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.09		-0.19	-0.38			0.45	-1.23	0.25	0.54	0.83
Fe(II)O			2.65							1.00	
MnO	1.85		-1.19	0.69				0.35	-1.62	0.46	-0.04
CaO	7.45		4.90	0.00				5.88	-2.16	0.39	2.35
Na ₂ O	2.35		-0.95	-0.13			0.68	3.90	3.01	0.36	0.28
K ₂ O	-0.83		-0.55	-0.69			-18.02	0.14	-3.45	0.14	0.70
CO ₂				-0.10					-0.38		
LOI	-1.66			3.46					-3.77	-1.96	-2.41
		5.82					0.71			-3.82	-1.69
As											
Ba					-0.76			36.50	-3.64	-3.79	0.25
Be			0.04	-1.55					-1.22		
Cd											
Ce			0.01		0.23				-3.71	3.86	-0.33
Cr			0.15				8.65		-4.29	9.89	-7.78
Cs					0.03		-0.59		-1.54		-1.01
Cu	40.14	-0.23	-1.36							3.63	-9.80
Dy		0.73		1.06					-1.21		
Er		0.76		0.87					-1.65		
Eu		0.32		0.31			-2.12		-1.46		-0.13
F											
Ga	0.58		0.17						-0.73		
Gd			-0.32		0.56				-2.43		
Ge									3.01		
Hf			0.19			1.09	0.87		-3.03		0.68
Ho			1.01		0.22				-1.97		
La			-0.54		-0.67		0.60		-2.23	8.01	-2.18
Li				-3.87							
Lu			0.21		0.43		0.50		-2.13		
Mo									-0.18	5.22	2.28
Nb	1.43		-0.79						-3.76	0.16	-0.24
Nd			0.00		-0.11		0.68		-4.11		0.28
Pb	-1.93			-0.74		0.75			1.03	-2.16	-2.18
Pr			0.09		1.23				-1.59		
Rb	-0.93		0.89	0.65	0.34		0.48	-0.54	-3.61	0.38	-0.56
Sb							0.70		0.00		1.74
Sm			0.05		-0.43		0.29		-2.82		-0.64
Sn									-3.17		
Sr		-0.97	-2.06	4.48	-0.02				-2.07	1.59	5.58
Ta				0.06			1.06		-3.65		0.80
Tb			0.12		0.33		0.57		-1.50		-1.55
Th	-3.37		-0.27		0.05		1.15		-2.76		-1.24
Tl								v			
Tm					0.69				-1.50		
U		0.67	-0.67		-0.17		0.32		-1.98		-0.61
Y	0.87		1.41		-0.71				-2.28	-0.33	0.09
Yb			0.42		0.36		0.83		-2.02		0.52
Zn	-1.46		2.87	2.27			1.94	3.98	-2.75	1.21	-0.93
Zr	-1.40		0.04						-2.30	1.25	-1.35
											-0.92

Table 3 Z-scores for OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

Round identifier:	F22	F22	F23	F24	F25	F26	F26	F27	F28	F29	F30	F31
Sample	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3
Technique codes:	X, AA	X, AA	X	X, A, I, AA, W	A,M	X	X	X	X	X, T	X	G
Data quality:	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
SiO ₂	-0.16		0.78	-0.45	-0.08	0.99		-0.12	0.46	0.14	0.59	-3.96
TiO ₂	-0.71		0.54	-0.36	-0.36	-0.71		-0.36	-0.89	0.54	-2.50	
Al ₂ O ₃	-0.44		1.59	0.30	-0.61	-0.89		-0.44	0.08	-0.51	-3.28	0.92
Fe ₂ O ₃	-1.50		1.80	-0.91	0.45	-1.02		0.09	0.09	0.29	6.00	
Fe(II)O	1.55			-0.33							-0.42	
MnO	3.77		1.88	-0.04	-0.04	-0.08		-0.08	-0.08	0.92	3.77	
CaO	0.00		-10.78	-10.78	5.88	9.80		-1.18	-1.96	2.94	-3.92	
Na ₂ O	1.36		1.09	0.43	-0.73	-5.42		0.03	-2.28	-0.15	-0.30	
K ₂ O	0.69		-0.48	-0.28	-1.24	-0.41		0.15	0.14	0.28	0.14	
CO ₂												
LOI	-5.27		2.94	0.08	0.83	-0.45			-3.46	0.08		0.75
				-0.18								
As												
Ba					0.63	-4.15		0.90		7.66		
Be				-0.77								
Cd												
Ce			-1.15	2.23			-2.28				0.33	
Cr	12.72					-6.90		-1.68	-3.77	0.72	-1.68	
Cs			-1.48	0.29								
Cu	3.85		33.33						-2.27		-10.43	
Dy			-3.03	0.84								
Er				0.99								
Eu				1.93								
F												
Ga			0.29	0.62	-0.73			-1.39		-0.37		
Gd				1.40								
Ge												
Hf			-0.72	0.60		-2.05						
Ho			3.05	0.36								
La			0.44	1.42		2.80				-0.21		
Li			2.72									
Lu			0.30	0.71								
Mo			0.09		7.19				-6.84			
Nb			-0.49	-0.19	0.83			-0.50	1.13	-0.79		
Nd			-3.94	-0.14		1.69				0.00		
Pb			6.73	-1.85	-0.74			-0.15	-1.33	-0.67		
Pr			0.13	0.00								
Rb	-1.80		0.72	0.44	0.18			0.49	0.02	0.25	0.65	
Sb			0.00									
Sm			0.67	0.25								
Sn				-4.29								
Sr	26.31		3.04	2.88	-1.94			1.27	-0.98	0.63	-0.34	
Ta				0.36								
Tb			-5.48	0.77								
Th			-0.37	-0.37	0.14				-0.74	-2.56		
Tl												
Tm			-1.30	0.66								
U			-0.93	-0.79	1.34				1.93	-0.79		
Y			0.55	0.10	0.87			0.42	0.64	0.88	1.32	
Yb			1.29	0.89								
Zn	0.07		0.60	-0.82	-1.82			1.38	-1.46	0.60	-0.39	
Zr			-0.89	-1.30	1.90			-1.22	2.16	0.54	4.02	

Table 3 Z-scores for OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

	F31	F32	F32	F33	F34	F34	F35	F35	F36	F37	F38	F39
Round identifier:	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3
Sample												
Technique codes:	AA, M	X	X	A, M, O	I	I	X	X	A, V, Si, II	X, M	M	A, X
Data quality:	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1
SiO ₂		0.79		-0.55			-0.23		0.14	0.39		0.04
TiO ₂	1.61	-0.71		0.54			-2.59		-0.36	0.54	0.54	0.54
Al ₂ O ₃		0.60		0.27			0.60		-0.03	-0.03		-0.76
Fe ₂ O ₃	-6.66	-0.07		2.92		-1.27	-1.74		0.93	-0.19		0.41
Fe(II)O				-1.06					0.41			2.28
MnO	-2.54	1.85		-0.04			2.04		0.73	0.35	-0.04	0.31
CaO		5.88		0.00			0.00		0.98	2.94		0.00
Na ₂ O	2.99	0.36		-1.22		0.42	0.20		0.60	-0.56		0.69
K ₂ O	-21.89	2.35		-0.55			-0.28		0.00	-0.21		-0.41
CO ₂				0.38					-0.19			-0.38
LOI		0.45		-0.38			0.69		-0.68	-0.08		-0.15
				0.62		-1.13			-4.40			
As												
Ba	19.16	7.39		-0.20			10.27		-0.27	-0.63	4.96	-1.19
Be				0.78					0.13	-0.53		
Cd				1.85					-2.56	7.24	3.13	
Ce	-0.46	1.64		0.89	-0.72		-3.43		0.61	1.60	-0.65	
Cr	-6.30	3.53		1.71		4.64	-9.50		1.24	1.77	0.72	
Cs	-0.07			2.05					0.20		-0.13	
Cu	35.15						-14.97		-0.68	-0.45		
Dy	-1.64			-0.09					0.94	-0.97	0.06	
Er	0.17			-0.35					0.44	-1.14	-0.16	
Eu	-0.79			0.21	-0.23				0.82	0.49	0.20	
F		-7.34	0.00						-1.63	6.52		
Ga	-6.16	-0.73		1.96			0.58		0.29	0.62	-0.12	
Gd	-1.38			0.01					-0.31	2.10	0.11	
Ge				-0.49					0.00	0.00		
Hf	40.07	-3.21		0.07		-0.03			0.38	-0.72		
Ho	-0.85			-0.23	1.38				0.55	-0.77	-0.10	
La	-1.62	-1.22		0.70	-0.21		-0.56		0.44	1.23	0.12	
Li				0.39					-0.07	1.42		
Lu	-1.89			-0.16	0.85				0.30	-0.16	-0.21	
Mo				-1.42		12.89			-1.31	0.79	0.09	
Nb	-1.43	-3.09		0.29			-2.64		1.54	-2.00	-2.44	
Nd	-0.14	0.28		0.32	0.19				0.14	1.69	0.17	
Pb	0.30	-4.29		0.07			3.11		0.52	1.41	1.33	
Pr	0.45	-4.14		0.40					0.79	1.45	-0.04	
Rb	0.33	-0.61		1.83		0.10	0.34		0.48	0.72	-0.21	
Sb				0.17	-0.37				-0.70	-0.35		
Sm	-0.15	0.29		-0.06	0.52				0.41	0.61	-0.26	
Sn		7.17		1.22					0.43	-4.06	-0.59	
Sr	0.34	9.29		-0.17			1.27		0.23	-0.41	0.01	
Ta	-5.91			0.85		0.03			1.77	-1.34	0.02	
Tb	-0.70			-0.56	-0.96				0.04	-0.68	-0.27	
Th		7.15		-0.19		-0.39			0.73	0.94	0.08	
Tl									0.04	-0.61		
Tm	4.15			0.11					0.66	-0.44	-0.17	
U		10.11		0.02		-0.30			0.67	0.23	-0.22	
Y	-0.88	-0.03		-0.02			-1.38		0.21	-3.17	0.49	
Yb	-0.26			-0.53	0.31				0.10	-0.61	-0.54	
Zn	1.80	1.92		1.49		0.74	0.23		0.51	-0.64	-0.64	
Zr		-1.96		-1.58		1.38	-0.85		-0.61	0.30	-0.42	

Table 3 Z-scores for OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

Table 3 Z-scores for OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

Round identifier:	F49	F49	F50	F51	F52	F53	F54	F55	F56	F57	F57	F58
Sample	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3
Technique codes:	X	X	M	X	X	X	X, A, M, W	X, AA	X	M	M	X
Data quality:	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
SiO ₂	-0.01			0.21	1.03	-0.08	0.30		-0.45			-0.25
TiO ₂	-0.71			1.43	-0.71	0.89	0.54		0.54		-0.36	1.07
Al ₂ O ₃	0.01			0.27	0.47	-0.36	1.27		-0.35			-0.70
Fe ₂ O ₃	2.97			0.53	-1.50	-0.75	0.13		0.13			-0.07
Fe(II)O												
MnO	-0.08			0.35	1.08	-0.23	-0.04		-0.04		-8.12	-0.08
CaO	1.96			2.94	3.92	-2.70	0.00		-0.98			0.00
Na ₂ O	0.53			-0.48	-0.30	-0.11	-0.64		-1.47			0.20
K ₂ O	0.14			0.14	-0.14	0.68	-0.35		0.00			0.00
CO ₂								4.13				
LOI		-0.23		-1.13	1.96	0.53	2.48		5.82	8.27		
As												
Ba	-18.57		-1.26		5.23		0.09		0.45	3.86		
Be							0.05					
Cd							-0.43					
Ce	-27.68	-0.59	-0.82		5.59		-0.02		-2.56	-3.01		
Cr	-1.68				0.40	-1.36	-2.41		0.72	5.31		22.31
Cs			-0.13				3.81				-2.62	
Cu	-10.43					6.12					3.99	3.17
Dy			3.65				-0.40				-1.52	
Er			1.97				0.20				-1.02	
Eu			0.98				-0.29				-1.46	
F							0.00				-35.87	
Ga	-0.73				-0.73		-0.04				0.12	-0.08
Gd			1.59				0.50				-1.90	
Ge							2.21				-13.29	
Hf			0.62				0.56				1.03	-0.56
Ho			2.22				-0.79				-0.58	
La		-0.87	0.50				-1.39		-0.61	-3.63		
Li												
Lu			0.18				-0.53				-0.40	
Mo											-0.39	
Nb	0.22		1.40		-0.08		0.26	2.52		2.66		0.22
Nd			-1.04				-0.99		-4.50	-2.65		
Pb		0.52	0.95		-1.33	2.29	1.11	-0.67	7.03	-4.35		-2.52
Pr			-1.16				-0.31		-1.19	-2.11		
Rb		0.18	-0.61		-0.14		-0.38	0.56	-0.94	-0.29		0.34
Sb												
Sm			1.25				-1.41				-1.57	
Sn											-5.04	
Sr	2.87		-0.34		-0.34		9.46	0.31	23.10	1.75		-9.96
Ta			0.82				0.50				0.32	3.54
Tb			1.82				0.04				-1.21	
Th		0.51	1.15		0.14	-3.44	1.38	1.38	0.94	-2.93		0.14
Tl												
Tm			0.77				-0.52				-0.09	
U			0.00		-0.41	-0.79	0.82	2.42		-1.37		1.34
Y		1.32	3.12		0.64		-4.18	0.55	0.77	-2.51		4.92
Yb			0.36				-0.38				0.36	
Zn	0.14				-2.00	-0.38	2.03		-0.38	-4.31		-1.82
Zr	-0.70				0.34	-0.33	-0.18	1.06	1.06	-0.33		2.54

Table 3 Z-scores for OU-3 (Nanheron microgranite)

Round identifier:	F59	F60	F61	F62	F62	F63	F64	F65	F66	F67	F68	F69
Sample	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3
Technique codes:	AA, G	X	A, M, X	I	I	I	A, M, I, X	X	X	X, O	M	X
Data quality:	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
SiO ₂	-0.70	0.06	0.40			-0.45	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.26		0.61
TiO ₂		-0.36	2.14	-3.04			-0.36	4.64	-2.50	0.89		0.54
Al ₂ O ₃	-0.06	-0.77	-0.05	2.08		2.80	-0.51	-1.67	0.86	-3.35		0.72
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.05		-0.23	-1.34		0.25	-0.91	1.37	3.77	0.09		-0.03
Fe(II)O		1.14					-1.43					
MnO	0.15	-0.04	1.08	-0.46		-11.62	-2.15	-27.00	3.77	-0.46		-1.96
CaO	0.00	2.94	1.96			11.76	0.00	1.96	-5.88	3.92		4.90
Na ₂ O	1.26	-2.69	-1.45	2.51		-5.59	-0.40	5.65	1.52	-3.44		-1.06
K ₂ O	0.55	-0.07	0.41	1.10		-3.04	1.10	-0.28	0.97	-4.42		0.90
CO ₂			-0.10				-0.19			1.06		
LOI	2.56	17.45	2.86			3.46	1.28	4.97	-1.96	1.96		-1.13
			-4.40	0.98			-3.06					
As												
Ba		-1.35	-1.05				-0.63	2.34	19.65			-0.18
Be			3.20				2.50					
Cd			-3.41									11.51
Ce		-0.38	-0.33	1.50			1.39			-4.70		-0.05
Cr	0.20	-0.32	1.86		-0.89		1.35		8.75	-4.81		6.97
Cs			0.05	-0.48			24.10					0.28
Cu	-0.68	-2.95	-8.48	v								38.55
Dy				1.47								1.47
Er												2.13
Eu				0.98			-2.34					0.53
F							0.00					
Ga			0.91				-0.37			-2.70		4.58
Gd												0.24
Ge												
Hf				2.00			0.60					1.92
Ho												0.72
La		-0.48	0.75	-0.88			2.14			2.45		-0.19
Li			0.60									
Lu				0.51			5.96					0.76
Mo			-1.02									
Nb		2.52	2.63				-0.49	4.44	3.24	-0.98	-0.17	-0.33
Nd		0.00	0.90	-0.11			-5.77					0.11
Pb		-0.96	2.57				-1.56			-2.52		0.26
Pr												0.88
Rb		0.56	-1.87	-0.45			0.01	-0.14	8.07	0.81	-1.40	0.20
Sb			-1.04		0.00		1.74					
Sm				0.61			1.70					0.81
Sn							-3.51					
Sr		-0.17	-0.98				-0.97	-5.15	-6.76	-0.34	-0.50	3.60
Ta			-2.68	-1.58			-3.75					-0.62
Tb				-0.73			3.17					0.81
Th		0.51	-0.56	-0.48			-0.24			-2.49		-1.35
Tl			3.48									-0.07
Tm												0.61
U			-2.01	-1.96			1.40					1.52
Y		1.22	-9.49	-25.47			-0.35	-0.03	17.53	-1.83	-0.48	0.51
Yb			-7.04	0.20			1.29					0.83
Zn		-0.42	-0.91	1.21	2.27		0.25	0.14	0.67	-0.04	6.72	
Zr			0.65		0.42		1.06	-0.22	-21.74	-1.48	-0.59	-1.07

Table 3 Z-scores for OU-3 (Nanhoron microgranite)

	F70	F71	F71	F72	F73	F75	F76	F77	F78	F78
Round identifier:	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3	OU-3
Sample										
Technique codes:	W	X, T, IR	X, T, IR	M, X	X	X	W	A	M	M
Data quality:	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2
SiO ₂	0.31	-0.59		0.66	0.18	-0.05	-0.20	0.27		
TiO ₂	-4.29	-0.71		-0.71	-1.25	0.54	0.54	0.54		
Al ₂ O ₃	-0.12	-0.89		-0.70	-0.25	-0.38	-0.06	1.92		
Fe ₂ O ₃	-3.26	-0.70		-1.18	-9.46	1.33	0.13	3.08		
Fe(II)O	-2.67		-0.69				-0.97			
MnO	-2.00	-0.08		3.77	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04	1.88		
CaO	1.96	-1.96		0.00	-1.96	0.98	13.73	-16.67		
Na ₂ O	-1.45	0.69		-0.79	-0.64	-0.89	0.68	-2.30		
K ₂ O	-2.49	3.73		0.55	1.04	0.28	3.11	1.66		
CO ₂	-2.40		-0.05							
LOI	-0.75	-0.75		10.69		0.08	0.23	-22.21		
				-2.57				-6.84		
As										
Ba		2.25	0.76		-1.35		0.45	-0.54		
Be		2.42	-2.86				-8.31			
Cd			-2.27				8.81		8.10	
Ce		5.43						1.79		
Cr			5.31				3.33		11.67	
Cs		1.63	0.57					-0.66		
Cu			1.59	3.63			-2.95		7.03	
Dy		2.85						3.53		
Er		1.77						4.02		
Eu		0.31						1.64		
F	-1.30									
Ga			0.91					0.29		
Gd		1.76						0.99		
Ge								3.10		
Hf		2.40						1.05		
Ho		2.30						2.26		
La		0.67						0.36		
Li							21.33			
Lu		1.50						2.25		
Mo			1.14	2.28			19.72			
Nb		1.98				0.71		2.37		1.17
Nd		2.76							2.25	
Pb			1.85	0.86			-1.56		1.03	
Pr		1.79							1.15	
Rb		-0.99				0.01			1.13	
Sb									1.56	
Sm		1.74							1.85	
Sn			-2.40	-13.63		2.01		6.26		0.43
Sr			-0.25	-1.46		3.84		-0.97		0.30
Ta		1.73								2.20
Tb		1.53							1.53	
Th		0.30		-0.65		0.07			0.40	
Tl			1.01	-0.58						
Tm		3.52							2.34	
U		0.79		-3.91					-1.43	
Y		0.43				-0.58		-8.64		1.54
Yb		1.67								2.42
Zn			1.40	0.85				-0.38		1.05
Zr		-0.62		-18.80		-1.33			5.47	

Table 4 Results submitted for CAL-S (limestone)

Table 4

Results submitted in the Geopt6A round for the analysis of CAL-S (limestone)

Round identifier	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G8	G9	G10	G11	G12	G13	G14	G15	G16	G17	G18	G19
Sample	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S
Technique codes	A, M	X	X	X	M, X, W	G, A	X	X	X	X	A, M	AA	AA, A, W	M	M	1	A, X, G, AA	X, G, W
Data quality	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1
SiO ₂	0.06	0.482	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.039	0.77								0.05	0.05		0.1
TiO ₂	0.002	0.016	0.01	0.01														0.005
Al ₂ O ₃	0.02	0.022	0.04	0.04	0.017		0.14								0.016	0.015	0.02	0.019
Fe ₂ O ₃ T	0.04	0.052	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.051		0.077		0.06	0.044		0.05	0.041		0.039	0.043	0.05
Fe(II)O																		
MnO	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.06	0.07					0.017	0.004				0.0013		0.0013	0.0024
MgO	0.34	0.318	0.43	0.47	0.54	0.395	0.28	0.55		0.44	0.2	0.374	0.35	0.34		0.313	0.447	
CaO	55.6	55.6	55.642	55.53	56.10	55.21	55.42	59.6	54.8	55.34	55.22	47.41	55.21	55.38		56	55.14	
Na ₂ O	0.05	0	0.04	0.02	0.016	0.016	0.11	0.11				0.013	0.012	0.012		0.012	0.019	
K ₂ O	0.035	0.006		0.01	0.003	0.006		0.03		0.002	0.0018							0.0057
P ₂ O ₅	0.003	0.014	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.014		0.014		0.009		0.0022						
H ₂ O	% m/m																	
CO ₂	% m/m																	
LoI	% m/m	43.91	43.92	43.87	43.42	43.97				43.8	43.7	43.35						
Ag	mg kg ⁻¹																	
As	mg kg ⁻¹		5	13	0.4													0.003
Au	mg kg ⁻¹																	
B	mg kg ⁻¹																	
Ba	mg kg ⁻¹	0.5	5	15	14		110.0											
Be	mg kg ⁻¹																	
Bi	mg kg ⁻¹																	
Br	mg kg ⁻¹																	
Cd	mg kg ⁻¹																	
Ca	mg kg ⁻¹	0.42				10	0.36				11				0.3	0.3	0.292	0.36
Cl	mg kg ⁻¹																	18.6
Co	mg kg ⁻¹	0.8	3								1.00							38
Cr	mg kg ⁻¹	2.5	3	9	4						7.10							1.58
Cs	mg kg ⁻¹	0.01																3.3
Cu	mg kg ⁻¹	9.0	3			5	11				6.00							1.93
Dy	mg kg ⁻¹	0.1																33.4
Eu	mg kg ⁻¹	0.08																
Er	mg kg ⁻¹	0.02																
F	mg kg ⁻¹																	
Ga	mg kg ⁻¹		2		1.8		0.10											
Gd	mg kg ⁻¹	0.09																
Ge	mg kg ⁻¹	0.01																
Hf	mg kg ⁻¹																	
Hg	mg kg ⁻¹																	
Ho	mg kg ⁻¹	0.03																
In	mg kg ⁻¹																	
Ir	mg kg ⁻¹																	
Lu	mg kg ⁻¹	0.89																
U	mg kg ⁻¹																	

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Round Identifier	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G8	G9	G10	G11	G12	G13	G14	G15	G16	G18	G19
Sample	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S
Al	mg kg⁻¹	0.01				0.01											
Mg	mg kg⁻¹	0.15	0			1.3	0.2										
N	mg kg⁻¹	0.1	2.4			0.6	0.1										
Nb	mg kg⁻¹	0.42				0.38											
Nd	mg kg⁻¹	5.0	1			3	1.00										
Os	mg kg⁻¹	5.0	4			0.5											
Pt	mg kg⁻¹	0.11				0.09											
Rh	mg kg⁻¹	0.1	0.7	4	1												
Re	mg kg⁻¹																
Ru	mg kg⁻¹																
S	mg kg⁻¹	493	400	370	360	500.0	307.5										
Sb	mg kg⁻¹	0.1					0.9										
Sc	mg kg⁻¹	0.1	22		31												
Se	mg kg⁻¹																
Sm	mg kg⁻¹	0.07				0.07											
Sn	mg kg⁻¹	0.1					0.8										
Sr	mg kg⁻¹	247.0	219.9	249	221	227	190.0	268.8		209	214	302.9	238	238	226	240	218.8
Ta	mg kg⁻¹	0.005				0.01											
Tb	mg kg⁻¹	0.02															
Tc	mg kg⁻¹																
Th	mg kg⁻¹	0.03	0														
Tl	mg kg⁻¹																
Tm	mg kg⁻¹	0.01															
Tg	mg kg⁻¹	0.8	0			0.8											
V	mg kg⁻¹	1.8	3	6	9	1	9.30										
W	mg kg⁻¹	0.08															
Y	mg kg⁻¹	1.9	3		2	2.1				5.6		6	1.62		1.75		1.8
Zb	mg kg⁻¹	0.07								0.07					0.0691		3
Zn	mg kg⁻¹	12.0	15	10	12	21	20.0	15.6	23	4	12.3	10	3.5	7	13.6	11.3	18
Zr	mg kg⁻¹	1.0	2			3.4	1								0.44		1.04
																	1.7

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Round identifier	G21	G22	G23	G24	G25	G26	G28	G29	G31	G32	G33	G34	G35	G36	G37	G38
Sample	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S
Technique codes	-	X,AA	X,AA	X,A,A,G	A,M	X	X	X	G,AA,M	X	A,M,O	-	-	X	M,A,V,S,I,F	M,X
Data quality	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2
SiO ₂ % mm	0.05	0.05	0.12	0.29	0.08	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.006	0.016	0.17	0.06	0.105	0.05	0.06	0.023
TiO ₂ % mm	0	0	0.08	0.29	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.005	0.005	0.021	0.016	0.016	0.0015
Al ₂ O ₃ % mm	0.02	0.043	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.036	0.02	0.046	0.035	0.04	0.0008
Fe ₂ O ₃ % mm	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.078	0.05	0.046	0.035	0.04	0.0008
Fe(OH) ₂ % mm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.045	0.045	0	0	0.12	0.05
MnO % mm	0.001	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0	0	0.001	0.0014
MgO % mm	0.4	0.62	0.39	0.38	0.5	0.45	0.43	0.45	0.43	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.55	0.35	0.41	0.385
CaO % mm	55.04	55.47	56.3	56.29	55.95	56.18	55.67	55.66	56.5	56.5	55.70	55.51	54.355	55.6	55.4	54.78
Na ₂ O % mm	0.024	0.024	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.43	0.43	0.013	0.013	0	0.014	0.037	0.0037
K ₂ O % mm	0.003	0.003	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.037	0.037	0.01	0.004	0.0095	0.0095	0.0078	0.003
P ₂ O ₅ % mm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.008	0.008	0.01	0.01	0.003	0.003	0.0038	0.01
H ₂ O % mm	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.20	—	—	—
CO ₂ % mm	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0
LOI % mm	43.33	43.78	43.9	43.72	43.71	43.7	45.92	43.44	43.88	43.88	43.39	43.85	43.93	43.82	43.85	43.93
Ag mg kg ⁻¹	0.005	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
As mg kg ⁻¹	0.26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Au mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Be mg kg ⁻¹	2.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bi mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Br mg kg ⁻¹	1.61	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cd mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ce mg kg ⁻³	0.53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cl mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Co mg kg ⁻¹	0.04	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cr mg kg ⁻¹	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cs mg kg ⁻³	0.008	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cu mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dy mg kg ⁻³	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Er mg kg ⁻³	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eu mg kg ⁻¹	0.03	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
F mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ga mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gd mg kg ⁻³	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ge mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hf mg kg ⁻³	0.011	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hg mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ho mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
In mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
La mg kg ⁻¹	0.81	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lu mg kg ⁻¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Table 4 Results submitted for CAL-S (limestone)

Round identifier	G21 CAL-S	G22 CAL-S	G23 CAL-S	G24 CAL-S	G25 CAL-S	G26 CAL-S	G28 CAL-S	G31 CAL-S	G32 CAL-S	G33 CAL-S	G34 CAL-S	G35 CAL-S	G36 CAL-S	G37 CAL-S	G38 CAL-S
Sample															
Al	mg kg ⁻¹	0.28													
Mo	mg kg ⁻¹														
N	mg kg ⁻¹														
Pb	mg kg ⁻¹														
Nf	mg kg ⁻¹	0.73													
Os	mg kg ⁻¹														
Pd	mg kg ⁻¹														
Pt	mg kg ⁻¹														
Rt	mg kg ⁻¹														
Rb	mg kg ⁻¹	0.12													
Re	mg kg ⁻¹														
Rh	mg kg ⁻¹														
Ru	mg kg ⁻¹														
S	mg kg ⁻¹														
Sb	mg kg ⁻¹	0.057													
Sc	mg kg ⁻¹	0.04													
Se	mg kg ⁻¹														
Sm	mg kg ⁻¹	0.0195													
Sn	mg kg ⁻¹														
Sr	mg kg ⁻¹	224													
Ta	mg kg ⁻¹	0.0026													
Tb	mg kg ⁻¹	0.013													
Te	mg kg ⁻¹														
Tl	mg kg ⁻¹	0.025													
Tl	mg kg ⁻¹														
Tm	mg kg ⁻¹														
U	mg kg ⁻¹	0.83													
V	mg kg ⁻¹														
W	mg kg ⁻¹														
Y	mg kg ⁻¹														
Yb	mg kg ⁻¹	0.074													
Zn	mg kg ⁻¹	14													
Z	mg kg ⁻¹														

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Round identifier	G39	G39	G40	G42	G43	G44	G45	G46	G47	G48	G49	G50	G53	G54	G55	G56	G57	G58	G59	G61
Sample	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S
Technique codes	A,X	A,M,X	A,W	A,M,X	D,E,A,A,M	D,E,A,A,M	D,E,A,A,M	A,X,AA,	W,A,A,G,V	A,X,AA,	M,X	X	X,AA,M,W	X,AA	X	X	M	M	M	A,M,X
Data quality	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
SiO ₂	0.07	0.012	0.019	0.009	0.096	0.001	0.008	0.006	0.006	0.00	0.04	0.43	0.057	0.08	0.057	0.0011	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.22
TiO ₂	% m/m	0.016	0.016	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.01	1.10	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.013	0.013	0.07	0.07	0.001
Al ₂ O ₃	% m/m	0.044	0.044	0.068	0.036	0.18	0.39	0.055	0.055	0.06	0.028	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.039	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.053
Fe ₂ O ₃ T	% m/m																			
Fe(II)O	% m/m																			
MnO	% m/m	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.065	0.0014	0.0014	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001
MgO	% m/m	0.224	0.358	0.26	0.451	0.48	0.36	0.39	0.25	0.36	0.4	0.387	0.33	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.93
CaO	% m/m	55.45	55.5	55.28	56.08	54.51	54.84	55.77	55.36	55.11	55.76	55.83	55.5	55.5	55.5	55.5	55.5	55.5	55.5	55.2
Na ₂ O	% m/m	0.021	0.021	0.074	0.02	0.021	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.05	0	0.024	0.013	0.024	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013
K ₂ O	% m/m	0.006	0.006	0.013	4.48	0.08	0.065	0.065	0.05	0.1	0.01	0	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004
P ₂ O ₅	% m/m	0.006	0.005	0.005	0.018	0.018	0.04	0.04	0.04	0	0	0	0.0046	0.0165	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046
H ₂ O	% m/m	0.257																		
CO ₂	% m/m																			
LoI	% m/m	43.86	44.27	43.61	44.22	43.70	43.59	44.12	43.86	43.9	42.40	42.40	43.73	43.4	44.2	44.2	44.16	44.16	44.16	43.71
Ag	mg kg ⁻¹																			
As	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Au	mg kg ⁻¹																			
B	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Ba	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Bg	mg kg ⁻¹																			
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Co	mg kg ⁻¹																			
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Cu	mg kg ⁻¹																			
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Ga	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Gd	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Ge	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Hf	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Ho	mg kg ⁻¹																			
In	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Ir	mg kg ⁻¹																			
La	mg kg ⁻¹																			
Lu	mg kg ⁻¹																			

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Round Identifier	G39	G39	G40	G42	G43	G44	G45	G46	G47	G48	G49	G50	G53	G54	G55	G56	G57	G57	G61
Sample	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	
Lu	mg kg ⁻¹				0.014				0.5		0.15			0.01				0.01	
Mo	mg kg ⁻¹																	0.24	
N	mg kg ⁻¹	0.29								0		0.18	0.5	1.1				0.20	
Nb	mg kg ⁻¹	0.41		0.39														0.058	
Na	mg kg ⁻¹																	0.4	
Ni	mg kg ⁻¹	0.28						25.0		0								0.205	
Os	mg kg ⁻¹																	6.67	
Pb	mg kg ⁻¹	1						14.0		5.7	0.25	1	0.66	1.1				1.43	
Pd	mg kg ⁻¹							0.02		0.1		0.19	0.3					0.52	
Pt	mg kg ⁻¹	0.09		0.13				0.044		2.0	3.9	0.9	0	0.3				0.042	
R1	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Rb	mg kg ⁻¹	3																	
Re	mg kg ⁻¹																	0.21	
Rh	mg kg ⁻¹																	0.11	
Ru	mg kg ⁻¹																		
S	mg kg ⁻¹	344																	
Sb	mg kg ⁻¹							0.12		0.1								300	
Sc	mg kg ⁻¹	0.06		0.41		1.0					0	0.4	4					0.41	
Se	mg kg ⁻¹																	0.42	
Sr	mg kg ⁻¹							0.08			0.07	0.1	0.2		9.			0.017	
Sn	mg kg ⁻¹							1.5		0.7								0.017	
Sr	mg kg ⁻¹	234		170		230		350		255	244.4	236	299	225.4	176	226	280.	270	222
Ta	mg kg ⁻¹													0.01	0.1				
Tb	mg kg ⁻¹	0.3						0.015						0.02					
Tc	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Th	mg kg ⁻¹	7												0	0.05	0.2		0.023	
Tl	mg kg ⁻¹																		
Tm	mg kg ⁻¹							0.012			0.847	0.02	0.99	1.5				0.011	
U	mg kg ⁻¹	2									5.0	2.9	6					0.82	
V	mg kg ⁻¹	1.1																0.91	
W	mg kg ⁻¹																	1.56	
X	mg kg ⁻¹	1.95		1.93				3.7		1.5	1.85	3	2.65	2.2	6	2.7	10.	0.19	
Yb	mg kg ⁻¹	0.05	0.067	0.086							0.07	0.09	0.1					2.3	
Zn	mg kg ⁻¹	18	3.6					31	46.0	17.6	13.8	15	12.8	16	70.			0.077	
Zr	mg kg ⁻¹	0.5		8		21.0	13	8.7	7									11.1	

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Round identifier	662	662	663	663	664	664	665	665	666	666	667	667	668	668	F69	F70	G71	G71	G72	G72	G73	G73	G74	G74	G75	G75	G76	G76	G77
Sample	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	
Technique codes	-	-	AA	A, M, X	X, O	M	M	M	M	M	X	X	W	W	X, T, R	X, T, R	M, X	M, X	M	M	X	X	W	W	A	A	A		
Data quality	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2		
SiO ₂	% mm		0.38	0.13									0.64	0.180	0.02														
TiO ₂	% nm			0.007									0.01	0.010															
Al ₂ O ₃	% nm	0.04			0.09	0.03							0.00	0.030															
Fe ₂ O ₃	% nm												0.04	0.05	0.04														
Fe(II)O	% nm																												
MnO	% nm	0.0013											0.002																
MgO	% nm	0.39											0.35	0.47															
CaO	% nm	55.41											55.9	63.72															
Na ₂ O	% nm	0.013											0.022																
K ₂ O	% nm												0.17	0.03															
P ₂ O ₅	% nm																												
H ₂ O ^a	% nm												0.3																
CO ₂	% nm												43.9	44.01															
LOI	% nm												43.58	43.3	43.96														
Ag	mg kg ⁻¹																												
As	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Au	mg kg ⁻¹																												
B	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Ba	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Be	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Bi	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Br	mg kg ⁻¹	0.898																											
Cd	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Ce	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Cl	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Co	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Cr	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Cs	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Cu	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Dy	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Er	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Eu	mg kg ⁻¹	0.0178																											
F	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Ga	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Gd	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Ge	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Hf	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Hg	mg kg ⁻¹																												
Ho	mg kg ⁻¹																												
In	mg kg ⁻¹																												
I	mg kg ⁻¹																												
La	mg kg ⁻¹	0.79																											
Lu	mg kg ⁻¹																												

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Table 5

**Assigned values for CAL-S derived
from robust statistics**

	Assigned value	Target precision	Measured precision	Ratio measured/ target
	Xa	Ha		
MgO	0.3939	0.0091	0.0124	1.3655
CaO	55.5267	0.6067	0.0778	0.1283
CO ₂	43.95	0.4974	0.1027	0.2065
LOI	43.7544	0.4955	0.0447	0.0903
Cd	0.365	0.034	0.026	0.764
Ce	0.4	0.037	0.03	0.807
Co	0.84	0.069	0.147	2.137
Cr	3.395	0.226	0.332	1.47
Cs	0.013	0.002	0.002	0.986
Dy	0.1105	0.0123	0.0057	0.4635
Er	0.08772	0.01012	0.00304	0.3007
Eu	0.02	0.0029	0.0009	0.2991
Gd	0.101	0.01141	0.00345	0.30203
Ho	0.0286	0.0039	0.0009	0.2295
La	0.89	0.072	0.034	0.471
Lu	0.0107	0.0017	0.0003	0.1531
Mo	0.2	0.0204	0.0306	1.5026
Nd	0.391	0.036	0.012	0.339
Pr	0.1	0.01131	0.0036	0.3179
Sm	0.071	0.00846	0.0034	0.40225
Sr	233.331	8.215	3.57	0.435
Tb	0.017	0.0025	0.0011	0.4297
Tm	0.012	0.0019	0.0008	0.4354
U	0.8162	0.0673	0.0218	0.3232
Y	2.2	0.1563	0.1002	0.6414
Yb	0.07489	0.00885	0.00254	0.28739
Zn	15	0.7982	0.6634	0.8312

Concentration units: Majors % m/m, traces mg kg⁻¹

Values were not assigned to elements omitted from this table owing to insufficient data or an unsatisfactory statistical distribution.

Table 6: Z-scores for CAL-S

Table 6
Z-scores calculated for results from the analysis of CAL-S (limestone)

Round identifier	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G8	G9	G10	G11	G12	G13	G14	G14
Sample	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S
Technique codes	A, M	X	X	X	M, X, W	G, A	X	X	X	X	X	A, M	AA	AA, A, WAA, A, W
Data quality	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1
MgO	-2.96	-4.17	1.98	8.36	16.05	0.12	-6.26	17.15	2.53	-10.65	-1.09	-4.82	-2.96	2
CaO	0.06	0.10	0.00	0.94	-0.52	-0.18	3.36	-1.20	-0.15	-0.51	-6.69	-0.52	-0.12	
CO ₂														-0.46
LOI	0.16	0.17	0.12	-0.67		0.44			0.05	-0.05	-0.82	0.39		
Cd												-1.91		-0.96
Ce	0.27			259.46	-1.08						143.24			
Co	-0.29	15.65				1.16								0.22
Cr	-1.98	-0.87	12.40		2.68		8.20							
Cs	-0.75													
Dy	-0.43						-0.85							
Er	-0.38						-1.75							
Eu	0.00						-3.45							
Gd	-0.48						-0.09							
Ho	0.18						0.36							
La	0.00						-0.97							
Lu	-0.21						-0.41							
Mo	-1.23	-4.90		53.92	0.00		63.73							
Nd	0.40						-0.31							
Pr	0.44						-0.88							
Sm	-0.06						-0.12							
Sr	0.83	-0.82	0.95	-1.50	-0.77		-2.64	4.32		-1.48	-2.35		4.23	0.57
Tb	0.60						-2.80							0.28
Tm	-0.53													
U	-0.12	-6.06					-0.24							-1.09
Y	-0.96	2.56					-1.28	-0.64		21.75	8.96		12.16	-1.86
Yb	-0.28						-0.55							
Zn	-1.88	0.00	-3.13	-3.76	7.52	3.13	0.75	5.01		-6.89	-3.38		-0.88	

Table 6: Z-scores for CAL-S

		G15	G16	G18	G19	G21	G22	G23	G24	G25	G26	G28	G29	G31
Sample	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S
Technique codes	M	M	X, G, A	X, G, W	X, AA	X, AA	X, AA	X, AA	A, M	X	X	X	X	G, AA, M
Data quality	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
MgO			-8.89	5.84	0.67				12.42	-0.21	-0.76	11.66	6.16	1.98
CaO			0.78	-0.64	-0.80				-0.05	0.64	0.63	0.70	1.08	0.12
CO ₂			0.90	0.45										0.22
LOI			-0.72	-1.38	-0.86				0.03	0.15	-0.03	-0.09	-0.11	2.19
Cd														-0.63
Ce	-2.92		-1.08	491.89	3.51									
Co		5.36			-11.59									147.25
Cr		-0.21	-6.48	132.77	-6.17	16.83								1.35
Cs	-2.15		-6.50		-2.50									36.16
Dy	-0.90		0.77											
Er	-0.64													
Eu	-1.79		2.41		3.45									
Gd	-0.89													
Ho	-0.82													
La	-2.06		0.42	-2.92		-1.11								
Lu	0.06		0.09											
Mo						3.92								
Nd	-1.44		-1.44											522.35
Pr	-1.48		0.00											
Sm	-1.69	3.49	0.81	-1.77	-1.14	-6.09			1.71					
Sr	-0.89													-0.04
Tb	-1.36													-0.63
Tm	-0.42													
U	-10.90		-0.71	-1.13	0.21									
Y	-2.88			-2.56	5.12									1.28
Yb	-0.65					-0.10								
Zn			-4.64	3.76	-1.25	-3.13		5.01		0.00		0.00		0.00

Table 6: Z-scores for CAL-S

		G31	G32	G33	G34	G35	G36	G37	G38	G39	G40	G42	G43	G43
Sample	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S
Technique codes G, AA, M	X	A, M, O	1	1	X	X	A, V, SI,	X, M	A, X	A, X	A, M, X	A, W	E, AA, R, E, AA,	
Data quality	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2
MgO	-12.30	2.87	1.43		17.15		-2.41	0.88	-0.49	-18.67	-1.97	-7.36	3.14	
CaO	1.60	0.14		3.28	-1.93		0.06	-0.10	-0.62	-0.13	-0.02	-0.20	0.46	
CO ₂		-0.46					0.05							
LOI	0.25	-0.38			-0.84		0.07	0.10	0.18	0.21	0.52	-0.15	0.47	
Cd	-2.87	1.10					0.51	-1.10	3.46				2.57	
Ce	-0.27	4.35	0.57		245.95		-0.27	0.00	16.62				-1.89	
Co	0.00	-2.97			2.32		-0.51	-3.80						
Cr	171.03				1.83	15.95		-3.09	-4.41	1.34				
Cs	1.25						-0.75		9.25					
Dy	-2.46	-1.57					-0.02	-0.02	1.08		-0.02		-0.04	
Er	8.02	-0.73					0.11	0.61	-0.28		-0.33		-0.07	
Eu	7.24	0.17	3.79				0.00	0.00	0.34				-2.07	
Gd	3.90						0.39	-0.04	1.05			1.71	-0.70	
Ho	10.44	-1.49	-0.15				0.18	0.18	0.05				0.62	
La	1.39	1.04	-1.38		-12.36		0.42	0.76	0.50		-1.60	-0.56		
Lu	29.21	-0.21	0.76				-0.21	-0.21	0.09				1.94	
Mo	-4.63	-0.25						3.92						
Nd	3.74		0.00				0.54	0.68	-0.26		0.26		-0.03	
Pr	2.65						0.44	0.88	-0.35		-0.44		2.65	
Sm	4.08		0.00				-0.06	-0.06	1.83				1.06	
Sr	0.92	1.06	0.71		-0.10		0.71	-0.32	0.09	0.08		-3.85	-0.41	
Tb	5.80	-0.40	1.60				-0.40	0.60	0.60	56.60			-0.80	
Tm	94.21	0.53					-0.53	-0.53	0.00				0.00	
U		0.03	-0.34				0.62	0.47	0.30	8.79				
Y	-1.25	-0.67		11.52			-0.32	-0.32	3.84	-0.80			-1.73	
Yb	3.68	-1.07	-1.12				-0.28	0.29	0.40	-1.41	-0.45		1.26	
Zn	10.07	-1.88		-1.88			0.00	-1.88		1.88	-7.14		10.02	

Table 6: Z-scores for CAL-S

		G44	G45	G46	G47	G48	G49	G50	G53	G54	G55	G56	G57	G61	G62
Sample	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S
Technique codes	X	A, AA, V, AA, A, X, AA	A, X, AA	M, X	X	M	X	A, A, M, X, AA	X	A, M, X	M	M	M	A, M, X	-1
Data quality	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
MgO	9.46	-3.73	-0.43	-7.91	-1.86	0.67		-0.38	-3.51		-2.41			58.91	-0.43
CaO	-1.68		-1.13	0.20	-0.14	-0.69		0.19	0.25		-0.02			-0.54	-0.19
CO ₂			-3.12							0.25				0.42	
LOI	-0.11		-0.33	0.37	0.11		0.15		-0.02	-0.36				-0.09	
Cd		136.32		4.19	-0.81					0.51				-1.03	
Ce				-1.35		35.14	2.97		13.51					-0.53	
Co	-4.93			2.68	-1.54		-15.02		-2.42					1.96	
Cr						-0.75		3.50		321.75				2.82	-1.75
Cs						0.18		3.21		3.64				5.00	
Dy						0.21		2.20		0.61				-0.47	
Er						31.03	-0.52	0.00						-0.68	
Eu						0.00		2.54		4.34				-0.34	-0.76
Gd						-0.46		2.92						-0.35	
Ho						7.71	-1.01	56.32	6.11	4.93				-0.21	
La										91.04				-0.86	1.39
Lu									-0.41					-0.21	-0.06
Mo														0.98	0.00
Nd										9.85				-2.58	
Pr										8.84				-2.56	
Sm										3.43				-0.59	
Sr										7.62				0.00	
Tb										1.20				-0.26	
Tm										4.21				0.03	1.39
U										2.58				-1.15	-1.52
Y										2.88	0.00	12.16	1.60	0.64	
Yb										1.71		1.42		0.12	0.28
Zn										-1.38	0.63		34.45	-1.19	-4.89
														-1.88	

Table 6: Z-scores for CAL-S

Round Identifier	G62	G63	G64	G67	G68	G69	F70	G71	G72	G74	G75	G76	G77
Sample	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S	CAL-S
Technique codes	1	AA	A, M, I, X	X, O	M	M	X	W	X, T, IR	X, T, IR	M, X	M	X
Data quality	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
MgO	20.45	-2.41	8.36			1.98	-2.63	-1.53		-35.59		4.18	
CaO	-5.15	0.31	13.50			0.41	-1.05	-0.18		1.11		0.04	-0.45
CO ₂		-0.05	0.12			-44.18	-4.89	-2.01					-0.31
LOI	-0.35	-0.46	0.41			-1.99	0.33	0.68		1.10		-0.05	0.19
Cd		38.75		-1.50					-1.91				1.99
Ce	-1.08		0.00	-2.59						-1.62			
Co		-0.29		13.19						-7.83	17.97		-3.19
Cr		24.13		0.42						-2.19	-0.42		2.00
Cs		71.75		-0.15							-0.50		
Dy		-0.43		-1.35							-0.45		
Er		0.11		-0.18							0.42		
Eu		-2.24		-0.07							-0.76		
Gd				0.09							-0.61		
Ho				-0.69							-0.41		
La		-0.63		-1.36							-0.53		
Lu				1.53							1.24		
Mo										9.80	-0.49		
Nd		0.13		-0.94							-0.44		
Pr		-0.35		-0.79							-0.62		
Sm		-1.83		0.38							0.00		
Sr		-0.39	0.93	2.03		-1.48	2.52		-2.52	-25.30	3.73	-1.91	-1.42
Tb		76.60		-1.32							-0.80		
Tm				0.95							0.53		
U		-0.12		-1.24							1.25	0.50	
Y		-0.32		-2.50		2.56					2.56	1.11	
Yb				0.40								-0.28	
Zn		2.51	2.51	3.26							0.00	-3.51	0.94

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Figure captions

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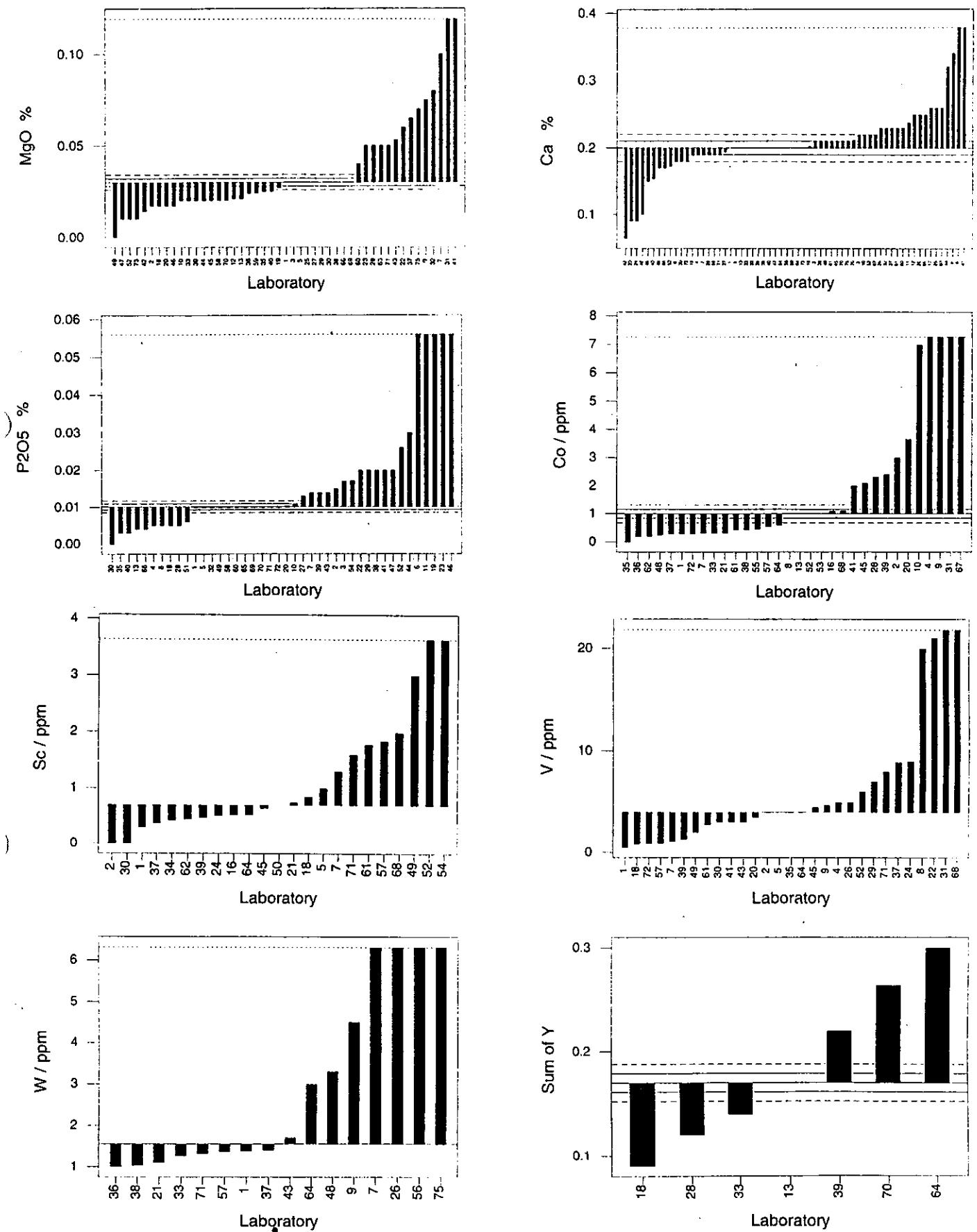


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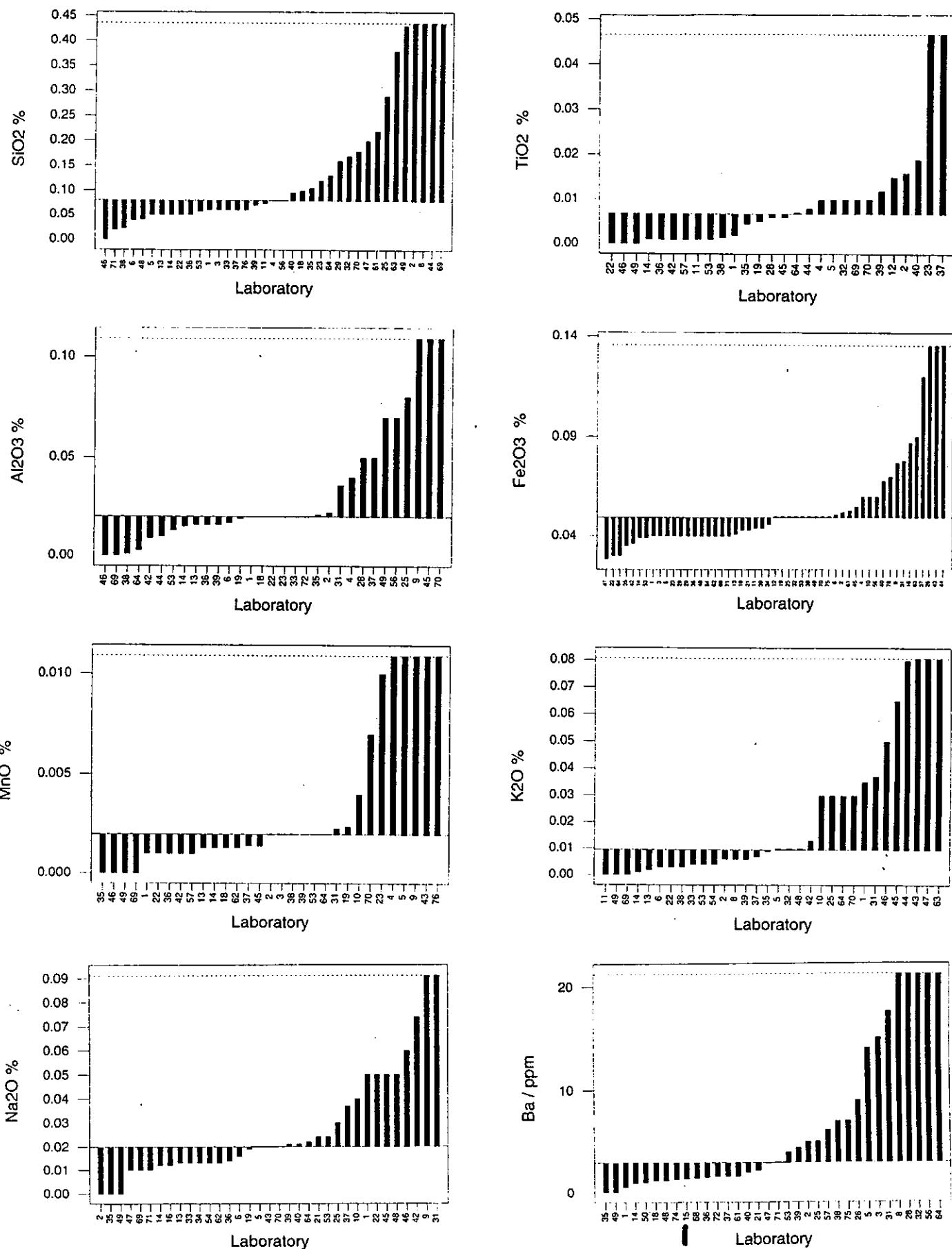


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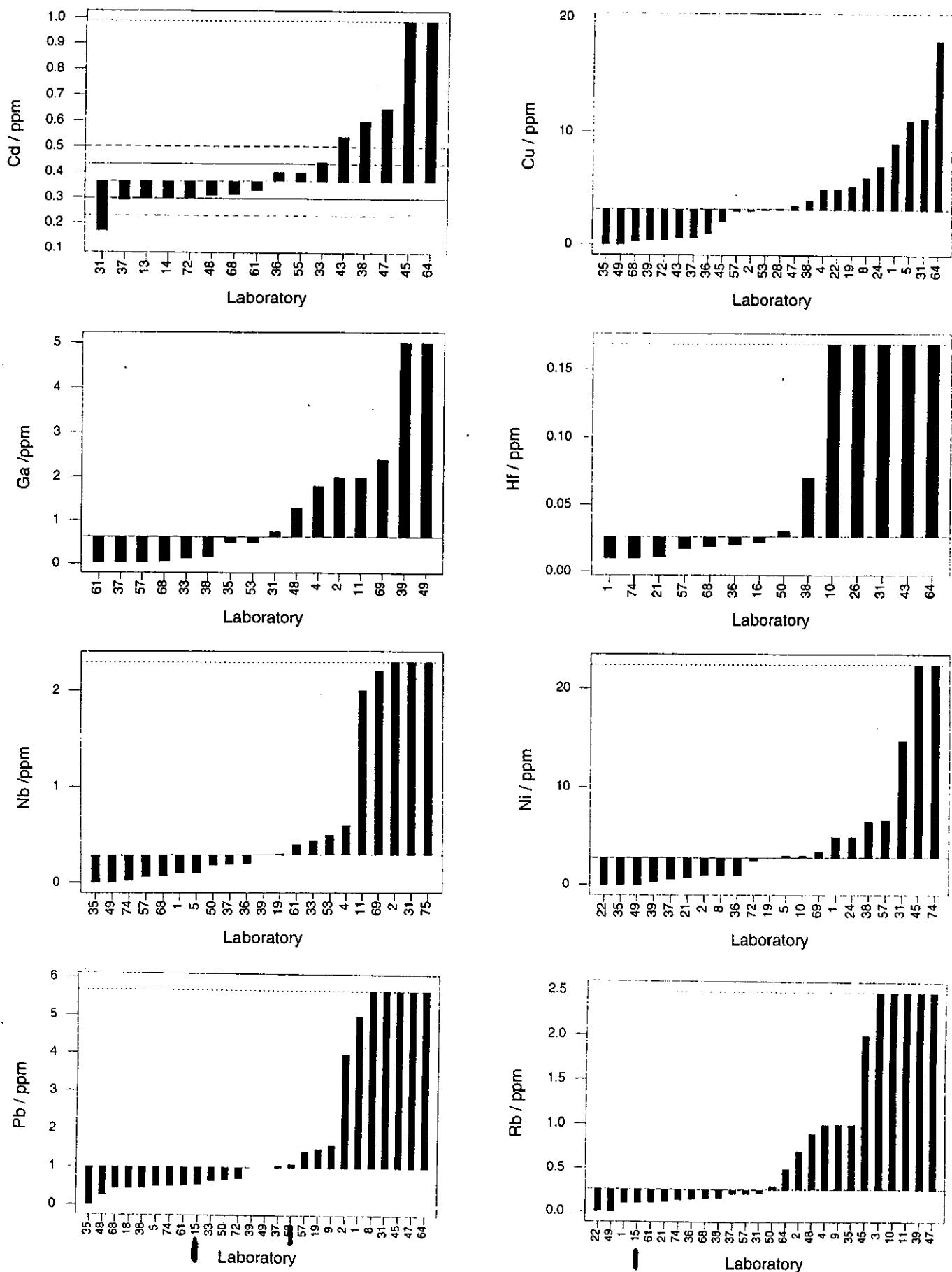


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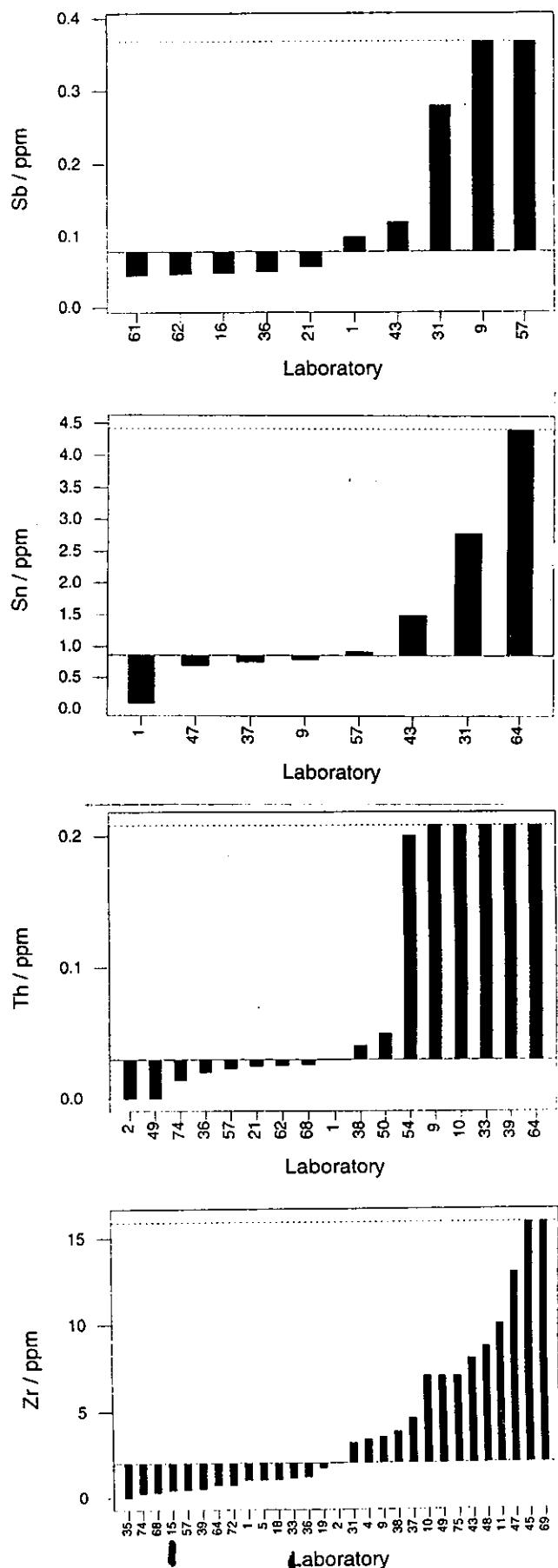
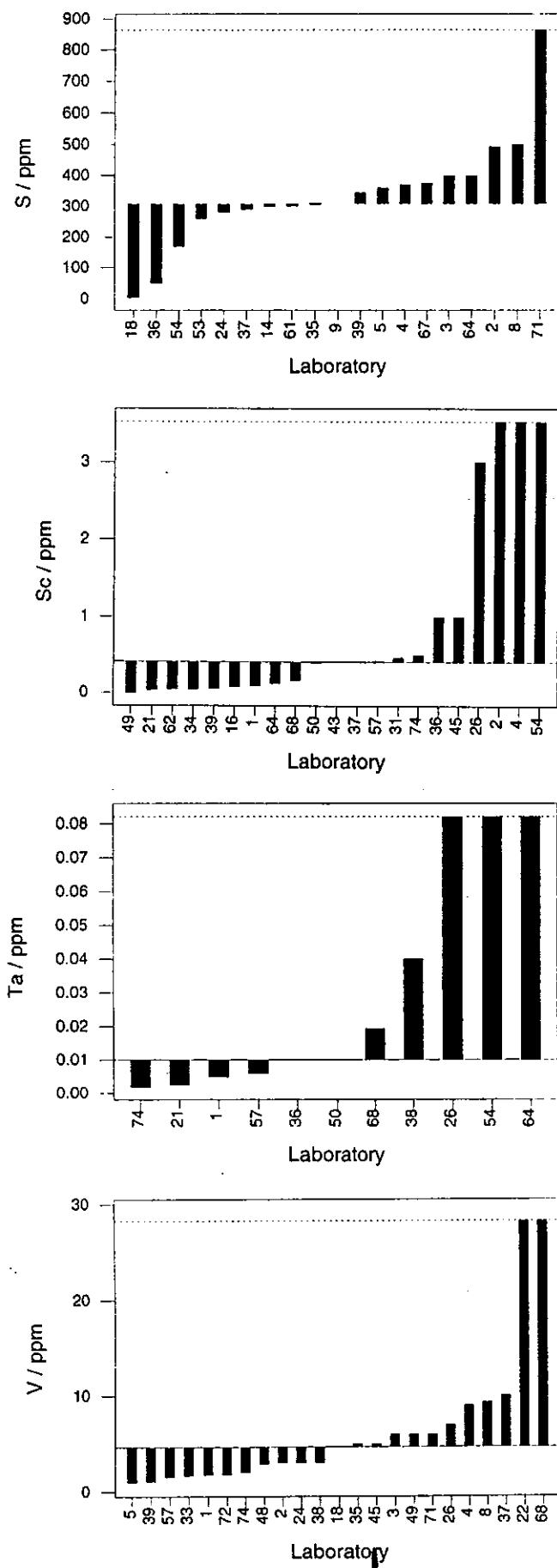


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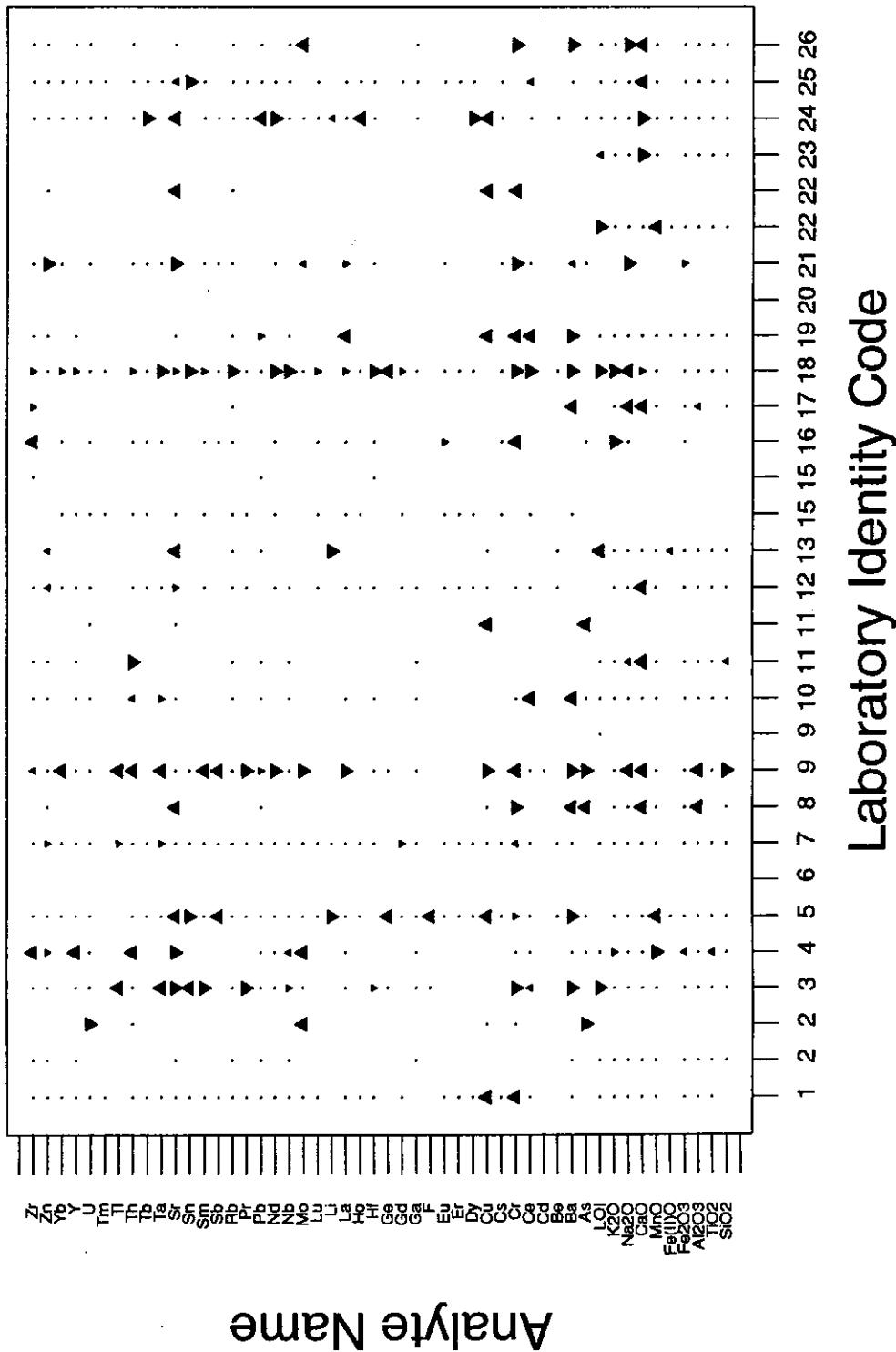


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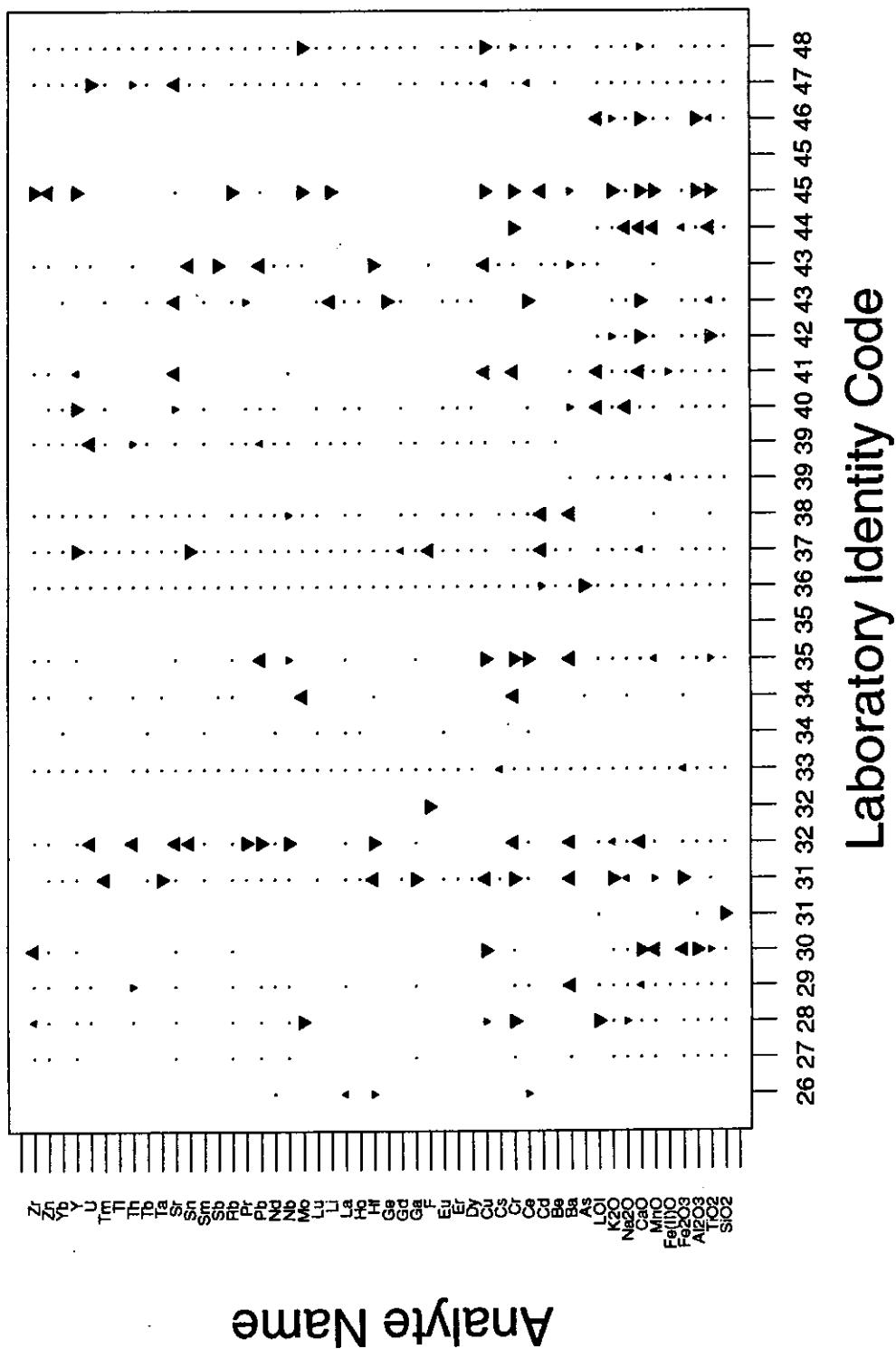
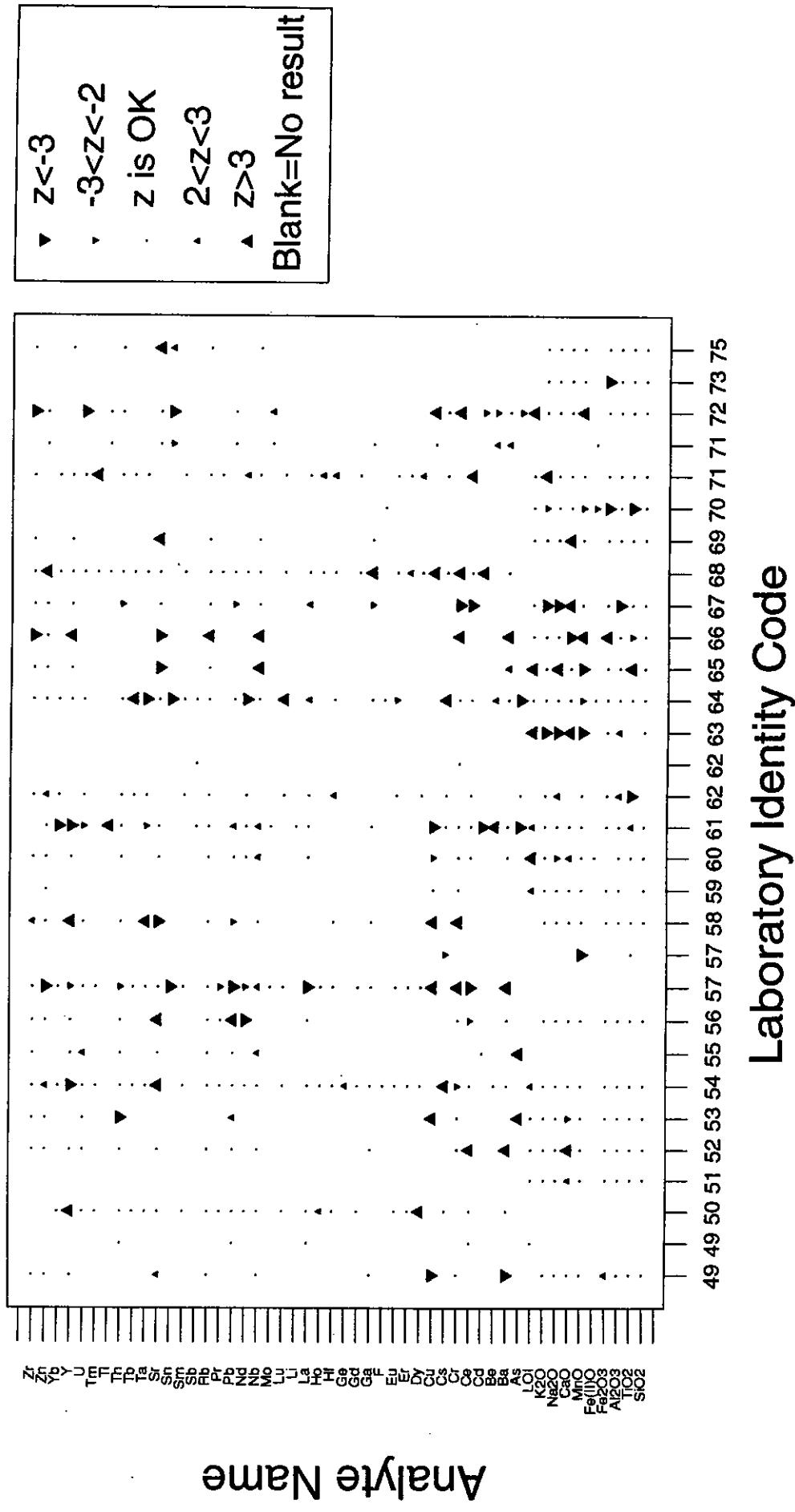


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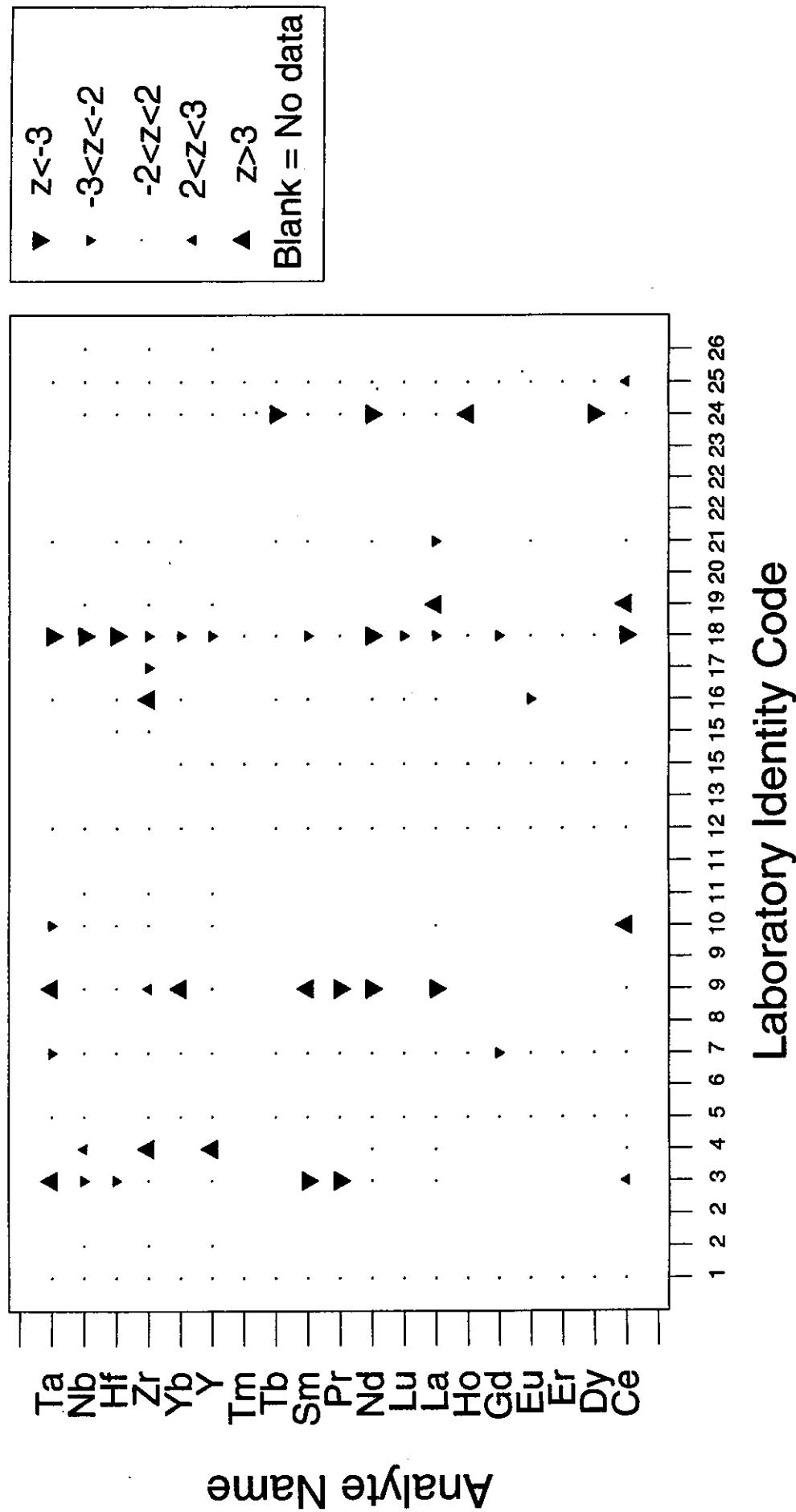


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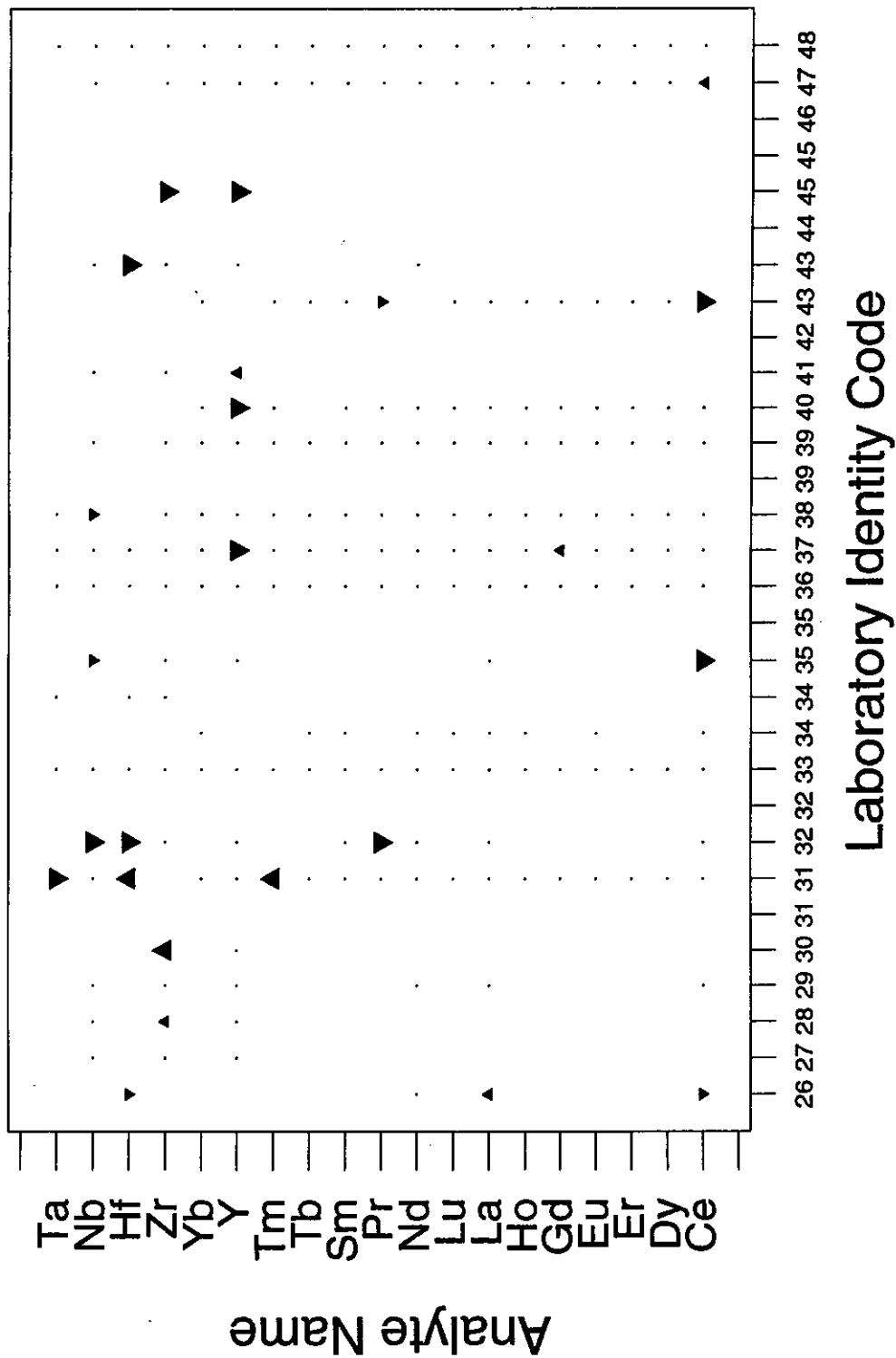


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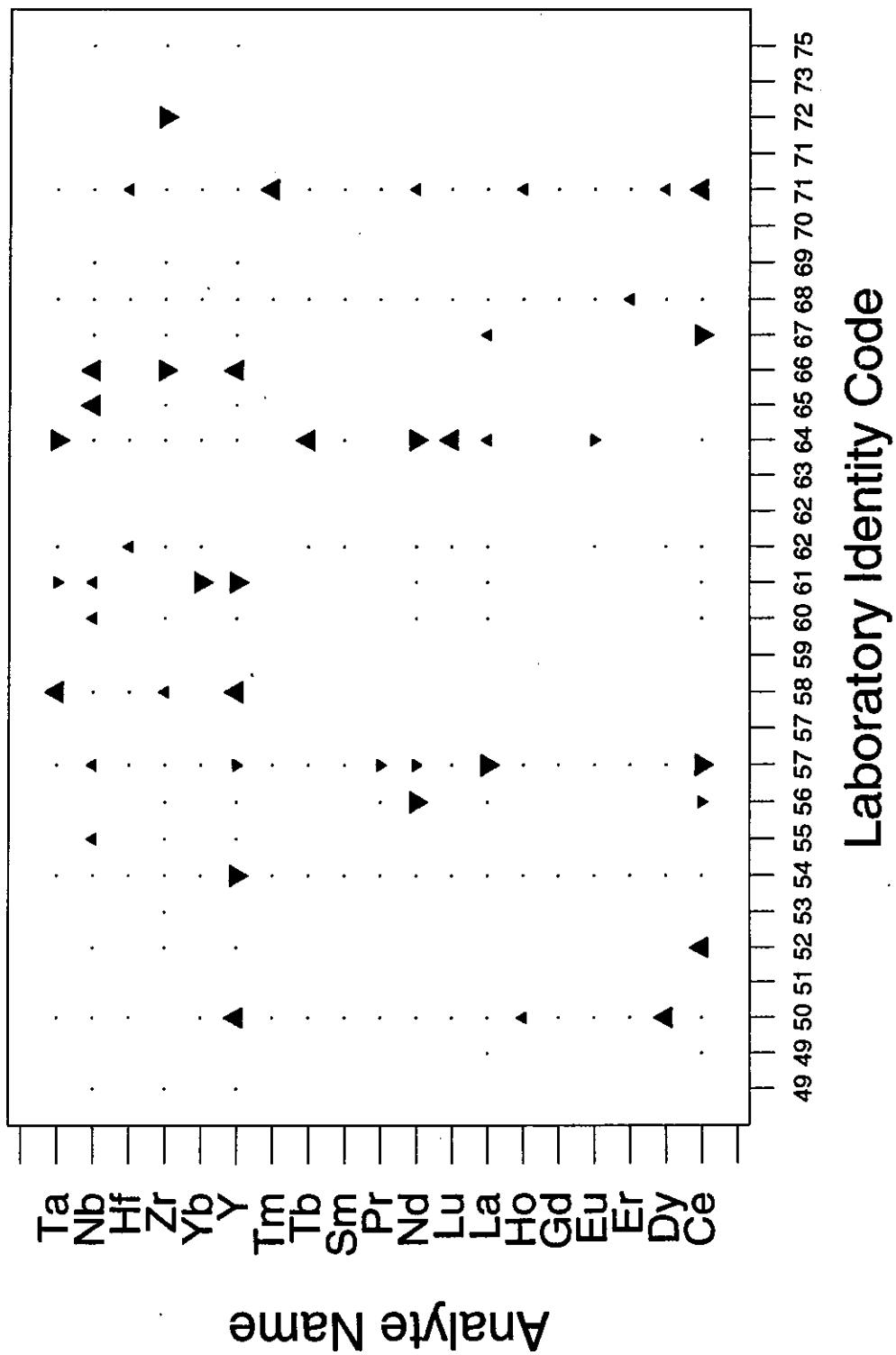


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