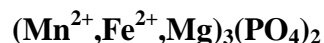


**Zavalíaite**

**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As exsolution lamellae to 70  $\mu\text{m}$  thick and 1.5 mm long in lithiophilite nodules.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Perfect on {100} and {001}. *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = ~ 4 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.68

**Optical Properties:** Transparent. *Color:* Colorless. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Vitreous to resinous.

*Optical Class:* Biaxial (-).  $n = 1.66(1)$   $2V(\text{meas.}) = 15(5)^\circ$  *Orientation:*  $X \perp$  the cleavage plane at  $45^\circ$  to elongation.

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $P2_1/c$ .  $a = 6.088(1)$   $b = 4.814(2)$   $c = 10.484(2)$   $\beta = 89.42(3)^\circ$   
 $Z = 2$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** La Empleada pegmatite, Totoral pegmatite field, Argentina. 6.75 (vs), 1.894 (vs), 1.848 (vs), 1.652 (vs), 2.964 (s), 2.537 (s), 3.54 (w)

<b>Chemistry:</b>	(1)	(2)
MgO	6.09	6.04
MnO	27.08	26.90
FeO	24.94	25.34
<u>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub></u>	<u>41.38</u>	<u>41.72</u>
Total	99.49	100.00

(1) La Empleada pegmatite, Totoral pegmatite field, Argentina; average of 27 electron microprobe analyses, absence of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O confirmed by structure analysis; corresponding to  $(\text{Mn}^{2+}_{1.31}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{1.19}\text{Mg}_{0.52})_{\Sigma=3.02}(\text{P}_{1.00}\text{O}_4)_2$ . (2)  $(\text{Mn}^{2+}_{1.29}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{1.20}\text{Mg}_{0.51})_{\Sigma=3.00}(\text{PO}_4)_2$ .

**Mineral Group:** Sarcopsidite group.

**Occurrence:** In the core margin of a zoned granitic pegmatite (beryl-columbite-phosphate subtype) as exsolution lamellae in ellipsoidal phosphate nodules.

**Association:** Lithiophilite, reddingite (by hydration).

**Distribution:** From the La Empleada granitic pegmatite, Totoral pegmatite field, San Luis Province, Argentina.

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