Abuite CaAl<sub>2</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>

**Crystal Data**: Orthorhombic. *Point Group*: 222. As grains to  $500 \mu m$ ; as aggregates with other minerals, to 2 mm.

**Physical Properties**: Cleavage: None. Tenacity: n.d. Fracture: n.d. Hardness = n.d. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.214

**Optical Properties**: Transparent. *Color*: Colorless. *Streak*: White. *Luster*: Vitreous. *Optical Class*: n.d.

**Cell Data**: *Space Group*:  $P2_12_12_1$ . a = 11.818(2) b = 11.993(3) c = 4.6872(8) Z = 4 [calculated from XRD data by analogy to synthetic  $SrAl_2(PO_4)_2F_2$ ]

**X-ray Powder Pattern**: Hinomaru-Nago mine, Abu County, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan. 2.951 (100), 3.139 (86), 2.928 (80), 3.529 (43), 3.683 (32), 4.362 (25), 2.183 (24)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(3)
$P_2O_5$	45.04	42.78	44.08
$Al_2O_3$	31.26	30.28	31.67
CaO	17.29	13.60	17.42
SrO	0.22	5.39	
F	11.24	[11.37]	11.80
$H_2O$	[0.31]	0	
$-O = F_2$	4.73	[4.91]	4.97
Total	100.63	98.51	100.00

(1) Hinomaru-Nago mine, Kiyo area, Abu, Abu County, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan; average of 21 electron microprobe analyses,  $H_2O$  calculated from stoichiometry; corresponds to  $(Ca_{0.99}Sr_{0.01})_{\Sigma=1.00}Al_{1.96}P_{2.03}O_8(F_{1.89}OH_{0.11})$ . (2) Do., average electron microprobe analyses, F calculated from stoichiometry; corresponds to  $(Ca_{0.81}Sr_{0.17})_{\Sigma=0.98}Al_{1.99}P_{2.01}O_8(F_{2.00})$ . (3)  $CaAl_2(PO_4)_2F_2$ .

**Occurrence**: In hydrothermally altered, felsic pyroclastic rocks, related to a biotite adamellite intrusion.

Association: Quartz, augelite, and/or trolleite, apatite, crandallite.

**Distribution**: From the Hinomaru-Nago mine, Kiyo area, Abu, Abu County, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan.

Name: For the type locality, near the town of Abu, Abu County, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan.

**Type Material**: Kitakyushu Museum of Natural History and Human History, Kitakyushu, Japan (KMNHM000003).

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