

Contrasting spinel chemistry in the Oligo-Miocene tholeiitic, calc-alkaline and HMA lavas in Noto Peninsula

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