Petrogenesis of quartz-devoid comendites and pantellerites of Nemrut volcano (eastern Turkey)

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The Nemrut volcano being active in the Quaternary period (< 1 Ma) sits close to the collisional boundary of the Anatolian and Arabian plates [1,2]. The mineralogical, geochemical and phase features of quartz-devoid comendites and pantellerites of the volcano have been studied. The LA-ICP-MS method defined the compositions of matrix glasses and phenocrysts (anorthoclase, gedengerbite and fayalite). Besides, the coefficients distribution of P, B, Li, Rb, Cs, Ba, Sr, Zr, Hf, Ta, Nb, Sc, V, Cr, Ni, Cu, Pb, Th, U, Y and REE between phases were calculated. Using the mass-balance models and data on melt inclusions it was feasible to analyze alternative models of formation and conditions of alkaline melt generation, as well relations between trachyte-comendite, comendite and as pantellerite magmas.

The data on the sequence of Nemrut volcano eruptions and mass-balalnce calculations the composition of quartz-devoid comendites and pantellerites reject the R.Macdonald and B.Scaillet model [3] formation of residual high-Fe comendite and pantellerite magmas by fractional crystallization of low-Fe comendite melts. The formation of residual comendite and pantellerite melts is explained by variations of pressure and H_2O content in the source trachyte-comendite magma at crystallization of anorthoclase (predominant phase), gedenbergite, fayalite, Fe and Ti oxides. The accessory phases (REE-, Sr-bearing F-apatite, chevkinite and zircon) also participated in melt fractionation.

Minimum parameters of crystallization in melts (without quartz) of gedenbergite, fayalite and ilmenite are calculated using the QUILF-95 program: high-Fe comendite (3 kb, 763°C, Δ lgfO₂ FMQ -1.27), pantellerite (3.3-3.8 kb, 715°C, Δ FMQ -1.08), low-Fe comendite (2.3 kb, 748°C, Δ FMQ - 1.16). Crystallization of anorthoclase phenocrysts in comendite melts proceeded at T~750°C. Analysis of data on formation conditions for the Nemrut alkaline magmas and literature sources shows that chambers with comendite and pantellerite H₂O-unsaturated melts may exist at depth from 5 to 10-15 km, pressure 1-4 kb, T<750°C and oxygen volatility fO₂ below FMQ buffer. Such melts contained 1-4 wt.% H₂O.

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