

## Oxy-vanadium-dravite, $\text{NaV}_3(\text{V}_4\text{Mg}_2)(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{O}$ : Crystal structure and redefinition of the “vanadium-dravite” tourmaline

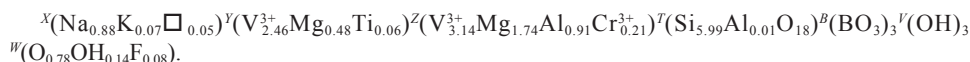
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### ABSTRACT

“Vanadium-dravite”  $\text{NaMg}_3\text{V}_6(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{OH}$  (IMA number 1999-050) has been redefined as oxy-vanadium-dravite with end-member formula  $\text{NaV}_3(\text{V}_4\text{Mg}_2)\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{O}$ . The new name and the new formula have been approved by the CNMNC (IMA proposal 11-E). Oxy-vanadium-dravite occurs in the metamorphic rocks of the Sludyanka complex (southern Baikal region, Russia). The crystal structure of oxy-vanadium-dravite has been refined for the first time using single-crystal X-ray data, with a statistical index *R*1 for all reflections converging to 1.44%. The structure is rhombohedral, space group *R*3*m*, with the unit-cell parameters *a* = 16.1908(4), *c* = 7.4143(2) Å, *V* = 1683.21(7) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 3. The chemical characterization resulted in the empirical structural formula:



Ideally, the oxy-vanadium-dravite is related to oxy-dravite and oxy-chromium-dravite by the homovalent substitution  $\text{V}^{3+} \rightarrow \text{Al}$  and  $\text{V}^{3+} \rightarrow \text{Cr}^{3+}$  (respectively) at the *Y* and *Z* sites. The occurrence of solid-solutions among  $\text{V}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ , and Al have been observed in tourmalines from metamorphic rocks of the Sludyanka complex. Significant chemical variations in  $\text{V}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ , and Al were also observed within zoned crystals from Sludyanka, not belonging to the holotype specimen.

**Keywords:** Oxy-vanadium-dravite, tourmaline, crystal-structure refinement, electron microprobe, new end-member

### INTRODUCTION

The tourmaline-supergrout minerals are the most widespread complex borocyclosilicate minerals and very useful for understanding crustal evolution (e.g., Novák et al. 2004, 2011; Agrosi et al. 2006; Lussier et al. 2011a; Van Hinsberg et al. 2011). The crystal structure and crystal chemistry of tourmaline have been widely studied (e.g., Foit 1989; Hawthorne 1996, 2002; Hawthorne and Henry 1999; Bosi and Lucchesi 2007; Lussier et al. 2008, 2009, 2011b; Van Hinsberg and Schumacher 2009; Bosi 2010, 2011; Bosi et al. 2010). The general formula of tourmaline may be formalized as  $XY_3Z_6T_6O_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3V_3W$ . Henry et al. (2011) suggested the following site occupancies: <sup>[1]</sup>X = Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, □ (= vacancy); <sup>[6]</sup>Y = Al<sup>3+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>, V<sup>3+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Zn, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Li, Ti<sup>4+</sup>; <sup>[6]</sup>Z = Al<sup>3+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>, V<sup>3+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>; <sup>[4]</sup>T = Si<sup>4+</sup>, Al<sup>3+</sup>, B<sup>3+</sup>; <sup>[3]</sup>B = B; <sup>[3]</sup>V (=O3) = OH<sup>1-</sup>, O<sup>2-</sup>; <sup>[3]</sup>W (=O1) = OH<sup>1-</sup>, F<sup>1-</sup>, O<sup>2-</sup>. The dominance of these ions at one or more sites of the structure gives rise to many distinct mineral species (Henry et al. 2011).

In this paper, we describe the crystal structure and ideal formula of oxy-vanadium-dravite, the new name given to the former “vanadium-dravite.” Tourmaline with predominance of

$\text{V}^{3+}$  among  $R^{3+}$ -cations (=Cr + V + Al) was found in  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ - $\text{V}^{3+}$ -bearing metamorphic rocks of the Sludyanka complex (southern Baikal region, Russia) and approved by the Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification (CNMNC) of the International Mineralogical Association (IMA) under the name “vanadiumdravite” (IMA 1999-050), later modified as “vanadium-dravite” by Henry et al. (2011). However, at that time, as no distinction was done for the *V* and *W* anion sites of the “vanadium-dravite,” the OH group was assumed to be the dominant anion at the two OH-bearing sites combined into a single site (*V* + *W*). In addition, because of lack of crystal structure information, the cation distribution over *Y* and *Z* sites was not determined and an end-member formula  $\text{NaMg}_3\text{V}_6(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_4$  was thus assumed (Reznitsky et al. 2001). The name “vanadium-dravite” was therefore given for its relationship to dravite via the substitution  $\text{Al} \rightarrow \text{V}^{3+}$ . However, Reznitsky et al. (2001) mentioned also that the sum of  $R^{3+}$ -cations, calculated with the assumption (*T* + *Y* + *Z*) = 15, in the “vanadium-dravite” is always above 6 atoms per formula unit (apfu), Mg lower than 3 apfu, and calculated OH lower than 3.5 apfu with insignificant concentrations of F. From these data, it can now be deduced that the original “vanadium-dravite” composition belongs to oxy-tourmalines (e.g., Henry et al. 2011).

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Thus, we have conducted X-ray single-crystal investigation on the original "vanadium-dravite" from the type locality. For the study, the microcrystal labeled as 8-25, which is part of the holotype material of the original "vanadium-dravite," was chosen. The new name and new end-member formula have been approved by the IMA-CNMNC, proposal 11-E.

## EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

### Single-crystal structural refinement

A representative crystal of the type specimen was selected for X-ray diffraction measurements on a Bruker KAPPA APEX-II single-crystal diffractometer, at Sapienza University of Rome (Earth Sciences Department), equipped with CCD area detector ( $6.2 \times 6.2 \text{ cm}^2$  active detection area,  $512 \times 512$  pixels) and a graphite crystal monochromator, using MoK $\alpha$  radiation from a fine-focus sealed X-ray tube. The sample-to-detector distance was 4 cm. A total of 4007 exposures (step =  $0.2^\circ$ , time/step = 20 s) covering a full reciprocal sphere with a high redundancy of about 7 were used. Final unit-cell parameters were refined by means of the Bruker AXS SAINT program using reflections with  $I > 10 \sigma(I)$  in the range  $6^\circ < 2\theta < 82^\circ$ . The intensity data were processed and corrected for Lorentz, polarization, and background effects with the APEX2 software program of Bruker AXS. The data were corrected for absorption using the multi-scan method (SADABS). The absorption correction led to a significant improvement in  $R_{\text{int}}$ . No violations of  $R3m$  symmetry were noted.

Structural refinement was carried out with the SHELXL-97 program (Sheldrick 2008). Starting coordinates were taken from Bosi (2008). Variable parameters were: scale factor, extinction coefficient, atomic coordinates, site-scattering values expressed as mean atomic number (for  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  sites), and atomic displacement factors. To obtain the best values of statistical indexes ( $R1$ ,  $wR2$ ), fully ionized V and O scattering curves were used, whereas neutral scattering curves were used for the other atoms. In detail, the  $X$  and  $Y$  sites were modeled using Na and V scattering factors, respectively. The occupancy of the  $Z$  was obtained considering the presence of V vs. Mg. The  $T$  and  $B$  sites were modeled, respectively, with Si and B scattering factors and with a fixed occupancy of 1, because refinement with unconstrained occupancies showed no significant deviations from this value. Three full-matrix refinement cycles with isotropic displacement parameters for all atoms were followed by anisotropic cycles until convergence was attained. No correlations over a value of 0.7 between the parameters were observed at the end of refinement. Table 1 lists crystal data, data collection information, and refinement details; Table 2 gives the fractional atomic coordinates and site occupancies; Table 3 gives the displacement parameters; Table 4 gives selected bond distances. (CIF<sup>1</sup> on deposit.)

**TABLE 1.** Single crystal X-ray diffraction data details for oxy-vanadium-dravite

	Sample 8-25
Crystal size (mm)	$0.10 \times 0.11 \times 0.12$
$a$ (Å)	16.1908(4)
$b$ (Å)	7.4143(2)
$c$ (Å)	1683.21(7)
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3.213
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	2.52–41.03
Range for data collection, $\theta$ (°)	$-29 \leq h \leq 29$
Reciprocal space range $hkl$	$-29 \leq k \leq 24$
	$-13 \leq l \leq 13$
Total number of frames	4007
Set of measured reflections	9144
Unique reflections, $R_{\text{int}}$ (%)	2242, 1.81
Absorption correction method	Multiscan
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$
Structural refinement program	SHELXL-97
Extinction coefficient	0.00022(9)
Flack parameter	0.087(9)
$wR2$ (%)	3.52
$R1$ (%) all data	1.44
$R1$ (%) for $I > 2\sigma$	1.40
Goof	1.044
Diff. peaks ( $\pm e^-/\text{Å}^3$ )	0.74 and $-0.32$

Notes:  $R_{\text{int}}$  = merging residual value;  $R1$  = discrepancy index, calculated from  $F$ -data;  $wR2$  = weighted discrepancy index, calculated from  $F^2$ -data; Goof = goodness of fit; Diff. peaks = maximum and minimum residual electron density. Radiation, MoK $\alpha$  =  $0.71073 \text{ Å}$ . Data collection temperature = 293 K. Space group  $R3m$ ;  $Z = 3$  formula units.

**TABLE 2.** Fractional atomic coordinates ( $x, y, z$ ) and site occupancies for oxy-vanadium-dravite

	Sample 8-25			
Site	$x$	$y$	$z$	Site occupancy
$X$	0	0	0.22575(16)	Na <sub>1,029(6)</sub>
$Y$	0.122910(14)	0.061455(7)	0.63907(4)	V <sub>0.925(2)</sub>
$Z$	0.298218(11)	0.261727(12)	0.61043(4)	V <sub>0.569(3)</sub> Mg <sub>0.431(3)</sub>
$B$	0.10951(4)	0.21901(9)	0.45484(17)	B <sub>1,00</sub>
$T$	0.189382(15)	0.187781(15)	0	Si <sub>1,00</sub>
O1 ( $W$ )	0	0	0.76587(19)	O <sub>1,00</sub>
O2	0.06071(3)	0.12141(6)	0.48914(12)	O <sub>1,00</sub>
O3 ( $V$ )	0.25659(6)	0.12830(3)	0.50995(12)	O <sub>1,00</sub>
O4	0.09213(3)	0.18426(7)	0.06973(12)	O <sub>1,00</sub>
O5	0.18214(7)	0.09107(3)	0.08701(11)	O <sub>1,00</sub>
O6	0.19183(4)	0.18285(4)	0.78271(9)	O <sub>1,00</sub>
O7	0.28151(4)	0.28147(4)	0.07441(8)	O <sub>1,00</sub>
O8	0.20666(4)	0.26751(4)	0.43882(9)	O <sub>1,00</sub>
H3	0.2643(15)	0.1321(8)	0.386(3)	H <sub>1,00</sub>

### Electron microprobe analysis

Electron microprobe analyses by wavelength-dispersive spectroscopy of the crystal used for structural studies were obtained with a Cameca SX50 instrument at the Istituto di Geologia Ambientale e Geoingegneria (CNR of Rome, Italy), operating at an accelerating potential of 15 kV and a sample current of 15 nA ( $10 \mu\text{m}$  beam diameter). Minerals and synthetic compounds were used as standards: wollastonite (Si, Ca), magnetite (Fe), rutile (Ti), corundum (Al), fluor-phlogopite (F), periclase (Mg), jadeite (Na), K-feldspar (K), sphalerite (Zn), metallic Cr, V, Mn, and Cu. V and Cr concentrations were corrected for interference from the TiK $\beta$  and VK $\beta$  peaks, respectively. The PAP matrix correction procedure (Pouchou and Pichoir 1991) was applied to reduce the raw data. The results, which are summarized in Table 5, represent mean values of 8 spots. In accordance with the documented very low concentration of Li in dravite samples (e.g., Henry et al. 2011), the Li<sub>2</sub>O content was assumed to be insignificant. FeO, MnO, ZnO, CuO, and CaO were not detected with their concentrations being below the minimum detection limits (0.03 wt%).

Other properties such as X-ray powder diffraction data and physical properties of the mineral are reported in Reznitsky et al. (2001) and Jambor et al. (2002).

## RESULTS

### Determination of atomic proportions

In agreement with the structural refinement results, the boron content was assumed to be stoichiometric in the oxy-vanadium-dravite ( $B = 3.00$  apfu). In fact, both the site-scattering results and the bond lengths of  $B$  and  $T$  are consistent with both the  $B$  site fully occupied by boron, and no B at the  $T$  site. The OH content can then be calculated by charge balance with the assumption ( $T + Y + Z$ ) = 15.00. The atomic proportions were calculated on this assumption (Table 5). The excellent match between the number of electrons per formula unit (epfu) derived from chemical and structural analysis supports this procedure: 268.72 and 268.70 epfu, respectively.

### Determination of site populations

The site allocation of anions in the studied sample followed the general preference suggested for tourmaline (e.g., Grice and Ercit 1993; Henry et al. 2011): the O3 site ( $V$  position in the general formula) is occupied by OH, while the O1 site ( $W$  position in the general formula) can be occupied by O<sup>2-</sup>, OH<sup>1-</sup>, and F<sup>1-</sup>. The cation distribution at the  $T$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  sites was optimized by using

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**TABLE 3.** Displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>) for oxy-vanadium-dravite

Sample 8-25							
Site	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{23}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{12}$	$U_{eq}$
X	0.0255(4)	0.0255(4)	0.0244(6)	0	0	0.0128(2)	0.0252(3)
Y	0.0073(1)	0.0067(1)	0.0102(1)	-0.0005(1)	-0.0010(1)	0.0036(1)	0.00800(5)
Z	0.0059(1)	0.0065(1)	0.0075(1)	0.0005(1)	0.00002(4)	0.0030(1)	0.00670(5)
B	0.0074(3)	0.0086(4)	0.0111(4)	0.0015(3)	0.0007(2)	0.0043(2)	0.00887(18)
T	0.0064(1)	0.0059(1)	0.0088(1)	-0.0004(1)	-0.0003(1)	0.0030(1)	0.00701(5)
O1 (W)	0.0089(3)	0.0089(3)	0.0095(5)	0	0	0.0044(1)	0.0091(2)
O2	0.0081(2)	0.0066(3)	0.0113(3)	0.0017(2)	0.0009(1)	0.0033(1)	0.00886(13)
O3 (V)	0.0128(3)	0.0118(3)	0.0095(3)	0.0004(1)	0.0009(3)	0.0064(2)	0.01127(14)
O4	0.0089(2)	0.0164(4)	0.0115(3)	-0.0011(3)	-0.0005(1)	0.0082(2)	0.01145(14)
O5	0.0159(4)	0.0085(2)	0.0108(3)	0.0007(1)	0.0014(3)	0.0080(1)	0.01089(14)
O6	0.0100(2)	0.0083(2)	0.0085(2)	-0.0007(2)	-0.0004(2)	0.0044(1)	0.00902(10)
O7	0.0082(2)	0.0074(2)	0.0111(2)	-0.0014(2)	-0.0012(2)	0.0016(2)	0.00992(10)
O8	0.0056(2)	0.0098(2)	0.0176(2)	0.0038(2)	0.0010(1)	0.0033(2)	0.01122(10)
H3							0.017*

Notes:  $U^{ij}$  = anisotropic displacement parameter;  $U_{eq}$  = equivalent isotropic displacement parameters.

\* Isotropic displacement parameter constrained to  $1.5U_{eq}(O3)$ .

**TABLE 4.** Selected bond distances (Å) for oxy-vanadium-dravite

Sample 8-25			
B-O2	1.3920(15)	Y-O1	1.9632(7)
B-O8* (x2)	1.3675(9)	Y-O2* (x2)	2.0421(6)
<B-O>	1.376	Y-O3	2.1048(9)
X-O2 <sup>Bf</sup> (x3)	2.5907(12)	Y-O6 <sup>c</sup> (x2)	2.0124(6)
X-O4 <sup>Bf</sup> (x3)	2.8307(11)	<Y-O>	2.029
X-O5 <sup>Bf</sup> (x3)	2.7532(10)	Z-O3	2.0543(4)
<X-O>	2.725	Z-O6	2.0075(6)
T-O4	1.6310(4)	Z-O7 <sup>D</sup>	1.9883(6)
T-O5	1.6426(4)	Z-O8 <sup>E</sup>	1.9632(6)
T*-O6	1.6145(6)	Z-O8	1.9909(6)
T-O7	1.6024(6)	<Z-O>	2.006
<T-O>	1.623	O3-H3	0.93(2)

Notes: Standard uncertainty in parentheses. A = (y - x, y, z); B = (y - x, -x, z); C = (x, x - y, z); D = (y - x + 1/3, -x + 2/3, z + 2/3); E = (-y + 2/3, x - y + 1/3, z + 1/3); F = (-y, x - y, z). Transformations relate coordinates to those of Table 2.

\* Positioned in adjacent unit cell.

**TABLE 5.** Chemical composition of oxy-vanadium-dravite

Sample 8-25			
	wt%		apfu
SiO <sub>2</sub>	33.05(23)	Si	5.99(6)
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.41(4)	Ti <sup>4+</sup>	0.06(1)
B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> *	9.59	B	3.00
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.30(8)	Al	0.92(2)
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.48(26)	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	0.21(4)
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	38.56(25)	V <sup>3+</sup>	5.60(6)
MgO	8.21(10)	Mg	2.22(3)
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.50(7)	Na	0.88(3)
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.32(2)	K	0.07(1)
F	0.13(5)	F	0.08(3)
H <sub>2</sub> O*	2.60	OH	3.14
O=F	-0.06	OH+F	3.22
Total	101.10		

Notes: Number of ions calculated on basis of 31 (O, OH, F). Oxide values are an average of the 8 spots (standard deviation in brackets). B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O uncertainty assumed at 5%. Standard uncertainty for ions was calculated by error-propagation theory. \* Calculated by stoichiometry.

a quadratic program to minimize the residuals between calculated and observed data (based on the chemical and structural analysis). Site-scattering values and octahedral and tetrahedral mean bond distances (i.e., <Y-O>, <Z-O>, and <T-O>) were calculated as the linear contribution of each cation multiplied by its specific bond distance (Table 6). More details about the specific distances as well as about the optimization procedure may be found in Bosi et al. (2004). The robustness of this approach was confirmed by another optimization procedure (Wright et al. 2000), which led to

**TABLE 6.** Cation site populations (apfu), site scattering factors (epfu) and mean bond distances (Å) for oxy-vanadium-dravite

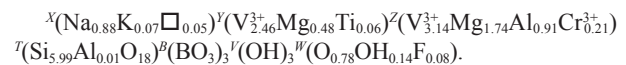
Site	Site population	Site scattering		Mean bond length	
		refined	calculated	refined	calculated
X	0.88 Na + 0.07 K + 0.05	11.32(7)	11.07		
Y	2.47 V <sup>3+</sup> + 0.48 Mg + 0.06 Ti <sup>4+</sup> Y(2.52 V <sup>3+</sup> + 0.48 Mg + 0.01 Ti <sup>4+</sup> )*	63.8(1)	63.7	2.029	2.029
Z	3.14 V <sup>3+</sup> + 0.91 Al + 0.21 Cr <sup>3+</sup> + 1.74 Mg Z(3.09 V <sup>3+</sup> + 0.94 Al + 0.22 Cr <sup>3+</sup> + 1.75 Mg)*	109.6(3)	109.9	2.006	2.010
T	5.99 Si + 0.01 Al T(6.00 Si)*	84†	83.99	1.623	1.620
B	3 B	15†	15		

Notes: apfu = atoms per formula unit; epfu = electrons per formula unit.

\* Site populations optimized by the procedure of Wright et al. (2000).

† Fixed in the final stages of refinement.

very similar cation distributions (Table 6). This result represents another example of convergence of these two procedures to similar solutions for tourmaline (e.g., Bosi and Lucchesi 2007; Filip et al. 2012). The final structural formula is as follows:



The bond-valence analysis is also consistent with the proposed structural formula. Bond-valence calculations, using the formula and bond-valence parameters from Brown and Altermatt (1985), are reported in Table 7.

## DISCUSSION

The new chemical analytical data are very close (statically identical) to the one presented by Reznitsky et al. (2001), show-

**TABLE 7.** Bond-valence calculations (valence units) for oxy-vanadium-dravite

Site	X	Y	Z	T	B	Σ
O1		0.54 <sup>x3</sup> →				1.62
O2	0.13 <sup>x3</sup> ↓	0.44 <sup>x2</sup> ↓→			0.95	1.96
O3		0.37	0.40 <sup>x2</sup> →			1.17
O4	0.07 <sup>x3</sup> ↓			0.99 <sup>x2</sup> →		2.03
O5	0.08 <sup>x3</sup> ↓			0.95 <sup>x2</sup> →		1.98
O6		0.48 <sup>x2</sup> ↓	0.45	1.03		1.96
O7			0.48			
			0.43	1.06		1.97
O8			0.47		1.01 <sup>x2</sup> ↓	1.99
			0.51			
Σ	0.84	2.75	2.74	4.02	2.97	

ing that chemical variations between individual crystals of (oxy-)vanadium-dravite of the holotype material are practically insignificant. The low standard deviations of the measured elements (Table 5) demonstrate the chemical homogeneity of the representative crystal (sample 8-25).

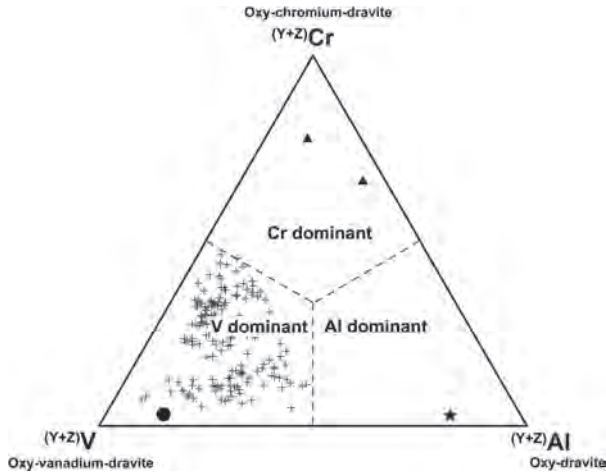


FIGURE 1. Al<sup>3+</sup>-V<sup>3+</sup>-Cr<sup>3+</sup> ternary diagram for oxy-tourmaline. Black crosses = V<sup>3+</sup> dominant tourmalines from Sludyanka (ca. 160 data); black circle = studied sample (8-25); black triangles = oxy-chromium-dravite (Bosi et al. 2012); black star = oxy-dravite (Foit and Rosenberg 1979).

The composition of the present sample is consistent with a tourmaline belonging to the alkali group, oxy-subgroup 3 (Henry et al. 2011): Na-dominant at the X position of the general formula, O<sup>2-</sup> > (OH<sup>1-</sup>+F<sup>1-</sup>) at the W position, V<sup>3+</sup> is the dominant trivalent cation at Y and Z, and Mg is the dominant divalent cation at Z (Fig. 1). The ideal end-member may therefore be represented as NaV<sub>3</sub>(V<sub>4</sub>Mg<sub>2</sub>)Si<sub>6</sub>O<sub>18</sub>(BO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(OH)<sub>3</sub>O. In accordance with these results, the original name “vanadium-dravite,” while still reflecting

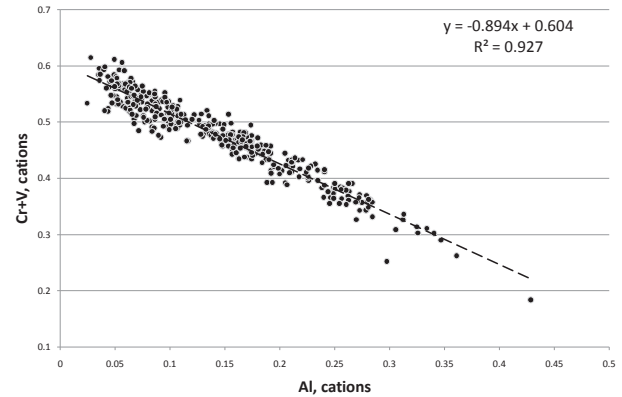


FIGURE 2. Plot of (Cr+V) against Al (cations) for oxy-tourmalines from Sludyanka showing the occurrence of an inverse correlation between (Cr+V) and Al.

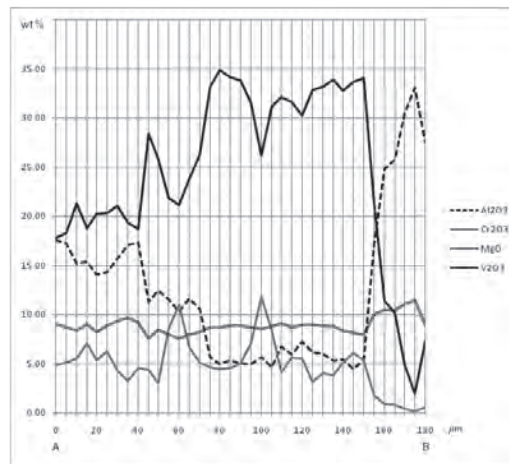
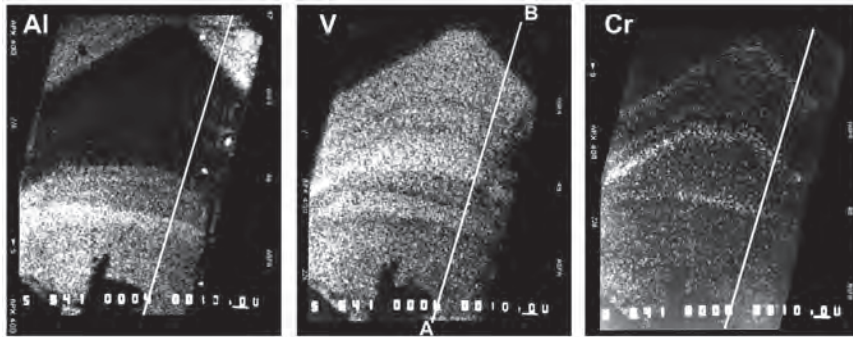


FIGURE 3. X-ray distribution maps of Al, V, Cr in zoned crystal of V-Cr-Al tourmaline (size 50 by 200 μm), not belonging to the holotype specimen. Profiles (wt%) for Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO, and V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> built up from A to B by a set of point analyses separated by 5 μm.



**TABLE 8.** Al-Cr-V end-members relationships

Hydroxy end-member	Coupled substitution	Oxy end-member
Dravite		Oxy-dravite
$\text{NaMg}_3\text{Al}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{OH}$	$\text{Al}^{3+} + \text{O}^{2-} \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{OH}^{1-}$	$\text{NaAl}_3(\text{Al},\text{Mg})_2\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{O}$
Chromium-dravite		Oxy-chromium-dravite
$\text{NaMg}_3\text{Cr}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{OH}$	$\text{Cr}^{3+} + \text{O}^{2-} \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{OH}^{1-}$	$\text{NaCr}_3(\text{Cr}_4\text{Mg}_2)\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3$
"Vanadium-dravite"		Oxy-vanadium-dravite
$\text{NaMg}_3\text{V}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{OH}$	$\text{V}^{3+} + \text{O}^{2-} \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{OH}^{1-}$	$\text{NaV}_3(\text{V}_4\text{Mg}_2)\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{O}$

its relationship to dravite, does not take into account the fact that  $\text{O}^{2-}$  is dominant at the  $W$  position. By analogy with the relation between dravite and oxy-dravite (IMA 2012-004a) as well as between chromium-dravite and oxy-chromium-dravite (IMA 2011-097; Bosi et al. 2012), this end-member species has been given the name oxy-vanadium-dravite. In line with the above-mentioned oxy-transitions, the prefix *oxy* represents the heterovalent substitution  $\text{V}^{3+} + \text{O}^{2-} \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{OH}^{1-}$  relative to the root composition "vanadium-dravite" (Table 8).

Ideally, oxy-vanadium-dravite is related to oxy-dravite and oxy-chromium-dravite by the homovalent substitutions  $\text{V}^{3+} \rightarrow \text{Al}$  and  $\text{V}^{3+} \rightarrow \text{Cr}^{3+}$  (respectively) at the  $Y$  and  $Z$  sites. The triangular plot in terms of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ - $\text{V}^{3+}$ - $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  at  $(Y+Z)$  shows the wide compositional range of  $\text{V}^{3+}$ -dominant tourmalines from Sludyanka as well as the position of  $\text{V}^{3+}$ -bearing oxy-chromium-dravite samples and  $\text{V}^{3+}$ -bearing oxy-dravite from the literature (Fig. 1). The occurrence of solid solutions among  $\text{V}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  and Al have been observed by chemical analyses of several tourmalines from metamorphic rocks of the Sludyanka complex (Fig. 2) as well as in the study of Reznitsky et al. (2001). All of these tourmalines are characterized by negligible Fe concentrations. Figure 3 shows that significant chemical variations in  $\text{V}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  and Al contents occur not only between different tourmaline crystals of a rock sample but also within the same non-homogeneous crystal, which does not belong to the holotype specimen.

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