**Crystal Data**: Monoclinic. *Point Group*: 2/m. As tapering tabular to prismatic crystals to 0.11 mm. *Twinning*: Structure is twinned and incommensurately modulated ( $q = 0.718(4)a^* + 0.280(2)c^*$ ).

**Physical Properties**: *Cleavage*: One excellent set. *Tenacity*: Brittle. *Fracture*: Uneven. Hardness =  $\sim$ 2.5 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 4.61 Bright yellow-green fluorescence under SW UV.

**Optical Properties**: Translucent. *Color*: Yellow to orange-yellow. *Streak*: Pale yellow. *Luster*: Vitreous.

Optical Class: Biaxial (-).  $\alpha = 1.716(4)$   $\beta = 1.761(4)$   $\gamma = 1.767(4)$  2V(calc.) = 42.2°

**Cell Data**: Superspace Group:  $X2/m(\alpha 0\gamma)0s$  with  $X = (0,\frac{1}{2},0,\frac{1}{2})$ . a = 9.8337(3) b = 15.0436(5) c = 14.2055(6)  $\beta = 108.978(3)^{\circ}$  Z = 4

**X-Ray Diffraction Pattern**: Near the Radium Hill mine, South Australia. 7.450 (100), 9.175 (39), 3.067 (33), 3.365 (31), 3.255 (31), 3.209 (28), 3.554 (20)

## **Chemistry**:

	(1)
BaO	9.88
CaO	0.12
$Al_2O_3$	0.14
$UO_3$	62.80
$MoO_3$	21.56
$P_2O_5$	0.15
$H_2O$	[7.99]
Total	102.64

(1) Near the Radium Hill mine, South Australia; average electron microprobe analysis supplemented by IR spectroscopy,  $H_2O$  calculated for charge balance; corresponds to  $Ba_{0.87}Ca_{0.03}Al_{0.04}U_{2.97}Mo_{2.02}P_{0.03}O_{22}H_{11.99}$ .

**Mineral Group**: As crusts on granite as a weathering product of baryte and primary U and Mo minerals by oxidizing groundwater.

Association: Baryte, metatorbernite, phurcalite, kaolinite.

**Distribution**: From 4 km northwest of the Radium Hill mine, South Australia.

Name: For its essential chemical elements: barium, uranium, and molybdenum.

Type Material: South Australian Museum, Adelaide, South Australia (G34697).

**References**: (1) Elliott, P., J. Plášil, V. Petříček, J. Čejka, and L. Bindi (2019) Twinning and incomensurate modulation in baumoite, Ba<sub>0.5</sub>[(UO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Mo<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>3</sub>](H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>-3</sub>, the first natural Ba uranyl molybdate. Mineral. Mag., 83, 507-514.