U-Pb ages and Hf isotopic compositions of provisional zircon standards LKZ-1 and BRZ-1

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The combination of in situ U-Pb age and O-Hf isotopic and trace element composition of zircon provides invaluable information on crust and mantle evolution. The geochemical and isotopic data of zircon measured by mass spectrometry need external calibration or test for precision and accuracy using standard reference material. Here we report U-Pb ages and Hf isotopic compositions of provisional zircon standards LKZ-1 and BRZ-1, which were provided by gem dealers from Slilanka and Brazil, respectively, and analyzed at Korea Basic Science Institute.

LKZ-1 is a transparent pale yellow crystal with dark cathodoluminescence(CL) emission. BRZ-1 is a opaque dark brown crystal showing a symmetric CL banding. The weighted mean of 207 Pb-corrected 206 Pb/ 238 U ages, measured by SHRIMPIIeMC, was 586.0±4.4 Ma (n=12, MSWD=1.3) for LKZ-1 and 573.0±5.8 Ma (n=11, MSWD=1.6) for BRZ-1.

The Lu-Yb-Hf isotope data were collected on a Nu Plasma II MC-ICPMS coupled to a 193 nm ArF excimer laser ablation system, employing static spots of ca. 50 μm diameter, a repetition rate of 10~13 Hz, and a fluence of 8~10 J/cm². In order to monitor the time profile of the measured ratio, a time reolved analytical procedure was applied, and signal intensities for each cycle were collected every 0.2s integration time. Data reduction was achieved using Iolite v.2.5 software, and included correction for baseline, instrumental drift, mass bias, isobaric interference by ^{176}Lu and ^{176}Yb , and down-hole fractionation. The Lu-Yb-Hf isotopic compositions of four available standard zircons (91500, Plešovice, TEMORA1, FC-1) agreed well with those reported in the literature. Average measured 176 Hf/ 177 Hf ratios of LKZ-1 and BRZ-1 were 0.281794 \pm 0.000032 (n=45, 2 σ SD, the same below) and 0.281960 ± 0.000054 (n=45), respectively. Their 176 Yb/ 177 Hf $(0.00358 \pm 0.00069$ for LKZ-1, 0.039 ± 0.052 for BRZ-1) and 176 Lu/ 177 Hf ratios (0.000104 ± 0.000003 for LKZ-1, 0.0013 ± 0.0017 for BRZ-1) were positively correlated with each other.

The homogeneity of LKZ-1 and BRZ-1 in U-Pb age and Hf isotopic composition will be further checked for another fragment of the crystals. Their oxygen isotopic and trace element compositions will also be analyzed.