

## Iron minerals (schwertmannite, goethite, iron-hydroxides) as the Biomineralization products

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Iron oxides as the biomineralization products : schwertmannite, goethite, iron-hydroxides were mineralogically examined. Nishikinuma, Hokkaido is now growing iron ore and gives good field to study biomineralization of iron oxides minerals. Among various types of microbes, coccus may play the most important role to form the goethite bio-ore. Furthermore, thin film-like membranes on the water surfaces were clarified to be either schwertmannite at Nishikinuma, Gunma Iron Ore and Goshikinuma, or iron hydroxides at Akatani, Ishikawa etc.