Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group*: $\bar{3}$ 2/*m*. As hexagonal tabular crystals, to 10 cm, or equant to elongated flat crystals. Well-formed crystals display dominant {001} and subordinate {100} and {101}. Also as subparallel or interpenetrant crystal aggregates.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Imperfect on {001}. *Tenacity:* Brittle. *Fracture:* Conchoidal to irregular. Hardness = 8 D(meas.) = 2.97-3.14 (variable with Cs content) D(calc.) = 3.06

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Raspberry-red to pink. *Streak:* Colorless to white. *Luster:* Vitreous. Some specimens display chatoyancy.
Optical Class: Uniaxial (-). ε = 1.611 ω = 1.620 *Pleochroism:* Strong, *E* = Orange-red, *O* = Purple-violet.

Cell Data: Space Group: $R\bar{3}\,c$. a = 15.946(4) c = 27.803(8) Z = 18

X-ray Powder Pattern: Sakavalana pegmatite, Fianarantsoa province, central Madagascar. 3.271 (100), 2.871 (52), 3.027 (41), 3.019 (29), 2.215 (14), 1.636 (14), 2.229 (12), 1.749 (12)

Chemistry:

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SiO_2	54.58	Rb_2O	0.44
TiO_2	0.01	Cs_2O	18.23
Al_2O_3	16.88	Li_2O	2.12
FeO	0.02	BeO	8.14
MnO	0.02	H_2O	0.28
CaO	0.22	Total	101.54
Na_2O	0.46		
K_2O	0.14		

(1) Sakavalana pegmatite, Fianarantsoa province, central Madagascar; laser ablation ICP mass spectroscopic analysis, IR spectroscopy confirms H_2O; corresponds to $(Cs_{0.83}Rb_{0.03}Na_{0.10}K_{0.02}Ca_{0.02})_{\Sigma=1.00}(Be_{2.10}Li_{0.92})Al_{2.14}Si_{5.86}O_{18}$.

Occurrence: A late-stage hydrothermal mineral in miarolitic pockets in and near the core of a differentiated, rare-element, granitic pegmatite dike.

Association: Smoky quartz, K-feldspar (‘amazonite’), albite (‘cleavelandite’), tourmaline-group minerals, spodumene, lithian muscovite, danburite.

Distribution: From the Sakavalana pegmatite, Ampandramaika-Malakialina pegmatite district, a few kilometers northwest of Ambatovita village, Fianarantsoa province, central Madagascar. Also reported from Afghanistan and Myanmar.

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