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## Application of feldspar and hornblende composition to investigate the nature and thermobarometry Aftabrou pluton, northwest Uroumieh-Dokhtar magmatic belt, Iran

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### Abstract

The Aftabrou pluton, situated in the Northwest of Saveh, is a small part of the Uroumieh-Dokhtar magmatic arc of Iran in the Alpine-Himalayan orogenic belt. The arc outcrops are mainly consisted of Tertiary volcanic sequences and associated plutonic rocks typical of calc-alkaline magmatism developed at active continental margins. The arc was developed during the closure of the Neotethyan ocean between Arabia and Eurasia. This pluton is consisted of plutonic (granodiorite) and sub-plutonic (diorite) rocks, intruded into the Eocene volcanic rocks. The main minerals are plagioclase, amphibole, alkali feldspar and magnetite. In this study, composition of minerals is used to describe the nature of the granitic magma and to estimate the pressure and temperature at which Aftabrou pluton is emplaced. The chemistry of amphibole in plutonic rocks and that of clinopyroxene inclusion in plagioclase of sub-plutonic rocks show that this pluton is derived from a calc-alkaline magma. This type of magma is typically produced in the subduction environments. It means that the pluton could have formed in an orogenic suite in the subduction zone. The results obtained from amphibole and clinopyroxene chemistry are well consistent with the previous suggestions on the Uroumieh-Dokhtar belt. The average of emplacement temperatures calculated by the hornblende-plagioclase thermometer for granodiorites and diorites are 625.5°C and 597.9°C, respectively. Aluminum-in-hornblende geobarometry indicate that the emplacement pressures for sub-plutonic and plutonic rocks of Aftabrou pluton are 1.18–0.14 Kbar and 0.08–0.05 Kbar, respectively.

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## Introduction

The composition of minerals provides an useful tool for evaluating P-T conditions and the nature of magma during the emplacement of granites (Stein and Diet, 2001). Amphibole is a significant ferromagnesian mineral in most acidic to basic igneous rocks (Femenias, 2006; Blundy & Holland, 1990). Amphibole is stable in a wide range of pressure- temperature from 1-23 kilobar and 400-1150°C (Femenias, 2006; Blundy & Holland, 1990). It can reflect both the nature and the physicochemical conditions of magmas from which it formed (Heltz, 1982; Stein & Diet, 2001; Leak *et al.*, 1997). Also, amphiboles are ideally used for evaluation of P-T conditions for calc-alkaline intrusions emplaced within orogenic belts. Hornblende-plagioclase thermometry and aluminum-in-hornblende geobarometry are ideally suited for calculation of pressures and temperatures at which granites are emplaced (Blundy & Holland, 1990; Stein & Dietl, 2001).

Plutonic intrusions spread in to volcanic rocks of Uromieh-Dokhtar belt. Determination of their emplacement P-T conditions can help to get on better perception on how magmatism evolved in this orogenic belt. So far temperature and pressure of some intrusion are determined in this belt. The dioritic rocks of Kiab pluton are evaluated 739°C and 1Kb, respectively (Zareiei *et al.*, 2013). The temperature and pressure of the crystallization of Mehrzamin pluton are 800°C and 1.4 Kb, respectively (Chavideh *et al.*, 2013). Khalili and Kourang (2001) also are shown that Zafarghand pluton is formed in 700- 800°C and 2- 5 Kb. In this research, P-T condition of Kiab, Mehrzamin and Zafargh and plutons are studied by using composition of minerals method.

Aftabrou pluton is developed within the volcanic rocks in Uromieh-Dokhtar magmatic belt of Iran (Alavi, 1990; Berberian & King, 1981; Berberian, 1977; Mohajjel & Fergusson, 2000). Estimates of emplacement depths for this pluton provide direct evidence for the ascent or descent of exposed crustal

sections through time, thus providing fundamental information about tectonic processes in the area. Aftabrou pluton is composed of plagioclase, quartz, K-feldspar, hornblende, and magnetite). Amphibole and plagioclase occur as a major minerals. This mineral assemblage is highly suitable for hornblende-plagioclase thermometry and aluminum-in-hornblende barometry (Anderson & Smith, 1995; Hammarstrom & Zen, 1986; Hollister *et al.*, 1987; Johnson & Rutherford, 1989; Schmidt, 1992; Stein & Dietl, 2001).

In this study, we present electron microprobe data, first, to estimate the pressure and temperature at which Aftabrou pluton is emplaced, secondly, recognition of environmental tectonic for former magma of this pluton.

## Material and methods

### *Sampling and analysis techniques*

After collecting and verifying the information, reports and maps of the area, check field study, petrographic studies and survey in the various stages, select 2 samples that have lowest degree of weathering and crystals of plagioclase and amphibole were in balance together of the plutonic-subplutonic rocks. The 2 samples. These samples are from granodiorites (sample AF-13) and porphyric diorite (sample AF-43). All selected samples are composed of mineral assemblage of quartz, plagioclase, hornblende, K-feldspar, magnetite. Clinopyroxene is only seen in porphyric diorite rocks in to inclusion in plagioclase. This mineral assemblage is an important prerequisite for aluminum-in-hornblende barometry (Anderson & Smith, 1995; Hammarstrom & Zen, 1986; Hollister *et al.*, 1987; Johnson & Rutherford, 1989; Schmidt, 1992; Vyhnal & Mc Sween, 1990). The minerals were analyzed by using Cameca X100 electron microprobe at Iranian Mineral Processing Research Center (IMPRC). The quantitative analyses of selected minerals were performed with a 15keV accelerating voltage, a 10nA beam current and a 2-5µm beam size. The counting time at each peak was 20-30s.

The rims of several pairs of co-existing hornblende and plagioclase were measured for the rnobarometry studies. All measured rims of hornblende are in contact with Plagioclase, which is an important requirement for application of aluminum-in-

hornblende barometry (Stein E. Dietl, 2001). Representative analytical data are listed in (Tables 1, 2, 3 & 4). BSE images of analyzed minerals are shown in (Fig. 2).

**Table 1.** Petrographical characteristics of AF- 13 & AF- 43 samples. M: main minerals, S: subordinate minerals, Se: secondary minerals and × :no minerals. (Qtz: Quartz; Pl: Plagioclase; Fal: Alkalifeldespar; Am: Amphibole; Zrn: Zircon; Ap: Apatite; Cal: Calcite; Chl: Chlorite; Mg: Magnetit.

Samples Rocktype	Mineralogy							Texture		
	Qt	Pl	Kfs	Am	ZrnAp	Cal	Chl	Mt		
AF-13		M	MMM	S	Se	Se	×	S	Granular- poieclitic	Granodiorit
AF- 43		M	MMM	×	Se	SeSe	S		Granular- Graphic	Diorite

**Table 2.** Representative plagioclase compositions of the investigated granitoid.

Lithology Sample	Granodiorite				Diorite	
	AF-13				AF-43	
Wt %						
SiO <sub>2</sub>		61.150		61.060	60.530	58.620
TiO <sub>2</sub>		0.010		0.000	0.050	0.060
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		23.720		23.400	23.590	25.010
FeO*		0.270		0.280	0.410	0.390
CaO		6.790		6.850	6.030	8.110
Na <sub>2</sub> O		7.420		8.630	7.910	6.510
K <sub>2</sub> O		0.540		0.550	0.510	0.590
Total		99.900		100.770	99.030	99.290
		Number of ion on the basis of 8 oxygens				
Si		10.915		10.869	10.904	10.583
Al		9.989		4.909	5.008	5.321
Ti		0.001		0	0.007	0.008
Fe		0.04		0.042	0.062	0.059
Ca		1.298		1.36	0.164	1.569
Na		2.568		2.978	2.763	2.279
K		0.123		0.125	0.117	0.136
Total		19.935		20.228	20.02	19.955
Mol %						
Ab		64.37		67.54	68.32	57.21
An		32.55		29.63	28.78	39.38
Or		3.08		3.83	2.9	3.41

**Table 3.** Representative hornblende compositions of the investigated granitoid.

Lithology Sample	Granodiorite				Diorite	
	AF-13				AF-43	
Wt %						
SiO <sub>2</sub>		50.27		51.56	54.07	54.89
TiO <sub>2</sub>		0.99		0.62	0.44	0.41
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		5.01		3.74	4.11	3.99
FeO*		17.99		18.64	11.16	10.51
MgO		10.99		11.65	17.11	18.65
MnO		0.39		0.42	0.52	0.47
CaO		11.24		10.56	12.61	11.76
Na <sub>2</sub> O		0.99		0.72	0.39	0.55
K <sub>2</sub> O		0.35		0.24	0.14	0.19
Total		98.22		98.15	100.55	101.42

Formula per Holland and Blundy (1994)

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<u>T-sites</u>				
Si	7.382	7.572	7.481	7.484
Aliv	0.618	0.428	0.519	0.516
Al(total)	0.867	0.648	0.670	0.641
<u>M1,2,3 sites</u>				
Alvi	0.250	0.219	0.152	0.125
Ti	0.109	0.068	0.046	0.042
Fe3+	0.221	0.140	0.250	0.273
Mg	2.405	2.550	3.528	3.790
Mn	0.049	0.052	0.061	0.054
Fe2+	1.967	1.970	0.963	0.716
Ca	<u>0.000</u>	<u>0.000</u>	<u>0.000</u>	<u>0.000</u>
	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
<u>M4 site</u>				
Fe	0.022	0.179	0.078	0.210
Ca	1.769	1.662	1.870	1.718
Na	<u>0.209</u>	<u>0.159</u>	<u>0.052</u>	<u>0.072</u>
	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
<u>A site</u>				
Ca	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Na	0.073	0.046	0.052	0.073
K	<u>0.066</u>	<u>0.045</u>	<u>0.025</u>	<u>0.033</u>
Sum A	0.138	0.091	0.077	0.106
<u>OH site</u>				
O	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
OH	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
F	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Cl	<u>0.000</u>	<u>0.000</u>	<u>0.000</u>	<u>0.000</u>
	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Sum cations	15.138	15.091	15.077	15.106
Cation CHG	46.000	46.000	46.000	46.000
Fe#	0.479	0.473	0.268	0.240
Mg/Fe2+	1.209	1.186	3.388	4.095
Mg/Fe	1.089	1.114	2.732	3.162
XMg	0.481	0.510	0.706	0.758
XOH	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
cm	0.022	0.179	0.078	0.210
XSi,T1	0.846	0.893	0.870	0.871
XAl,T1	0.154	0.107	0.130	0.129
XAl,M2	0.125	0.110	0.076	0.063
Xvac,A	0.862	0.909	0.923	0.894
XNa,A	0.073	0.046	0.052	0.073
XNa,M4	0.105	0.080	0.026	0.036
XCa,M4	0.884	0.831	0.935	0.859
XK,A	0.066	0.045	0.025	0.033

**Table 4.** Representative clinopyroxen inclusion compositions of the investigated granitoid.

Lithology	Diorite			
Sample	AF- 43			
Wt %				
SiO2	55.25	55.31	55.2	55.39
TiO2	0.31	0.12	0.18	0.8
Al2O3	2.08	3.58	3.26	3.78
Cr2O3	0	0	0	0
FeO	10.94	10.55	10.72	10.36
MnO	0.4	0.49	0.48	0.51
MgO	16.8	16.9	16.82	17
CaO	12.93	10.9	11.48	10.5
Na2O	0.23	0.39	0.32	0.44

	0.07	0.3	0.16	0.4
Total	99.01	98.54	98.62	99.18
Number of ion on the basis of 8 oxygens				
Si	2.03	2.026	2.025	2.014
Ti	0.009	0.003	0.005	0.022
Al	0.12	0.18	0.165	0.176
Cr	0	0	0	0
Fe	0.342	0.33	0.336	0.322
Mn	0.012	0.015	0.015	0.016
Mg	0.92	0.923	0.92	0.921
Ca	0.509	0.428	0.451	0.409
Na	0.016	0.028	0.023	0.031
K	0.003	0.014	0.007	0.019
Total	3.932	3.921	3.922	3.916

*Software*

The results of analysis using software Min pet 2. 2for draw the diagrams. Abbreviations of minerals were adapted from Kretz (1983).

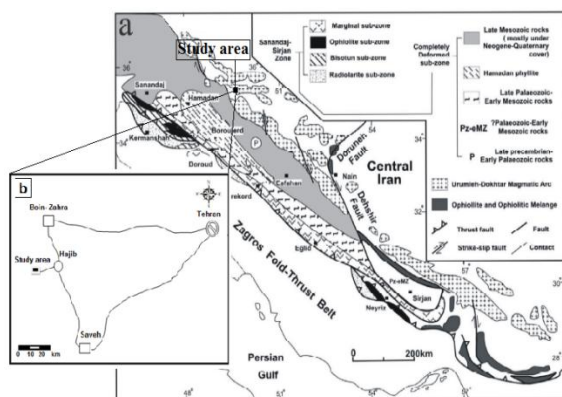
*Geological Setting*

The study area (Fig. 1a) consists of volcanic rocks and Aftabroupluton , recognized with a tectonic contact (Fig. 2). Two main Cenozoic geological units (Emami *et al.*, 2000) include: (1) Middle-Upper Eocene andesite to andesitic basalt (Emami *et al.*, 2000), (2) Eocene-Oligocene acidic plutonic and sub plutonic rocks (Sabzian *et al.*, 2015) corresponding to subduction of central Iran sub- continental plate under the Arabian plate (Ghasemi & Talbot, 2005; Mohajjel & Fergusson, 2000; Berberian & King, 1981).

**Result and discussion**

*Aftabrou Pluton*

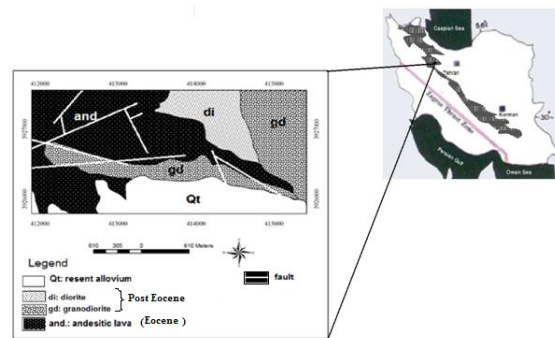
Aftabrou pluton with a E- W trend occurs as an elongate body exposed in the andesite to andesitic basalt rocks (Fig. 2) in 2 km eastern of Gheshlagh-e-Aftabrou village (Fig. 1).



**Fig. 1.** Location (a) and Road access (b) of study area in the Uroumieh- Dokhtar belt in Iran (after Mohajjel & Fergusson, 2000).

Plagioclase (51- 54 vol. %), quartz (5- 21 vol. %), Kfeldspar (9- 16 vol. %), hornblende (12- 14 vol. %) are the main minerals of this pluton. Common accessory minerals are titanite, apatite, magnetite, chlorite and sericite. Geochemical analyses of the

major elements show that the plutonic rocks are cal-alkaline, metaluminous type and sub plutonic rocks are alkaline, metaluminous to peraluminous. Genetic parameters for Aftabrou pluton are compatible with I-type granite (Amini Harooni, 2014 ;Sabzian *et al.*, 2015).

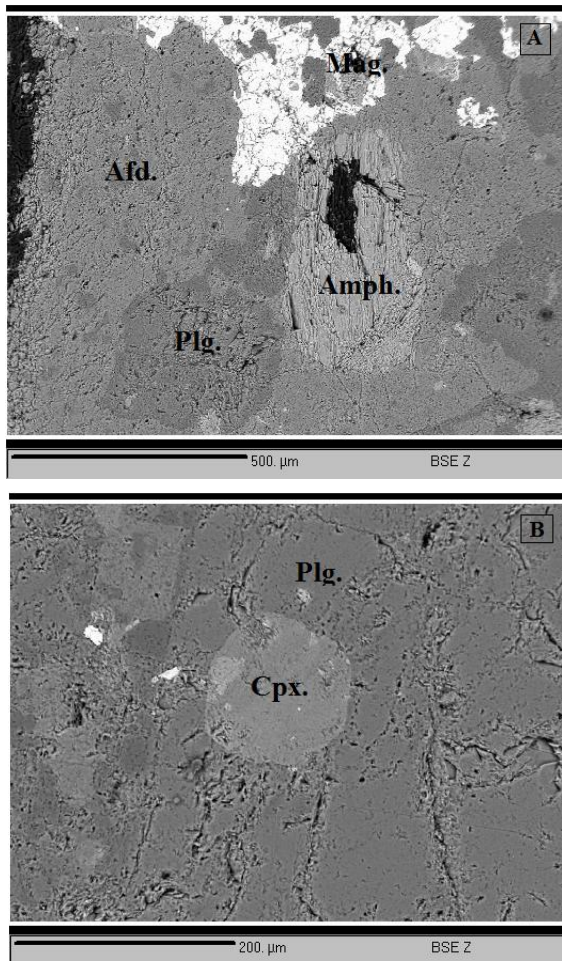


**Fig. 2.** The simplified 1: 25000 geological map (in scale) of study area location on the Uroumieh-Dokhtar belt.

Aftabrou pluton is formed in a volcanic arc related to granitoids (VAG) (Sabzian *et al.*, 2015). Some times, tabular plaioclase is altered to very fine -grained of sericite. K-feldspar is subhedral to unhedral. Quartz occurs in amorphous grains with highly variable size. Amphibole is prismatic and tabular in shape and its composition is mainly hornblende (Fig. 2- B). Ilmenite and magnetite are commonly associated with hornblende. Based on petrographical studies, plagioclase and amphibole crystals are euhedral to subhedral (Fig. 2) and are in equilibrium without reaction rim, that is an important prerequisite for aluminum-in-hornblende barometry (Anderson & Smith, 1995; Hammarstrom & Zen, 1986; Hollister *et al.*, 1987; Johnson & Rutherford, 1989; Schmidt, 1992; Stein E. Dietl, 2001; Vyhna & Mc Sween, 1990, Blundy & Holland, 1990; Ernst, 2002; Holland & Blundy, 1994; Stein & Dietl, 2001).

*Mineral Chemistry*

As mentioned before, for determining of plagioclase, alkali feldspar, amphibole and clinopyroxenecom positions of the Aftabrou pluton, 2 samples were selected and 56 points were analyzed by using EPMA. This result is shown in table 2, 3 and 4.



**Fig. 2.** BSE of mineral assemblages in analyzed sample, A: Granodiorite (AF- 13), B: Diorite (AF- 43). Plg= Plagioclase, C.px.= Clinopyroxen, Afd= Alkali feldspar, Amph= Amphibole, Mag.= Magnetite.

Using the Minpet 2.02 program designed by Richard (1995), structural formulae of plagioclase were

calculated on the basis of 8 oxygens and 5 cations. Chemical composition of plagioclase are determined by using Albite- Orthose- Anorthite ternary diagram. Anorthite content ranges between 28.78- 49.05% in diorite, while that of in granodiorite is 29.17- 34.77% (Table 2). Plagioclase, with a variable composition from oligoclase to andesine, is the most common mineral occurred in all phases of the Aftabrou pluton. In diorites, plagioclase is andesine in composition, which is consistent with the EPMA analysis.

Chemical formulae and mineral name for clinopyroxene inclusion were determined following the method of Morimoto *et al.* (1988). In this method, clinopyroxene compositions, including sodic, sodiccalcic and calcic, need to be distinguished (Table 4).

Structural formula and mineral name for amphibole were calculated on the basis of 23 oxygens following the method outlined in Holland & Blundy (1994). Based on the nomenclature of Leake *et al.* (1997), the amphibole of Aftabrou pluton is classified as calcicamphibole (Table 3) and hornblende, mostly.

Discussion will deal first with the significance of amphibole chemistry in Aftabrou pluton. Three amphibole crystals of granodiorite and diorite were analyzed for determining the magma type and tectonic setting (Table 3). The P-T conditions of granitoids generations were calculated based on their mineral composition.

**Table 5.** Results of microprobe analyze of amphiboles.

Lithology	Granodiorite						Diorite			
	core	rima	rima	rima	rim	rim	core	rima	rim	rima
Sample	<u>AF-13</u>	<u>AF-13</u>	<u>AF-13</u>	<u>AF-13</u>	<u>AF-13</u>	<u>AF-13</u>	<u>AF-43</u>	<u>AF-43</u>	<u>AF-43</u>	<u>AF-43</u>
Specimen	A24	A24a	A24b	A24c	A25	A26	A27	A27a	A27b	A27c
SiO <sub>2</sub>	49.74	49.98	50.27	50.98	51.56	51.68	53.39	53.85	54.51	54.99
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.09	1.04	0.99	0.79	0.62	0.34	0.36	0.39	0.39	0.36
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.67	5.14	5.01	4.75	3.74	3.67	4.18	4.13	3.99	3.81
FeO*	17.72	17.81	17.99	18.14	18.64	17.15	10.13	10.89	10.99	10.55
MgO	10.76	10.81	10.99	11.13	11.65	12.66	20.13	18.96	17.54	18.01
MnO	0.34	0.36	0.39	0.40	0.42	0.21	0.48	0.50	0.49	0.46
CaO	11.95	11.63	11.24	10.09	10.56	11.95	11.28	12.01	12.05	11.88

Lithology	Granodiorite						Diorite			
Texture	core	rima	rima	rima	rim	rim	core	rima	rim	rima
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.20	1.12	0.99	0.85	0.72	0.67	0.57	0.42	0.40	0.41
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.56	0.52	0.35	0.29	0.24	0.24	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.13
Total	99.03	98.41	98.22	97.42	98.15	98.57	100.70	101.31	100.50	100.60

Lithology	Diorite					
Texture	rima	rim	core	rima	rim	rim
Sample	<u>AF-43</u>	<u>AF-43</u>	<u>AF-43</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>AF-43</u>
Specimen	A28	A30	A30a	A39	A40	A41
SiO <sub>2</sub>	54.07	55.28	54.89	55.83	56.39	54.82
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.44	0.30	0.41	0.46	0.29	0.53
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.11	3.70	3.99	1.83	2.52	2.53
FeO*	11.16	10.23	10.51	11.29	11.11	11.32
MgO	17.11	18.62	18.65	15.59	17.58	16.74
MnO	0.52	0.41	0.47	0.55	0.51	0.46
CaO	12.61	11.70	11.76	12.58	12.24	12.60
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.39	0.43	0.55	0.26	0.41	0.36
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.14	0.15	0.19	0.06	0.08	0.08
Total	100.55	100.82	101.42	98.45	101.13	99.44

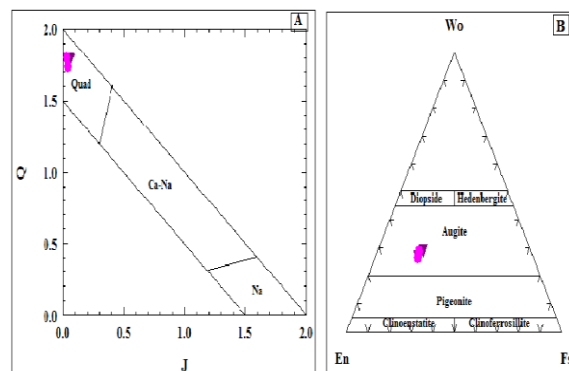
*Amphibole and Clinopyroxen Inclusion Composition and Magma Type*

The clinopyroxene inclusion is occurred in the sub-plutonic phase of Aftabrou pluton, but it is not seen at the plutonic phase. An analyzed clinopyroxene is classified as calcic clinopyroxenes (augite) (Fig. 2- A, B). Based on Mg/ (Mg+Fe<sub>2</sub>) vs. Si binary diagrams, all of the analyzed amphiboles from the porphyric diorite and granodiorite of the Aftabrou pluton are classified as calcic amphiboles and hornblende (Fig. 2. A, B). Amphibole and clinopyroxene composition has been used to describe the nature and tectonic setting of magma (Chapple and White, 1974; after Jiang and An, 1984; Lundgaard & Tegner, 2004; Le Bas, 1962); Leterrier *et al.*, 1982; Sun & Bertrand, 1991; Jakes & White, 1972). Fig. 4-B shows the subduction zone for amphiboles. The magmatic nature of clinopyroxene inclusion, based on Fig. 4. A, C is subalkaline and calcalkaline.

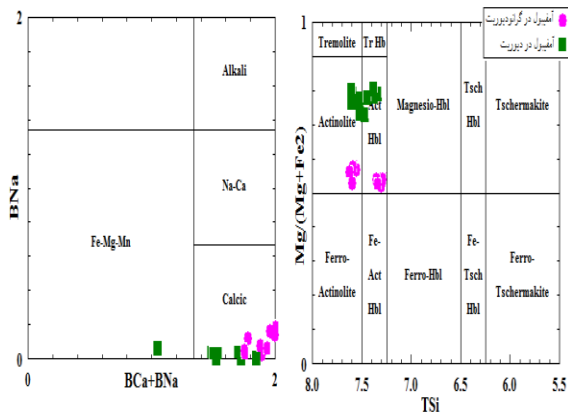
*Aluminum-in-Hornblende Thermometry*

Hornblende and plagioclase are commonly coexisting minerals in calc-alkaline igneous rocks, so they are usually used for thermometry (Blundy and Holland,

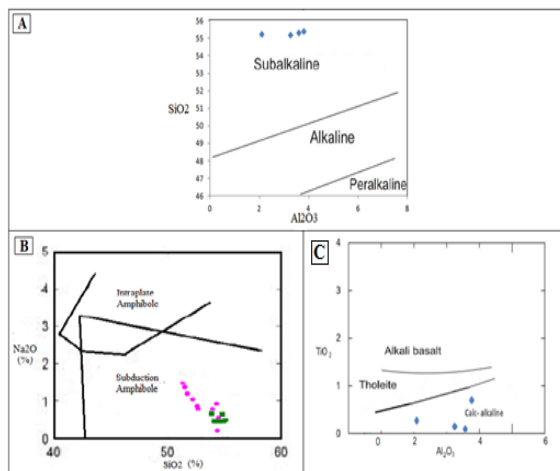
1990; Ernst, 2002; Holland and Blundy, 1994; Stein and Dietl, 2001). Based on hornblende solid-solution models and well constrained natural and experimental systems, two hornblende-plagioclase geothermometers (thermometer A and B) were calculated by Holland & Blundy (Holland and Blundy, 1994).



**Fig. 2.** (A) Location of the analyzed clinopyroxenes on the Q-J diagram of Morimoto *et al.*, 1988; (B) Classifying of the analyzed clinopyroxenes based on Wo-En-Fs triangular diagram (Morimoto *et al.*, 1988).



**Fig. 2.** (A) Classification of the analyzed amphiboles (Leak *et al.*, 1997), (B) Classifying of the analyzed amphiboles based on Mg/(Mg+Fe<sub>2</sub>) vs. Si binary diagram (Leak *et al.*, 1997).



**Fig. 2.** Diagrams showing the classification of magmas on the basis of mineral chemistry analyze. A. SiO<sub>2</sub>- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> clinopyroxen diagram (Le Bas, 1962). B. Na<sub>2</sub>O- SiO<sub>2</sub> amphibole discrimination diagram (Coltorti *et al.*, 2007). C. TiO<sub>2</sub>- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> clinopyroxen discrimination diagram (Le Bas, 1962).

Thermometer A is based on the edenite-tremolite reaction (edenite + 4 quartz → tremolite + albite), which is applicable to quartz-bearing igneous rocks: and thermometer B is based on the edenite-richterite reaction (edenite + albite → richterite + anorthite), which can be applied to both quartz-bearing and quartz-free igneous rocks (Holland and Blundy, 1994; Stein and Dietl, 2001). According to Anderson (1996), thermometer B (edenite-richterite) is successfully used rather than other igneous thermometers.

Thus, the thermometer B is selected to calculate the emplacement temperatures and pressures of Aftabrou pluton. However, the temperatures calculated by thermometer A are also listed in Table 2.

Equilibration temperatures for hornblende-plagioclase assemblages are calculated based on Anderson & Smith method. The calculated temperatures (edenite-richterite thermometers) for granodiorite (plutonic) and diorite (sub-plutonic) range from 622.1 to 639.6°C and 604.8 to 662.6°C, respectively (Table 3).

Otten (1984) used of Ti (apuf) for thermometry.

Accordingly, if Ti (apuf) < 0.345, then:

$$T (\text{min}) = 1204 * \text{Ti (apuf)} + 545 \text{ (Otten, 1984)}$$

$$T (\text{max}) = 273 * \text{Ti (apuf)} + 877 \text{ (Otten, 1984)}$$

The calculated average of temperature for granodiorites and diorites, by using the Otten method, are 652°C and 597.9°C, respectively.

#### Aluminum-in-Hornblende Barometry

Empirical studies suggest that, in the presence of an appropriate buffer assemblage, the Al content of calcic amphibole may show a linear relationship of pressure during pluton crystallization (Hammarstrom and Zen, 1986; Anderson and Smith, 1995; Hollister *et al.*, 1987; Johnson and Rutherford, 1989; Schmidt, 1992; Thomas and Ernst, 1990).

Subsequent experimental studies (Johnson and Rutherford, 1989; Rutter *et al.*, 1989; Schmidt, 1992; Thomas and Ernst, 1990) provided general confirmation of crystallization, and to constrain the emplacement depths of batholiths or vertical displacements of crust (Ernst, 2002; Mc Causland *et al.*, 2002; Moazzen and Droop, 2005; Stein E. Dietl, 2001).

There are several calibrations for aluminum-in-hornblende barometry, including:

$$P (\pm 3 \text{ kbar}) = -3.92 + 5.03 \text{ Al total}, r^2 = 0.80 \text{ (Hammarstrom and Zen, 1986);}$$



$P (\pm 1 \text{ kbar}) = -4.76 + 5.64 \text{ Al total}, r_2 = 0.97$  (Hollister, 1987);

$P (\pm 0.5 \text{ kbar}) = -3.46 + 4.23 \text{ Al total}, r_2 = 0.99$  (Johnson M.C. and Rutherford, 1989);

$P (\pm 0.6 \text{ kbar}) = -3.01 + 4.76 \text{ Al total}, r_2 = 0.99$  (Schmidt, 1992).

The last two calibrations have been more commonly used because of their experimental derivation. Anderson & Smith (Anderson and Smith, 1995) developed a temperature-corrected Al-in-hornblende barometer calibrated using the Schmidt experiments (Schmidt, 1992) at approximately 655°C and 700°C and a pressure range of 2.5 to 13 Kbar. The schmidt calibration is as follows:

$$P (\pm 0.6 \text{ kbar}) = -3.01 + 4.76 \text{ Al}_{\text{tot}}$$

Considering to the temperature (and oxygen fugacity) effect on the pressure calculation, the calibration of Anderson and Smith (1995) is used to calculate the crystallization pressures of the plutons. Temperature is calculated based on coexisting hornblende and plagioclase using the thermometry of Holland & Blundy (1994). Pressures are also calculated by the Johnson & Rutherford (Johnson and Rutherford, 1989) and Schmidt methods (Schmidt, 1992) and are compared with results obtained from the Anderson & Smith (1995) calibration.

Calculated pressures from aluminum-in-hornblende barometry are listed in Table 6. The temperature - corrected pressures calculated using Anderson & Smith method (1995) for granodiorite (plutonic) and diorite (sub- plutonic) rocks are 1.18–0.14 kbar and .08- .05 kbar, respectively.

#### Regional Implications

The Aftabrou pluton, which is dominantly composed of hornblende and plagioclase, is a part of Uroumieh-Dokhtar volcanic belt in central Iran zone. Hornblende compositions can determine the tectonomagmatic subduction environmental (Chapple & White, 1974; White, 1979; Petro *et al.*, 1979; White & chapple, 1983; John & Wooden, 1990; Barton, 1990; Barbarian, 1990; Alther *et al.*, 2000) for magmas, clearly, from which they have crystallized. The average of emplacement temperatures calculated by the hornblende-plagioclase thermometer for granodiorite and porphyric diorite are 625.5°C and 597.9°C, respectively. However, it seems that crystallization of porphyric diorite is occurred in subsolidus stage. Aluminum-in-hornblende geobarometry indicate that the emplacement pressures for sub- plutonic and plutonic rocks of Aftabrou pluton are 1.18– 0.14 Kbar and 0.08- .05 Kbar, respectively. According to  $P = \rho \cdot g \cdot h$ , average of emplacement dept for granodiorite and porphyric diorite is obtained 3.32 Km and 1.88 Km, respectively.

**Table 6.** Results of geothermobarometry, Plag Ab- the atomic ratio  $[Na/(Na+Ca+K)]$ ; Amph Al (Total)- the number of Al cations calculated in the structural formula of hornblende (Table3); P-Sch-pressure calculated using Schmidt (Schmidt, 1992); T(ed-tr) temperature calculated using plagioclase-hornblende geothermometer A (edenite-tremolite) of Holland & Blundy (Holland and Blundy, 1994); T (ed-ri)-temperature calculated using plagioclase-hornblende geothermometer B (edenite-richterite) of Holland & Blundy (Holland and Blundy, 1994) ; P-A&S- the temperature corrected pressure, calculated using Anderson & Smith (Anderson J. L and Smith, 1995) ; T=T(ed-ri).

Sample	Spots	Plg. Ab.	Amph Al (Total)	T(ed- tr) °C	T(ed- ri) °C	T (Otten)	P Sch (kb)	P-A&S (Kbar)
AF- 13	21b	64.37	0.867	302	662.1	676.6	1.12	1.18
AF- 13	22	67.54	0.648	292	639.6	627.4	0.07	0.14
AF- 43	32b	68.32	0.67	299.4	585.2	600.1	0.18	0.05
AF- 43	33a	57.21	0.641	307.3	662.6	595.6	0.04	0.08

### Conclusion

The Aftabrou pluton, situated in the Northwest of Saveh, is a small part of the Uroumieh- Dokhtar magmatic arc of Iran in the Alpine-Himalayan orogenic belt. The arc outcrops are mainly consisted of Tertiary volcanic sequences and associated plutonic rocks typical of calc-alkaline magmatism developed at active continental margins. The arc was developed during the closure of the Neotethyan ocean between Arabia and Eurasia. This pluton is consisted of plutonic (granodiorite) and sub- plutonic (diorite) rocks, intruded into the Eocene volcanic rocks. The main minerals are plagioclase, amphibole, alkali feldspar and magnetite. In this study, composition of minerals is used to describe the nature of the granitic magma and to estimate the pressure and temperature at which Aftabrou pluton is emplaced.

The chemistry of amphibole in plutonic rocks and that of clinopyroxene inclusion in plagioclase of sub-plutonic rocks show that this pluton is derived from a calc-alkaline magma. This type of magma is typically produced in the subduction environments. It means that the pluton could have formed in an orogenic suite in the subduction zone. The results obtained from amphibole and clinopyroxene chemistry are well consistent with the previous suggestions on the Uroumieh-Dokhtar belt. The average of emplacement temperatures calculated by the hornblende-plagioclase thermometer for granodiorites and diorites are 625.5°C and 597.9°C, respectively. Aluminum-in-hornblende geobarometry indicates that the emplacement pressures for sub- plutonic and plutonic rocks of Aftabrou pluton are 1.18–0.14 Kbar and 0.08–0.05 Kbar, respectively.

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