

Priscillagrewite-(Y)**YCa₂Zr₂Al₃O₁₂**

Crystal Data: Cubic. *Point Group:* 4/m $\bar{3}$ 2/m. As idiomorphic crystals to 15 μm with cross sections bound by {110} and {211}.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* None. *Fracture:* Conchoidal. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 7-7.5 VHN = 1080-1240 (10 g load). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 4.48

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Pale yellowish. *Streak:* n.d. *Luster:* Vitreous. *Optical Class:* Isotropic. *n*(calc.) = 1.96

Cell Data: *Space Group:* Ia $\bar{3}$ d. *a* = 12.50(3) Z = 8

X-ray Powder Pattern: Calculated pattern.
2.552 (100), 1.670 (96), 2.795 (84), 3.125 (72), 4.419 (35), 1.733 (32), 1.141 (25)

Chemistry:	(1)	(1)
UO ₃	0.58	Y ₂ O ₃
Sb ₂ O ₅	1.60	La ₂ O ₃
P ₂ O ₅	0.44	Ce ₂ O ₃
HfO ₂	0.09	Nd ₂ O ₃
ZrO ₂	33.00	Sm ₂ O ₃
TiO ₂	1.60	Gd ₂ O ₃
SiO ₂	0.38	Dy ₂ O ₃
Al ₂ O ₃	13.02	Er ₂ O ₃
Fe ₂ O ₃	14.42	<u>Yb₂O₃</u>
CaO	18.40	Total
		98.88

(1) Daba-Siwaqa area, Transjordan plateau, central Jordan; electron microprobe and Raman spectroscopic analyses; corresponds to (Ca_{2.19}Y_{0.65}Ce³⁺_{0.03}Nd³⁺_{0.03}Gd³⁺_{0.02}Dy³⁺_{0.02}Er³⁺_{0.02}Yb³⁺_{0.02}La³⁺_{0.01}Sm³⁺_{0.01})_{Σ=3.00}(Zr_{1.79}Ti⁴⁺_{0.13}Sb⁵⁺_{0.07}U⁶⁺_{0.01})_{Σ=2.00}(Al_{1.70}Fe³⁺_{1.21}Si_{0.04}P⁵⁺_{0.04})_{Σ=2.99}O₁₂.

Polymorphism & Series: Forms series with other members of the bitikleite group.

Mineral Group: Garnet supergroup, bitikleite group.

Occurrence: Formed by pyrometamorphism in a fluorapatite layer (metaphosphorite) hosted by varicolored spurrite marble.

Association: Spurrite, fluorapatite, minerals of the brownmillerite-srebrodolskite series, fluormayenite, lakargiite, baghdadite, hematite, sphalerite, zincite, andradite-grossular series, tululite, vapnikite, minerals of the lime-monteponite series, members of the magnesiochromite-zincochromite series, cuprite, Y-bearing and Y-free perovskite, ellinaite, mcconnellite.

Distribution: From the Tulul Al Hammam pyrometamorphic field, Daba-Siwaqa area, Transjordan plateau, south of Amman, central Jordan.

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Type Material: A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia (97020).

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