

Compositions of Mesopotamian tablet clay for identification of source area

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Clay tablets are excavated from all over Mesopotamia and some contain date of issue. Thus, if we can decode information on paleo-environment from grains and microfossils included in the tablet clay, the use of the clay tablet would be greatly widened. However, many tablets are stored in the museums in West Asia without any information of the excavated sites. In this paper, we report results of compositional analyses on the tablet clay using material stored in the Slemani Museum, Iraq, aiming to understand where they were made.

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