Changbailte $PbNb_2O_6$

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Crystal Data: Hexagonal. Point Group: 3m. As tabular crystals or spherules, to 5 mm, showing $\{0001\}$, $\{00\overline{1}\}$, $\{01\overline{1}1\}$, $\{10\overline{1}1\}$, $\{10\overline{1}2\}$, $\{01\overline{1}2\}$, and $\{11\overline{2}0\}$.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: $\{0001\}$, perfect; one rhombohedral, distinct. Fracture: Hackly; conchoidal for spherules. Tenacity: Brittle. Hardness = 5.3 VHN = 472 D(meas.) = 6.48 D(calc.) = 6.51

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color*: Colorless, cream-white, pale brown, yellowish brown, pale yellowish green. *Streak*: White. *Luster*: Adamantine to pearly. *Optical Class*: Uniaxial (+); may be anomalously biaxial. *Dispersion*: r > v. $\omega = 2.476$ $\epsilon = 2.485$ 2V(meas.) = 0°-38°

Cell Data: Space Group: R3m. a = 10.499 c = 11.553 Z = 9

X-ray Powder Pattern: Tonghua, China.

3.100 (10), 3.028 (9), 1.760 (6), 2.160 (5), 1.621 (5), 1.919 (4), 1.745 (3)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)	(3)
$\mathrm{Nb_2O_5}$	53.43	55.62	54.36
${ m Ta_2O_5}$	0.37		
${ m TiO}_2$	0.89	0.95	
Fe_2O_3	0.42		
FeO	0.77	0.94	
PbO	44.12	41.51	45.64
Total	100.00	99.02	100.00

- $(1) \ \ \text{Tonghua, China; corresponds to} \ \ (\text{Pb}_{0.95}\text{Fe}_{0.05}^{2+})_{\Sigma=1.00} (\text{Nb}_{1.93}\text{Ti}_{0.05}\text{Fe}_{0.02}^{3+}\text{Ta}_{0.01})_{\Sigma=2.01}\text{O}_6.$
- (2) Do.; by electron microprobe. (3) PbNb₂O₆.

Occurrence: In kaolinite-filled veins and cavities in a potassic granite.

Association: Kaolinite, quartz, potassic feldspar.

Distribution: From Changbai Mountain, Tonghua, southeastern Kirin Province, China.

Name: For Changbai Mountain, China, on which the mineral occurs.

Type Material: "Museum of Geology", location unstated [Beijing, China].

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