

Fingerprinting of Quartzitic Outcrops at Oldupai Gorge, Tanzania

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Highlights

- Quartz-rich raw materials were extensively exploited in the African Early Stone Age.
- Few studies have characterized quartzitic outcrops as primary source areas.
- Macroscopic, petrographic, and EDXRF data used to fingerprint quartzitic outcrops at Oldupai.
- Baseline to interpret stone provenance and hominin palaeoecological behavior.

Abstract

The African Early Stone Age record, including that of Oldupai Gorge, reveals widespread evidence for hominin exploitation of quartzose lithic raw materials such as quartzite. However, few studies have sought to characterize these rock types grounded on the assumption that they are not amenable for provenance studies. Through the use of macroscopic, petrographic, and EDXRF analysis, we characterize source material from five quartzitic outcrops belonging to the Mozambique Belt adjacent to Oldupai Gorge. Our results show that certain macroscopic varieties strictly occur at some outcrops while petrographic analyses – which will be strengthened by a greater sample size – reveal that accessory minerals may be outcrop-specific. Statistical analyses of the geochemical data through linear correlations, Kruskal-Wallis tests, PCA, and DFA show that there are inter- and intra-outcrop differences, and elemental concentrations specific of certain outcrops. This multi-scalar approach provides a reproducible classificatory framework for additional characterization studies and archaeological testing at Oldupai to shed light on hominin palaeoenvironmental exploitation and palaeoecological behavior.

Keywords

Petrography; EDXRF; Quartzite; Sourcing; Oldupai Gorge.

1 **1. Introduction**

2 Lithic raw material studies are generally based on survey programs intended to establish
3 geological reference collections, which are characterized using destructive and non-destructive
4 macroscopic, mineralogical, and geochemical techniques (Andrefsky, 2005; Calogero, 1991;
5 Carter and Shackley, 2007; Frahm, 2014; Odell, 2012; Poupeau et al., 2010; Prieto et al., 2019;
6 Shackley, 2008; Shotton and Hendry, 1979). Established reference collections serve as a means to
7 compare equivalent data obtained from stone tools to determine resource availability, distribution,
8 and potentially, stone tool provenance. Such studies allow inferences to be made concerning
9 hominin stone transport, procurement strategies, resource management, and land-use models
10 (Bamforth, 1990; Binford, 1980; Brantingham, 2003; Braun et al., 2008a; Freeman, 1994; Hermes
11 et al., 2001; Hovers, 2009; Jones et al., 2003; Kuhn, 1991; Laplace, 1972; Potts, 1994).

12 Quartz-rich rocks are among the wide variety of lithic raw materials that were exploited
13 prehistorically by hominins. Quartzite is a hard, polycrystalline quartz-rich (~90%) rock with
14 typically less than 10% accessory minerals, and has scarce intergranular porosity as a result of its
15 metamorphic origin (Blatt et al., 2006; Howard, 2005; Pettijohn et al., 2012; Tucker, 2009).
16 Throughout continental Africa, there is extensive evidence for hominin utilization of quartzose
17 materials (e.g. quartz, quartzite, and quartzose sandstone) in the Early Stone Age (ESA), best
18 exemplified by lithic assemblages from the Shungura Formation (Ethiopia) (Chavaillon, 1976;
19 Howell et al., 1987; Merrick and Merrick, 1976), Kanjera South (Kenya) (Braun and Hovers, 2009;
20 Plummer et al., 2009), Koobi Fora (Kenya) (Bunn, 1982; Isaac and Harris, 1978; Toth, 1982),
21 Isimila (Tanzania) (Howell, 1961; Howell et al., 1962; Howell and Clark, 1963), the Lusso Beds
22 (Democratic Republic of Congo) (Harris et al., 1987), Kamoia (Democratic Republic of Congo)
23 (Cahen, 1975), the Chiwondo Beds (Malawi) (Kaufulu and Stern, 1987), Kalambo Falls (Zambia)

24 (Sheppard and Kleindienst, 1996), Sterkfontein (South Africa) (Kuman and Clarke, 2000; McNabb
25 and Kuman, 2015), Swartkrans (South Africa) (Kuman, 1996; Kuman and Field, 2009), and
26 Wonderwerk (South Africa) (Chazan et al., 2012). Oldupai Gorge's (Tanzania) Bed I and II sites
27 have also yielded widespread evidence for hominin quartzite utilization (Leakey, 1971). Quartzite
28 may have been favored for its hardness and edge durability, which suggests that hominins
29 employed a different management strategy in terms of procurement, transport, and knapping for
30 this rock type (Hay, 1976). However, limited efforts have been devoted towards the systematic
31 characterization of quartz-rich source areas throughout much of Africa, including Oldupai Gorge
32 where most prior studies have relied on macroscopic, petrographic, and geochemical approaches
33 but have not studied large reference collections (Blumenschine et al., 2008; Hay, 1976; Jones,
34 1994; Kyara, 1999; Leakey, 1971; McHenry and de la Torre, 2018; Santonja et al., 2014; Stiles,
35 1991, 2003; Stiles et al., 1974; Tactikos, 2005). Furthermore, some of these aforementioned studies
36 (e.g. Blumenschine et al., 2008; Kyara, 1999; Leakey, 1971; Tactikos, 2005) have strictly relied
37 on qualitative macroscopic traits (e.g. color, mineral composition, and groundmass), that, if used
38 in isolation, can be unreliable for classification and interpreting stone provenance (Calogero, 1992;
39 Glascock and Neff, 2003; Goldman-Neuman and Hovers, 2012).

40 In this study, we use a multi-scalar approach to fingerprint five quartzitic outcrops at
41 Oldupai Gorge as part of a wider effort to fully characterize the lithic raw materials that were
42 prehistorically available. A geological reference collection was established by sampling local
43 quartzite-bearing outcrops. Samples were classified into discrete Raw Material Groups (RMG),
44 according to their macroscopic traits, and characterized using thin section petrography and Energy-
45 Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence (EDXRF) spectroscopy. Our results suggest that some quartzitic
46 outcrops can be differentiated from each other using a multi-proxy approach. Altogether, this study

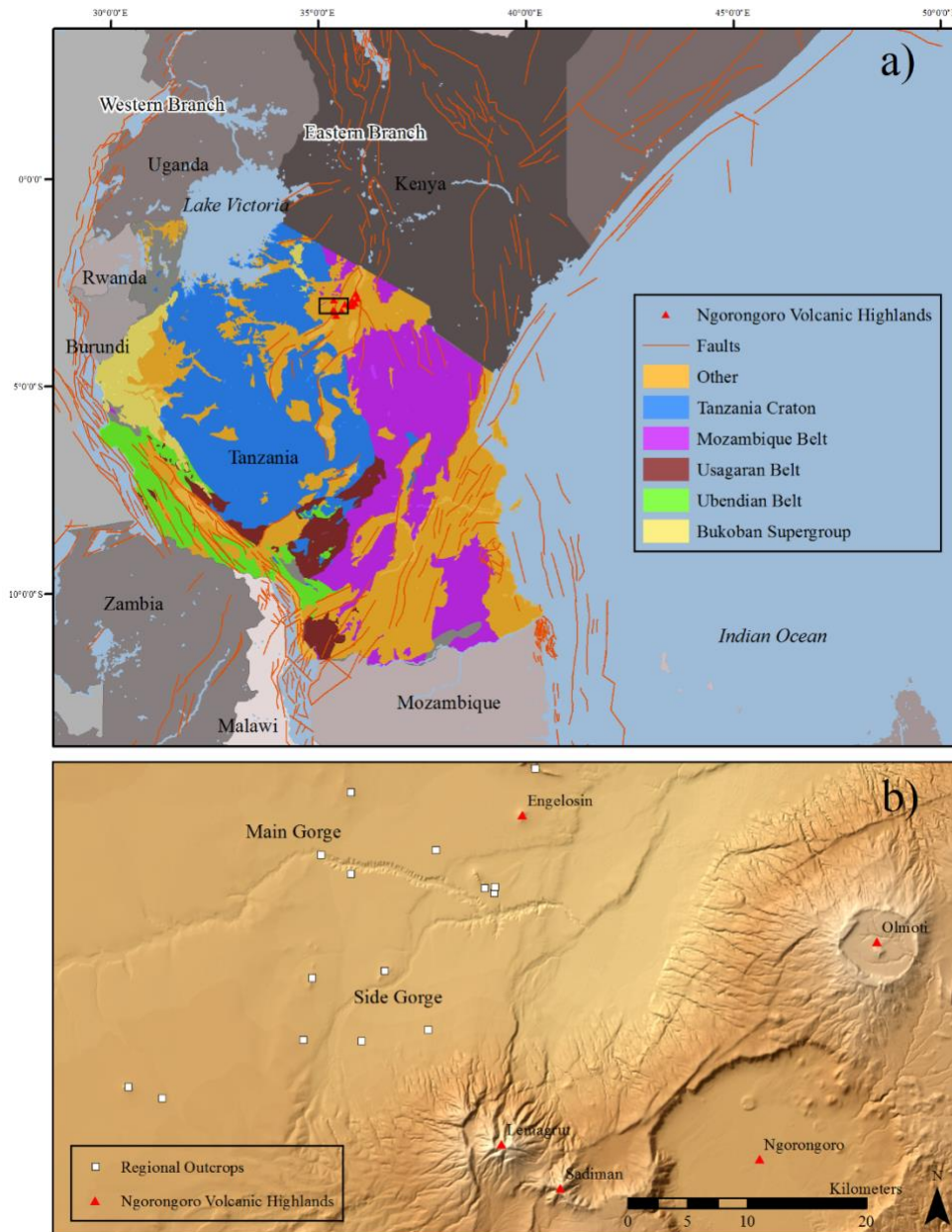
47 provides a needed baseline for future studies to best interpret hominin raw material selective
48 criteria, stone transport, as well as, on a broader scale, hominin palaeoecology and social behavior
49 in the Oldupai palaeobasin.

50 **2. Study Area**

51 **2.1. Geological Setting**

52 The East African Rift System (EARS) is an active intra-continental extension zone that is
53 characterized by an amagmatic Western Branch and a magmatic Eastern Branch that were coeval
54 in their earliest rifting episodes (Roberts et al., 2012). Within Tanzania, the magmatic Eastern
55 Branch flanks the centrally located Tanzania Craton, and splays into a diffuse network of rifted
56 segments that are together known as the North Tanzania Divergence Zone (NTDZ) (Baker et al.,
57 1972; Dawson, 1992; Foster et al., 1997). Tanzania's geology is sub-divided into five main
58 tectono-stratigraphic units, namely Archaean cratonic rocks, Proterozoic sedimentary covers and
59 metamorphic terranes, Neoproterozoic metamorphic rocks, Phanerozoic sedimentary basins, and
60 Neogene volcanic rocks (Kasanzu et al., 2008).

61 The Archaean Tanzania Craton (Fig. 1a) is a stable continental crust and primarily consists
62 of granitic rocks and greenstone belts. The craton is sub-divided into three units which includes
63 the southernmost Dodoman Belt, and the central Nyanzian and northernmost Kavirondian
64 Supergroups (Kasanzu et al., 2008; Cahen et al., 1984). These units consist of 1) high- and low-
65 grade supracrustal metamorphic rocks; 2) six east-west trending greenstone belts, other
66 metamorphic rocks, and banded ironstone, and 3) sedimentary and metamorphic rocks,
67 respectively (Cahen et al., 1984; Kabete et al., 2012; Sanislav et al., 2014).



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69 Fig. 1. a) The East African Rift System superimposed over the Tanzania Craton, the Bukoban
 70 Supergroup, orogenic belts, and other units. Black outlined polygon represents the study area in
 71 b). Geospatial data from Fritz et al. (2013) and Macgregor (2015); b) Location of the study area,
 72 regional outcrops of varied lithologies, and the volcanic centers belonging to the Ngorongoro
 73 Volcanic Highlands that directly drained into the Oldupai palaeobasin. 2-column fitting image.

74 The Tanzania Craton is bordered by several mobile belts, namely the Kibaran to the west,
75 the Ubendian to the southwest, the Usagaran to the south, and the Mozambique to the east (Fig.
76 1a). The north-south trending Mozambique Belt was formed by the collision of East and West
77 Gondwana as part of the Pan-African Orogeny between 850-550 Ma (Cahen et al., 1984; Fritz et
78 al., 2013; Hepworth, 1972; Holmes, 1951; Kröner and Stern, 2005). Approximately 180 Ma, the
79 Mozambique Belt was uplifted as a result of the breakup of the supercontinent Gondwana (Scoon,
80 2018). In northern Tanzania and southern Kenya, the Mozambique Belt is sub-divided into two
81 lithological units, with the uppermost unit consisting of limestones, schists, gneisses, quartzites,
82 and migmatites (Cahen and Snelling, 1966). The Gol Mountains in northern Tanzania belong to
83 this upper unit (Cahen and Snelling, 1966; Cahen et al., 1984; Dawson, 2008; Scoon, 2018).

84 In the NTDZ, rift-associated volcanism initiated approximately 8 Ma which led to the
85 diachronic formation of the Ngorongoro-Kilimanjaro transverse volcanic belt (Dawson, 2008).
86 This volcanic belt is over 200 kilometers wide and its volcanic centers are aligned along four axes
87 that show a diachronous eastward migration of magmatism (Dawson, 2008; Le Gall et al., 2008).
88 The Ngorongoro Volcanic Highlands (NVH) are located in north-central Tanzania and represent
89 the northeastern-most portion of Neogene volcanism in the country. This volcanic massif is
90 centered around the Ngorongoro Caldera (2.25-2.01 Ma), and also includes the centers of Sadiman
91 (4.63-3.5 Ma), Engelosin (3-2.7 Ma), Lemagrut (2.4-2.2 Ma), Olmoti (2.01-1.80 Ma), Oldeani
92 (1.61-1.52 Ma), Loolmasin (1.4-1.3 Ma), Olsirwa (1.4-1.3 Ma), Embagai (1.52-0.5 Ma), Kerimasi
93 (1.10-0.08 Ma), Oldoinyo Lengai (150 Ka-present), and Loguwinywo (?-? Ma) (Dawson, 2008;
94 Greenwood, 2014; Mollel and Swisher III, 2012).

95 The strata exposed at Oldupai Gorge were deposited in an endorheic basin formed by Plio-
96 Pleistocene uplift in the NVH (Hay, 1976). Five volcanic centers directly drained into the Oldupai

97 palaeobasin, namely Sadiman, Engelosin, Lemagrut, Ngorongoro, and Olmoti (McHenry and de
98 la Torre, 2018) (Fig. 1b). These centers supplied a variety of volcanic igneous rocks ranging from
99 nephelinitic, phonolitic, basaltic, rhyolitic, trachytic, and andesitic lithologies, all of which were
100 available to hominins (Hay, 1976; McHenry and de la Torre, 2018; Mollel and Swisher III, 2012).
101 In addition to these volcanic sources, the regional palaeolandscape also hosted metamorphic
102 outcrops, occurring primarily as inselbergs of lithologies associated with the Mozambique Belt
103 (Fig. 1b). In all probability, these mostly quartzitic inselbergs served as the primary sources of
104 metamorphic rocks used in artifact production (Hay, 1976). Five of these quartzite-bearing
105 outcrops were sampled for this study. The sampling locales (Fig. 2a-f) include: Naisiusiu, located
106 over ten kilometers west of the junction between the Main and Side Gorge; Endonyo Osunyai,
107 which is more than two kilometers north of the Main Gorge; and Oittii, Naibor Soit Kubwa, and
108 Naibor Soit Ndogo, which are located between approximately one to two kilometers north of the
109 junction.

110 Hay (1976) described and analyzed rock samples from some of the outcrops that are the
111 subject of our study. Naisiusiu yields fine- to coarse-grained granite gneiss, as well as medium-
112 grained white quartzite composed of quartz, muscovite, garnet, kyanite, and staurolite. Hay (1976)
113 did not study material from Oittii, but characterized the largest of the two Naibor Soit inselbergs
114 as a source for coarse-grained white, pale brown, and green quartzite with foliated and lineated
115 micas, and a mineral composition of quartz and muscovite (Hay, 1976). Endonyo Osunyai yields
116 coarse-grained quartzite that is similar to material from the largest of the two Naibor Soit
117 inselbergs and is located four kilometers to its northwest (Hay, 1976).



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119 Fig. 2. a) Location of the five quartzitic outcrops sampled for this study; b) Endonyo Osunyai, poorly exposed quartzitic and gneissic
 120 outcrop; c) Naibor Soit Kubwa, ~1.8 km-long northwest-southeast trending quartzitic and gneissic inselberg; d) Naibor Soit Ndogo, ~1
 121 km-long northwest-southeast trending quartzitic inselberg; e) Naisiusiu, low-lying quartzitic, schistic, and meta-granitic outcrop; f)
 122 Oitii, low-lying quartzitic and schistic outcrop. 2-column fitting image.

123 More recently, McHenry and de la Torre (2018) studied lithic assemblages from HWK EE and
124 EF-HR in which they classified quartzites into nine RMGs (Supplementary Materials, Table 1)
125 complemented by petrographic and geochemical characterization of specimens from Naibor Soit
126 and Naisiusiu. They noted that Naibor Soit quartzite is composed of quartz and rare muscovite,
127 whereas Naisiusiu quartzite is composed of quartz, rare muscovite, and rare microcline (McHenry
128 and de la Torre, 2018).

129 **2.2. Oldupai's Raw Materials: An Overview**

130 Oldupai Gorge's sedimentary sequence (Bed I-IV, Masek, Ndutu, and Naisiusiu) has
131 yielded an exceptional quantity of Early, Middle, and Later Stone Age lithic assemblages (Hay,
132 1976; Leakey, 1971; Leakey et al., 1972; Leakey and Roe, 1994). ESA lithics were primarily
133 manufactured from igneous and metamorphic rocks, and occasionally, from local authigenic chert
134 that was intermittently exposed at lowstands in Bed II (Hay, 1976; Leakey, 1971; Stiles et al.,
135 1974). In Bed I and II, early hominins appear to have employed different technological strategies
136 depending on the raw material, as there is an abundance of igneous cores and a lack of knapping
137 products, while there is an abundance of quartzite flakes but a scarcer number of cores (Leakey,
138 1971). Altogether, this suggests that hominins may have employed a high degree of curation for
139 small quartzite lithics and large igneous cores (Hay, 1976; Leakey, 1971; Schick, 1987; Toth,
140 1985). Based on this rich archaeological record, it has been recognized that early hominins
141 transported stone in the Oldupai palaeobasin up to twelve kilometers away from their eventual
142 point of discard (Hay, 1976; Leakey, 1971).

143 Experimental studies seeking to reproduce Acheulean bifaces and determine their
144 butchering efficiencies using local raw materials (e.g. quartzite, basalt, trachyandesite, and
145 phonolite) have found the latter to varyingly influence production time, reduction strategies,

146 finished forms, and edge durability (Jones, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1994). These studies have also
147 served as an important reference into the distribution of stone sources along with their natural
148 morphometries and mechanical properties, which are key to interpret technological behavior
149 (Jones, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1994).

150 In recent years, prolific geological studies have been conducted in the NVH (Dawson, 2008;
151 Greenwood, 2014; Mana et al., 2012; McHenry et al., 2008; Mollel, 2002, 2007; Mollel et al.,
152 2008; Mollel et al., 2009; Mollel and Swisher III, 2012; Zaitsev et al., 2012). This makes it possible
153 to determine from which volcanic center the raw materials employed for artifact manufacture
154 ultimately came from, but not the location from where they were precisely sourced by early
155 hominins. However, characterization studies of the regional metamorphic inselbergs have been
156 limited. Many studies assume that the larger of the two Naibor Soit inselbergs was the primary
157 source of quartzite in the eastern palaeobasin (Blumenschine et al., 2008; Hay, 1976; McHenry
158 and de la Torre, 2018; Schick, 1987). In light of this, we sampled five of the most prominent
159 quartzite-bearing sources on the modern Oldupai landscape. These outcrops were likely frequented
160 by early hominins for raw materials since they were available in the Pleistocene and were close to
161 known sites, according to the high frequency of quartzite lithics in archaeological collections
162 (Leakey, 1971; Leakey and Roe, 1994). Therefore, the characterization of quartzite sources will
163 help to establish resource availability, and act as a referential framework for future provenance
164 studies.

165 **3. Materials and Methods**

166 Over the last two years, our research team surveyed outcrops in the greater Oldupai region.
167 Samples were collected in primary (e.g. outcrop, geologic formation) and secondary (e.g. drainage
168 sump, riverbed) positions in order to fully characterize intra- and inter-outcrop lithological

169 variation. Our reference collection currently consists of 271 rock samples curated by the Stone
170 Tools, Diet, and Sociality project in the Tropical Archaeology Lab (TAL; Earth Sciences 811,
171 University of Calgary). Sampled quartzitic outcrops include Endonyo Osunyai (n = 4), Naibor Soit
172 Kubwa (n = 104), Naibor Soit Ndogo (n = 27), Naisiusiu (n = 7), and Oittii (n = 5). The variability
173 in the number of samples from a given outcrop is a direct representation of its size, macroscopic
174 heterogeneity or lack thereof, and of our ongoing efforts to fully understand the lithological and
175 geochemical variation of the two Naibor Soit inselbergs, as these are most prominent outcrops in
176 the eastern Oldupai palaeobasin.

177 This study summarizes a multi-scalar fingerprinting approach we took to understand the
178 availability and variability of different quartzite sources in the Oldupai region. We
179 macroscopically analyzed 147 samples and classified them into twelve RMGs. Following this, a
180 representative sample from each RMG was petrographically characterized, and the geochemical
181 profiles of 30 samples were determined using EDXRF spectroscopy.

182 **3.1. Field Sampling and Reference Collection**

183 Geoarchaeological surveys were designed based on a literature review of known quartzitic
184 outcrops in combination with digital cartographic data (i.e. geological and topographic maps,
185 orthophotos, and satellite imagery), and knowledge that members of local Maasai communities
186 shared with us on the spatial distribution of regional outcrops. While sampling each outcrop, rocks
187 were selected based on diverse macroscopic characteristics in order to obtain a sample population
188 representative of intra-outcrop variability. A geological hammer was used to extract a sample, after
189 which these were labelled and photographed, and the outcrop characteristics documented. GPS
190 coordinates of sample locations were recorded using a Garmin eTrex 10.

191 **3.2. Macroscopic Classification and Petrographic Analysis**

192 Data collected in the field were first uploaded into a georeferenced database. Afterwards,
 193 each sample within our reference collection was measured and weighed (Table 1), and
 194 macroscopically analyzed. Macroscopic criteria included color/s by referencing the Munsell Rock
 195 Color Booklithology, morphology (tabular, angular, sub-angular, sub-tabular, subrounded or
 196 rounded blanks), grain size (Table 2), texture, gloss, transparency, mineral composition,
 197 impurities, and post-depositional alterations (Supplementary Materials Table 2) (Demars, 1982;
 198 Howard, 2005). A total of 147 quartzite samples were categorized into four quartzite types (R-
 199 Red; W-White; Gr-Gray; G-Green), and into an additional twelve RMGs (R1-R5; W1-W4; GR1-
 200 GR2; G1) based on distinct macroscopic traits, most notably color, grain size, texture, and mineral
 201 composition. The use of the term RMG was preferred over the term Raw Material Unit (RMU) as
 202 we intend to determine the availability and variability of quartzites rather than perform a temporal
 203 reconstruction of knapping sequences or identify refits (Roebroeks, 1998; Vaquero and Pasto,
 204 2001; Vaquero, 2008).

RMG	Samples (n)	Length (\bar{x}; mm)	Width (\bar{x}; mm)	Thickness (\bar{x}; mm)	Total Weight (g)
R1	11	90.9	63.9	39.1	3365.46
R2	3	92.6	63.3	37	1255.24
R3	30	83.4	64.8	44	8822.90
R4	14	95	63.6	43.5	4185.67
R5	1	80	60	46	286
W1	12	92	64.4	43	3765.62
W2	9	95.4	74.8	45	2739.29
W3	29	86.4	60.5	35.7	5771.31
W4	2	80	56.5	33	107.42
GR1	14	90.9	59.9	43.8	3802.06
GR2	7	90.3	68.4	34.7	1190.95
G1	15	85.4	59.7	33.2	3868.59

205 Table 1. Number of samples, average size dimensions, and total weight per RMG.

Grain Size	Values (mm)
Fine-grained	<3
Medium-grained	3-5
Coarse-grained	5-10
Very coarse-grained	>10

206 Table 2. Grain size scale used for macroscopic analyses.

207 Representative samples from each RMG were thin sectioned in the TAL. A total of twelve
 208 samples were cut flat (IsoMet 4000 Linear Precision Saw), mounted (Cast N' Vac 1000 Castable
 209 Vacuum System) on frosted slides (27x46 mm) using epoxy resin (Buehler EpoThin 2), ground
 210 (PetroThin Thin Sectioning System) to ~30 μm , and polished (Metaserv 2000 Grinder Polisher).
 211 Uncovered thin sections were analyzed using a polarizing microscope (Leitz HM-POL; 2.5-40 x)
 212 to determine their mineral composition, modes, textures, and crystal habits (Folk, 1980; Melgarejo,
 213 1997; Pettijohn et al., 1974; Perkins, 2002). Photomicrographs were taken using a Nikon ECLIPSE
 214 50i POL microscope (2-40 x) equipped with a Moticam 2500 (Motic Images Plus 2.0).

215 **3.3. EDXRF**

216 A total of 30 samples (Endonyo Osunyai = 4; Naibor Soit Kubwa = 9; Naibor Soit Ndogo
 217 = 5; Naisiusiu = 7; Oittii = 5) from eight RMGs were analyzed using a Thermo Scientific *ARL*
 218 *Quant'X* EDXRF spectrometer in the McMaster Archaeological XRF Lab (MAX Lab). Prior to
 219 analysis, samples were cut into cubes (30 mm²/face) using a Trim Saw (TS10, Lortone Inc.) in the
 220 TAL to obtain planar surfaces to reduce X-ray scattering. In the MAX Lab, samples were placed
 221 in individual glass beakers, immersed with distilled water, and cleaned in an ultrasonic tank for
 222 ten minutes. After completion, samples were air dried, then positioned and secured on the
 223 spectrometer's sample tray. Each sample tray run for this study included the RGM-2 reference
 224 standard (USGS) which was analyzed alongside our samples to ensure instrumentation calibration.

225 The EDXRF spectrometer is equipped with an end window Bremsstrahlung, air cooled, Rh
 226 target, 50-watt, X-ray tube with a $\leq 7.6 \mu\text{m}$ (0.3 mil) beryllium (Be) window, an X-ray generator
 227 that operates from 4-50 kV in 1 kV increments (current range, 0-1.98 mA in 0.02 mA increments),
 228 and an Edwards RV8 vacuum pump for the analysis of elements below titanium (Ti). Data are
 229 acquired with a pulse processor and analog to digital converter. In these preliminary stages of
 230 regional quartzite characterization, an all-encompassing analytical method was run in order to
 231 obtain the concentrations of eight major elements and ten trace elements under an automated series
 232 of six analytical conditions (Table 3). Major elements (SiO_2 , TiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , Fe_2O_3 , MnO , MgO ,
 233 CaO , and K_2O) were measured as oxides in weight % and trace elements (Cu, Zn, Rb, Sr, Y, Zr,
 234 Nb, Ba, Pb, and Th) were measured in ppm. X-ray intensities of elements were converted to
 235 concentrations using a least-squares calibration line ratioed to the Compton scatter established for
 236 each element from the analysis of international rock standards. These include AGV-2 (andesite),
 237 BCR-2 (basalt), BHVO-2 (hawaiite), BIR-1a (basalt), GSP-2 (granodiorite), JR-1 (obsidian), JR-
 238 2 (obsidian), QLO-1 (quartz latite), RGM-2 (rhyolite), SDC-1 (mica schist), STM-2 (syenite),
 239 TLM-1 (tonalite), and W-2a (diabase).

Condition	Filter	Voltage	Atmosphere	Analytes
High Zb	Cu Thick	49 kV	Air	Ba
Mid Zb	Pd Med	20 kV	Air	Cu, Zn
Mid Zc	Pd Thick	28 kV	Air	Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Pb, Th
Low Za	No Filter	4 kV	Vacuum	Mg, Al, Si
Low Zb	Cellulose	8 kV	Vacuum	Ca, K
Low Zc	Aluminum	14 kV	Vacuum	Mn, Ti, Fe

240 Table 3. Analytical conditions for EDXRF analyses.

241 The resulting data were imported to Microsoft Excel where these were normalized to the
 242 reference standard (RGM-2) using the Min-Max scaling method ($X_{\text{norm}} = X - X_{\text{min}} /$

243 Xmax–Xmin) prior to its interrogation and plotting. This procedure ensures that results are
244 consistent in relation to the reference standard, thereby allowing for accurate comparative analyses
245 among data. Kendall’s Tau, employing Monte Carlo permutation tests (N=9999) and and Kruskal-
246 Wallis tests were performed in PAST 3.22 to understand the dependence and degree of variance
247 among all elements by outcrop. With each sample classified by outcrop and RMG, Analyses
248 (PCA), , and after confirming the adequacy of our data through the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO)
249 index, two Principal Component Analyses (PCA) were performed in R (R Core Team, 2017) using
250 Factominer (Lê et al., 2008) and Factoextra (Kassambara and Mundt, 2017) packages to explore
251 the segregation power of the geochemical data, as well as to identify factor loadings and variable
252 correlations. Discriminant Function Analyses (DFA) were also performed using the classification
253 by outcrop and RMG to confirm the discriminatory power of the geochemical and macroscopic
254 data, showing the statistical significance of the differences, and predicting a model to unknown
255 results.

256 **4. Results**

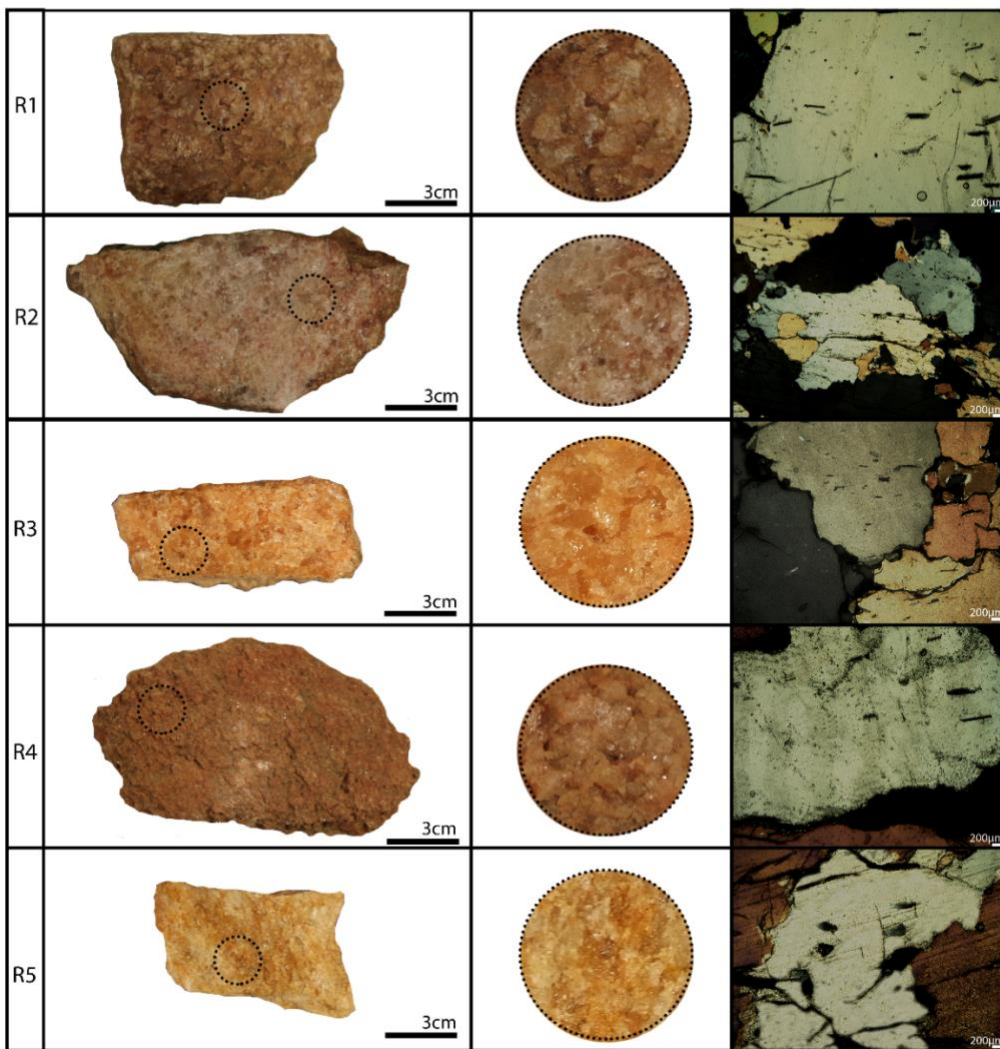
257 **4.1. Macroscopic and Petrographic Characterization**

258 Macroscopic analyses of 147 quartzite samples allowed us to identify four types (Red-R;
259 White-W; Gray-Gr; Green-G) that were further classified in twelve RMGs (R1-R5; W1-W4; GR1-
260 GR2; G1) (Table 4; Supplementary Materials Table 2). These are described below.

261 **4.1.1. Red Quartzites (R1-R5)**

262 Red quartzites are red to brown in color and occasionally oxidized, fine- to very coarse-
263 grained, and samples have tabular to sub-angular morphologies with occasional plane fractures
264 (Fig. 3). They are characterized by inequigranular and generally interlocked quartz crystals, white
265 micas, and opaque minerals. Differences in color, grain size, and texture allowed us to identify

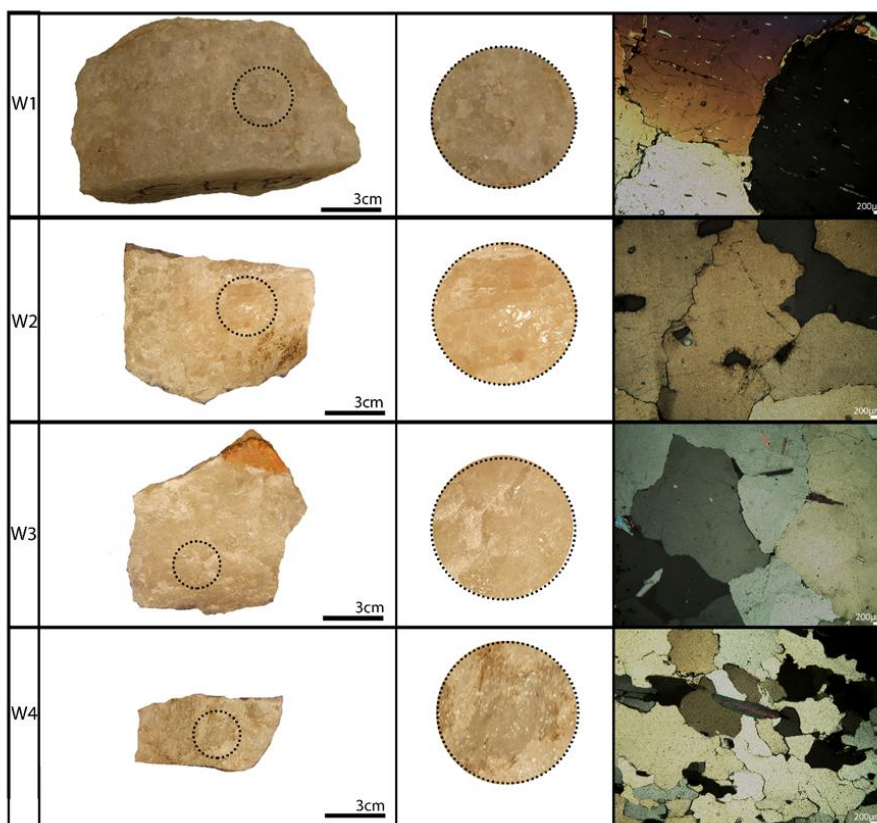
266 five RMGs (Table 4). Under thin section, quartz crystals are inequigranular and anhedral, have
 267 sutured boundaries, and display undulatory extinction. Muscovite crystals have a platy or plumose
 268 habit, are either interstitial or embedded in quartz, and display a parallel to sub-parallel lineation.
 269 Hematite ranges from massive to fine, with the latter predominantly interstitial. Rare rutile and
 270 biotite are present depending on the RMG (Table 4).



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 272 Fig. 3. Red Quartzites (RMG R1-R5): Macroscopic textures and photomicrographs under cross-
 273 polarized light. 2-column fitting image.

274 **4.1.2. White Quartzites (W1-W4)**

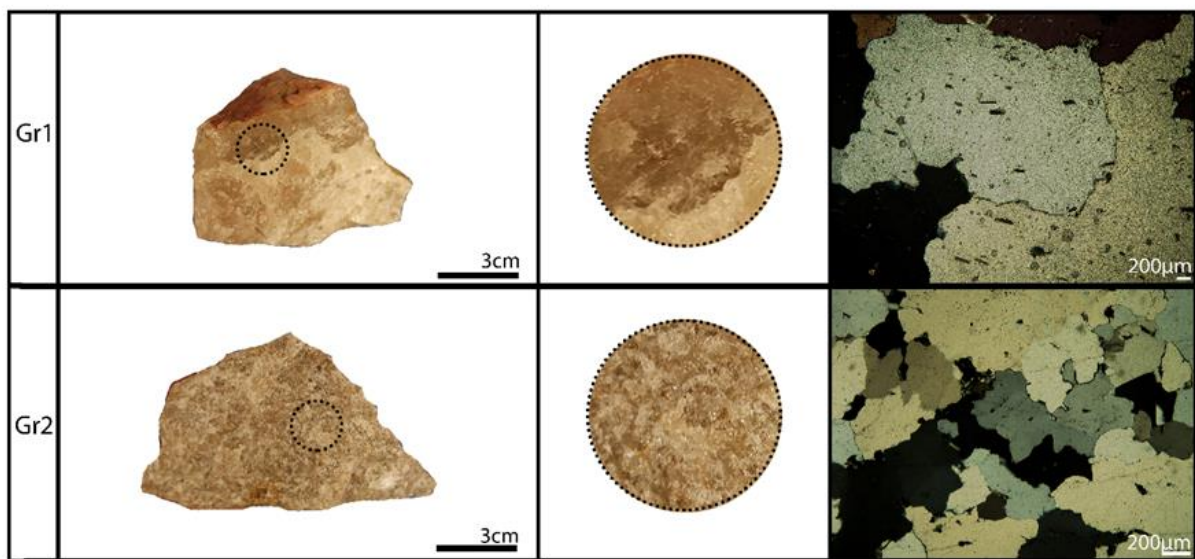
275 White quartzites are white to pinkish, medium- to very coarse-grained, and samples have
276 tabular to sub-angular morphologies (Fig. 4). They are characterized by interlocked and anhedral
277 quartz crystals, white micas, and opaque minerals. Differences in color, grain size, texture, and
278 mineral composition allowed us to identify four RMGs (Table 4). Under thin section, quartz
279 crystals are inequigranular, anhedral, have sutured boundaries, and display undulatory extinction.
280 Muscovite crystals have platy habits, are either interstitial or embedded in quartz, and display a
281 parallel to sub-parallel lineation. Hematite ranges from massive to fine, with the latter
282 predominantly interstitial. Rutile is present in one RMG (Table 4).



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284 Fig. 4. White Quartzites (RMG W1-W4): Macroscopic textures and photomicrographs under
285 cross-polarized light. 2-column fitting image.

286 **4.1.3. Gray Quartzites (GR1-GR2)**

287 Gray quartzites are gray to pale blue, fine- to coarse-grained, and samples have sub-angular
288 morphologies with occasional plane fractures (Fig. 5). They are characterized by interlocked
289 quartz crystals, white micas, and opaque minerals that are responsible for dark zonations (Table
290 4). Differences in color, grain size, and texture allowed us to identify two RMGs (Table 4). Under
291 thin section, quartz crystals are inequigranular, anhedral, occasionally weakly foliated,
292 characterized by sutured boundaries, and display undulatory extinction. Muscovite crystals have
293 platy habits that are either interstitial or embedded in quartz, and display a parallel to random
294 lineation. Hematite ranges from massive to fine, and rutile is rare in both RMGs (Table 4).



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296 Fig. 5. Gray Quartzites (RMG GR1-GR2): Macroscopic textures and photomicrographs under
297 cross-polarized light. 2-column fitting image.

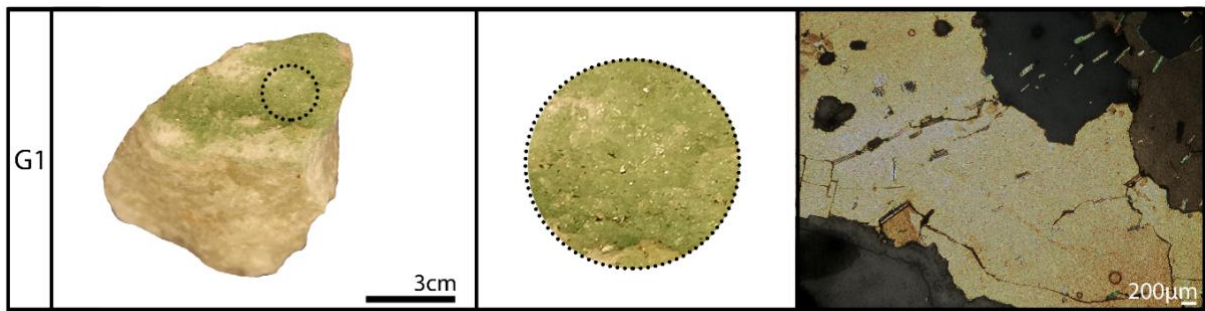
298 **4.1.4. Green Quartzites (G1)**

Type	RMG	Macroscopic Analysis	Petrographic Analysis	Outcrop
Red Quartzites (R)	R1	5YR 7/2 Grayish Orange Pink; 5YR 6/4 Light Brown; 5YR 5/6 Light Brown Tabular blocks Very coarse-grained Interlocking quartz Mica	Quartz (90%), inequigranular, undulatory extinction Muscovite (5%), platy, inter- and intra-crystalline, parallel lineation Hematite (5%), fine, inter-crystalline Sample ID: NSK C4A	Naibor Soit Kubwa Naibor Soit Ndogo
	R2	5YR 6/4 Light Brown; 5R 4/2 Grayish Red Tabular blocks, plane fractures Medium- to coarse-grained Interlocking quartz Mica Opaque minerals	Quartz (90%), inequigranular, sutured boundaries Quartz (5%), anhedral, inter-crystalline between sutured boundaries Muscovite (3%), platy and plumose, sub-parallel lineation Hematite (2%), fine, inter-crystalline Sample ID: NSK G9A	Naibor Soit Kubwa Naibor Soit Ndogo
	R3	5YR 6/4 Light Brown; 5R 4/2 Grayish Red; 5Y 8/1 Yellowish Gray; 5YR 8/4 Grayish Brown Tabular blocks Fine- to medium- to coarse-grained Interlocking quartz Mica Opaque minerals	Quartz (93%), inequigranular Muscovite (5%), platy, inter- and intra-crystalline, parallel lineation Hematite (1%), fine, inter-crystalline Rutile (1%), prismatic, high-relief, dark red Sample ID: Naibor Soit Kubwa 1	Endonyo Osunyai Naibor Soit Kubwa Naibor Soit Ndogo
	R4	5YR 6/4 Light Brown; 5YR 5/6 Light Brown Sub-angular blocks, sub-parallel plane fractures and crystal disaggregation Very coarse-grained Interlocking quartz Mica	Quartz (96%), inequigranular Muscovite (3%), platy, parallel lineation Hematite (1%), fine, inter-crystalline Sample ID: NSK K12B	Naibor Soit Kubwa
	R5	N7 Light Gray Tabular blocks, occasional plane fractures Fine- to medium- to coarse-grained Weakly foliated quartz Mica	Quartz (90%), inequigranular, intense undulatory extinction Muscovite (2-4%), platy, inter- and intra-crystalline, sub-parallel lineation Hematite (2-4%), massive and fine Biotite (1%), massive and platy Sample ID: Naisiusiu 1	Naisiusiu
White Quartzites (W)	W1	N8 Very Light Gray; 5Y 8/1 Yellowish Gray Tabular blocks Coarse-grained Interlocking quartz Mica	Quartz (92%), inequigranular, undulatory extinction Muscovite (5%), platy, inter- and intra-crystalline, parallel lineation Opaque minerals and hematite (3%), massive and fine, inter- and intra-crystalline, respectively Sample ID: NSK C4B	Naibor Soit Kubwa Naibor Soit Ndogo
	W2	5YR 8/1 Pinkish Gray; 5G 6/1 Greenish Gray	Quartz (92%), inequigranular and anhedral	Naibor Soit Kubwa

		Tabular blocks Very coarse-grained Interlocking quartz Mica Inter-crystalline opaque minerals, some zonations	Muscovite (8%), platy, inter- and intra-crystalline, sub-parallel lineation Rutile (<1%), prismatic, high-relief, dark red Sample ID: Naibor Soit Kubwa 13	Naibor Soit Ndogo
	W3	N9 White; N7 Light Gray Tabular blocks Coarse-grained Interlocking quartz Mica, lustrous	Quartz (98%), inequigranular and anhedral, sutured boundaries, intense undulatory extinction Muscovite (2%), platy, inter- and intra-crystalline, sub-parallel lineation Opaque minerals and hematite (<1%), massive and fine Sample ID: Endonyo Osunyai 2	Endonyo Osunyai Naibor Soit Kubwa Naibor Soit Ndogo Naisiusiu
	W4	N9 White; N7 Light Gray; 5GY 8/1 Light Greenish Gray Sub-angular blocks, occasionally brittle Medium- to coarse-grained Inequigranular quartz Mica	Quartz (90%), inequigranular, weakly foliated, sutured boundaries, undulatory extinction, occasionally cemented and overgrown Quartz (5%), anhedral Muscovite (5%), platy, inter- and intra-crystalline, sub-parallel lineation Sample ID: Naisiusiu 9	Naisiusiu Oittii
Gray Quartzites (GR)	GR1	5PB 5/2 Grayish Blue; 5PB 7/2 Pale Blue Sub-angular blocks, common plane fractures Medium- to coarse-grained Interlocking quartz Mica Opaque minerals, zonations	Quartz (95%), inequigranular and anhedral, weakly foliated, sutured boundaries, undulatory extinction Muscovite (5%), platy, inter- and intra-crystalline, parallel lineation Rutile (<1%), prismatic, high-relief, dark red Opaque minerals (massive hematite?) (<1%) Sample ID: Naibor Soit Kubwa 2	Naibor Soit Kubwa Naibor Soit Ndogo Naisiusiu
	GR2	N8 Very Light Gray; N5 Medium Gray; 5YR 6/1 Light Brownish Gray Sub-angular blocks Fine- to medium-grained Interlocking quartz Mica Opaque minerals	Quartz (93%), inequigranular and anhedral, sutured boundaries, intense undulatory extinction Muscovite (3%), platy, fragmented, random lineation Hematite (3%), massive and fine Rutile (1%), prismatic, high-relief, dark red Sample ID: Oittii 1A	Endonyo Osunyai Naisiusiu Oittii
Green Quartzites (G)	G1	5YR 7/2 Grayish Orange Pink; 5YR 6/4 Light Brown; 5YR 8/1 Pinkish Gray; 5G 6/1 Greenish Gray; 5GY 8/1 Light Greenish Gray; 5G 6/6 Brilliant Green Tabular blocks Medium- to coarse-grained Interlocking quartz Mica Green mica	Quartz (85%), inequigranular and anhedral, weakly foliated, sutured boundaries, intense undulatory extinction Muscovite (14%), platy and plumose, inter- and intra-crystalline, sub-parallel lineation Rutile (1%), prismatic, high-relief, dark red Fuchsite (<1%), platy, intra-crystalline, sub-parallel lineation, green Sample ID: Naibor Soit Kubwa 32	Naibor Soit Kubwa Naibor Soit Ndogo

299 Table 4. Macroscopic and petrographic textures, grain sizes, mineral composition, and visually estimated modes for all RMGs and their source.

300 Green quartzites are light to bright green, medium- to coarse-grained, and samples have
301 tabular morphologies (Fig. 6). They are characterized by interlocked quartz along with white and
302 green micas. We identified one RMG based on color and mineral composition (Table 4). Under
303 thin section, quartz crystals are inequigranular, anhedral, weakly foliated, characterized by sutured
304 boundaries, and display undulatory extinction. Muscovite crystals have platy and plumose habits,
305 are either interstitial or embedded in quartz, and display a sub-parallel lineation. Rare rutile and
306 green fuchsite crystals are present, with the latter responsible for green zonation (Table 4).



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308 Fig. 6. Green Quartzites (RMG G1): Macroscopic textures and photomicrographs under cross-
309 polarized light. 2-column fitting image.

310 4.2. Bulk Sample EDXRF Data

311 According to the averaged maximum and minimum concentrations for major and trace
312 elements, the quartzites from the five sampled outcrops present different yet complex geochemical
313 fingerprints (Supplementary Materials Fig. 1). The major and trace element concentrations per
314 sample (Table 5; Supplementary Materials Table 4), and the relative standard deviations (RSD%)
315 indicate that samples from Endonyo Osunyai show high variability in SiO₂, Al₂O₃, K₂O, Rb, Ba,
316 Pb, and Th (Supplementary Materials Fig. 2). Samples from Naibor Soit Kubwa show high
317 variability in SiO₂, MgO, Y, Ba, Cu, and Th (Supplementary Materials Fig. 3). Samples from
318 Naibor Soit Ndogo show high variability in SiO₂, MgO, Cu, Y, and Ba (Supplementary Materials

319 Fig. 4). However, one outlier from Naibor Soit Ndogo has an unusually low SiO₂ value for
320 quartzite (Supplementary Materials Table 4) which may be explained by spectra diffracted from a
321 large non-quartz crystal, given the reanalysis of the sample proportionate higher values for the
322 SiO₂ content. Samples from Naisiusiu show high variability in SiO₂, MgO, Cu, and Y
323 (Supplementary Materials Fig. 5). Samples from Oittii show a high dispersion in SiO₂, Al₂O₃,
324 K₂O, Rb, and Ba (Supplementary Materials Fig. 6).

325 The ratio between the maximum and minimum concentration of an element reflects the
326 variability among samples and outcrops. This variation indicates the complexity of the
327 geochemical profiles and the basement geology.

328 Linear correlations among the geochemical data from all samples were performed to
329 understand their relationships and identify regional patterns. The analysis indicates a slightly
330 significant negative correlation [p (uncorr.) < 0.05] among SiO₂ some trace elements as Rb ($\tau =$
331 -0.23), Sr ($\tau = -0.26$), Ba ($\tau = -0.24$) and Th ($\tau = -0.22$) (Fig. 7a), indicating the role of these
332 elements in the composition despite the major SiO₂ presence on the samples. As for other major
333 oxides, they show significant positive correlations [p (uncorr.) ≤ 0.001] with most of the analyzed
334 trace elements, except for Y (Fig. 7a). Trace elements show positive correlations with different
335 degrees of significance among most other elements, apart from MgO which are not significant,
336 except for Cu, Y and Zr [p (uncorr.) ≤ 0.001] (Supplementary Materials Tables 5 and 6).

	weight %								ppm									
	MgO	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂ *	K ₂ O	CaO	TiO ₂	MnO	Fe ₂ O ₃	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
Endonyo Osunyai 2 (W3)	0.35	3.51	105.08	0.08	0.11	0.03	0.00	0.27	3	2	0	6	3	63	0	23	1	1
Endonyo Osunyai 3 (R3)	0.36	4.03	88.74	0.55	0.12	0.03	0.00	0.26	3	1	19	32	1	23	0	308	5	0
Endonyo Osunyai 4 (GR2)	0.63	6.81	79.47	1.80	0.12	0.11	0.00	0.84	10	6	91	89	4	100	4	637	11	11
Endonyo Osunyai 5 (GR2)	0.71	7.95	84.70	1.67	2.62	0.16	0.00	1.17	6	4	87	29	2	46	5	505	2	1
Naibor Soit Ndogo 13 (W3)	0.25	2.76	104.19	<DL	0.10	0.02	0.00	0.26	3	1	<DL	2	4	16	0	41	0	2
Naibor Soit Ndogo 13 (W3)	0.33	3.40	79.16	0.07	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.27	3	2	1	4	11	21	0	63	1	2
Naibor Soit Ndogo 14 (W3)	0.31	3.10	98.71	0.00	0.09	0.03	0.00	0.25	3	2	<DL	2	4	25	0	51	0	1
Naibor Soit Ndogo 14 (W3)	0.31	2.93	85.84	<DL	0.10	0.01	0.01	0.24	2	1	<DL	2	2	11	0	42	0	2
Naibor Soit Ndogo 15 (W3)	0.29	3.05	102.73	<DL	0.10	0.02	0.00	0.24	3	2	<DL	2	2	19	1	13	1	2
Naibor Soit Ndogo 15 (W3)	0.32	3.36	104.39	0.05	0.10	0.03	0.00	0.25	4	2	<DL	3	3	24	1	20	0	1
Naibor Soit Ndogo 6 (W3)	0.30	3.00	104.84	<DL	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.25	3	1	<DL	2	3	22	0	149	1	0
Naibor Soit Ndogo 6 (W6)	0.42	3.25	15.76	<DL	0.09	0.02	0.02	0.24	3	1	<DL	1	2	20	0	196	0	2
Naibor Soit Ndogo 8 (W3)	0.31	3.54	100.23	0.09	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.25	4	2	1	3	3	20	0	86	1	0
Naibor Soit Ndogo 8 (W3)	0.30	3.13	102.49	0.01	0.14	0.01	0.00	0.24	3	2	<DL	7	2	24	0	43	1	1
Naibor Soit Kubwa 1 (R3)	0.28	3.06	97.40	0.00	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.24	3	1	<DL	6	3	34	1	19	1	2
Naibor Soit Kubwa 11 (W3)	0.33	3.03	83.86	<DL	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.24	2	1	<DL	2	5	40	0	0	1	1
Naibor Soit Kubwa 13 (R3)	0.34	3.30	93.06	<DL	0.10	0.02	0.00	0.26	3	1	<DL	4	3	20	0	27	0	1
Naibor Soit Kubwa 14A (W2)	0.29	3.31	96.26	0.01	0.10	0.02	0.00	0.23	2	0	<DL	13	5	23	0	11	1	1
Naibor Soit Kubwa 2 (W3)	0.32	3.17	103.52	0.01	0.11	0.02	0.00	0.26	2	0	<DL	5	2	20	1	49	1	2
Naibor Soit Kubwa 24A (W2)	0.30	2.81	102.57	<DL	0.11	0.01	0.00	0.24	5	0	<DL	6	2	31	0	24	0	5
Naibor Soit Kubwa 27 (R3)	0.44	4.75	98.08	0.29	0.11	0.03	0.00	0.30	4	1	10	9	6	46	0	102	2	1
Naibor Soit Kubwa 31A (G1)	0.33	3.25	103.34	0.02	0.09	0.03	0.00	0.26	3	0	<DL	2	2	27	0	15	0	1
Naibor Soit Kubwa 33A (GR1)	0.32	2.95	85.54	<DL	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.24	3	0	<DL	1	4	15	0	32	0	1
Naisiusiu 1 (R6)	0.42	4.59	97.50	0.12	0.16	0.06	0.00	0.54	7	4	3	35	15	58	0	146	4	3
Naisiusiu 1 (R6)	0.45	5.24	94.41	0.28	0.22	0.12	0.01	0.71	7	6	8	59	20	77	1	257	6	3
Naisiusiu 13 (R5)	0.35	2.80	102.99	<DL	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.27	4	2	<DL	0	1	0	1	35	1	0
Naisiusiu 13 (R5)	0.30	2.79	104.20	<DL	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.30	3	1	<DL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Naisiusiu 14 (W4)	0.43	3.34	101.67	0.03	0.12	0.03	0.00	0.25	4	5	<DL	3	0	28	0	26	2	1
Naisiusiu 14 (W4)	0.45	4.55	88.37	0.39	0.35	0.05	0.00	0.28	3	4	4	9	12	93	2	21	4	3
Naisiusiu 4 (GR2)	0.37	3.51	100.17	<DL	0.17	0.01	0.00	0.37	5	3	2	31	8	38	1	0	1	2
Naisiusiu 4 (GR2)	0.35	3.39	84.72	<DL	0.21	0.02	0.00	0.34	6	6	<DL	24	6	30	0	26	1	1
Naisiusiu 6 (W3)	0.37	5.00	95.35	0.44	0.11	0.06	0.00	0.27	3	4	11	7	9	27	3	33	2	1
Naisiusiu 6 (W3)	0.37	4.56	97.17	0.32	0.10	0.04	0.00	0.27	4	4	9	5	6	23	1	27	2	3
Naisiusiu 7 (GR1)	0.41	3.44	101.46	<DL	0.26	0.03	0.01	0.56	4	5	<DL	14	5	30	1	20	2	3
Naisiusiu 7 (GR1)	0.36	3.65	89.50	<DL	0.36	0.02	0.00	0.35	4	4	<DL	19	8	38	0	34	1	3
Naisiusiu 9 (W4)	0.31	3.06	100.80	0.00	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.25	4	2	3	6	1	22	0	52	2	0
Naisiusiu 9 (W4)	0.38	3.55	102.93	0.11	0.09	0.03	0.00	0.26	4	3	3	6	0	28	1	39	2	0
Oittii 1 (GR2)	0.46	3.19	97.01	0.01	0.59	0.04	0.02	0.37	3	1	<DL	5	1	22	1	349	2	1
Oittii 2 (GR2)	0.53	3.18	101.81	<DL	0.35	0.04	0.01	0.33	12	2	<DL	6	2	32	0	629	3	1

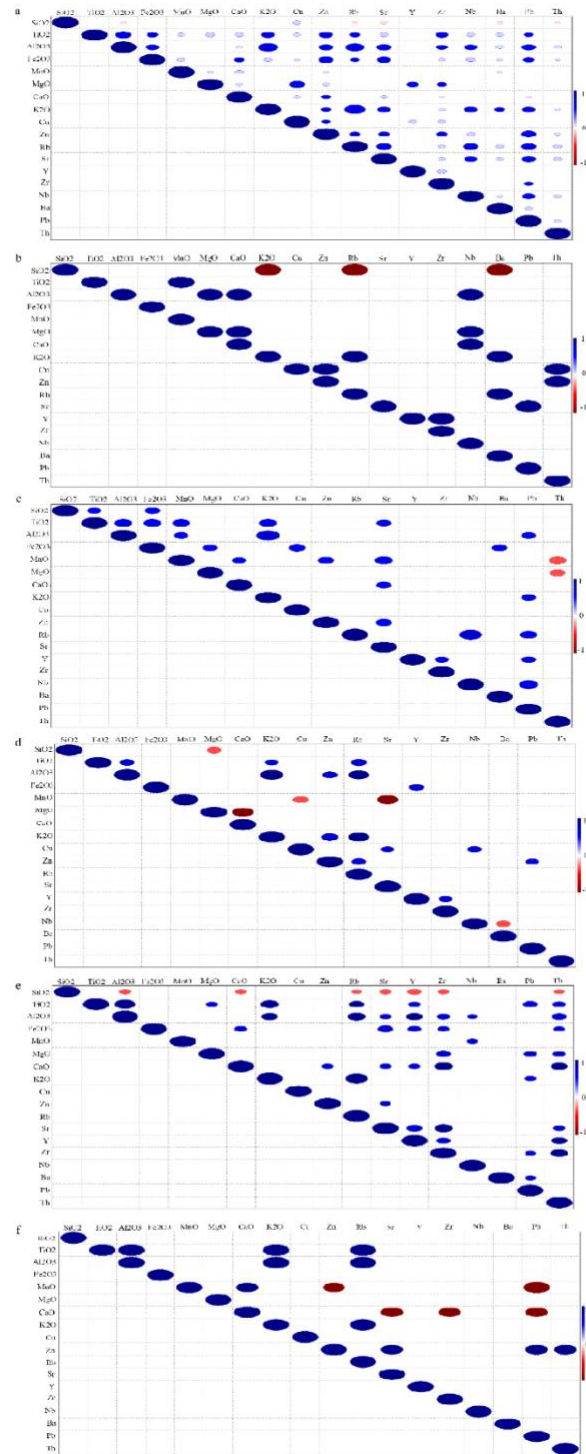
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	MgO	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂ *	K ₂ O	CaO	TiO ₂	MnO	Fe ₂ O ₃	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
Oittii 3 (W4)	0.43	5.20	92.79	0.91	0.11	0.05	0.00	0.29	3	2	45	20	2	54	1	371	3	3
Oittii 4 (GR2)	0.39	4.27	98.73	0.66	0.10	0.04	0.00	0.33	6	2	23	24	1	39	1	227	3	1
Oittii 5 (GR2)	0.50	6.34	94.14	1.23	0.10	0.09	0.00	0.85	4	4	63	42	3	44	2	319	3	4
RGM-2 (Standard)	0.27	13.36	74.07	3.36	0.95	0.30	0.04	1.84	11	30	146	106	23	226	8	845	20	14
RGM-2 (Standard)	0.25	13.41	74.36	3.38	0.95	0.29	0.04	1.83	12	33	144	104	24	225	10	831	20	14
RGM-2 (Standard)	0.25	13.46	74.60	3.38	0.95	0.29	0.04	1.85	10	30	145	107	26	228	9	838	20	14
RGM-2 (Standard; RV)	0.28 ± 0.02	14 ± 0.02	73.4 ± 0.41	4.35 ± 0.16	1.23 ± 0.16	0.25 ± 0.02		1.86 ± 0.04	9.8 ± 0.8	33 ± 2	147 ± 5	108 ± 5	24 ± 2	222 ± 17	9.0	842 ± 35	20 ± 1	15 ± 1

337 Table 5. Raw EDXRF data per sample (major oxides: weight %; trace elements: ppm) (<DL: values below detection limit) (RV: Recommended Value).
338 * Some SiO₂ values are off the upper end of the calibration standard.

339 The grouping of samples by outcrop reduces the linear correlations compared with
340 ungrouped samples. Samples from Endonyo Osunyai (Fig. 7b) show significant negative
341 correlations among among SiO₂ and K₂O, Rb and Ba [$\tau = -1$; p (uncorr.) < 0.05], and positive ones
342 [$\tau = 1$; p (uncorr.) < 0.05] between TiO₂ and MnO, among Al₂O₃ and MgO and CaO, and between
343 MgO and CaO (Supplementary Materials Table 7). These major oxides together with K₂O present
344 significant positive correlations [$\tau = -1$; p (uncorr.) < 0.05], with some trace elements as Rb, Nb
345 or Ba. When existing correlations among the analyzed trace elements they are positive and
346 significant. However, must to be considered that all these correlations stop being significant [p
347 (uncorr.) > 0.05] when applying the Monte Carlo simulation (Supplementary Materials Table 8).
348 Most of the major oxides from Naibor Soit Kubwa are positively correlated (p (uncorr.) < 0.05),
349 among them and with some of the trace elements as Cu, Sr, Nb, Ba and Pb, with different degrees
350 of significance (Fig. 7c) (Supplementary Materials Table 9). Only MnO and MgO present slight
351 negative correlations with Th [$\tau = -0.67$; p (uncorr.) 0.01 , and -0.59 ; p (uncorr.) $= 0.02$,
352 respectively]. Regarding the trace elements, when existing significant correlations they are always
353 positive (Fig. 7c). Most of these correlations are still significant [p (uncorr.) < 0.05] after applying
354 the Monte Carlo simulation (Supplementary Materials Table 10). Samples from Naibor Soit Ndogo
355 have few significant correlations. SiO₂ shows a negative correlation with MgO [$\tau = -0.52$; p
356 (uncorr.) < 0.05], and MgO with CaO [$\tau = -0.8$; p (uncorr.) $= 0.00$], While K₂O presents positive
357 correlations of different degrees of significance [p (uncorr.) < 0.05] with TiO₂ ($\tau = 0.50$) and Al₂O₃
358 ($\tau = 0.8$) (Fig. 7d) (Supplementary Materials Table 11). Regarding the trace elements, only MnO
359 presents a negative correlation [p (uncorr.) < 0.05] with Cu ($\tau = -0.57$) and Sr ($\tau = -0.8$), and Nb
360 with Ba ($\tau = -0.55$). The rest of significant correlations among these are positive, and tend to

361 maintain its significance after performing the Monte Carlo simulation (Supplementary Materials
362 Table 12).

363 Samples from Naisiusiu show significant negative correlations [$p(\text{uncorr.}) < 0.05$] among
364 SiO_2 and Al_2O_3 ($\tau = -0.45$), CaO ($\tau = -0.44$), Rb ($\tau = -0.39$), Sr ($\tau = -0.46$), Y ($\tau = -$
365 0.44), and Th ($\tau = -0.41$). The rest of major oxides are positively correlated among them with the
366 exception of MnO [$p(\text{uncorr.}) > 0.05$] (Fig. 7e) (Supplementary Materials Table 13). Trace
367 elements present in the Naisiusiu samples show some positive significant correlations [$p(\text{uncorr.})$
368 < 0.05] with all the major elements, except for SiO_2 . Most of these correlations remain significant
369 after the Monte Carlo simulation (Supplementary Materials Table 14) Samples from Oittii show
370 positive significant correlations among Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 and K_2O , CaO and MnO), and TiO_2 and K_2O
371 (Fig. 7f) (Supplementary Materials Table 15). As for trace elements, when significant linear
372 correlations are detected,



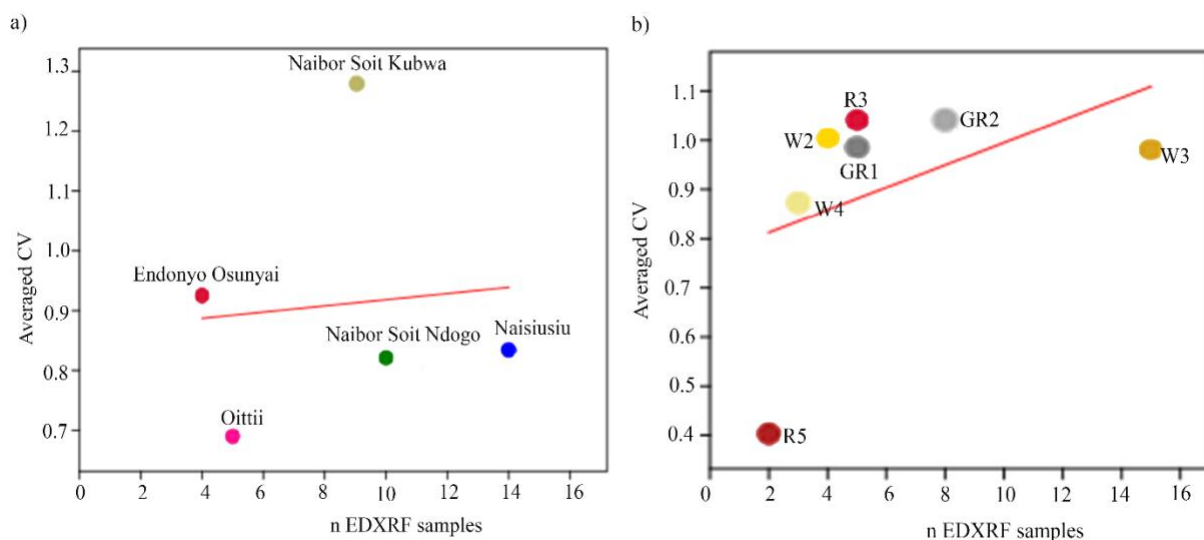
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374 Fig. 7. Plot of significant correlations (Kendall's Tau) (positive: blue; negative: red). a) All
 375 samples; b) Endonyo Osunyai; c) Naibor Soit Kubwa; d) Naibor Soit Ndogo; e) Naisiusiu; f) Oittii.

376 **2-column fitting image.**

377 these are positive, apart from CaO and Sr, Zr), Pb ($\tau = -0.84$), MnO and Zn ($\tau = -0.84$), and Pb (τ
 378 = -1). However, these are not significant after applying the Monte Carlo simulation
 379 (Supplementary Materials Table 16).

380 Variance analysis (Kruskal-Wallis test) on all samples grouped by outcrop allowed us to determine
 381 the elemental variability among samples. When comparing all samples, the Kruskal-Wallis test
 382 results in a p (same) ≤ 0.001 . Samples from Naibor Soit Ndogo [p (same) = 0.99] and Oitti
 383 [p (same) = 0.37] are the most homogeneous among the analyzed samples. Quartzites from Naibor
 384 Soit Kubwa [p (same) = < 0.0001], Naisiusiu [p (same) = 0.0001], and Oittii [p (same) < 0.0001]
 385 show variable intra-outcrop geochemical fingerprints. Further data exploration rejects the
 386 hypothesis that variance is related with differential sample size per outcrop or by RMG. Plotting
 387 the average of the Coefficient of Variation ($CV = \mu / \sigma$) for each outcrop against the number of
 388 samples indicates an absence of correlation [$r = 0.09$; p (uncorr.) = 0.88] ($r^2 = 0.01$). This is also
 389 the case when plotting the average CV for each RMG against the number samples [$r = 0.44$; p
 390 (uncorr.) = 0.32] ($r^2 = 0.19$) (Fig. 8).



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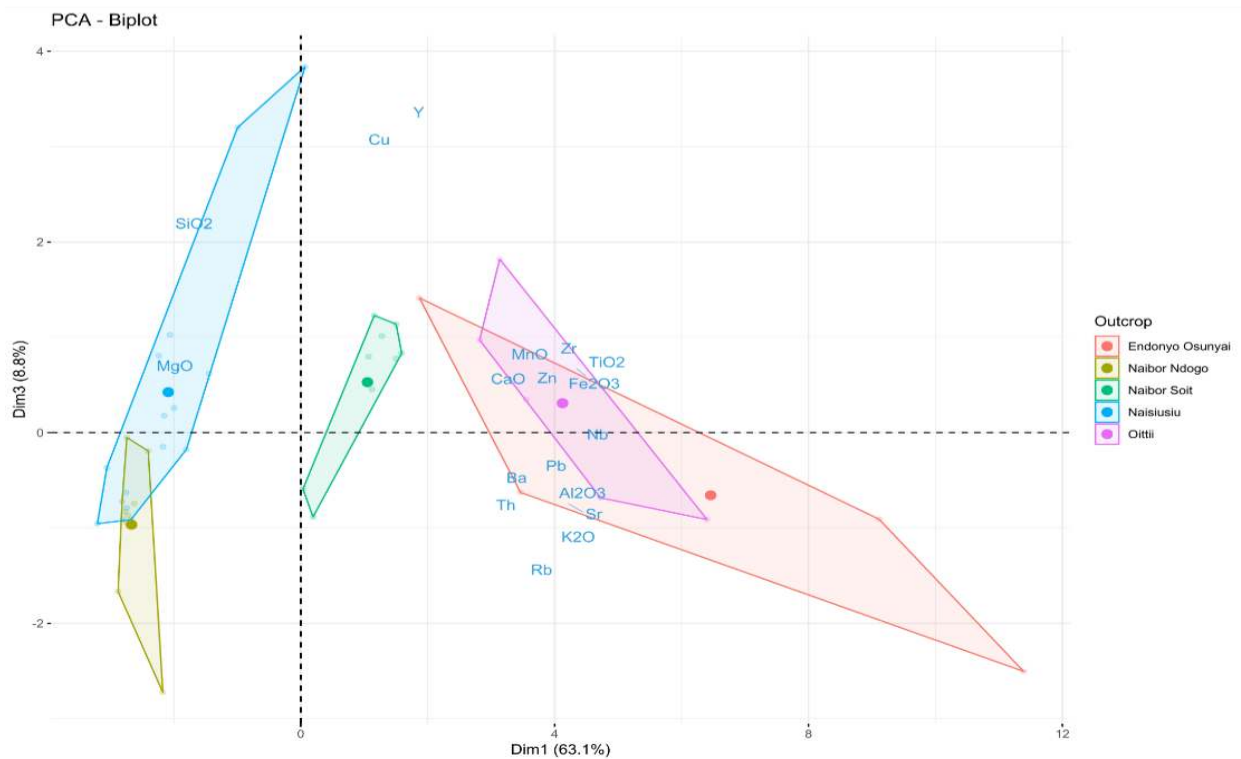
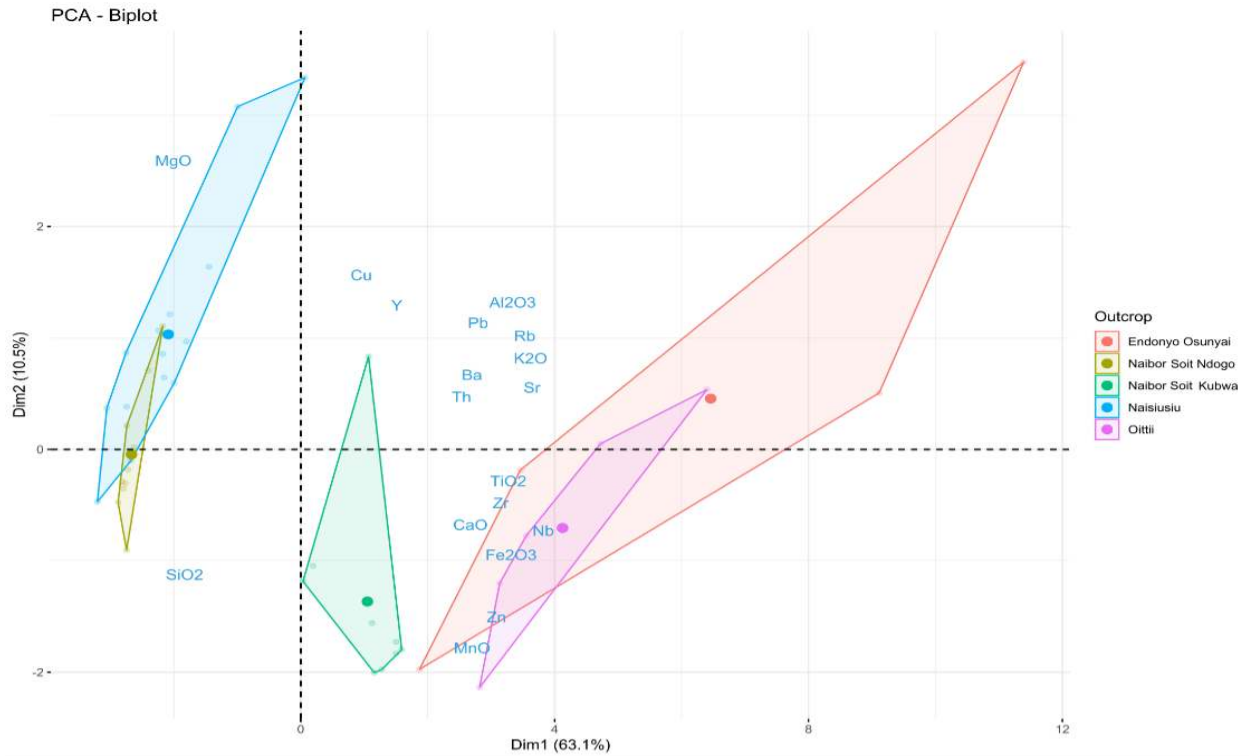
392 Fig. 8. a) Plot of the averaged CV against the number of EDXRF samples by outcrop; b)
393 Plot of the averaged CV against the number of EDXRF samples by RMG. 2-column fitting
394 image. PCA (KMO = 0.78) allowed us to explicate that the first three components retained 80.06%
395 of the cumulative variance (Table 6), confirming the segregative power of the geochemical data
396 according to multivariate analysis. The first component is based on Ba, SiO₂, Rb, K₂O, Th, Pb,
397 and Al₂O₃ (eigenvector loadings range from 15-5%), the second component is mainly based on
398 SiO₂ (eigenvector loading >60%) and MgO (eigenvector loading ~25%), and the third component
399 is based on Y, MgO, Cu, and SiO₂ (eigenvector loadings range from 40%--10%) (Supplementary
400 Materials Fig. 7). According to these components, there is a high degree of correlation among the
401 geochemical composition of Naibor Soit Ndogo and Naisiusiu, despite their different averaged
402 geochemical profiles (Supplementary Materials Fig. 1), due to their elevated SiO₂ and MgO
403 values. Quartzites from Endonyo Osunyai and Oittii also share similar geochemical fingerprints
404 based on the rest of the major and trace element values. Most samples from Naibor Soit Kubwa
405 are distinguishable from the other sampled outcrops, and have the most balanced elemental
406 compositions (Fig. 9).

407 The first three components of the DFA result in a cumulative variance of 98.61% (Table
408 7), confirming the discriminatory power of the geochemical data. The first component is mainly
409 determined by the presence of MgO, Y, SiO₂, and Cu. The second component is based on most of
410 the trace elements and major oxides. The third component is determined by the presence of SiO₂
411 and MnO. According to these components, the geochemical profiles of the five analyzed outcrops
412 are different enough to be distinguishable, and only Naibor Soit Ndogo and Naisiusiu present some
413 similarities based on their SiO₂ and MgO values (Fig. 10). DFA indicate that the 97.62% samples
414 are correctly classified according their original provenance, and only one sample from Naibor Soit

415 Ndogo has a geochemical profile that could be associated to Naisiusiu. 71.43% of the samples are
 416 correctly classified using the Jackknife method, confirming the high significance of the
 417 discriminant values for Naibor Soit Kubwa and Oittii (Supplementary Materials Table 17 and 18).

Principal Component	Eigenvalue	Variance Percentage	Cumulative Variance Percentage
Dim. 1	1.562	52.630	52.630
Dim. 2	0.456	15.353	67.983
Dim. 3	0.358	12.073	80.056
Dim. 4	0.209	7.037	87.093
Dim. 5	0.148	4.985	92.078
Dim. 6	0.112	3.756	95.835
Dim. 7	0.043	1.452	97.286
Dim. 8	0.035	1.187	98.474
Dim. 9	0.028	0.936	99.410
Dim. 10	0.009	0.308	99.718

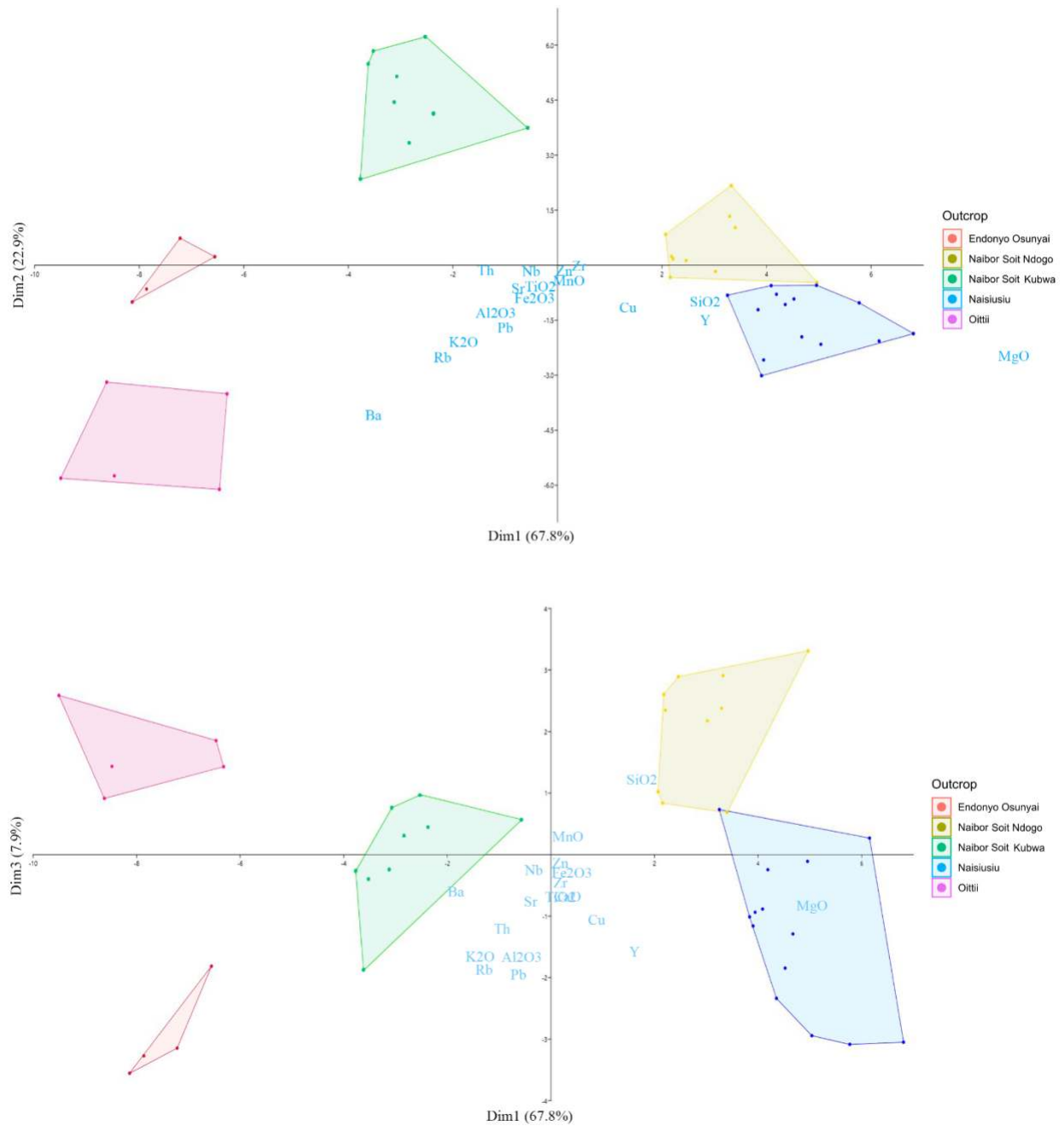
418 Table 6. Eigenvalues and variance percentages of the PCA components.



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420 Fig. 9. PCA using EDXRF data with samples grouped by outcrop, including the variables

421 determining the first three components. 2-column fitting image.



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423 Fig.10. DFA using EDXRF data with samples grouped by outcrop, including the variables

424 determining the first three components. **2-column fitting image.**

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Principal Component	Eigenvalue	Variance Percentage	Cumulative Variance Percentage
Dim. 1	26.88	67.82	67.82
Dim. 2	9.07	22.89	90.71
Dim. 3	3.13	7.90	98.61
Dim. 4	0.55	1.38	100

426 Table 7. Eigenvalues and variance percentages of the DFA components

427 **5. Discussion**

428 **5.1. Quartzite Fingerprints**

429 The macroscopic characteristics used to classify samples into RMGs were treated as
430 independent variables in a second PCA (Fig. 11), which relied on the same cumulative variance
431 and components as in the first PCA (Fig. 9). This was done to determine the comparability of
432 macroscopic, petrographic, and geochemical approaches.

433 Red quartzite varieties (R1-R5) can be found at Endonyo Osunyai, Naibor Soit Kubwa,
434 Naibor Soit Ndogo, and Naisiusiu. These range in texture from fine- to very coarse-grained, and
435 predominantly consist of quartz along with lesser amounts of muscovite, hematite, rutile, and
436 biotite. R3 consists of fine- to coarse-grained red quartzites from Endonyo Osunyai, Naibor Soit
437 Kubwa, and Naibor Soit Ndogo, although these have distinguishable geochemical profiles. Biotite-
438 bearing quartzites (R5) are exclusive to Naisiusiu.

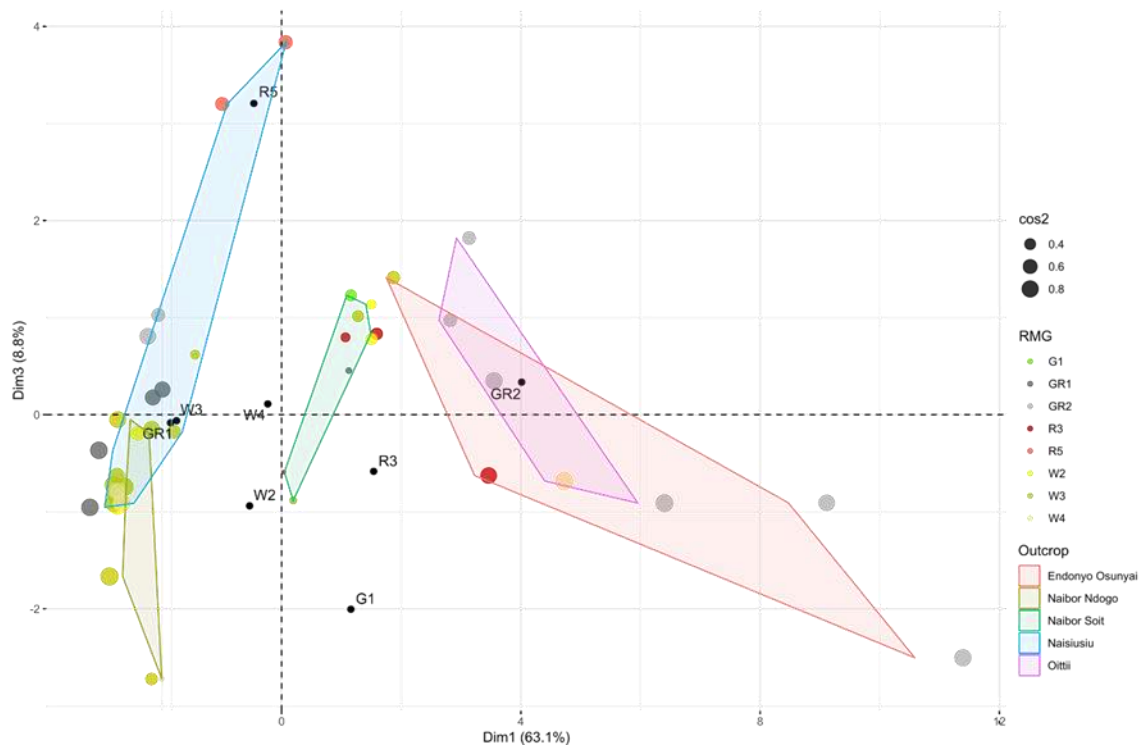
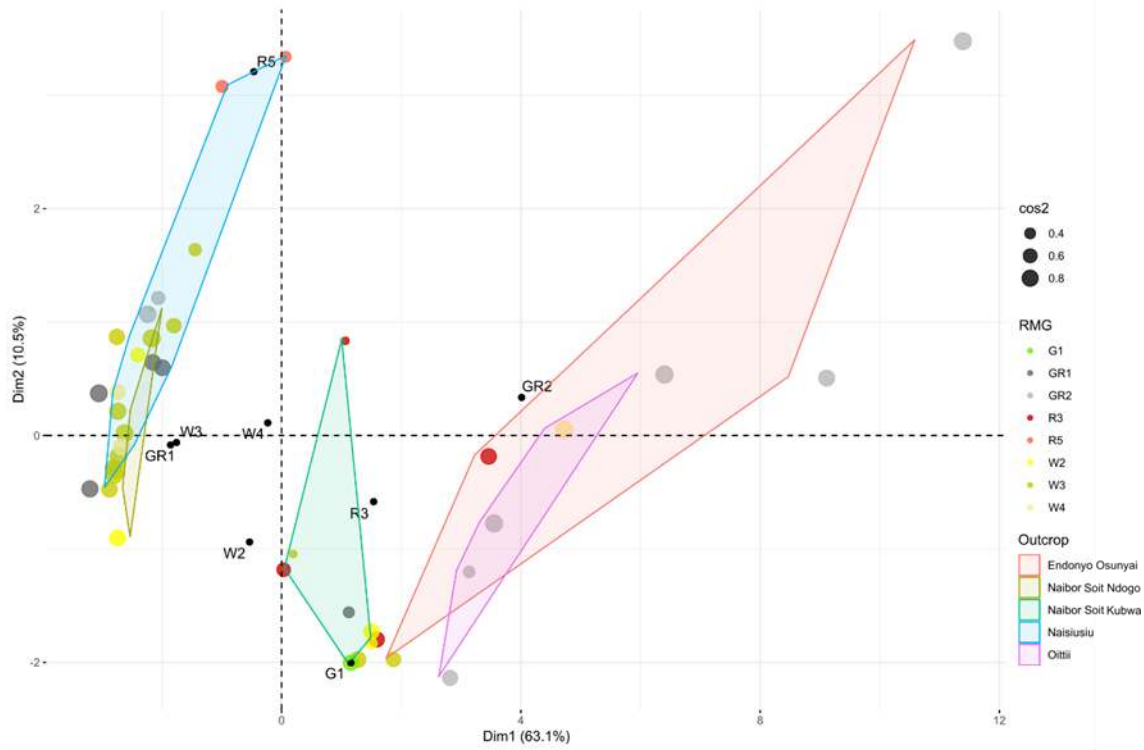
439 White quartzite varieties (W1-W4) can be found at all five sampled outcrops. These
440 varieties range in texture from medium- to very coarse-grained, and predominantly consist of
441 quartz along with minor amounts of muscovite, opaque minerals, hematite, and rutile. Very coarse-
442 grained rutile-bearing quartzite (W2) is exclusive to Naibor Soit Kubwa and Naibor Soit Ndogo.
443 However, differences in SiO₂ values and trace elements for Naibor Soit Kubwa, and MgO for
444 Naibor Soit Ndogo, allow us to distinguish among the quartzites from these two outcrops. RMGs
445 W3 and W4 can be found at Endonyo Osunyai, Oittii, Naibor Soit Kubwa, Naibor Soit Ndogo,

446 and Naisiusiu. However, samples classified in both varieties from Endonyo Osunyai, Oittii, and
447 Naibor Soit Kubwa are distinguishable to those from Naibor Soit Ndogo and Naisiusiu based on
448 MgO and SiO₂ values.

449 Medium- to coarse-grained gray quartzites (GR1) can be found at Naibor Soit Kubwa,
450 Naibor Soit Ndogo, and Naisiusiu. Samples classified in GR1 from Naibor Soit Kubwa are
451 distinguishable from those of Naibor Soit Ndogo and Naisiusiu based on major and trace elements.
452 However, Naibor Soit Ndogo and Naisiusiu have similar geochemical profiles. Fine- to medium-
453 grained gray quartzites (GR2) can be found at Endonyo Osunyai, Oittii, and Naisiusiu. While GR2
454 quartzites from the former two outcrops have similar geochemical fingerprints, they can be
455 distinguished to those from Naisiusiu based on differences in MgO values.

456 Green fuchsite-bearing quartzite (G1) is exclusively found at Naibor Soit Kubwa and
457 Naibor Soit Ndogo, affirming these inselbergs as the primary sources for this RMG.

458 The first three components of the DFA result in a cumulative variance of 87.28% (Table
459 7), confirming the discriminatory power of the geochemical data and the macroscopic
460 classification. The first component is mainly determined by the presence of Y, Ba, Cu, Pb, Al₂O₃,
461 and MgO. The second component is based mostly on Ba, RB, K₂O, and Th. The third component
462 is mainly determined by the presence of trace elements such as Th, Y, and Sr along with major
463 oxides such as Fe₂O₃ or Al₂O₃. According to these components, the discrimination of samples
464 classified in RMGs R5, and GR2 is clear according to their geochemical compositions. However,
465 geochemical overlap exists among the RMGs W1-4, G1, and R3 due to their SiO₂ contents (Fig.
466 12).



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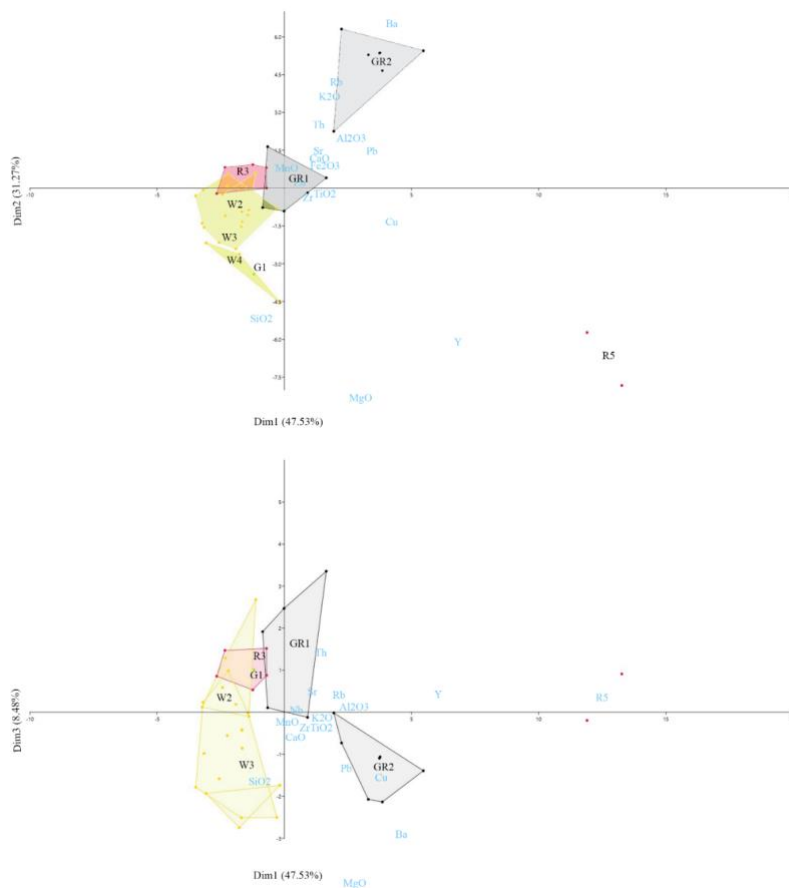
468 Fig. 11. PCA using EDXRF data with samples labelled by their RMG. Cumulative variance and

469 components identical to those used in the first PCA (see Fig. 9). **2-column fitting image.**

470 Despite this overlap, the confusion matrix of the DFA indicates that 85.71% of the samples were
 471 correctly classified, being extremely significant (100%) in the case of RMGs GR1, R5, and W4.
 472 40.48% of the samples are correctly classified using the Jackknife method, confirming the high
 473 significance of the discriminant values for samples classified in RMG R5 (Supplementary
 474 Materials Tables 19 and 20).

Principal Component	Eigenvalue	Variance Percentage	Cumulative Variance Percentage
Dim. 1	15.227	47.53	47.53
Dim. 2	10.017	31.27	78.8
Dim. 3	2.718	8.48	87.28
Dim. 4	1.954	1.38	93.38

475 Table 7. Eigenvalues and variance percentages of the DFA components



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477 **5.2.**Fig. 12. DFA using EDXRF data with samples grouped by RMG, including the variables
478 determining the first three components. **2-column fitting image.** **Multi-Scalar Approach**

479 Considering that quartz-rich rocks were widely exploited during the ESA throughout
480 continental Africa (Braun et al., 2009; Bunn, 1982; Chavaillon, 1976; Chazan et al., 2012; Harris
481 et al., 1987; Howell et al., 1987; Isaac and Harris, 1978; Kaufulu and Stern, 1987; Kuman, 1996;
482 Kuman and Field, 2009; Kuman and Clarke, 2000; McNabb and Kuman, 2015; Merrick and
483 Merrick, 1976; Plummer, 2004; Sheppard and Kleindienst, 1996; Toth, 1982), these rock types
484 represent an important avenue to better understand early hominin technology and ecological
485 behavior (Ambrose, 2001; Braun and Hovers, 2009; de Heinlein et al., 1999; Potts, 1994; Schick,
486 1987). However, there are only a few ESA characterization studies specifically dealing with
487 quartzite designed to establish its sourcing prospects, and most of these studies specifically deal
488 with material from Oldupai Gorge (Blumenschine et al. 2008; Braun et al. 2008b; Hay, 1976;
489 Kyara, 1999; McHenry and de la Torre, 2018; Tactikos, 2005). Despite this, most of these studies
490 have been limited by small reference collections, with the clear exception of Braun et al. (2008b).
491 While acknowledging the inherent limitations of lithic raw material studies, such as the possibility
492 that there are unknown and/or unexposed outcrops (Santonja et al., 2014), the characterization of
493 known outcrops is a necessary first step to determine resource availability and lithological diversity
494 (e.g. Dibble, 1991; Féblot-Augustins, 1990, 1997; Shackley, 1998; Wilson, 2007; Wilson et al.
495 2018). Therefore, this study represents an effort to build upon prior studies at Oldupai using a
496 multi-scalar fingerprinting approach to characterize reference materials from five known quartzitic
497 outcrops.

498 Macroscopic properties reveal that quartzites from different sources are relatively
499 homogenous in terms of their morphology. However, differences in color, grain size, texture, and

500 mineral composition allowed us to identify twelve RMGs, some of them coincident with
501 macroscopic varieties previously described (McHenry and de la Torre, 2018) (Supplementary
502 Materials Table 1). Thin section petrographic analyses of twelve samples, one from each RMG,
503 reveal that quartzites are predominantly composed of quartz (85-98%), along with varying modes
504 of muscovite (2-14%), and other accessory minerals such as rutile (<1-1%), biotite (1%), and
505 fuchsite (<1%). The presence of certain accessory minerals such as biotite and fuchsite
506 occasionally coincided with our macroscopic classifications of RMGs thereby opening the
507 possibility that stone tools may be sourced to specific outcrops based on mineralogy. Exploratory
508 testing of the geochemical data allowed us to identify the fingerprints of eight of the twelve RMGs
509 that may be useful for provenance studies. EDXRF results propose a high degree of heterogeneity
510 with significant differences at the intra- and inter-outcrop levels. Major elements (except SiO₂),
511 and particularly trace elements, are helpful to differentiate between quartzites from Endonyo
512 Osunyai and Oittii, while high MgO values are associated with quartzites from Naibor Soit Ndogo
513 and Naisiusiu. Besides showing the highest intra-outcrop homogeneity, Naibor Soit Kubwa
514 quartzites have the highest SiO₂ content, which may give this raw material ideal mechanical
515 properties for knapping stone tools. This could, at least partly, allow authors to propose that Naibor
516 Soit Kubwa may have been the principal source of quartzite for artifact manufacture in the eastern
517 Oldupai palaeobasin (Blumenschine et al., 2008 Santonja et al 2014; Tactikos 2005).

518 Historically, macroscopic and petrographic techniques have been utilized for lithic sourcing
519 (Bond, 1948; Cogné and Giot, 1952; Keiller et al., 1941; Shotton and Hendry, 1979), although
520 geochemical techniques have been increasingly utilized since the 1960s, particularly for obsidian
521 (Cann and Renfrew, 1964; Heizer et al., 1965; Jack and Heizer, 1968; Parks and Tieh, 1966;
522 Weaver and Stross, 1965). In combining these techniques, our multi-scalar analysis reveals that

523 most RMGs, defined based on macroscopic criteria, are ubiquitous at Oldupai Gorge, and can be
524 found at different outcrops (see Fig. 11). The petrographic data reveal that most quartzites are
525 mineralogically homogenous. However, certain accessory minerals are unique to some outcrops
526 and their presence correlates with two of our RMG classifications (see Table 4). Lastly, our
527 statistical analyses of the geochemical data show that there are elemental compositions
528 characteristic of certain outcrops, and these coincide with most of the macroscopic classifications
529 into RMGs. Altogether, the combination of techniques offers the strongest ability to differentiate
530 among quartzites from different outcrops at Oldupai that no singular technique alone accomplishes
531 on a satisfactory basis. Resource-bearing, we suggest that future provenance studies conduct
532 detailed multi-scalar analyses to shed light on each technique's analytical power, particularly for
533 rock types less amenable to geochemical sourcing alone (e.g. obsidian).

534 **6. Conclusions**

535 This study implemented a multi-scalar approach to systematically characterize the intra-
536 and inter-outcrop lithological variability of five quartzitic outcrops adjacent to Oldupai Gorge.
537 These outcrops were likely the primary sources for quartzitic raw materials and may have been of
538 high importance for early hominin technological organization and palaeoecological behavior. This
539 was accomplished by the macroscopic classification of geological samples into discrete RMGs, as
540 well as selective petrographic and EDXRF analyses.

541 Using a combination of destructive and non-destructive techniques, we identified twelve
542 RMGs that can be found at five quartzitic outcrops adjacent to Oldupai Gorge. Based on mineral
543 assemblages and modes, we conclude that at least three RMGs are exclusively found at specific
544 outcrops (R5: Naisiusiu; W2 and G1: Naibor Soit Kubwa and Naibor Soit Ndogo). Quartzites from
545 Naibor Soit Kubwa have a unique geochemical composition. Quartzites from Endonyo Osunyai,

546 Oittii, Naibor Soit Ndogo, and Naisiusiu have overlapping bulk rock geochemistry but they can be
547 differentiated from each other using a combination of macroscopic, petrographic, and geochemical
548 data. Although additional research is required to establish stronger links between mineralogy and
549 geochemistry, the methodology outlined here and the promising results provide a stepping-stone
550 for future characterization studies and archaeological applications. It is hoped that our results
551 considered alongside other successful case studies (e.g. Blomme et al., 2012; Cnudde et al., 2013;
552 Dalpra and Pitblado, 2016; Pitblado et al., 2008, 2013; Veldeman et al., 2012) will spur other
553 researchers to determine the feasibility of differentiating quartzites and other quartz-rich
554 lithologies on regional scales. Such studies may come to yield surprising results and prove to be
555 of critical importance to further our understanding of hominin behavior, since quartz-rich raw
556 materials were widely exploited during the African ESA and thereafter in the archaeological
557 record.

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Supplementary Materials

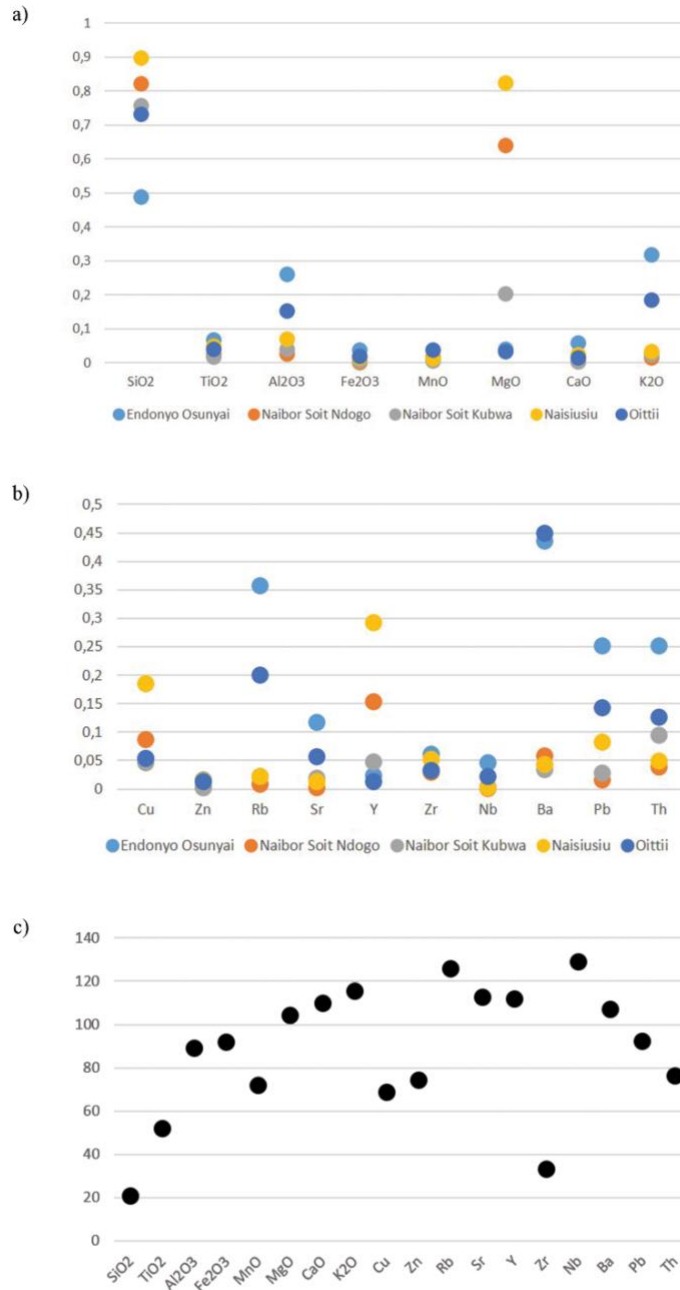


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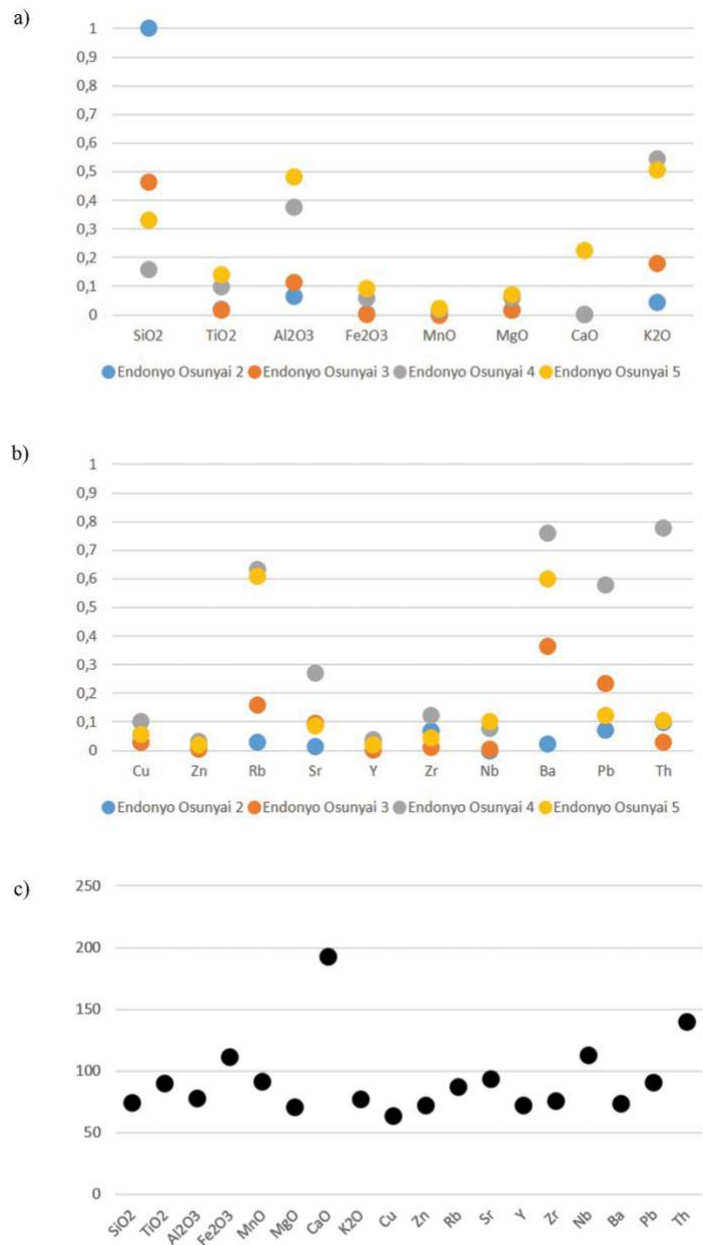


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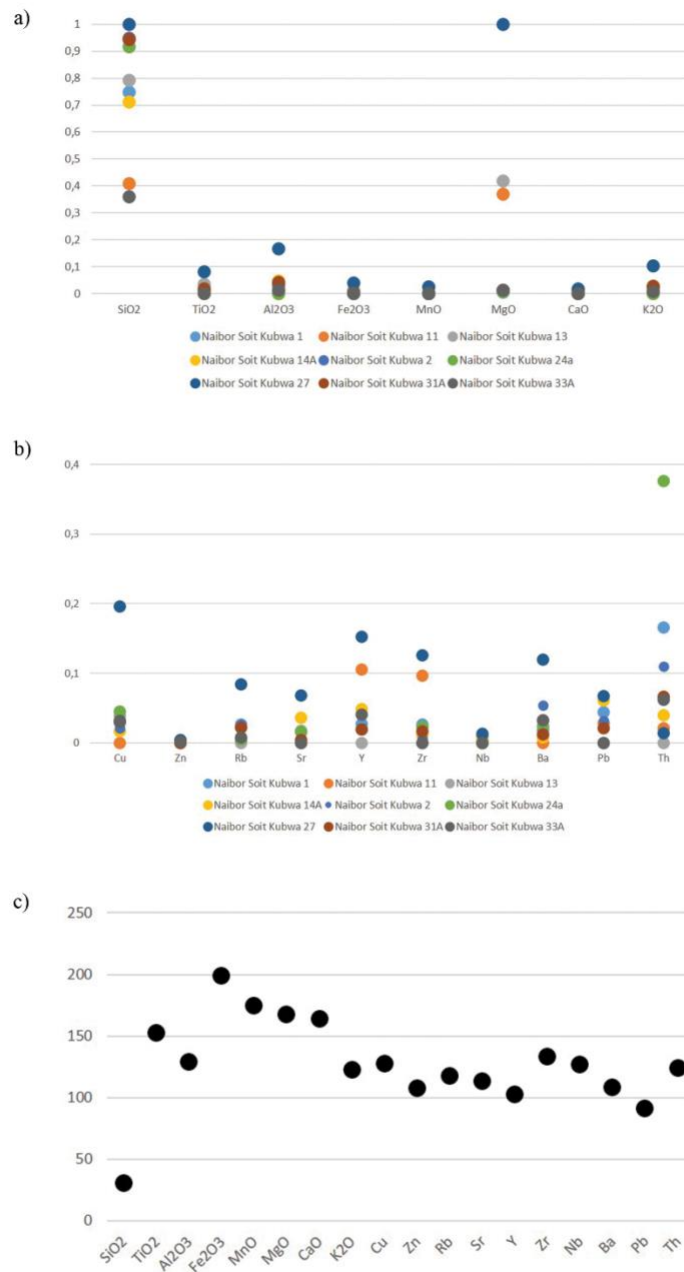


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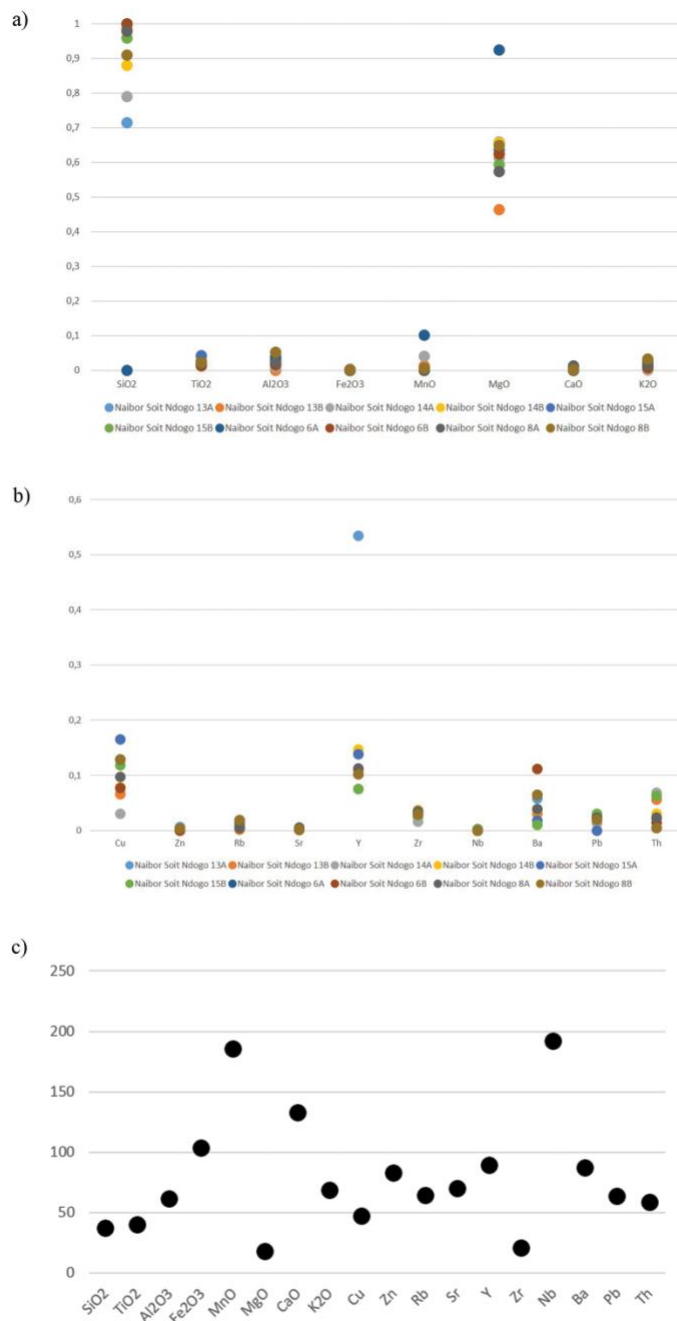


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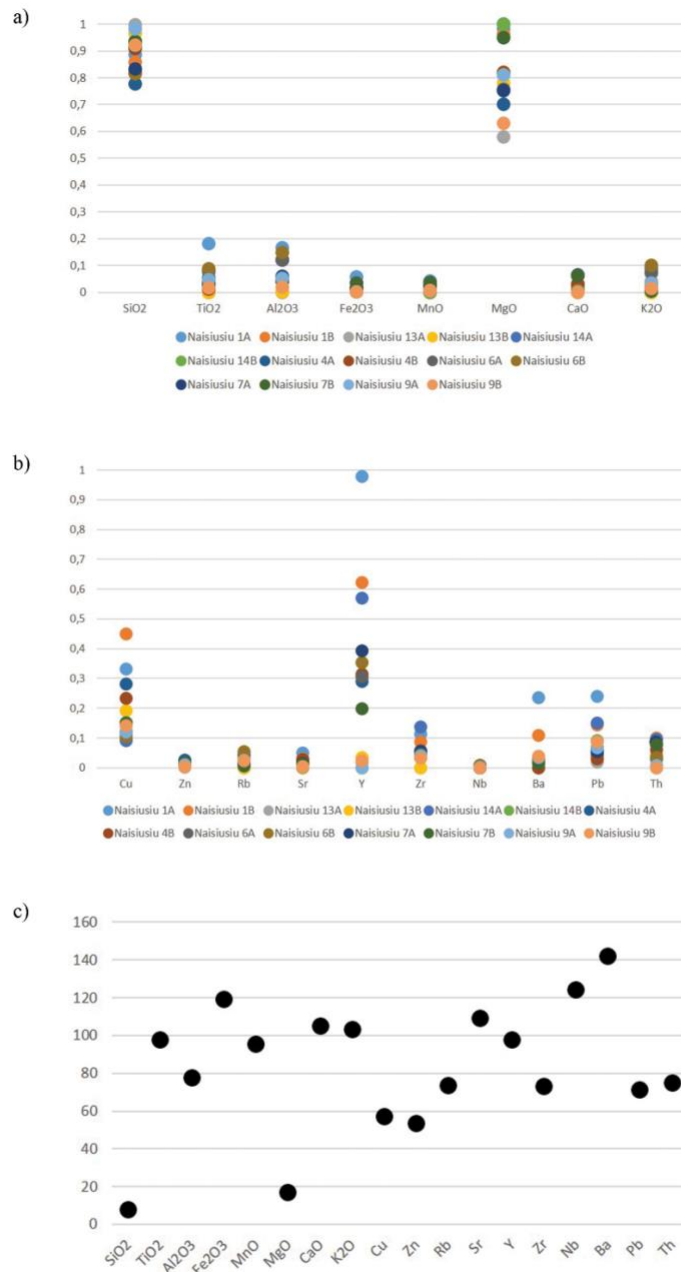


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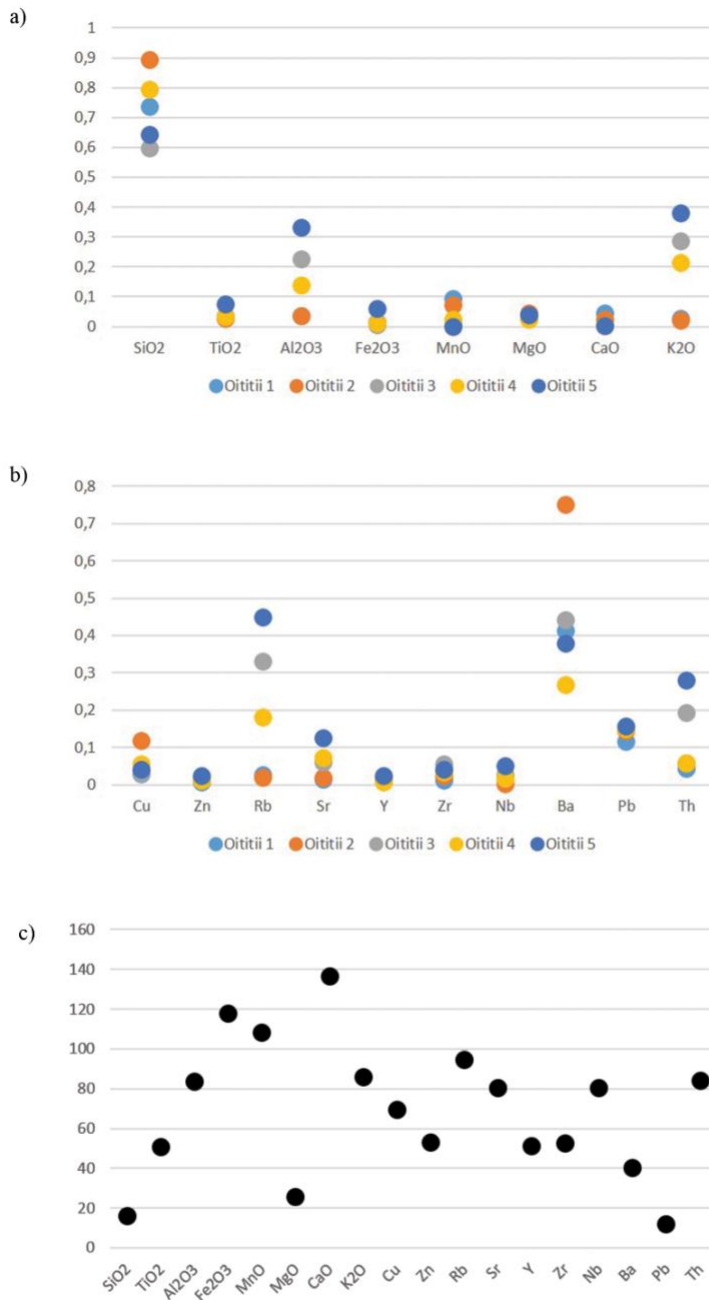


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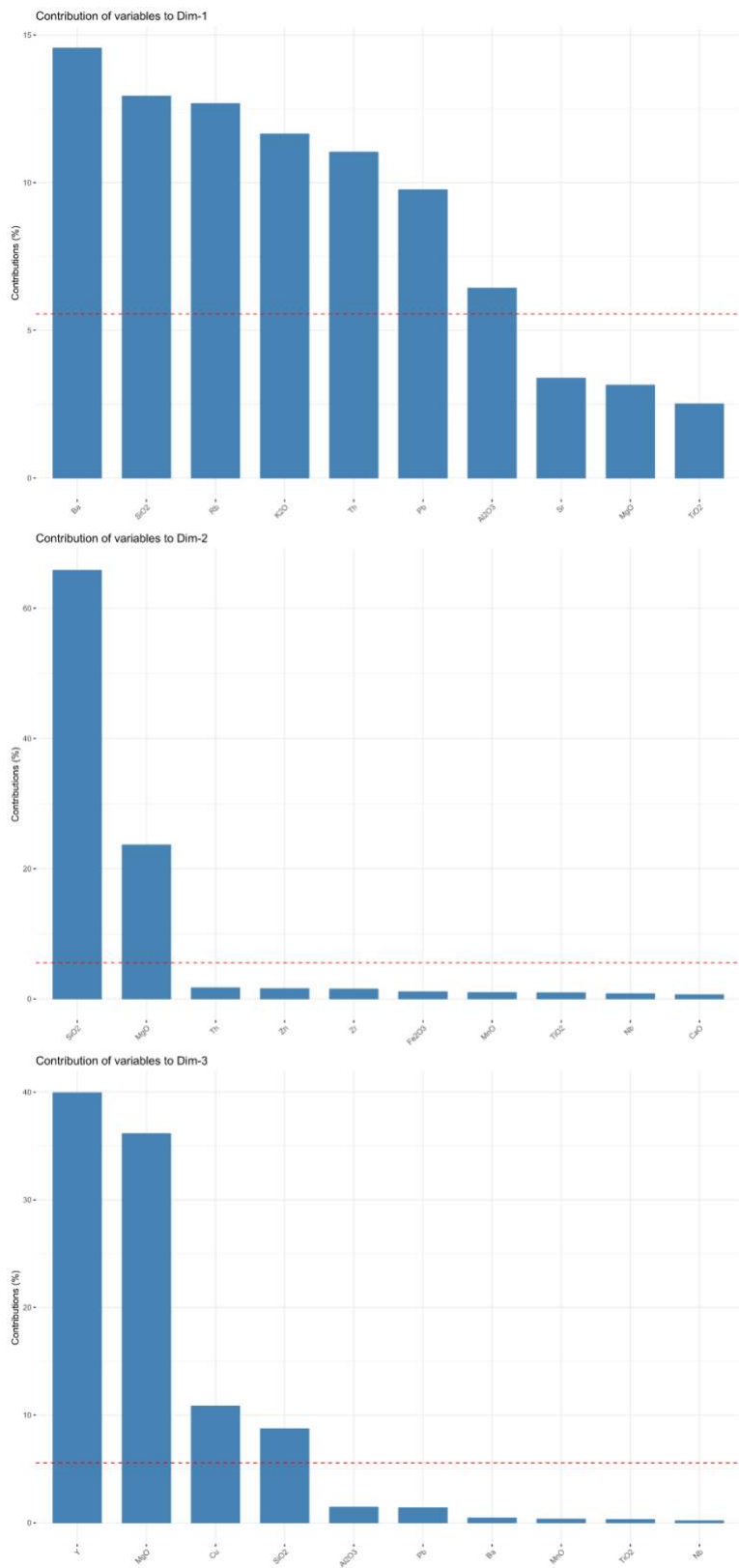


Fig. 7. PCA contribution percentages of the three components based on EDXRF data.

RMGs (McHenry and de la Torre, 2018)	RMGs (this study)
7.1	W*
7.1.1	W*
7.1.2	W*
7.1.3	W*
7.1.4	W*
7.2	R5
7.3	W3/W4
7.4	G1
7.5	Gr*
7.5.1	Gr1
7.6	W1/W2/ Gr2
7.6.1	Gr1
7.6.2	R2
7.7	W*
7.8	nd
7.9	nd

Table 1. Correlation between quartzite RMGs identified in McHenry and de la Torre (2018) and those in this study.

* Specific RMGs were only correlated where possible, and to avoid misclassification, some were only correlated at a general level.

Outcrop	Sample ID	R oc k	R M G	ED XR F	Petro graph y	Lon g.	Lat.	Alt.	Mas s (g)	Size (mm; LxWxT)	Munsell Code	Striping Zonation	Patina	Patina Color	Corte x Type	Cortex Proportio n	Gloss	Transpa rency	Grain Size	Foliat ion
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	Endonyo Osunyai 4	Qt z	G R2	Y	N	35.3 1591 9	- 2.94 128	1539 .992 6	113. 04	110*60*2 0	N8-N5	Zoned	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Medium	Non- Foliat ed
	Endonyo Osunyai 5	Qt z	G R2	Y	N	35.3 1621 6	- 2.94 1525	1538 .406 1	142. 44	105*55*1 8	5YR 8/1-5Y 6/1	Striped	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non- Dominant		Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed
Naibor Soit Kubwa	Naibor Soit Kubwa C4A	Qt z	R1	N	Y	35.3 4430 4	- 2.95 7241	1510 .62	272. 47	79*54*41	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa C4B	Qt z	W 1	N	Y	35.3 4426 8	- 2.95 7389	1510 .37	>50 0.00	88*61*53	N8	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa C4C	Qt z	G1	N	N	35.3 4427 1	- 2.95 7393	1511 .47	208. 77	89*51*29	5GY 8/1	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Medium	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa C4D	Qt z	G1	N	N	35.3 4427 4	- 2.95 7378	1510 .82	145. 47	78*37*25	5GY 8/1	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Medium	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa C5A	Qt z	R1	N	N	35.3 4448 1	- 2.95 8702	1520 .4	378. 29	104*82*3 3	5YR 7/2-5YR 5/6	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa C5B	Qt z	W 2	N	N	35.3 4449 3	- 2.95 8721	1519 .4	>50 0.00	133*84*6 1	5YR 8/1	Zoned	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa D4A	Qt z	W 1	N	N	35.3 4426 4	- 2.95 6652	1514 .39	329. 82	67*67*40	N8	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa D4B	Qt z	R3	N	N	35.3 454	- 2.95 6736	1516 .88	334. 98	62*61*42	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa D4C	Qt z	G1	N	N	35.3 4539 5	- 2.95 6724	1517 .02	289. 07	96*57*34	5GY 8/1	Zoned	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa D4D	Qt z	R2	N	N	35.3 4539 4	- 2.95 6725	1517 .06	>50 0.00	82*72*50	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa D5A	Qt z	R4	N	N	35.3 4551 9	- 2.95 8493	1591 .47	255. 66	82*66*40	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse (Uncons.)	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa D6A	Qt z	R4	N	N	35.3 4522 4	- 2.95 9073	1565 .7	368. 27	93*57*52	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse (Uncons.)	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa D7A	Qt z	R4	N	N	35.3 4535 7	- 2.95 9616	1571 .84	380. 42	105*51*4 8	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse (Uncons.)	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa D7B	Qt z	R3	N	N	35.3 4509 7	- 2.96 0264	1539 .44	221. 91	82*47*42	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
Naibor Soit Kubwa E4A	Qt z	W 1	N	N	35.3 4579 9	- 2.95 7101	1521 .37	293. 67	101*76*3 1	N8-5Y 8/1	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed	

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	Naibor Soit Kubwa E4B	Qtz	G1	N	N	35.3 4579 8	- 2.95 7093	1520 .87	350. 56	121*68*2 6	5GY 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa E5A	Qtz	W1	N	N	35.3 4633 6	- 2.95 7749	1529 .25	234. 62	77*58*25	N8-5Y 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa E5B	Qtz	R2	N	N	35.3 4633 9	- 2.95 775	1529 .21	373. 92	82*64*53	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa E5C	Qtz	G1	N	N	35.3 4634 3	- 2.95 7739	1531 .17	321. 41	102*59*3 2	5GY 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa E5D	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 4634 6	- 2.95 7738	1531 .87	>50 0.00	81*67*43	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa E5E	Qtz	R4	N	N	35.3 4634 3	- 2.95 7747	1532 .03	214. 83	86*67*36	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse (Uncons.)	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa E6A	Qtz	R1	N	N	35.3 4570 9	- 2.95 8902	1600 .4	288. 67	96*54*37	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa E7A	Qtz	R1	N	N	35.3 4535 3	- 2.95 9585	1571 .84	256. 81	92*73*28	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse- Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa E8A	Qtz	R4	N	N	35.3 4702 5	- 2.96 235	1566 .7	361. 10	113*61*4 2	5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F11A	Qtz	W1	N	N	35.3 4588 3	- 2.96 2445	1531 .74	384. 32	105*65*4 7	N8-5Y 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F11C	Qtz	GR1	N	N	35.3 4589 8	- 2.96 2448	1531 .64	339. 14	94*91*55	5PB 5/2- 5PB 7/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F5A	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 4743 7	- 2.95 8407	1536 .4	390. 49	105*101* 37	N9	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F5B	Qtz	GR1	N	N	35.3 4743 5	- 2.95 8418	1535 .19	288. 41	72*48*42	5PB 5/2- 5PB 7/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F5C	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 4743 8	- 2.95 8418	1535 .05	165. 20	73*50*30	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F6A	Qtz	GR1	N	N	35.3 4807 2	- 2.96 1217	1572 .7	288. 92	123*58*3 2	5PB 5/2- 5PB 7/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F6B	Qtz	G1	N	N	35.3 4807 3	- 2.96 1215	1573 .37	192. 70	71*42*38	5GY 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F6C	Qtz	G1	N	N	35.3 4806 6	- 2.96 121	1573 .56	223. 88	79*73*21	5GY 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F6D	Qtz	R4	N	N	35.3 4806 2	- 2.96 1211	1574 .49	234. 03	93*64*54	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse (Uncons.)	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F7A	Qtz	R1	N	N	35.3 4567 1	- 2.95 934	1593 .17	397. 54	109*58*5 1	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed

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	Naibor Soit Kubwa F7B	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 457	- 2.95 9321	1595 .17	349. 34	94*92*31	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F8A	Qtz	R4	N	N	35.3 4731	- 2.96 1912	1608 .05	193. 89	102*57*2 8	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F9A	Qtz	R1	N	N	35.3 4735	- 2.96 3064	1557 .12	255. 47	76*70*46	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa F9B	Qtz	W1	N	N	35.3 4736	- 2.96 3075	1557 .75	339. 14	105*65*4 7	N8-5Y 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa G10A	Qtz	R4	N	N	35.3 4747	- 2.96 3825	1558 .18	291. 05	79*69*49	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	Patina Dominant	10YR 8/2 (Very Pale Orange)	Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa G10B	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 4746	- 2.96 3851	1560 .16	310. 30	121*73*3 5	N9	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa G10C	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 4748	- 2.96 3832	1562 .27	284. 07	83*82*49	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa G6A	Qtz	G R1	N	N	35.3 4804	- 2.96 077	1563 .64	197. 25	78*52*50	5PB 5/2- 5PB 7/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa G6D	Qtz	W2	N	N	35.3 4806	- 2.96 0773	1564 .1	>50 0.00	96*95*38	5YR 8/1	Zoned	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa G9A	Qtz	R2	N	Y	35.3 4837	- 2.96 3464	1607 .63	381. 32	121*71*3 8	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa H10A	Qtz	G R1	N	N	35.3 4891	- 2.96 3749	1582 .36	429. 22	95*62*37	5PB 5/2- 5PB 7/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa H10B	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 4893	- 2.96 3754	1583 .75	>50 0.00	85*66*64	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa H12A	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 4943	- 2.96 6538	1545 .45	>50 0.00	90*89*44	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse (partially uncons.)	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa H12B	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 4942	- 2.96 6535	1547 .15	>50 0.00	75*68*55	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa I10B	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 4920	- 2.96 3771	1571 .74	245. 91	73*51*40	N9	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa I10C	Qtz	W2	N	N	35.3 4919	- 2.96 3768	1570 .58	>50 0.00	127*114* 57	5G 6/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa I10D	Qtz	G R1	N	N	35.3 4916	- 2.96 3752	1570 .4	>50 0.00	104*75*4 9	5PB 5/2- 5PB 7/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa I11B	Qtz	R1	N	N	35.3 4940	- 2.96 4755	1569 .26	380. 11	86*73*29	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa I11C	Qtz	G R1	N	N	35.3 4939	- 2.96 4757	1569 .62	>50 0.00	117*54*5 0	5PB 5/2- 5PB 7/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed

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	Naibor Soit Kubwa I12A	Qtz	R4	N	N	35.3 4993 3	- 2.96 6197	1547 .41	>50 0.00	129*79*5 1	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse (Uncons.)	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa I12B	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 4993 3	- 2.96 6197	1547 .41	209. 90	91*54*34	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa I9A	Qtz	R1	N	N	35.3 4861 5	- 2.96 3073	1582 .81	276. 89	100*64*3 5	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa I9B	Qtz	W1	N	N	35.3 4861 5	- 2.96 3073	1582 .81	>50 0.00	115*100* 85	N8-5Y 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa J12A	Qtz	R4	N	N	35.3 5084	- 2.96 6152	1548 .54	335. 73	83*79*41	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	Patina Dominant	10YR 8/2 (Very Pale Orange)	Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa K12A	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5159 8	- 2.96 6689	1556	292. 56	82*65*51	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Zoned	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa K12B	Qtz	R4	N	Y	35.3 5158 5	- 2.96 6692	1556 .98	371. 27	83*57*56	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse (Uncons.)	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa K13A	Qtz	R4	N	N	35.3 4711 3	- 2.96 4314	1540 .42	186. 11	86*67*36	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse (Uncons.)	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa K13B	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 4710 7	- 2.96 4326	1539 .1	357. 96	85*75*49	N9	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa K13C	Qtz	W1	N	N	35.3 4710 7	- 2.96 4329	1539 .93	206. 67	102*58*2 6	N8-5Y 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa K13D	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 4710 7	- 2.96 4325	1539 .53	401. 38	88*84*48	5Y 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa K15A	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5190 9	- 2.96 9783	1524 .89	401. 38	88*84*48	5Y 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa K15B	Qtz	R4	N	N	35.3 5192 4	- 2.96 9796	1523 .85	224. 05	92*66*30	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse (Uncons.)	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa K16A	Qtz	W1	N	N	35.3 5213 6	- 2.97 0256	1517 .62	293. 55	94*70*40	N8-5Y 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Dull- Milk y	Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa K16B	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5199 4	- 2.97 0327	1516 .98	332. 61	106*61*4 2	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa K16C	Qtz	R1	N	N	35.3 5206 7	- 2.97 031	1516 .66	205. 66	101*55*2 8	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa M14A	Qtz	R4	N	N	35.3 5281 7	- 2.96 8238	1552 .86	269. 26	104*50*4 6	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Very Coarse (Uncons.)	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa I	Qtz	R3	Y	Y	35.3 5266 2	- 2.97 0767	1500 .893 4	293. 17	100*60*4 1	5YR 8/4	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 10	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5291	- 2.97 0448	1511 .521 4	172. 86	80*45*38	N9	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed

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	Naibor Soit Kubwa 11	Qtz	W3	Y	N	35.3 529	- 2.97 0252	1518 .263 4	157. 11	110*48*2 5	N9	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull- Milky	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 12	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5275	- 2.96 9684	1533 .119	332. 98	73*72*70	5YR 8/4	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 13	Qtz	R3	Y	Y	35.3 5253 5	- 2.96 955	1543 .760 9	234. 13	92*70*30	5YR 8/1	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 14	Qtz	W2	Y	N	35.3 5240 3	- 2.96 9346	1546 .023 3	nd	86*53*40	5YR 8/1	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 15	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5241 9	- 2.96 8874	1545 .297 5	131. 19	68*51*28	5YR 8/4	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 16	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5248 5	- 2.96 8661	1548 .363 9	106. 11	113*45*2 1	N9	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 18	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5189 9	- 2.96 7022	1565 .473 6	167. 51	67*67*45	N8	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 19	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5211 8	- 2.96 6782	1549 .969 5	87.1 6	74*50*25	10R 7/4	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 2	Qtz	W3	Y	Y	35.3 5244 6	- 2.97 0747	1499 .945 9	255. 12	78*68*49	10R 8/2	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 20	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5253 7	- 2.96 687	1543 .988 5	72.7 7	53*40*25	N8	Homogenous	N-P		Secondary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 21	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5271 9	- 2.96 6844	1536 .490 8	73.8 7	66*43*30	5YR 7/2-5YR 8/4	Zoned	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 22	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5307 5	- 2.96 7735	1539 .775 1	146. 50	60*40*40	N8	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 23	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5131 2	- 2.96 7576	1534 .378 9	361. 75	70*67*47	5YR 8/4	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 24	Qtz	W2	Y	N	35.3 5132 5	- 2.96 6961	1546 .618 7	240. 18	75*72*60	N9-5YR 8/4	Zoned	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 25	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5091 7	- 2.96 6682	1541 .757 6	71.6 8	64*50*15	N8	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 26	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 4920 3	- 2.96 6415	1546 .509 8	325. 33	105*65*5 3	5YR 8/4	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 27	Qtz	R3	Y	N	35.3 4741 1	- 2.96 4801	1544 .821 3	353. 85	100*70*4 0	5YR 7/2	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 3	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5214 1	- 2.97 0678	1498 .029 8	84.3 6	72*50*37	5YR 8/1	Homogenous	N-P		Secondary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 30	Qtz	G1	N	N	35.3 4765 5	- 2.96 0745	1586 .880 7	350. 64	77*67*45	5G 8/1	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non- Dominant	Dull	Edge- Transpar ent	Coarse	Non- Foliat ed

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	Naibor Soit Kubwa 31	Qtz	G1	Y	N	35.3 4789 1	- 2.96 111	1582 .825 9	599. 00	80*75*72	10GY 6/4-5G 7/4	Zoned	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 32	Qtz	GR1	N	Y	35.3 4810 3	- 2.96 1593	1575 .530 9	272. 41	70*60*55	10R 3/4	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Medium	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 33	Qtz	GR1	Y	N	35.3 4821 6	- 2.96 1993	1573 .386 2	402. 85	115*55*5 0	N8-N3	Striped	Patina Non-Dominant	10YR 8/2 (Very Pale Orange)	Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 4	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5190 5	- 2.97 0537	1494 .892 8	263. 98	80*63*62	10R 7/4	Homogen ous	N-P		Secon dary	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 5	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5192 6	- 2.97 0368	1502 .779 4	311. 44	90*75*56	5YR 8/4	Homogen ous	N-P		Secon dary	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 6	Qtz	GR1	N	N	35.3 5199 4	- 2.97 0451	1508 .743 7	184. 54	110*60*5 5	N6	Zoned	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 7	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5221 2	- 2.97 0569	1507 .153 8	91.7 2	73*55*28	N8	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Medium	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 8	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5238 7	- 2.97 058	1510 .912 1	145. 61	80*43*21	5YR 8/1-5YR 6/1	Zoned	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Kubwa 9	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5289 7	- 2.97 0443	1511 .206 1	156. 82	75*53*40	5YR 8/4	Homogen ous	N-P		Secon dary	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 1	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 6002	- 2.97 4166	1486 .844 6	203. 96	95*63*51	N7	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 10	Qtz	G1	N	N	35.3 5950 1	- 2.97 3738	1490 .55	280. 20	70*65*50	N8-5G 6/6	Zoned	N-P		Secon dary	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 11	Qtz	G1	N	N	35.3 5958 4	- 2.97 3786	1495 .791 9	54.2 5	97*34*20	N8-5G 6/6	Zoned	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 12	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5973 2	- 2.97 3783	1498 .260 4	159. 01	85*40*28	N8	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 13	Qtz	W2	Y	N	35.3 6024 1	- 2.97 4388	1488 .549 9	133. 68	85*72*30	N8-5G 5/6	Zoned	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull-Milk y	Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 14	Qtz	W3	Y	N	35.3 6024 6	- 2.97 4429	1487 .340 5	261. 27	115*70*3 5	5GY 6/1	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 15	Qtz	W3	Y	N	35.3 6085 3	- 2.97 5039	1474 .883 3	95.9 6	65*50*38	5YR 8/1	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Non-Cortical	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 2	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5990 6	- 2.97 4048	1490 .822	274. 35	110*62*4 3	N7	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 3	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5963 9	- 2.97 3971	1489 .664 1	128. 57	76*63*35	N7	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 4	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5930 4	- 2.97 3612	1486 .919 3	238. 35	105*63*3 5	5GY 8/1	Homogen ous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed

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	Naibor Soit Ndogo 5	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5956 8	- 2.97 3586	1487 .461 9	311. 07	100*80*2 8	N7	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transparent	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 6	Qtz	W3	Y	N	35.3 5990 5	- 2.97 3845	1490 .372 3	162. 00	75*65*33	5Y 8/1	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transparent	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 7	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 6010 7	- 2.97 4133	1489 .744 9	285. 80	85*75*55	N8	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transparent	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 8	Qtz	W3	Y	N	35.3 5974 6	- 2.97 3955	1491 .949	130. 27	94*65*35	N8	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Non-Cortical	Dull	Edge-Transparent	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo 9	Qtz	W3	N	N	35.3 5955 2	- 2.97 3714	1495 .207 4	206. 00	81*50*45	N9	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transparent	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo S18A	Qtz	G1	N	N	35.3 5859 7	- 2.97 3413	1475 .71	308. 18	77*70*35	5GY 8/1	Zoned	N-P		Primary	Fully Cortical	Milky	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo S18B	Qtz	W2	N	N	35.3 5858 3	- 2.97 3375	1476 .78	>50 0.00	120*69*4 9	5YR 8/1	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Dominant	Milky	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo S18C	Qtz	W1	N	N	35.3 5858 4	- 2.97 338	1477 .48	271. 39	71*54*39	N8-5Y 8/1	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Dominant	Milky	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo S19A	Qtz	W1	N	N	35.3 5905 6	- 2.97 4098	1471 .82	200. 07	81*56*46	N8-5Y 8/1	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Dominant	Milky	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo S19B	Qtz	R1	N	N	35.3 5904 7	- 2.97 4093	1473 .01	153. 55	72*38*38	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Fully Cortical	Milky	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo S19C	Qtz	G1	N	N	35.3 5904 6	- 2.97 4096	1473 .57	195. 95	84*79*31	5GY 8/1	Zoned	N-P		Primary	Cortex Dominant	Milky	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo S19D	Qtz	W2	N	N	35.3 5904	- 2.97 4102	1473 .49	254. 88	66*65*41	5YR 8/1	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Fully Cortical	Dull-Milky	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo T19A	Qtz	W1	N	N	35.3 5989 9	- 2.97 4605	1478 .65	212. 37	98*43*37	N8-5Y 8/1	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Dominant	Milky	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo T19B	Qtz	R1	N	N	35.3 5989 7	- 2.97 4606	1480 .23	>50 0.00	85*82*64	5YR 6/4-5YR 5/6	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Fully Cortical	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo T19C	Qtz	R3	N	N	35.3 5989 8	- 2.97 4604	1479 .95	206. 86	73*72*24	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Dominant	Milky	Opaque	Very Coarse	Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo T19D	Qtz	G1	N	N	35.3 5990 3	- 2.97 4602	1480 .06	246. 15	86*82*21	5GY 8/1	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Fully Cortical	Milky	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo U18A	Qtz	GR1	N	N	35.3 5977 2	- 2.97 3137	1482 .04	141. 59	70*52*26	5PB 5/2- 5PB 7/2	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Fully Cortical	Milky	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo U18B	Qtz	W2	N	N	35.3 5977 3	- 2.97 3146	1483 .6	110. 55	71*49*30	5YR 8/1	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Fully Cortical	Milky	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliated
	Naibor Soit Ndogo U18C	Qtz	GR1	N	N	35.3 5977 6	- 2.97 3148	1483 .66	127. 76	58*47*32	5PB 5/2- 5PB 7/2	Homogenous	N-P		Primary	Cortex Dominant	Milky	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Non-Foliated

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	Naibor Soit Ndogo U18D	Qt z	G1	N	N	35.3 5977 9	- 2.97 3146	1484 .26	102. 36	74*36*20	5GY 8/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Milk y	Opaque	Coarse-Medium	Foliat ed
	Naibor Soit Ndogo U18E	Qt z	R3	N	N	35.3 5977 2	- 2.97 3144	1484 .35	289. 04	77*56*50	5YR 6/4-5R 4/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Fully Cortical	Milk y	Opaque	Very Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
Naisiusiu	Naisiusiu 1	Qt z	R5	Y	Y	35.2 5122 7	- 2.95 9617	1555 .460	286. 00	100*65*5 0	N7	Homogen eous	Patina Non-Dominant	5YR 5/6 (Light Brown)	Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Medium	Non-Foliat ed
	Naisiusiu 13	Qt z	G R1	Y	N	35.2 5114 5	- 2.95 9435	1557 .507	129. 97	92*70*35	5YR 8/1-5R 3/4	Zoned	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Transpar ent	Medium	Non-Foliat ed
	Naisiusiu 14	Qt z	W 3	Y	N	35.2 5113 6	- 2.95 9515	1553 .195	265. 08	70*65*40	N7	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naisiusiu 4	Qt z	G R2	Y	N	35.2 5186 7	- 2.95 9682	1562 .429	nd	75*72*50	N6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Medium	Non-Foliat ed
	Naisiusiu 6	Qt z	W 3	Y	N	35.2 5211 2	- 2.95 96	1556 .154	419. 22	92*54*40	N8	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Naisiusiu 7	Qt z	G R1	Y	N	35.2 5196	- 2.95 9362	1560 .914	nd	75*55*45	5PB 5/2- 5PB 7/2	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Medium	Non-Foliat ed
	Naisiusiu 9	Qt z	W 4	Y	Y	35.2 5182 3	- 2.95 8939	1557 .089	nd	70*65*40	N8	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull-Milk y	Opaque	Medium	Non-Foliat ed
Oittii	Oittii 1	Qt z	G R2	Y	Y	35.3 595	- 2.96 9553	1480 .819	343. 57	94*75*60	N6	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Opaque	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Oittii 2	Qt z	G R2	Y	N	35.3 5953 5	- 2.96 9442	1483 .825	235. 79	80*72*38	5Y 6/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Oittii 3	Qt z	W 4	Y	N	35.3 6028 2	- 2.96 9093	1482 .421	107. 42	90*48*26	N8	Dotted	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Medium	Non-Foliat ed
	Oittii 4	Qt z	G R2	Y	N	35.3 6051 7	- 2.96 9093	1475 .302	105. 80	78*67*25	5YR 6/1	Homogen eous	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Dominant	Dull	Edge-Transpar ent	Coarse	Non-Foliat ed
	Oittii 5	Qt z	G R2	Y	N	35.3 5991 9	- 2.96 8886	1482 .475	250. 31	90*78*32	N6	Flecked	N-P		Primar y	Cortex Non-Dominant		Opaque	Coarse	Foliat ed

Table 2. Sample metadata and macroscopic characteristics (Qtz: Quartzite) (Y: Yes; N: No) (Long.: Longitude; Lat.: Latitude; Alt.: Altitude) (N-P: Non-Patinated) (Uncons.: Unconsolidated).

	STD *	weight (%)								ppm									
		MgO	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂ **	K ₂ O	CaO	TiO ₂	MnO	Fe ₂ O ₃	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
Endonyo Osunyai 2 (W3)	STD-3	0.35	3.51	105.08	0.08	0.11	0.03	0.00	0.27	3.10	1.89	0.12	5.63	3.42	62.94	0.00	22.47	1.39	1.37
Endonyo Osunyai 3 (R3)	STD-3	0.36	4.03	88.74	0.55	0.12	0.03	0.00	0.26	2.87	0.93	19.40	32.12	0.64	22.89	0.18	308.16	4.59	0.40
Endonyo Osunyai 4 (GR2)	STD-3	0.63	6.81	79.47	1.80	0.12	0.11	0.00	0.84	10.42	5.60	90.57	89.03	3.98	99.49	3.72	636.92	11.29	10.80
Endonyo Osunyai 5 (GR2)	STD-3	0.71	7.95	84.70	1.67	2.62	0.16	0.00	1.17	5.80	3.68	86.60	28.70	2.30	46.00	4.82	504.81	2.40	1.44
Naibor Soit Ndogo 13 (W3)	STD-2	0.25	2.76	104.19	-0.07	0.10	0.02	0.00	0.26	2.71	1.12	-3.55	1.62	3.51	16.33	0.13	40.66	0.34	1.80
Naibor Soit Ndogo 13 (W3)	STD-1	0.33	3.40	79.16	0.07	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.27	2.92	2.21	0.62	3.49	11.11	20.92	0.00	62.80	0.69	1.76
Naibor Soit Ndogo 14 (W3)	STD-2	0.31	3.10	98.71	0.00	0.09	0.03	0.00	0.25	2.86	1.50	-0.94	1.47	3.71	24.49	0.00	51.06	0.00	0.96
Naibor Soit Ndogo 14 (W3)	STD-1	0.31	2.93	85.84	-0.05	0.10	0.01	0.01	0.24	2.40	1.05	-2.68	1.74	1.56	10.53	0.00	41.51	0.31	2.14
Naibor Soit Ndogo 15 (W3)	STD-2	0.29	3.05	102.73	-0.02	0.10	0.02	0.00	0.24	3.35	1.64	-2.25	1.99	2.02	18.77	0.57	13.27	0.74	2.03
Naibor Soit Ndogo 15 (W3)	STD-1	0.32	3.36	104.39	0.05	0.10	0.03	0.00	0.25	4.32	1.48	-0.65	2.99	2.87	23.48	0.75	19.63	0.00	0.67
Naibor Soit Ndogo 6 (W3)	STD-2	0.30	3.00	104.84	-0.04	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.25	2.84	1.04	-2.88	1.77	2.87	21.81	0.00	148.50	0.55	0.43
Naibor Soit Ndogo 6 (W3)	STD-1	0.42	3.25	15.76	-0.02	0.09	0.02	0.02	0.24	2.58	1.39	-2.36	0.72	2.06	20.09	0.00	196.42	0.36	1.67
Naibor Soit Ndogo 8 (W3)	STD-2	0.31	3.54	100.23	0.09	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.25	3.47	1.72	1.15	2.85	2.67	19.45	0.00	86.41	0.49	0.15
Naibor Soit Ndogo 8 (W3)	STD-1	0.30	3.13	102.49	0.01	0.14	0.01	0.00	0.24	3.35	1.61	-2.55	6.63	2.35	23.78	0.00	42.80	0.57	0.73
Naibor Soit Kubwa 1 (R3)	STD-3	0.28	3.06	97.40	0.00	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.24	2.99	0.73	-0.13	6.16	3.00	33.48	0.47	19.41	0.86	2.30
Naibor Soit Kubwa 11 (W3)	STD-1	0.33	3.03	83.86	-0.06	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.24	2.28	0.65	-2.41	1.78	4.78	39.62	0.00	0.41	0.69	1.30
Naibor Soit Kubwa 13 (R3)	STD-1	0.34	3.30	93.06	-0.01	0.10	0.02	0.00	0.26	2.63	0.74	-2.66	3.56	2.61	19.86	0.00	27.29	0.14	1.02
Naibor Soit Kubwa 14A (W2)	STD-3	0.29	3.31	96.26	0.01	0.10	0.02	0.00	0.23	1.72	0.38	-0.66	12.69	4.89	23.25	0.25	10.58	1.18	0.56
Naibor Soit Kubwa 2 (W3)	STD-3	0.32	3.17	103.52	0.01	0.11	0.02	0.00	0.26	2.20	0.16	-0.18	5.30	2.25	19.48	0.46	49.35	0.62	1.53
Naibor Soit Kubwa 24A (W2)	STD-3	0.30	2.81	102.57	-0.08	0.11	0.01	0.00	0.24	4.72	0.26	-3.29	5.97	2.26	30.84	0.00	23.89	0.00	5.23
Naibor Soit Kubwa 27 (R3)	STD-1	0.44	4.75	98.08	0.29	0.11	0.03	0.00	0.30	4.01	0.78	9.78	8.87	5.74	45.70	0.10	101.52	1.46	1.20
Naibor Soit Kubwa 31A (G1)	STD-3	0.33	3.25	103.34	0.02	0.09	0.03	0.00	0.26	3.18	0.17	-0.74	2.04	2.27	26.85	0.00	14.62	0.41	0.92
Naibor Soit Kubwa 33A (GR1)	STD-3	0.32	2.95	85.54	-0.05	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.24	3.27	0.37	-2.93	0.80	4.15	15.12	0.00	31.78	0.00	0.86
Naisiusiu 1 (R6)	STD-2	0.42	4.59	97.50	0.12	0.16	0.06	0.00	0.54	7.37	3.98	3.09	34.78	14.91	58.39	0.00	146.27	3.55	3.18
Naisiusiu 1 (R6)	STD-1	0.45	5.24	94.41	0.28	0.22	0.12	0.01	0.71	6.70	5.52	7.79	59.35	20.32	76.91	0.52	257.12	5.79	2.50

	STD *	weight (%)								ppm									
		MgO	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂ **	K ₂ O	CaO	TiO ₂	MnO	Fe ₂ O ₃	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
Naisiusiu 13 (R5)	STD-2	0.35	2.80	102.9 9	-0.08	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.27	4.25	1.84	-4.07	0.00	1.07	0.00	0.53	35.40	0.96	0.10
Naisiusiu 13 (R5)	STD-1	0.30	2.79	104.2 0	-0.07	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.30	3.40	1.20	-4.07	0.70	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.00
Naisiusiu 14 (W4)	STD-2	0.43	3.34	101.6 7	0.03	0.12	0.03	0.00	0.25	3.76	5.18	-1.14	2.68	0.25	28.09	0.00	25.70	2.27	1.31
Naisiusiu 14 (W4)	STD-1	0.45	4.55	88.37	0.39	0.35	0.05	0.00	0.28	3.26	3.63	3.80	8.83	11.83	92.90	2.04	20.55	3.66	2.99
Naisiusiu 4 (GR2)	STD-2	0.37	3.51	100.1 7	-0.02	0.17	0.01	0.00	0.37	4.74	3.15	2.10	30.81	7.67	37.89	0.45	0.10	0.77	1.94
Naisiusiu 4 (GR2)	STD-1	0.35	3.39	84.72	-0.04	0.21	0.02	0.00	0.34	6.00	6.01	-0.17	23.77	6.01	29.85	0.00	25.81	1.10	0.96
Naisiusiu 6 (W3)	STD-2	0.37	5.00	95.35	0.44	0.11	0.06	0.00	0.27	3.17	3.76	10.75	6.46	8.56	27.16	2.17	32.84	1.51	1.12
Naisiusiu 6 (W3)	STD-1	0.37	4.56	97.17	0.32	0.10	0.04	0.00	0.27	3.67	3.92	8.47	5.15	6.34	23.01	0.61	26.74	1.51	2.50
Naisiusiu 7 (GR1)	STD-2	0.41	3.44	101.4 6	-0.06	0.26	0.03	0.01	0.56	3.73	4.44	-2.23	13.65	4.93	29.97	0.60	20.10	1.68	2.49
Naisiusiu 7 (GR1)	STD-1	0.36	3.65	89.50	-0.02	0.36	0.02	0.00	0.35	3.68	4.27	-0.40	19.35	8.17	37.76	0.37	34.22	1.33	2.69
Naisiusiu 9 (W4)	STD-2	0.31	3.06	100.8 0	0.00	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.25	3.62	1.75	2.58	5.58	0.79	21.45	0.00	52.25	2.13	0.00
Naisiusiu 9 (W4)	STD-1	0.38	3.55	102.9 3	0.11	0.09	0.03	0.00	0.26	3.69	3.19	3.32	6.40	0.00	27.99	0.63	38.63	1.62	0.27
Oittii 1 (GR2)	STD-3	0.46	3.19	97.01	0.01	0.59	0.04	0.02	0.37	2.93	1.13	-0.38	5.03	1.33	22.09	0.89	348.72	2.22	0.59
Oittii 2 (GR2)	STD-3	0.53	3.18	101.8 1	-0.01	0.35	0.04	0.01	0.33	12.31	2.07	-1.33	6.36	1.53	31.61	0.05	629.33	2.82	0.80
Oittii 3 (W4)	STD-3	0.43	5.20	92.79	0.91	0.11	0.05	0.00	0.29	3.06	2.11	45.01	19.95	1.81	53.87	1.26	371.14	2.99	2.67
Oittii 4 (GR2)	STD-3	0.39	4.27	98.73	0.66	0.10	0.04	0.00	0.33	5.60	2.06	22.69	24.32	1.11	38.54	0.76	226.44	2.89	0.79
Oittii 5 (GR2)	STD-3	0.50	6.34	94.14	1.23	0.10	0.09	0.00	0.85	4.15	4.21	62.80	41.83	2.62	43.48	2.38	319.30	3.04	3.89
RGM-2 (STD-1)		0.27	13.36	74.07	3.36	0.95	0.30	0.04	1.84	11.11	30.19	145.9 9	106.20	23.20	225.4 8	7.59	845.13	19.95	14.40
RGM-2 (STD-2)		0.25	13.41	74.36	3.38	0.95	0.29	0.04	1.83	11.66	32.60	144.3 7	103.70	23.82	224.9 1	9.65	830.69	20.42	13.93
RGM-2 (STD-3)		0.25	13.46	74.60	3.38	0.95	0.29	0.04	1.85	10.09	29.44	145.2 1	107.01	25.53	227.6 5	8.46	837.81	19.50	13.91
RGM-2 (STD RV)		0.28 ± 0.02	14 ± 0.02	73.4 ± 0.41	4.35 ± 0.16	1.23 ± 0.16	0.25 ± 0.02		1.86 ± 0.04	9.8 ± 0.8	33 ± 2	147 ± 5	108 ± 5	24 ± 2	222 ± 17	9.0	842 ± 35	20 ± 1	15 ± 1

- 1 Table 3. Raw EDXRF data per sample (major oxides: weight %; trace elements: ppm) (RV: Recommended Value) (STD-1-2-3: Standard 1-2-3).
- 2 * Sample data normalized according to which RGM-2 STD values.
- 3 ** Some SiO₂ values are off the upper end of the calibration standard.
- 4 Negative values are below detection limits.

	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	MnO	MgO	CaO	K ₂ O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
Endonyo Osunyai 2 (W3)	1.000	0.019	0.066	0.003	0.005	0.016	0.001	0.044	0.030	0.010	0.028	0.015	0.032	0.069	0.000	0.022	0.071	0.099
Endonyo Osunyai 3 (R3)	0.464	0.015	0.115	0.003	0.000	0.017	0.002	0.181	0.028	0.004	0.157	0.096	0.001	0.011	0.004	0.365	0.235	0.029
Endonyo Osunyai 4 (GR2)	0.160	0.099	0.376	0.058	0.016	0.060	0.003	0.544	0.100	0.031	0.634	0.270	0.038	0.121	0.078	0.759	0.579	0.776
Endonyo Osunyai 5 (GR2)	0.331	0.140	0.483	0.091	0.021	0.072	0.225	0.507	0.056	0.020	0.607	0.085	0.020	0.044	0.102	0.600	0.123	0.104
Naibor Soit Ndogo 13 (W2)	0.715	0.027	0.042	0.003	0.000	0.658	0.000	0.027	0.066	0.006	0.016	0.002	0.535	0.031	0.000	0.058	0.028	0.056
Naibor Soit Ndogo 13 (W2)	0.987	0.018	0.000	0.002	0.012	0.464	0.005	0.001	0.066	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.138	0.024	0.000	0.030	0.014	0.056
Naibor Soit Ndogo 14 (W3)	0.791	0.014	0.010	0.000	0.041	0.613	0.003	0.004	0.030	0.000	0.005	0.001	0.075	0.015	0.000	0.038	0.013	0.068
Naibor Soit Ndogo 14 (W3)	0.881	0.036	0.023	0.000	0.006	0.658	0.000	0.015	0.078	0.000	0.011	0.001	0.147	0.036	0.000	0.038	0.000	0.030
Naibor Soit Ndogo 15 (W3)	1.000	0.043	0.039	0.001	0.000	0.636	0.002	0.024	0.165	0.002	0.012	0.002	0.138	0.034	0.003	0.018	0.000	0.021
Naibor Soit Ndogo 15 (W3)	0.959	0.019	0.019	0.000	0.000	0.594	0.002	0.011	0.119	0.003	0.007	0.002	0.075	0.028	0.002	0.010	0.030	0.063
Naibor Soit Ndogo 6 (W3)	0.000	0.022	0.031	0.000	0.102	0.924	0.000	0.011	0.043	0.002	0.006	0.000	0.099	0.029	0.000	0.180	0.015	0.053
Naibor Soit Ndogo 6 (W3)	1.000	0.013	0.016	0.001	0.006	0.624	0.002	0.008	0.077	0.000	0.004	0.002	0.111	0.032	0.000	0.111	0.022	0.014
Naibor Soit Ndogo 8 (W3)	0.979	0.019	0.023	0.001	0.000	0.573	0.013	0.016	0.097	0.003	0.005	0.005	0.113	0.035	0.000	0.039	0.023	0.023
Naibor Soit Ndogo 8 (W3)	0.910	0.022	0.052	0.001	0.006	0.648	0.002	0.033	0.128	0.004	0.019	0.002	0.102	0.029	0.000	0.065	0.020	0.005
Naibor Soit Kubwa 1 (R3)	0.748	0.005	0.024	0.001	0.000	0.005	0.001	0.023	0.029	0.003	0.026	0.016	0.027	0.026	0.010	0.018	0.044	0.165
Naibor Soit Kubwa 1 (R3)	0.408	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.369	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.105	0.096	0.000	0.000	0.028	0.021
Naibor Soit Kubwa 13 (R3)	0.791	0.035	0.027	0.011	0.023	0.417	0.013	0.014	0.039	0.003	0.000	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.032	0.000	0.000
Naibor Soit Kubwa 14 (W2)	0.710	0.009	0.047	0.000	0.005	0.007	0.001	0.026	0.017	0.001	0.023	0.036	0.048	0.012	0.005	0.008	0.061	0.040
Naibor Soit Kubwa 2 (W3)	0.949	0.006	0.034	0.002	0.000	0.011	0.002	0.025	0.021	0.000	0.026	0.014	0.019	0.006	0.010	0.054	0.032	0.110
Naibor Soit Kubwa 24 (W2)	0.917	0.003	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.008	0.002	0.000	0.045	0.001	0.005	0.016	0.019	0.023	0.000	0.023	0.000	0.376
Naibor Soit Kubwa 27 (R3)	1.000	0.080	0.167	0.040	0.023	1.000	0.002	0.102	0.196	0.004	0.084	0.068	0.152	0.126	0.013	0.120	0.067	0.014
Naibor Soit Kubwa 31 (G1)	0.943	0.016	0.041	0.003	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.027	0.031	0.000	0.022	0.004	0.019	0.017	0.000	0.012	0.021	0.066
Naibor Soit Kubwa 33 (GR1)	0.359	0.000	0.013	0.001	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.008	0.031	0.001	0.008	0.000	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.033	0.000	0.062
Naisiusiu 1 (R5)	0.887	0.182	0.167	0.057	0.041	0.983	0.031	0.069	0.332	0.023	0.040	0.049	0.977	0.113	0.002	0.236	0.239	0.079

	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	MnO	MgO	CaO	K ₂ O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
Naisiusiu 1 (R5)	0.857	0.077	0.122	0.033	0.000	0.964	0.025	0.039	0.449	0.015	0.026	0.030	0.622	0.087	0.000	0.110	0.144	0.099
Naisiusiu 13 (GR1)	0.998	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.007	0.579	0.001	0.000	0.100	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.018	0.000
Naisiusiu 13 (GR1)	0.964	0.000	0.002	0.003	0.006	0.779	0.001	0.000	0.193	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.034	0.000	0.002	0.026	0.039	0.003
Naisiusiu 14 (W3)	0.819	0.076	0.120	0.006	0.014	1.000	0.063	0.090	0.091	0.013	0.027	0.007	0.569	0.136	0.008	0.019	0.151	0.095
Naisiusiu 14 (W3)	0.938	0.034	0.039	0.001	0.000	1.000	0.011	0.021	0.152	0.021	0.011	0.002	0.000	0.042	0.000	0.019	0.092	0.041
Naisiusiu 4 (GR2)	0.778	0.025	0.041	0.013	0.007	0.701	0.029	0.007	0.282	0.026	0.013	0.019	0.289	0.044	0.000	0.024	0.045	0.031
Naisiusiu 4 (GR2)	0.909	0.012	0.050	0.014	0.006	0.821	0.029	0.012	0.233	0.011	0.023	0.027	0.315	0.056	0.002	0.000	0.031	0.060
Naisiusiu 6 (W3)	0.919	0.056	0.121	0.004	0.014	0.757	0.003	0.076	0.119	0.015	0.042	0.004	0.305	0.034	0.002	0.025	0.062	0.079
Naisiusiu 6 (W3)	0.816	0.088	0.149	0.003	0.019	0.812	0.006	0.100	0.103	0.014	0.054	0.006	0.352	0.040	0.008	0.025	0.061	0.035
Naisiusiu 7 (GR1)	0.832	0.029	0.059	0.014	0.027	0.751	0.065	0.009	0.120	0.017	0.012	0.016	0.393	0.055	0.001	0.031	0.055	0.085
Naisiusiu 7 (GR1)	0.934	0.036	0.045	0.035	0.037	0.948	0.062	0.004	0.150	0.018	0.007	0.012	0.198	0.045	0.002	0.015	0.068	0.078
Naisiusiu 9 (W4)	0.984	0.046	0.052	0.003	0.007	0.811	0.001	0.035	0.120	0.011	0.025	0.005	0.000	0.041	0.002	0.035	0.067	0.008
Naisiusiu 9 (W4)	0.921	0.018	0.020	0.001	0.006	0.630	0.000	0.015	0.141	0.004	0.024	0.005	0.023	0.032	0.000	0.039	0.086	0.000
Oittii 1 (GR2)	0.735	0.029	0.036	0.013	0.091	0.033	0.044	0.026	0.028	0.006	0.025	0.013	0.009	0.010	0.019	0.413	0.114	0.042
Oittii 2 (GR2)	0.893	0.027	0.034	0.009	0.070	0.043	0.023	0.021	0.118	0.011	0.018	0.017	0.011	0.024	0.001	0.750	0.144	0.058
Oittii 3 (W4)	0.597	0.036	0.224	0.005	0.005	0.029	0.001	0.284	0.029	0.011	0.329	0.059	0.014	0.056	0.026	0.440	0.153	0.192
Oittii 4 (GR2)	0.791	0.031	0.138	0.009	0.021	0.022	0.001	0.214	0.054	0.011	0.179	0.072	0.006	0.034	0.016	0.266	0.148	0.057
Oittii 5 (GR2)	0.641	0.075	0.331	0.060	0.000	0.039	0.001	0.378	0.040	0.023	0.448	0.125	0.023	0.041	0.050	0.378	0.156	0.280

Table 4. Normalized EDXRF data per sample and RMG.

All Outcrops																		
τ / p (uncorr.)	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	K2O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
SiO2		0.482	0.044	0.486	0.468	0.113	0.917	0.060	0.005	0.146	0.029	0.017	0.734	0.767	0.055	0.026	0.079	0.045
TiO2	-0.075		0.000	0.000	0.008	0.001	0.002	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.082	0.000	0.003	0.004	0.001	0.184
Al2O3	-0.216	0.597		0.000	0.156	0.101	0.035	0.000	0.278	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.273	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.008
Fe2O3	-0.075	0.426	0.514		0.002	0.092	0.000	0.001	0.025	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.758	0.008	0.001	0.018	0.000	0.049
MnO	-0.078	0.286	0.152	0.336		0.017	0.001	0.805	0.223	0.039	0.638	0.432	0.393	0.378	0.208	0.039	0.200	0.543
MgO	0.170	0.357	0.176	0.181	0.257		0.021	0.904	0.000	0.008	0.921	0.386	0.000	0.000	0.656	0.654	0.381	0.149
CaO	0.011	0.326	0.226	0.413	0.340	0.247		0.620	0.011	0.000	0.453	0.008	0.052	0.035	0.115	0.512	0.038	0.102
K2O	-0.201	0.507	0.760	0.349	0.026	0.013	0.053		0.742	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.767	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.032
Cu	0.303	0.282	0.116	0.241	0.130	0.585	0.273	-0.035		0.001	0.930	0.903	0.002	0.002	0.603	0.670	0.410	0.182
Zn	-0.156	0.522	0.554	0.580	0.221	0.283	0.384	0.388	0.355		0.000	0.000	0.404	0.000	0.003	0.051	0.000	0.027
Rb	-0.234	0.415	0.719	0.374	0.050	-0.011	0.080	0.798	-0.009	0.417		0.000	0.991	0.003	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.002
Sr	-0.256	0.329	0.570	0.533	0.084	-0.093	0.285	0.503	0.013	0.425	0.593		0.624	0.007	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.002
Y	0.036	0.186	0.118	0.033	0.092	0.437	0.209	-0.032	0.326	0.089	0.001	-0.052		0.000	0.407	0.314	0.583	0.381
Zr	-0.032	0.487	0.453	0.286	0.094	0.380	0.225	0.293	0.325	0.426	0.314	0.288	0.373		0.142	0.660	0.001	0.057
Nb	-0.206	0.323	0.503	0.372	0.135	-0.048	0.169	0.523	-0.056	0.323	0.588	0.496	-0.089	0.157		0.028	0.000	0.006
Ba	-0.239	0.306	0.315	0.254	0.221	-0.048	0.070	0.408	-0.046	0.209	0.351	0.300	-0.108	0.047	0.235		0.005	0.260
Pb	-0.188	0.363	0.541	0.439	0.137	0.094	0.223	0.498	0.088	0.554	0.572	0.528	-0.059	0.365	0.481	0.302		0.013
Th	-0.215	0.143	0.286	0.211	-0.065	-0.154	0.175	0.230	-0.143	0.237	0.340	0.330	0.094	0.204	0.297	0.121	0.267	

Table 5. Correlations [τ / p (uncorr.)] for EDXRF data for all samples based on Kendall's Tau coefficient.

All Outcrops																		
p Permutations	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	K2O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
SiO2		0.494	0.046	0.508	0.494	0.121	0.928	0.063	0.005	0.162	0.028	0.019	0.738	0.775	0.082	0.026	0.085	0.044
TiO2	0.494		0.000	0.000	0.011	0.001	0.004	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.090	0.000	0.007	0.004	0.001	0.195
Al2O3	0.046	0.000		0.000	0.184	0.107	0.044	0.000	0.290	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.292	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.008
Fe2O3	0.508	0.000	0.000		0.004	0.111	0.000	0.003	0.027	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.776	0.008	0.002	0.023	0.000	0.057
MnO	0.494	0.011	0.184	0.004		0.024	0.002	0.819	0.257	0.057	0.662	0.472	0.423	0.407	0.277	0.051	0.228	0.565
MgO	0.121	0.001	0.107	0.111	0.024		0.027	0.914	0.000	0.010	0.931	0.406	0.000	0.001	0.691	0.660	0.394	0.153
CaO	0.928	0.004	0.044	0.000	0.002	0.027		0.641	0.014	0.001	0.489	0.012	0.062	0.045	0.158	0.540	0.051	0.123
K2O	0.063	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.819	0.914	0.641		0.757	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.780	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.034
Cu	0.005	0.009	0.290	0.027	0.257	0.000	0.014	0.757		0.001	0.940	0.909	0.002	0.002	0.649	0.680	0.426	0.186
Zn	0.162	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.057	0.010	0.001	0.001	0.001		0.000	0.000	0.418	0.000	0.006	0.058	0.000	0.033
Rb	0.028	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.662	0.931	0.489	0.000	0.940	0.000		0.000	0.999	0.003	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001
Sr	0.019	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.472	0.406	0.012	0.000	0.909	0.000	0.000		0.642	0.008	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.002
Y	0.738	0.090	0.292	0.776	0.423	0.000	0.062	0.780	0.002	0.418	0.999	0.642		0.000	0.452	0.333	0.597	0.397
Zr	0.775	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.407	0.001	0.045	0.007	0.002	0.000	0.003	0.008	0.000		0.181	0.663	0.001	0.062
Nb	0.082	0.007	0.000	0.002	0.277	0.691	0.158	0.000	0.649	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.452	0.181		0.046	0.000	0.011
Ba	0.026	0.004	0.003	0.023	0.051	0.660	0.540	0.000	0.680	0.058	0.001	0.006	0.333	0.663	0.046		0.005	0.276
Pb	0.085	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.228	0.394	0.051	0.000	0.426	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.597	0.001	0.000	0.005		0.013
Th	0.044	0.195	0.008	0.057	0.565	0.153	0.123	0.034	0.186	0.033	0.001	0.002	0.397	0.062	0.011	0.276	0.013	

Table 6. Correlations [p (uncorr.)] for EDXRF data for all samples based on Kendall's Tau Monte Carlo simulations.

Endonyo Osunyai																		
τ / p (uncorr.)	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	K2O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
SiO2		0.497	0.174	0.264	0.497	0.174	0.174	0.042	0.174	0.174	0.042	0.174	0.497	0.497	0.174	0.042	0.174	0.174
TiO2	-0.333		0.174	0.063	0.042	0.174	0.174	0.497	0.174	0.174	0.497	1.000	0.497	0.497	0.174	0.497	1.000	0.174
Al2O3	-0.667	0.667		0.063	0.174	0.042	0.042	0.174	0.497	0.497	0.174	0.497	1.000	1.000	0.042	0.174	0.497	0.497
Fe2O3	-0.548	0.913	0.913		0.063	0.063	0.063	0.264	0.264	0.264	0.264	0.710	0.710	0.710	0.063	0.264	0.710	0.264
MnO	-0.333	1.000	0.667	0.913		0.174	0.174	0.497	0.174	0.174	0.497	1.000	0.497	0.497	0.174	0.497	1.000	0.174
MgO	-0.667	0.667	1.000	0.913	0.667		0.042	0.174	0.497	0.497	0.174	0.497	1.000	1.000	0.042	0.174	0.497	0.497
CaO	-0.667	0.667	1.000	0.913	0.667	1.000		0.174	0.497	0.497	0.174	0.497	1.000	1.000	0.042	0.174	0.497	0.497
K2O	-1.000	0.333	0.667	0.548	0.333	0.667	0.667		0.174	0.174	0.042	0.174	0.497	0.497	0.174	0.042	0.174	0.174
Cu	-0.667	0.667	0.333	0.548	0.667	0.333	0.333	0.667		0.042	0.174	0.497	0.174	0.174	0.497	0.174	0.497	0.042
Zn	-0.667	0.667	0.333	0.548	0.667	0.333	0.333	0.667	1.000		0.174	0.497	0.174	0.174	0.497	0.174	0.497	0.042
Rb	-1.000	0.333	0.667	0.548	0.333	0.667	0.667	1.000	0.667	0.667		0.174	0.497	0.497	0.174	0.042	0.174	0.174
Sr	-0.667	0.000	0.333	0.183	0.000	0.333	0.333	0.667	0.333	0.333	0.667		1.000	1.000	0.497	0.174	0.042	0.497
Y	-0.333	0.333	0.000	0.183	0.333	0.000	0.000	0.333	0.667	0.667	0.333	0.000		0.042	1.000	0.497	1.000	0.174
Zr	-0.333	0.333	0.000	0.183	0.333	0.000	0.000	0.333	0.667	0.667	0.333	0.000	1.000		1.000	0.497	1.000	0.174
Nb	-0.667	0.667	1.000	0.913	0.667	1.000	1.000	0.667	0.333	0.333	0.667	0.333	0.000	0.000		0.174	0.497	0.497
Ba	-1.000	0.333	0.667	0.548	0.333	0.667	0.667	1.000	0.667	0.667	1.000	0.667	0.333	0.333	0.667		0.174	0.174
Pb	-0.667	0.000	0.333	0.183	0.000	0.333	0.333	0.667	0.333	0.333	0.667	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.333	0.667		0.497
Th	-0.667	0.667	0.333	0.548	0.667	0.333	0.333	0.667	1.000	1.000	0.667	0.333	0.667	0.667	0.333	0.667	0.333	

Table 7. Correlations [τ / p (uncorr.)] for EDXRF data for Endonyo Osunyai based on Kendall's Tau coefficient.

Endonyo Osunyai																		
p Permutations	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	K2O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
SiO2		0.747	0.332	0.494	0.739	0.326	0.329	0.087	0.338	0.338	0.083	0.338	0.751	0.749	0.333	0.086	0.334	0.336
TiO2	0.747		0.344	0.170	0.077	0.332	0.324	0.752	0.330	0.338	0.747	1.000	0.753	0.750	0.335	0.747	1.000	0.331
Al2O3	0.332	0.344		0.166	0.331	0.081	0.081	0.332	0.747	0.756	0.334	0.759	1.000	1.000	0.085	0.338	0.745	0.747
Fe2O3	0.494	0.170	0.166		0.170	0.160	0.168	0.501	0.502	0.499	0.507	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.172	0.509	1.000	0.486
MnO	0.739	0.077	0.331	0.170		0.329	0.336	0.750	0.340	0.342	0.750	1.000	0.752	0.747	0.341	0.750	1.000	0.336
MgO	0.326	0.332	0.081	0.160	0.329		0.085	0.335	0.748	0.743	0.337	0.757	1.000	1.000	0.083	0.336	0.740	0.752
CaO	0.329	0.324	0.081	0.168	0.336	0.085		0.331	0.747	0.751	0.326	0.753	1.000	1.000	0.084	0.330	0.754	0.751
K2O	0.087	0.752	0.332	0.501	0.750	0.335	0.331		0.332	0.326	0.085	0.332	0.749	0.753	0.334	0.084	0.345	0.338
Cu	0.338	0.330	0.747	0.502	0.340	0.748	0.747	0.332		0.083	0.338	0.744	0.336	0.335	0.736	0.325	0.754	0.081
Zn	0.338	0.338	0.756	0.499	0.342	0.743	0.751	0.326	0.083		0.328	0.758	0.323	0.334	0.744	0.337	0.741	0.081
Rb	0.083	0.747	0.334	0.507	0.750	0.337	0.326	0.085	0.338	0.328		0.338	0.751	0.749	0.340	0.086	0.332	0.323
Sr	0.338	1.000	0.759	1.000	1.000	0.757	0.753	0.332	0.744	0.758	0.338		1.000	1.000	0.754	0.330	0.084	0.753
Y	0.751	0.753	1.000	1.000	0.752	1.000	1.000	0.749	0.336	0.323	0.751	1.000		0.085	1.000	0.748	1.000	0.336
Zr	0.749	0.750	1.000	1.000	0.747	1.000	1.000	0.753	0.335	0.334	0.749	1.000	0.085		1.000	0.754	1.000	0.346
Nb	0.333	0.335	0.085	0.172	0.341	0.083	0.084	0.334	0.736	0.744	0.340	0.754	1.000	1.000		0.325	0.752	0.753
Ba	0.086	0.747	0.338	0.509	0.750	0.336	0.330	0.084	0.325	0.337	0.086	0.330	0.748	0.754	0.325		0.326	0.332
Pb	0.334	1.000	0.745	1.000	1.000	0.740	0.754	0.345	0.754	0.741	0.332	0.084	1.000	1.000	0.752	0.326		0.749
Th	0.336	0.331	0.747	0.486	0.336	0.752	0.751	0.338	0.081	0.081	0.323	0.753	0.336	0.346	0.753	0.332	0.749	

Table 8. Correlations [p (uncorr.)] for EDXRF data for samples from Endonyo Osunyai based on Kendall's Tau Monte Carlo simulations.

Naibor Soit Kubwa																		
τ / p (uncorr.)	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	K2O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
SiO2		0.045	0.113	0.027	0.401	0.341	0.081	0.113	0.113	0.727	0.113	0.283	0.446	0.597	0.104	0.095	0.327	0.835
TiO2	0.535		0.010	0.010	0.011	0.198	0.126	0.010	0.198	0.157	0.391	0.030	0.508	1.000	0.253	0.341	0.269	0.169
Al2O3	0.423	0.686		0.093	0.047	0.520	0.480	0.001	0.830	0.346	0.054	0.064	0.659	0.830	0.057	0.459	0.047	0.245
Fe2O3	0.589	0.687	0.448		0.182	0.033	0.109	0.093	0.019	0.218	0.432	0.306	0.133	0.737	0.426	0.027	0.817	0.507
MnO	0.224	0.680	0.529	0.356		0.156	0.043	0.156	0.256	0.019	0.777	0.010	0.559	0.887	0.314	0.401	0.243	0.012
MgO	0.254	0.343	0.171	0.568	0.378		0.637	0.520	0.284	1.000	0.391	0.913	0.825	0.830	0.612	0.341	0.825	0.026
CaO	0.464	0.408	0.188	0.427	0.540	0.126		0.814	0.195	0.092	0.637	0.031	0.182	0.637	0.210	0.081	0.808	0.727
K2O	0.423	0.686	0.886	0.448	0.378	0.171	0.063		0.830	0.480	0.054	0.157	0.659	0.520	0.057	0.459	0.047	0.459
Cu	0.423	0.343	0.057	0.628	0.302	0.286	0.345	0.057		0.059	1.000	0.231	0.377	1.000	0.899	0.072	0.377	0.916
Zn	0.093	0.377	0.251	0.328	0.623	0.000	0.448	0.188	0.502		0.480	0.023	0.716	0.637	0.163	0.201	0.544	0.416
Rb	0.423	0.229	0.514	0.209	0.076	-0.229	0.126	0.514	0.000	0.188		0.231	0.269	0.391	0.002	0.245	0.015	0.459
Sr	0.286	0.580	0.493	0.273	0.690	-0.029	0.573	0.377	0.319	0.605	0.319		0.911	0.586	0.071	0.391	0.093	0.830
Y	-0.203	-0.177	0.118	-0.400	0.156	0.059	-0.356	0.118	-0.235	0.097	0.294	0.030		0.047	0.240	0.586	0.041	0.157
Zr	0.141	0.000	0.057	-0.090	-0.038	0.057	-0.126	0.171	0.000	0.126	0.229	0.145	0.530		0.253	0.597	0.098	0.916
Nb	0.433	0.304	0.507	0.212	0.268	-0.135	0.334	0.507	0.034	0.371	0.845	0.480	0.313	0.304		0.169	0.006	0.900
Ba	0.444	0.254	0.197	0.589	0.224	0.254	0.464	0.197	0.479	0.340	0.310	0.229	-0.145	-0.141	0.367		0.913	0.835
Pb	0.261	0.294	0.530	-0.062	0.311	-0.059	0.065	0.530	-0.235	0.162	0.647	0.448	0.545	0.441	0.731	-0.029		0.744
Th	0.056	-0.366	-0.310	-0.177	-0.671	-0.592	-0.093	-0.197	0.028	-0.217	0.197	-0.057	-0.377	0.028	0.033	0.056	-0.087	

Table 9 . Correlations [τ / p (uncorr.)] for EDXRF data for Naibor Soit Kubwa based on Kendall's Tau coefficient.

Naibor Soit Kubwa																		
p Permutations	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	K2O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
SiO2		0.055	0.152	0.040	0.538	0.411	0.130	0.149	0.148	0.835	0.143	0.352	0.533	0.688	0.168	0.120	0.418	0.919
TiO2	0.055		0.012	0.013	0.020	0.252	0.154	0.013	0.255	0.229	0.472	0.030	0.602	1.000	0.332	0.408	0.339	0.217
Al2O3	0.152	0.012		0.137	0.084	0.601	0.581	0.000	0.916	0.451	0.068	0.087	0.756	0.912	0.093	0.533	0.065	0.300
Fe2O3	0.040	0.013	0.137		0.291	0.051	0.165	0.133	0.024	0.297	0.518	0.352	0.186	0.825	0.535	0.041	0.860	0.602
MnO	0.538	0.020	0.084	0.291		0.237	0.099	0.238	0.364	0.049	0.839	0.015	0.704	0.967	0.378	0.545	0.367	0.025
MgO	0.411	0.252	0.601	0.051	0.237		0.735	0.601	0.357	1.000	0.473	0.995	0.910	0.914	0.717	0.406	0.913	0.031
CaO	0.130	0.154	0.581	0.165	0.099	0.735		0.904	0.244	0.166	0.739	0.051	0.259	0.734	0.321	0.130	0.883	0.836
K2O	0.149	0.013	0.000	0.133	0.238	0.601	0.904		0.918	0.578	0.071	0.206	0.756	0.613	0.091	0.543	0.067	0.539
Cu	0.148	0.255	0.916	0.024	0.364	0.357	0.244	0.918		0.099	1.000	0.296	0.460	1.000	0.940	0.089	0.463	1.000
Zn	0.835	0.229	0.451	0.297	0.049	1.000	0.166	0.578	0.099		0.578	0.040	0.796	0.745	0.255	0.287	0.622	0.528
Rb	0.143	0.472	0.068	0.518	0.839	0.473	0.739	0.071	1.000	0.578		0.292	0.341	0.470	0.001	0.305	0.021	0.539
Sr	0.352	0.030	0.087	0.352	0.015	0.995	0.051	0.206	0.296	0.040	0.292		0.989	0.679	0.114	0.468	0.125	0.920
Y	0.533	0.602	0.756	0.186	0.704	0.910	0.259	0.756	0.460	0.796	0.341	0.989		0.065	0.346	0.680	0.057	0.207
Zr	0.688	1.000	0.912	0.825	0.967	0.914	0.734	0.613	1.000	0.745	0.470	0.679	0.065		0.318	0.680	0.113	1.000
Nb	0.168	0.332	0.093	0.535	0.378	0.717	0.321	0.091	0.940	0.255	0.001	0.114	0.346	0.318		0.251	0.010	1.000
Ba	0.120	0.408	0.533	0.041	0.545	0.406	0.130	0.543	0.089	0.287	0.305	0.468	0.680	0.680	0.251		1.000	0.918
Pb	0.418	0.339	0.065	0.860	0.367	0.913	0.883	0.067	0.463	0.622	0.021	0.125	0.057	0.113	0.010	1.000		0.838
Th	0.919	0.217	0.300	0.602	0.025	0.031	0.836	0.539	1.000	0.528	0.539	0.920	0.207	1.000	1.000	0.918	0.838	

Table 10. Correlations [p (uncorr.)] for EDXRF data for samples from Naibor Soit Kubwa based on Kendall's Tau Monte Carlo simulations.

Naibor Soit Ndogo																		
τ / p (uncorr.)	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	K2O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
SiO2		0.355	0.410	0.245	0.189	0.035	0.106	0.784	0.120	0.319	0.314	0.086	0.711	0.647	0.141	0.234	0.784	0.170
TiO2	-0.230		0.026	0.915	0.260	0.139	0.102	0.042	0.139	0.158	0.016	1.000	0.160	0.052	0.234	0.579	0.459	0.355
Al2O3	-0.205	0.552		0.526	0.266	0.055	0.086	0.000	0.170	0.017	0.001	0.334	0.355	0.314	0.659	0.234	0.784	0.170
Fe2O3	0.289	0.027	0.157		0.243	0.526	0.484	0.342	0.833	0.249	1.000	0.137	0.019	0.833	0.610	0.751	0.398	0.398
MnO	-0.327	-0.280	-0.276	-0.290		0.613	0.911	0.086	0.020	0.078	0.266	0.001	0.220	0.129	0.051	0.189	0.129	0.613
MgO	-0.523	0.368	0.477	-0.157	0.126		0.001	0.170	0.784	0.425	0.082	0.238	0.579	0.410	0.659	0.120	0.522	0.647
CaO	0.402	-0.407	-0.427	0.174	-0.028	-0.804		0.189	0.762	0.508	0.086	0.286	0.413	0.363	1.000	0.363	0.762	0.919
K2O	-0.068	0.506	0.886	0.236	-0.427	0.341	-0.327		0.055	0.009	0.001	0.108	0.267	0.234	0.556	0.410	0.647	0.082
Cu	0.386	0.368	0.341	0.052	-0.578	-0.068	0.075	0.477		0.231	0.120	0.042	0.711	0.120	0.027	0.314	0.784	0.067
Zn	-0.248	0.351	0.595	0.286	-0.438	0.198	-0.164	0.644	0.297		0.028	0.079	0.920	0.690	0.630	0.765	0.046	0.690
Rb	-0.250	0.598	0.795	0.000	-0.276	0.432	-0.427	0.795	0.386	0.545		0.453	0.579	0.522	0.303	0.784	0.927	0.410
Sr	0.426	0.000	0.240	0.369	-0.796	-0.293	0.265	0.400	0.506	0.436	0.187		0.664	0.163	0.300	0.668	0.108	0.238
Y	0.092	0.349	0.230	0.584	-0.305	0.138	-0.203	0.276	0.092	0.025	0.138	0.108		0.042	0.655	0.853	0.711	0.711
Zr	0.114	0.483	0.250	0.052	-0.377	0.205	-0.226	0.295	0.386	0.099	0.159	0.346	0.506		0.883	0.927	0.927	0.120
Nb	0.366	0.296	0.110	-0.127	-0.485	-0.110	0.000	0.146	0.548	0.120	0.256	0.257	-0.111	0.037		0.027	1.000	0.883
Ba	-0.295	-0.138	0.295	0.079	0.327	0.386	-0.226	0.205	-0.250	0.074	0.068	-0.107	-0.046	0.023	-0.548		0.647	0.234
Pb	-0.068	-0.184	0.068	0.210	-0.377	-0.159	0.075	0.114	0.068	0.496	0.023	0.400	-0.092	-0.023	0.000	0.114		0.647
Th	-0.341	-0.230	-0.341	-0.210	0.126	-0.114	0.025	-0.432	-0.455	-0.099	-0.205	-0.293	-0.092	-0.386	0.037	-0.295	0.114	

Table 11 . Correlations [τ / p (uncorr.)] for EDXRF data for Naibor Soit Ndogo based on Kendall's Tau coefficient.

Naibor Soit Ndogo																		
p Permutations	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	K2O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
SiO2		0.430	0.468	0.317	0.262	0.044	0.138	0.854	0.154	0.403	0.368	0.126	0.788	0.730	0.250	0.289	0.862	0.216
TiO2	0.430		0.036	0.974	0.320	0.175	0.151	0.059	0.184	0.209	0.020	1.000	0.204	0.058	0.405	0.662	0.534	0.418
Al2O3	0.468	0.036		0.626	0.347	0.073	0.130	0.000	0.218	0.025	0.002	0.432	0.429	0.382	0.779	0.287	0.863	0.218
Fe2O3	0.317	0.974	0.626		0.350	0.629	0.595	0.415	0.906	0.350	1.000	0.234	0.034	0.906	0.869	0.798	0.497	0.497
MnO	0.262	0.320	0.347	0.350		0.706	0.945	0.130	0.031	0.130	0.348	0.005	0.289	0.187	0.185	0.266	0.182	0.692
MgO	0.044	0.175	0.073	0.629	0.706		0.000	0.215	0.861	0.507	0.107	0.328	0.667	0.476	0.760	0.158	0.595	0.724
CaO	0.138	0.151	0.130	0.595	0.945	0.000		0.251	0.841	0.591	0.123	0.407	0.499	0.454	1.000	0.451	0.839	0.987
K2O	0.854	0.059	0.000	0.415	0.130	0.215	0.251		0.069	0.013	0.001	0.170	0.328	0.291	0.662	0.485	0.728	0.108
Cu	0.154	0.184	0.218	0.906	0.031	0.861	0.841	0.069		0.305	0.147	0.065	0.781	0.146	0.055	0.378	0.863	0.073
Zn	0.403	0.209	0.025	0.350	0.130	0.507	0.591	0.013	0.305		0.043	0.140	0.979	0.771	0.754	0.799	0.067	0.781
Rb	0.368	0.020	0.002	1.000	0.348	0.107	0.123	0.001	0.147	0.043		0.554	0.663	0.597	0.443	0.858	0.999	0.484
Sr	0.126	1.000	0.432	0.234	0.005	0.328	0.407	0.170	0.065	0.140	0.554		0.747	0.235	0.524	0.720	0.165	0.323
Y	0.788	0.204	0.429	0.034	0.289	0.667	0.499	0.328	0.781	0.979	0.663	0.747		0.050	0.759	0.924	0.786	0.789
Zr	0.730	0.058	0.382	0.906	0.187	0.476	0.454	0.291	0.146	0.771	0.597	0.235	0.050		0.958	0.998	0.998	0.153
Nb	0.250	0.405	0.779	0.869	0.185	0.760	1.000	0.662	0.055	0.754	0.443	0.524	0.759	0.958		0.066	1.000	0.956
Ba	0.289	0.662	0.287	0.798	0.266	0.158	0.451	0.485	0.378	0.799	0.858	0.720	0.924	0.998	0.066		0.726	0.286
Pb	0.862	0.534	0.863	0.497	0.182	0.595	0.839	0.728	0.863	0.067	0.999	0.165	0.786	0.998	1.000	0.726		0.733
Th	0.216	0.418	0.218	0.497	0.692	0.724	0.987	0.108	0.073	0.781	0.484	0.323	0.789	0.153	0.956	0.286	0.733	

Table 12. Correlations [p (uncorr.)] for EDXRF data for samples from Naibor Soit Ndogo based on Kendall's Tau Monte Carlo simulations.

Naisiusiu																		
τ / p (uncorr.)	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	K2O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
SiO2		0.099	0.025	0.430	0.456	0.582	0.029	0.099	0.660	0.075	0.048	0.023	0.008	0.028	0.400	0.738	0.547	0.041
TiO2	-0.332		0.000	0.282	0.084	0.023	0.237	0.001	0.698	0.105	0.004	0.133	0.023	0.077	0.068	0.105	0.006	0.014
Al2O3	-0.451	0.796		0.177	0.076	0.078	0.104	0.002	0.912	0.119	0.001	0.023	0.002	0.011	0.045	0.119	0.071	0.005
Fe2O3	-0.158	0.216	0.271		0.077	0.396	0.013	0.865	0.193	0.097	0.955	0.003	0.011	0.020	0.790	0.864	0.822	0.030
MnO	-0.150	0.347	0.357	0.355		0.908	0.061	0.564	0.299	0.116	0.299	0.271	0.107	0.356	0.030	0.907	0.688	0.271
MgO	-0.111	0.456	0.354	0.171	0.023		0.056	0.068	0.406	0.131	0.293	0.148	0.135	0.005	0.068	0.911	0.011	0.014
CaO	-0.438	0.237	0.326	0.497	0.377	0.384		0.694	0.652	0.023	0.778	0.024	0.024	0.001	0.289	0.494	0.341	0.002
K2O	-0.332	0.689	0.619	-0.034	0.116	0.367	0.079		0.406	0.538	0.000	0.290	0.108	0.121	0.051	0.162	0.021	0.095
Cu	-0.088	-0.078	-0.022	0.261	-0.208	0.167	0.090	-0.167		0.083	0.618	0.058	0.472	0.166	0.118	0.162	0.441	0.578
Zn	-0.358	0.326	0.313	0.333	0.316	0.303	0.457	0.124	0.348		0.467	0.043	0.198	0.065	0.742	0.610	0.148	0.072
Rb	-0.398	0.578	0.685	0.011	0.208	0.211	0.057	0.844	-0.100	0.146		0.106	0.053	0.150	0.068	0.083	0.078	0.182
Sr	-0.456	0.302	0.456	0.594	0.221	0.291	0.455	0.212	0.380	0.407	0.324		0.004	0.001	0.844	0.368	0.347	0.022
Y	-0.530	0.456	0.619	0.512	0.324	0.300	0.452	0.322	0.144	0.258	0.389	0.581		0.007	0.152	0.240	0.271	0.003
Zr	-0.442	0.356	0.508	0.466	0.185	0.567	0.689	0.311	0.278	0.371	0.289	0.682	0.544		0.362	0.867	0.048	0.001
Nb	-0.169	0.366	0.403	0.054	0.436	0.366	0.213	0.392	-0.314	-0.066	0.366	0.039	0.288	0.183		0.693	0.746	0.326
Ba	-0.067	0.326	0.313	-0.034	0.023	0.022	-0.137	0.281	0.281	0.102	0.348	0.181	0.236	0.034	-0.079		0.045	0.736
Pb	-0.121	0.552	0.363	0.045	0.081	0.508	0.191	0.464	0.155	0.291	0.354	0.189	0.221	0.398	0.065	0.402		0.068
Th	-0.411	0.492	0.567	0.434	0.221	0.492	0.625	0.335	0.112	0.362	0.268	0.461	0.603	0.648	0.197	0.068	0.367	

Table 13. Correlations [τ / p (uncorr.)] for EDXRF data for Naisiusiu based on Kendall's Tau coefficient.

Naisiusiu																		
p Permutations	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	K2O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
SiO2		0.115	0.025	0.480	0.514	0.626	0.035	0.118	0.712	0.088	0.052	0.025	0.008	0.028	0.491	0.785	0.590	0.046
TiO2	0.115		0.000	0.316	0.105	0.025	0.247	0.000	0.743	0.128	0.003	0.136	0.026	0.079	0.110	0.120	0.006	0.017
Al2O3	0.025	0.000		0.204	0.104	0.091	0.125	0.002	0.956	0.137	0.000	0.025	0.001	0.013	0.075	0.139	0.080	0.006
Fe2O3	0.480	0.316	0.204		0.103	0.446	0.015	0.909	0.225	0.125	0.998	0.003	0.013	0.024	0.844	0.906	0.876	0.040
MnO	0.514	0.105	0.104	0.103		0.950	0.079	0.622	0.343	0.138	0.351	0.325	0.134	0.406	0.061	0.943	0.740	0.319
MgO	0.626	0.025	0.091	0.446	0.950		0.067	0.082	0.447	0.155	0.330	0.171	0.158	0.004	0.109	0.919	0.011	0.014
CaO	0.035	0.247	0.125	0.015	0.079	0.067		0.707	0.703	0.026	0.784	0.026	0.027	0.000	0.369	0.540	0.383	0.002
K2O	0.118	0.000	0.002	0.909	0.622	0.082	0.707		0.444	0.584	0.000	0.302	0.126	0.125	0.085	0.186	0.023	0.107
Cu	0.712	0.743	0.956	0.225	0.343	0.447	0.703	0.444		0.098	0.667	0.066	0.519	0.191	0.175	0.181	0.483	0.619
Zn	0.088	0.128	0.137	0.125	0.138	0.155	0.026	0.584	0.098		0.513	0.054	0.228	0.077	0.790	0.656	0.170	0.087
Rb	0.052	0.003	0.000	0.998	0.351	0.330	0.784	0.000	0.667	0.513		0.109	0.060	0.153	0.107	0.106	0.087	0.212
Sr	0.025	0.136	0.025	0.003	0.325	0.171	0.026	0.302	0.066	0.054	0.109		0.004	0.001	0.893	0.414	0.386	0.027
Y	0.008	0.026	0.001	0.013	0.134	0.158	0.027	0.126	0.519	0.228	0.060	0.004		0.007	0.215	0.273	0.300	0.002
Zr	0.028	0.079	0.013	0.024	0.406	0.004	0.000	0.125	0.191	0.077	0.153	0.001	0.007		0.447	0.912	0.050	0.001
Nb	0.491	0.110	0.075	0.844	0.061	0.109	0.369	0.085	0.175	0.790	0.107	0.893	0.215	0.447		0.759	0.814	0.405
Ba	0.785	0.120	0.139	0.906	0.943	0.919	0.540	0.186	0.181	0.656	0.106	0.414	0.273	0.912	0.759		0.052	0.786
Pb	0.590	0.006	0.080	0.876	0.740	0.011	0.383	0.023	0.483	0.170	0.087	0.386	0.300	0.050	0.814	0.052		0.085
Th	0.046	0.017	0.006	0.040	0.319	0.014	0.002	0.107	0.619	0.087	0.212	0.027	0.002	0.001	0.405	0.786	0.085	

Table 14. Correlations [p (uncorr.)] for EDXRF data for samples from Naisiusiu based on Kendall's Tau Monte Carlo simulations.

Oittii																		
τ / p (uncorr.)	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	K2O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
SiO2		0.142	0.142	0.796	0.327	0.624	0.380	0.142	0.142	0.770	0.142	0.624	0.327	0.142	0.050	1.000	0.327	0.624
TiO2	-0.600		0.014	0.796	0.050	0.624	0.143	0.014	0.624	0.143	0.014	0.142	0.327	0.142	0.050	0.327	0.050	0.142
Al2O3	-0.600	1.000		0.796	0.050	0.624	0.143	0.014	0.624	0.143	0.014	0.142	0.327	0.142	0.050	0.327	0.050	0.142
Fe2O3	-0.105	0.105	0.105		0.796	0.439	0.537	0.796	0.796	0.758	0.796	0.796	0.796	0.439	0.439	0.439	0.439	0.796
MnO	0.400	-0.800	-0.800	0.105		1.000	0.040	0.050	1.000	0.040	0.050	0.050	0.142	0.050	0.142	0.624	0.014	0.050
MgO	0.200	-0.200	-0.200	0.316	0.000		0.380	0.624	0.624	0.770	0.624	0.624	0.327	0.624	1.000	0.327	1.000	0.624
CaO	0.359	-0.598	-0.598	0.252	0.837	0.359		0.143	0.770	0.080	0.143	0.040	0.380	0.040	0.380	0.380	0.040	0.143
K2O	-0.600	1.000	1.000	0.105	-0.800	-0.200	-0.598		0.624	0.143	0.014	0.142	0.327	0.142	0.050	0.327	0.050	0.142
Cu	0.600	-0.200	-0.200	-0.105	0.000	0.200	-0.120	-0.200		0.380	0.624	0.624	1.000	0.624	0.327	1.000	1.000	0.624
Zn	-0.120	0.598	0.598	0.126	-0.837	0.120	-0.714	0.598	0.359		0.143	0.040	0.143	0.143	0.380	0.770	0.040	0.040
Rb	-0.600	1.000	1.000	0.105	-0.800	-0.200	-0.598	1.000	-0.200	0.598		0.142	0.327	0.142	0.050	0.327	0.050	0.142
Sr	-0.200	0.600	0.600	0.105	-0.800	-0.200	-0.837	0.600	0.200	0.837	0.600		0.327	0.142	0.327	0.327	0.050	0.142
Y	-0.400	0.400	0.400	0.105	-0.600	0.400	-0.359	0.400	0.000	0.598	0.400	0.400		0.327	0.142	0.624	0.142	0.050
Zr	-0.600	0.600	0.600	-0.316	-0.800	-0.200	-0.837	0.600	-0.200	0.598	0.600	0.600	0.400		0.327	1.000	0.050	0.142
Nb	-0.800	0.800	0.800	0.316	-0.600	0.000	-0.359	0.800	-0.400	0.359	0.800	0.400	0.600	0.400		0.624	0.142	0.327
Ba	0.000	-0.400	-0.400	-0.316	0.200	0.400	0.359	-0.400	0.000	-0.120	-0.400	-0.400	0.200	0.000	-0.200		0.624	1.000
Pb	-0.400	0.800	0.800	-0.105	-1.000	0.000	-0.837	0.800	0.000	0.837	0.800	0.800	0.600	0.800	0.600	-0.200		0.050
Th	-0.200	0.600	0.600	-0.105	-0.800	0.200	-0.598	0.600	0.200	0.837	0.600	0.600	0.800	0.600	0.400	0.000	0.800	

Table 15. Correlations [τ / p (uncorr.)] for EDXRF data for Oittii based on Kendall's Tau coefficient.

Oittii																		
P permutations	SiO2	TiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	K2O	Cu	Zn	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Pb	Th
SiO2		0.232	0.240	1.000	0.490	0.823	0.613	0.231	0.236	1.000	0.231	0.821	0.488	0.234	0.084	1.000	0.484	0.821
TiO2	0.232		0.018	1.000	0.085	0.816	0.304	0.018	0.819	0.299	0.018	0.228	0.488	0.243	0.084	0.489	0.082	0.238
Al2O3	0.240	0.018		1.000	0.088	0.819	0.304	0.016	0.817	0.301	0.017	0.231	0.477	0.234	0.079	0.482	0.090	0.233
Fe2O3	1.000	1.000	1.000		1.000	0.631	0.749	1.000	1.000	0.903	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.632	0.634	0.635	1.000	1.000
MnO	0.490	0.085	0.088	1.000		1.000	0.104	0.088	1.000	0.092	0.082	0.083	0.231	0.086	0.232	0.814	0.017	0.083
MgO	0.823	0.816	0.819	0.631	1.000		0.594	0.812	0.825	1.000	0.819	0.820	0.493	0.821	1.000	0.492	1.000	0.815
CaO	0.613	0.304	0.304	0.749	0.104	0.594		0.301	1.000	0.291	0.289	0.099	0.600	0.104	0.594	0.603	0.098	0.309
K2O	0.231	0.018	0.016	1.000	0.088	0.812	0.301		0.818	0.296	0.014	0.240	0.479	0.232	0.085	0.480	0.081	0.225
Cu	0.236	0.819	0.817	1.000	1.000	0.825	1.000	0.818		0.598	0.827	0.816	1.000	0.812	0.478	1.000	1.000	0.818
Zn	1.000	0.299	0.301	0.903	0.092	1.000	0.291	0.296	0.598		0.295	0.096	0.298	0.301	0.599	1.000	0.104	0.097
Rb	0.231	0.018	0.017	1.000	0.082	0.819	0.289	0.014	0.827	0.295		0.229	0.487	0.237	0.093	0.492	0.082	0.244
Sr	0.821	0.228	0.231	1.000	0.083	0.820	0.099	0.240	0.816	0.096	0.229		0.480	0.242	0.489	0.476	0.080	0.234
Y	0.488	0.488	0.477	1.000	0.231	0.493	0.600	0.479	1.000	0.298	0.487	0.480		0.481	0.232	0.814	0.234	0.081
Zr	0.234	0.243	0.234	0.632	0.086	0.821	0.104	0.232	0.812	0.301	0.237	0.242	0.481		0.484	1.000	0.085	0.232
Nb	0.084	0.084	0.079	0.634	0.232	1.000	0.594	0.085	0.478	0.599	0.093	0.489	0.232	0.484		0.815	0.230	0.479
Ba	1.000	0.489	0.482	0.635	0.814	0.492	0.603	0.480	1.000	1.000	0.492	0.476	0.814	1.000	0.815		0.818	1.000
Pb	0.484	0.082	0.090	1.000	0.017	1.000	0.098	0.081	1.000	0.104	0.082	0.080	0.234	0.085	0.230	0.818		0.085
Th	0.821	0.238	0.233	1.000	0.083	0.815	0.309	0.225	0.818	0.097	0.244	0.234	0.081	0.232	0.479	1.000	0.085	

Table 16. Correlations [p (uncorr.)] for EDXRF data for samples from Oittii based on Kendall's Tau Monte Carlo simulations..

	Endonyo Osunyai	Naibor Soit Ndogo	Naibor Soit Kubwa	Naisiusiu	Oittii	Total
Endonyo Osunyai	4	0	0	0	0	4
Naibor Soit Ndogo	0	13	0	1	0	14
Naibor Soit Kubwa	0	0	9	0	0	9
Naisiusiu	0	0	0	10	0	10
Oittii	0	0	0	0	5	5
Total	4	13	9	11	5	42
<i>% correctly classified</i>			97.62%			

Table 17. Confusion matrix of DFA by outcrop classification.

	Endonyo Osunyai	Naibor Soit Ndogo	Naibor Soit Kubwa	Naisiusiu	Oittii	Total
Endonyo Osunyai	0	0	2	0	2	4
Naibor Soit Ndogo	0	11	0	3	0	14
Naibor Soit Kubwa	0	0	7	2	0	9
Naisiusiu	0	1	0	9	0	10
Oittii	2	0	0	0	3	5
Total	2	12	9	14	5	42
<i>% correctly classified (Jackknife)</i>			71.43%			

Table 18. Confusion matrix of DFA by outcrop classification using Jackknife method.

	G1	GR1	GR2	GR5	R3	R5	W2	W3	W4	Total
G1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GR1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
GR2	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
GR5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
R3	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	5
R5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
W2	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	5
W3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	13
W4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Total	2	5	6	1	6	2	6	11	3	42
<i>% correctly classified</i>					85.71%					

Table 13. Confusion matrix of DFA by RMG classification.

	G1	GR1	GR2	GR5	R3	R5	W2	W3	W4	Total
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G1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
GR1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	5
GR2	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
GR5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
R3	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	5
R5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
W2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	5
W3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	8	1	13
W4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
Total	3	8	3	4	2	2	6	12	2	42
% correctly classified (Jackknife)						40.48%				

Table 14. Confusion matrix of DFA by RMG classification using Jackknife method.