

Tisinalite **$\text{Na}_3\text{H}_3(\text{Mn}^{2+}, \text{Ca}, \text{Fe})\text{TiSi}_6(\text{O}, \text{OH})_{18} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$**

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Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* $\bar{3} 2/m$. As rough crystals, to 1 mm, and granular aggregates.

Physical Properties: *Fracture:* Uneven to conchoidal. Hardness = 5 D(meas.) = 2.66–2.69 D(calc.) = 2.862

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Yellow-orange. *Luster:* Vitreous. *Optical Class:* Uniaxial (-). $\omega = 1.624$ $\epsilon = 1.590$ – 1.592

Cell Data: *Space Group:* n.d. $a = 10.14$ $c = 13.08$ $Z = 3$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Mt. Koashva, Russia.
3.60 (100), 3.18 (80), 5.19 (70), 3.26 (60), 2.590 (60), 1.802 (55), 2.510 (50)

Chemistry:	(1)
SiO ₂	53.27
TiO ₂	8.45
ZrO ₂	1.00
RE ₂ O ₃	0.11
FeO	4.49
MnO	5.40
CaO	2.46
SrO	0.00
Na ₂ O	13.83
K ₂ O	trace
H ₂ O	10.65
Total	99.66

(1) Mt. Koashva, Russia; traces of Ba, V, and Zn found spectrographically; corresponds to $\text{Na}_{3.00}\text{H}_{3.00}(\text{Mn}_{0.54}\text{Ca}_{0.30}\text{Fe}_{0.16})_{\Sigma=1.00}(\text{Ti}_{0.72}\text{Fe}_{0.28})_{\Sigma=1.00}\text{Si}_{6.00}[\text{O}_{17.40}(\text{OH})_{0.60}]_{\Sigma=18.00} \cdot 2.23\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Mineral Group: Lovozerite group.

Occurrence: Formed by the hydrothermal alteration of lomonosovite and barytolamprophyllite in alkalic pegmatites in a differentiated alkalic massif.

Association: Koashvite, shcherbakovite, lamprophyllite.

Distribution: From Mt. Koashva, Khibiny massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

Name: For Titanium, Silicon, and sodium, NAtrium, in the composition.

Type Material: A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, 81407; The Natural History Museum, London, England, 1994,33.

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