Gabrielite $Tl_2AgCu_2As_3S_7$

Crystal Data: Triclinic. *Point Group*: 1. Crystals are pseudohexagonal, prismatic to platy on (001), to 0.4 mm; as aggregates to 1 mm. Crystals show {001} dominant and are striated parallel to [100]. *Twinning*: On (100).

Physical Properties: Cleavage: Perfect on $\{001\}$. Fracture: Uneven to conchoidal. Tenacity: n.d. Hardness = 1.5-2 VHN = 18 (10 g load). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 5.41

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color*: Gray to black, white with red internal reflections in reflected light. *Streak*: Blackish red. *Luster*: Metallic. *Optical Class*: n.d. *Reflection anisotropism*: Weak. $R = (470)\ 30.53, (546)\ 29.10, (589)\ 27.94, (650)\ 26.35$

Cell Data: *Space Group*:
$$P1$$
. $a = 12.138(3)$ $b = 12.196(3)$ $c = 15.944(4)$ $\alpha = 78.537(5)^{\circ}$ $\beta = 84.715(4)^{\circ}$ $\gamma = 60.470(4)^{\circ}$ $Z = 6$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Lengenbach, Binntal, Canton Valais, Switzerland. 15.631 (100), 3.143 (90), 3.531 (80), 2.911 (70), 2.978 (60), 2.520 (60), 3.263 (50)

Chemistry:

	(1)
T1	37.30
Ag	8.47
Cu	12.60
As	18.90
Sb	1.79
S	20.64
Total	99.70

(1) Lengenbach, Binntal, Switzerland; average of 11 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by IR spectroscopy, corresponds to $Tl_{1.98}(Ag_{0.85}Cu_{2.16})_{\Sigma=3.01}(As_{2.74}Sb_{0.16})_{\Sigma=2.90}S_7$.

Occurrence: A late-stage mineral in vugs in a hydrothermally-altered dolomitic marble.

Association: Hutchinsonite, hatchite, edenharterite, trechmannite, tennantite, realgar, rathite.

Distribution: From Lengenbach, Binntal, Canton Valais, Switzerland.

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Type Material: Natural History Museum and the Institute of Mineralogy, University of Basel, Switzerland (S113).

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