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**Petrology of South Milajed Travertines
(N-W Ardestan, Esfahan)**

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Abstract

N-W Ardestan travertines are located south of Milajerj village and north-east of Esfahan city. The region belongs to Uromia-Dokhtar belt zone. Morphologic evidences imply that the travertines are Fissure-Ridge type and are related to the Quaternary age. Petrology and geochemistry evidences indicate that most of these resources are thermogenic. Fabric and texture characteristic of these sediments emphasize the active presence of micro organisms and biological activities with travertine sedimentation simultaneously. The presence of lamination in travertine is due to alternative seasonally/daily growth. Most of these sediments are seen on/in the 1 to 2 kilometers of the active fault zones. With regard to the process of these faults, the generating agent of travertines is the local tension in fault regions. The geological evidences shows that these rocks occurred in a high geogradient environment and due to the tectomagmatic activities circulation of magmatic and meteorite waters in depth and represented on surface by the faults and fractures in the form of hot springs causing the formations of travertines in springs and large faults trends.

Keywords: Travertine, Milajerj, Uromia-Dokhtar belt.

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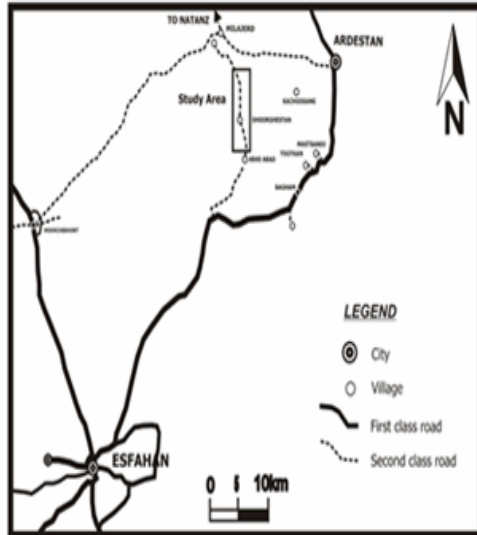
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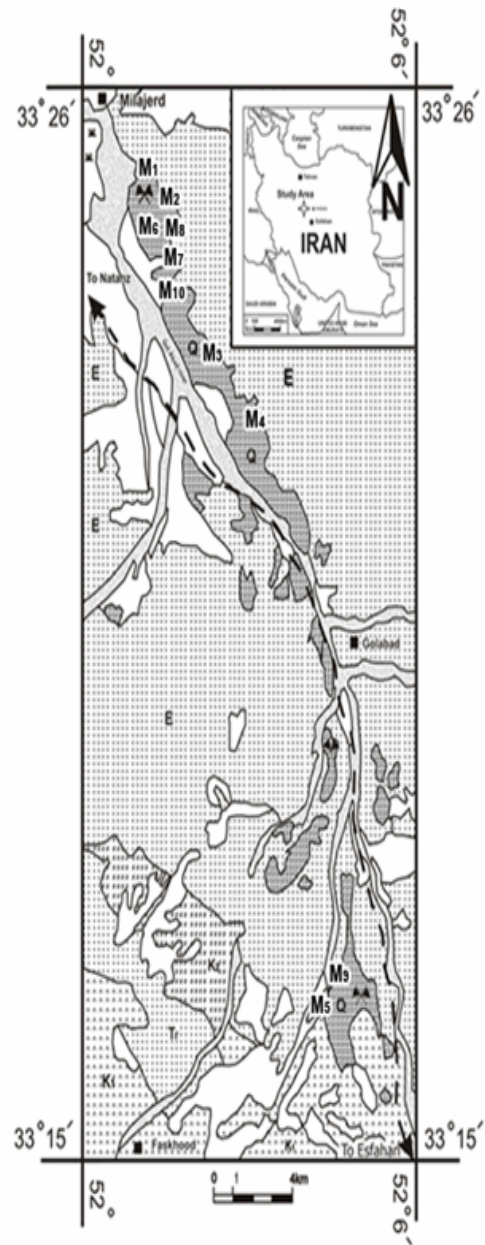
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|  | Recent: Alluvium |  | Drainage(River) |
|  | Quaternary: Travertine |  | Cultivated area |
|  | Eocene-Oligocen: Volcanic rocks |  | Village or city |
|  | Upper Cretaceous: marl with intercalation of limestone |  | Mine |
|  | Lower Cretaceous: Calcareous shale |  | Road |
|  | Triassic: Black shale, sand stone, limestone and dolomite | | |

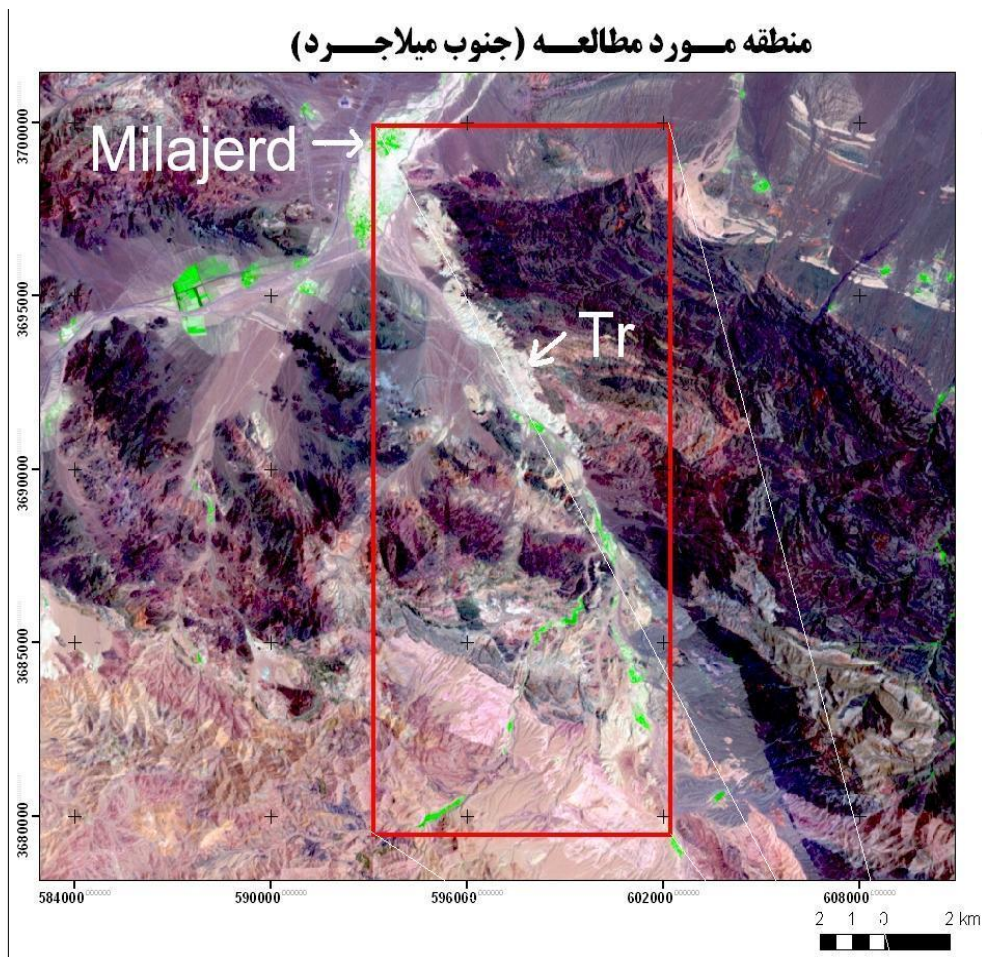


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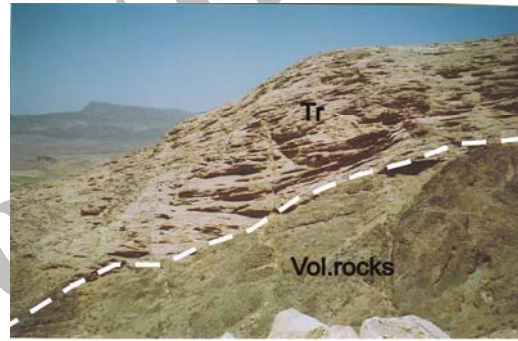
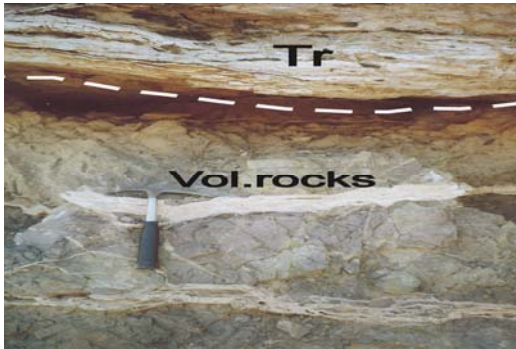
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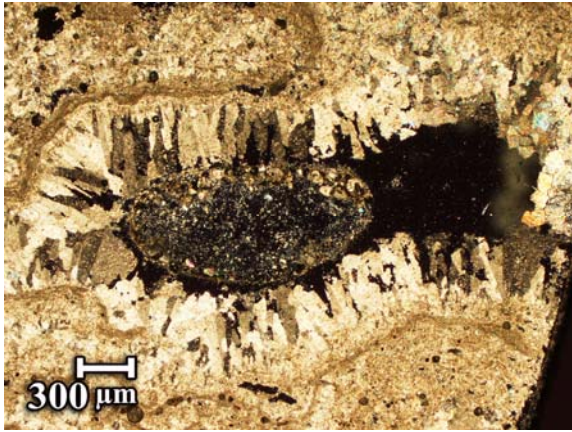
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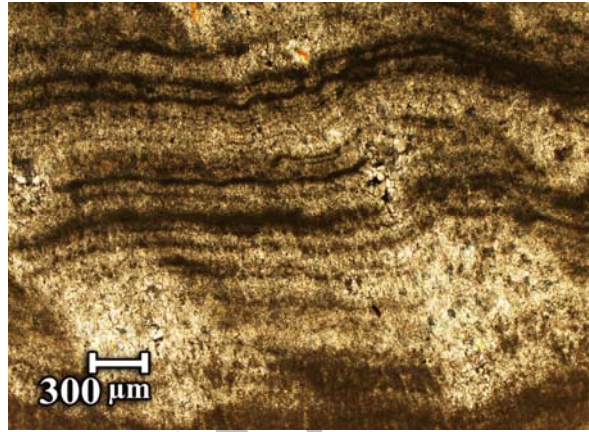
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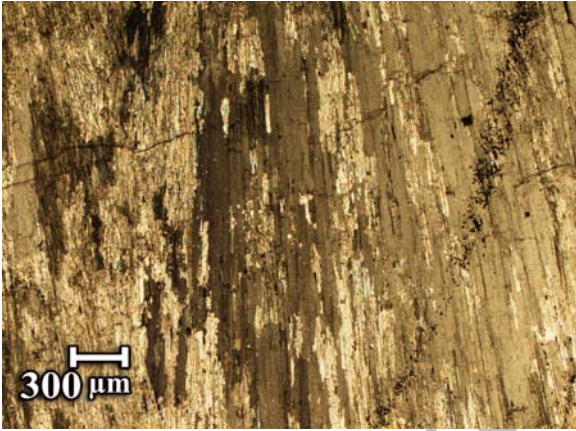
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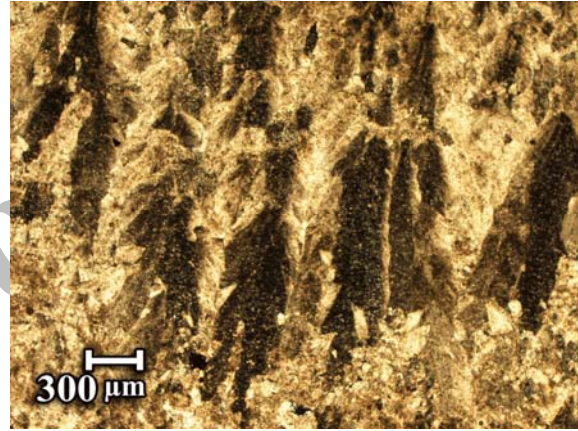
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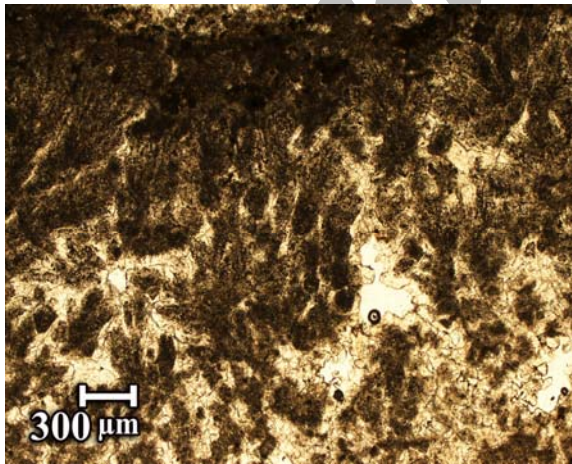
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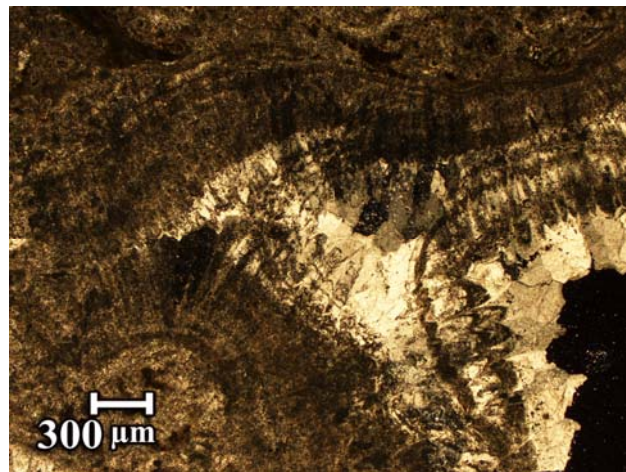
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SiO ₂	-	-	-	-	-	0.323	5.83	12.5	1.67	0.13
TiO ₂	0.146	0.032	0.022	0.031	0.027	-	0.16	0.282	-	-
Al ₂ O ₃	2.456	0.101	0.396	0.088	0.024	0.11	2.19	4.03	0.744	0.053
FeO	1.055	0.027	0.141	0.039	1.093	0.126	1.206	2.279	1.233	0.0387
MnO	0.028	0.001	0.003	0.009	0.065	-	-	0.070	0.216	-
MgO	0.348	0.130	0.198	0.165	0.081	0.198	1.21	1.19	0.260	0.277
CaO	47.71	54.98	55.96	55.40	58.76	55.63	49.19	44.49	53.38	53.88
Na ₂ O	0.363	0.031	0.069	1.013	0.004	-	0.359	0.512	-	0.14
K ₂ O	0.385	0.042	0.120	0.120	0.240	0.015	0.265	0.586	0.092	0.012
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.172	0.030	0.157	0.044	1.215	0.141	1.34	2.533	1.37	0.043
SO ₃	-	-	-	-	-	0.085	0.424	0.11	0.077	0.369
CuO	-	-	-	-	-	0.054	0.101	0.043	0.057	0.147
ZnO	-	-	-	-	-	0.023	0.045	0.022	0.049	0.056
SrO	0.086	1.158	0.115	0.025	0.031	0.033	0.630	0.073	0.029	2.245
P ₂ O ₅	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.032	0.045	-	-
L.O.I.	-	-	-	-	-	43.29	38.16	33.40	41.93	42.63
Total	-	-	-	-	-	99.902	99.936	99.886	99.874	99.982
As	76.9	34.8	50.1	45.3	503.4					
Ba	48.7	62.8	57.3	50.8	68.3					
Br	0.913	0.332	0.626	0.274	0.466					
Ce	8.3	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.5					
Co	5.3	0.402	0.487	0.386	1.7					
Cr	16.5	10.2	8.5	5.4	1.9					
Eu	0.368	0.161	0.157	0.127	0.156					
La	5.0	0.310	0.844	0.159	0.137					
Rb	46.1	8.4	4.6	8.4	12.7					
Sb	1.6	0.299	0.652	0.448	5.4					
Sc	7.4	0.231	0.432	0.096	0.064					
Sm	0.839	0.146	0.109	0.018	0.024					
Th	0.985	0.182	0.308	0.127	0.158					
U	0.732	1.4	0.259	0.309	0.867					
V	20.0	0.906	3.6	0.802	0.956					
Zn	61.0	17.8	23.4	31.0	232.0					

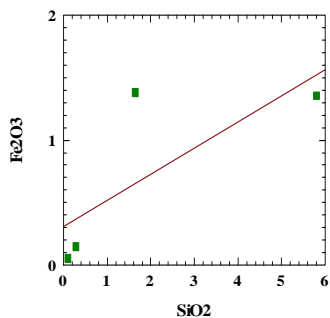
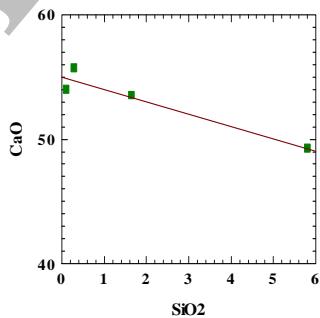
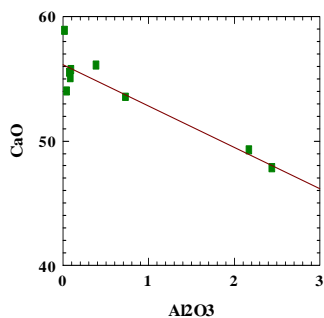
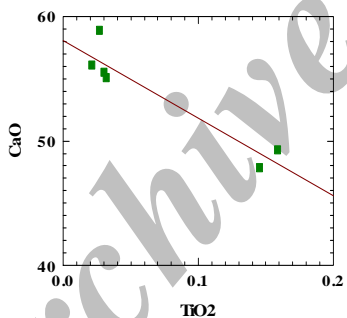
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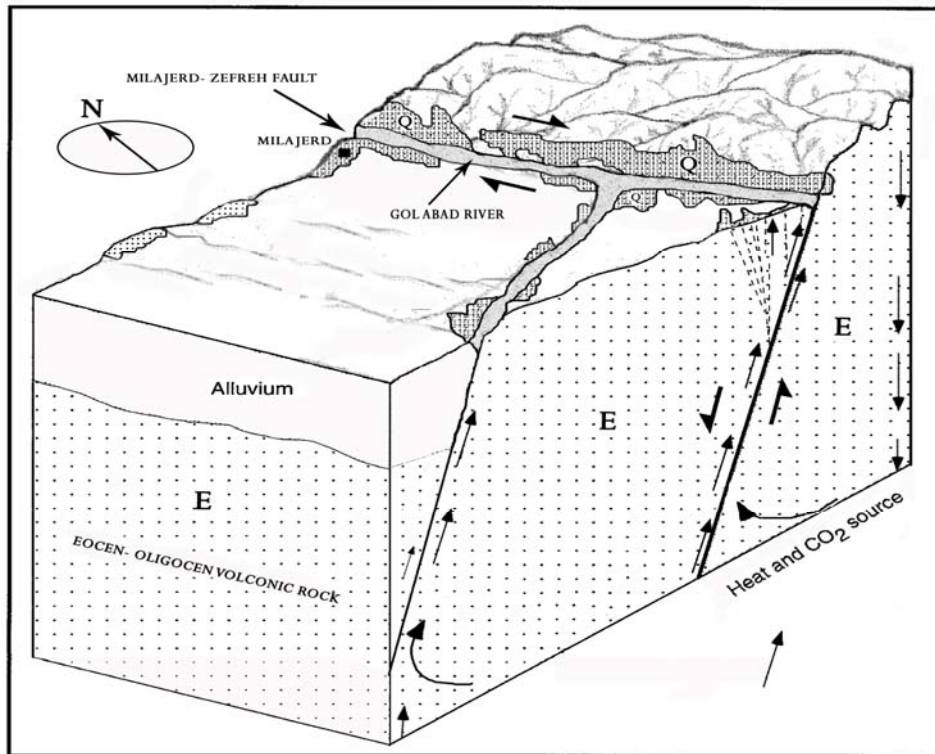
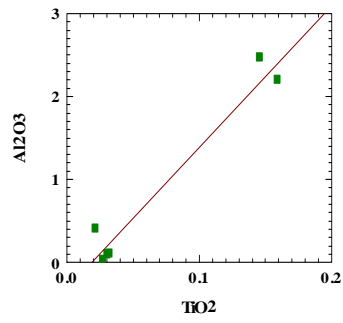
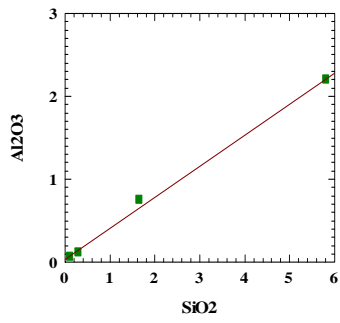
Elements	Min (PPm)	Max (PPm)	Mean (PPm)	St. Deviation	Number of Cases
K	0	352	39	117	9
Cr	2	17	9	5	5
Sc	7	435	167	171	5
Zn	18	232	73	90	5
AS	34.80	503.40	142.10	202.57	5
Sb	1.60	652	281.20	282.79	5
Ti	0	878	260	311	6
Ba	48.70	68.30	57.58	8.17	5
Co	2	487	256	234	5
Rb	5	46	16	17	5
<u>Sr</u>	0	975	244	365	9
Br	247	913	522.20	257.12	5
Th	127	985	352	360.48	5
U	1.40	867	434.28	357.59	5
V	4	956	538	483	5
La	5	844	291	327	5
Ce	1.20	8.30	2.76	3.10	5
Sm	18	839	227.20	346.38	5
Eu	127	368	193.80	98.32	5

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SiO ₂	0.13	5.83	1.99	2.65	4
TiO ₂	0.02	0.16	0.07	0.06	6
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.03	1.37	0.61	0.63	9
FeO	0.03	1.23	0.55	0.57	9
MgO	0.08	1.24	0.32	0.34	9
CaO	47.71	58.77	53.88	3.45	9
K ₂ O	0.01	0.39	0.14	0.13	9
Na ₂ O	0.00	0.36	0.14	0.16	7
ZnO	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.01	4
SO ₃	0.08	0.42	0.24	0.18	4
P ₂ O ₅	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	1
MnO	0.00	1.33	0.28	0.52	6
Al ₂ O ₃	0.03	2.46	0.69	0.96	9
CuO	0.05	0.15	0.06	0.04	4
CaCO ₃	78.34	96.48	88.46	5.66	9





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