



Supplement of

Chemistry and mineralogy of clay minerals in Asian and Saharan dusts and the implications for iron availability

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Table S1. General chemical formulas of minerals in the Asian and Saharan dusts identified by TEM and XRD analysis.

| Mineral | Chemical formula |
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| Phyllosilicates | |
| Illite* | $K_{0.8}(Al,Fe,Mg)_2(Si_{3.5}Al_{0.5})O_{10}(OH)_2$ |
| Smectite* | $Ca_{0.1-0.3}(Al,Mg,Fe)_2(Si_{3-4}Al_{0-1})O_{10}(OH)_2 \cdot nH_2O$ |
| Vermiculite* | $Ca_{0.3-0.5}(Mg,Fe,Al)_3(Si_3Al)O_{10}(OH)_2 \cdot nH_2O$ |
| Chlorite* | $(Mg,Fe,Al)_6(Si_3Al)O_{10}(OH)_8$ |
| Kaolinite | $Al_2Si_2O_5(OH)_4$ |
| Muscovite | $KAl_2(Si_3Al)O_{10}(OH)_2$ |
| Biotite* | $K(Fe,Mg,Al)_3(Si_3Al)O_{10}(OH)_2$ |
| Other silicates | |
| Quartz | SiO_2 |
| Plagioclase* | $(Ca,Na)Al_{1-2}Si_{2-3}O_8$ |
| K-feldspar | $KAlSi_3O_8$ |
| Amphibole* | $Ca_2(Fe,Mg)_5AlSi_7O_{22}(OH)_2$ |
| Epidote | $Ca_2(Al,Fe)_3(SiO_4)_3(OH)$ |
| Palygorskite | $(Mg,Al)_2Si_4O_{10}(OH) \cdot 4H_2O$ |
| Non-silicates | |
| Calcite | $CaCO_3$ |
| Gypsum | $CaSO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ |
| Goethite | $FeO(OH)$ |
| Magnetite | $Fe^{2+}Fe^{3+}_2O_4$ |
| Hematite | Fe_2O_3 |

*Representative chemical formulas. They have a range of compositional variation due to ionic substitution.