**Omariniite**

**Crystal Data:** Orthorhombic.  
*Point Group*: 222.  
As rims or veinlets to 60 μm.

**Physical Properties:** 
*Cleavage:* None.  
*Tenacity:* Brittle.  
*Fracture:* Irregular to subconchoidal.  
Hardness = 3.5  
VHN = 190-215 202 average (100 g load).  
D(meas.) = n.d.  
D(calc.) = 4.319

**Optical Properties:**  
Opaque.  
*Color:* Orange-brown in reflected light.  
*Streak:* Reddish brown.  
*Luster:* Metallic.  
*Optical Class:* n.d.  
*Anisotropism:* Distinct, brownish-orange to greenish-brown.  
*Pleochroism* and *bireflectance:* Weak.  

**Cell Data:**  
*Space Group:* I₂22.  
*a* = 10.774(1)  
*b* = 5.3921(5)  
*c* = 16.085(2)  
*Z* = 2

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Calculated pattern.

3.1063 (100), 1.9055 (24), 1.9010 (23), 1.9001 (23), 1.6248 (12), 1.6237 (12), 1.6181 (11)

**Chemistry:**

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(1) Capillitas deposit, Catamarca Province, Argentina; average of 45 electron microprobe analyses; corresponds to Cu₈Fe₂ZnGe₂S₁₂.  
(2) Cu₈Fe₂ZnGe₂S₁₂.

**Occurrence:** In low-temperature, polymetallic, hydrothermal vein mineralization associated with a diatreme.

**Association:** Putzite, catamarcaite, zincobriartite, bornite, chalcocite, digenite, covellite, sphalerite, tennantite, luzonite, wittichenite, thalcusite, mawsonite.

**Distribution:** From near the La Rosario vein of the Capillitas deposit, Catamarca Province, Argentina.

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**Type Material:** Systematic Reference Series, National Mineral Collection of Canada, Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (NMCC 68096), and the collections of the University of Florence, Italy and the Natural History Museum, London, England.

**References:**  