Geochemistry and Geochronology of OIB-type Early Jurassic Magmatism in the Zhangguangcai Range, NE China, as a Result of Continental Back-arc Extension



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Abstract: The Zhangguangcai Range in the Xing'an(Hinggan) Mongolian Orogenic Belt, NE China, contains Early Jurassic (c. 188 Ma) Dabaizigou (DBZG) porphyritic dolerite. Compared with other island-arc mafic rocks, the DBZG dolerite is characterized by high trace-element contents, relatively weak Nb and Ta enrichments, and no Zr, Hf or Ti depletions, similar to OIB-type rocks. Analysed rocks have (87Sr/86Sr), ratios of 0.7033 -0.7044, relatively uniform positive $\varepsilon_{Nd}(t)$ values of 2.3–3.2 and positive $\varepsilon_{Hf}(t)$ values of 8.5–17.1. Trace-element and isotopic modelling indicates that the DBZG mafic rocks were generated by partial melting of asthenospheric mantle under garnet-to spinel-facies conditions. The occurrence of OIB-like mafic intrusion suggests significant upwelling of the asthenosphere in response to lithospheric attenuation caused by continental rifting. These processes occurred in an incipient continental back-arc environment in the upper plate of a palaeo-Pacific slab subducting W-NW beneath East Asia.

Key words: Early Jurassic, continental back arc, geochemistry, OIB-type mafic intrusion, palaeo-Pacific Ocean, Mesozoic

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