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1 **Gabbroic-dioritic dykes from the Sanadaj-Sirjan Zone, Zagros Orogen:**
2 **windows on Jurassic and Eocene geodynamic processes in western Iran**

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21 **Abstract:** The Sanandaj-Sirjan Zone (SaSiZ) is a magmatic-metamorphic portion of the Zagros
22 Orogen, western Iran, marking the Tethyan suture zone between the Afro-Arabian Plate and the
23 Central Iran Micro-Continent. Mafic-intermediate dyke swarms with Middle Jurassic (Group-1:
24 hornblende gabbro and diorite) and Late Eocene (Group-2: hornblende-pyroxene gabbro) ages are
25 recognized in the Malayer-Boroujerd Plutonic Complex of the northern SaSiZ. Group-1 dykes have
26 elemental and isotopic signatures consistent with melting of subduction-modified mantle which

27 relates to Neo-Tethyan subduction processes. Some Group-1 magmas evolved to intermediate
28 compositions through assimilation and fractional crystallization processes. Group-2 dykes have
29 within-plate trace element geochemical signatures, modelled as deriving from low-degree melting
30 of asthenospheric mantle without a subduction influence. Published models postulate either a
31 Cretaceous-Eocene Neo-Tethyan flat-slab scenario, or a Latest Cretaceous-Palaeogene Neo-
32 Tethyan break-off event beneath the SaSiZ. Such models do not reconcile with the Late Eocene
33 presence of within-plate magmatism in westernmost Iran, very close to the Zagros Suture. We argue
34 that a period of flat-slab subduction concluded with sub-parallel subduction of ridge to the trench
35 and subsequent slab break-off in the Late Eocene, that is responsible for generation of the distinct
36 Mesopotamia and Zagros slabs in mantle tomography models. Break-off was followed by small
37 volume within-plate type magmatism before short-lived re-establishment of Tethyan subduction
38 prior to the final Arabia-Eurasia collision.

39 **-end abstract-**

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41 Mafic rocks exposed in convergent settings yield important information about subduction zone
42 environments and magmatic evolution (e.g. Turner *et al.* 1997). In general, the mantle source for
43 the continental arc systems is metasomatically enriched by fluids and/or melts derived from the
44 subducting slab (Ellam & Hawkesworth 1988). Most subduction-related rocks therefore display
45 distinctive geochemical characteristics such as elevated concentrations of light or mobile
46 incompatible trace elements and relative depletions in high field strength elements (Pearce & Peate
47 1995). The lack of a subduction-related geochemical signature, in mantle-derived mafic rocks
48 formed at or around the time of subduction, may indicate unusual chemical or geodynamic
49 circumstances. These situations can be melting of enriched mantle pockets (Hastie *et al.* 2011), the
50 presence of slab windows (Zandt & Humphreys 2008), slab tearing or break-off (Davies & von
51 Blanckenburg 1995), all of which may allow the rise of melts derived from asthenospheric sources

52 without the necessity for a slab-derived geochemical component. Unfortunately, in many
53 continental arc settings, mafic rocks are at a premium, so hypotheses about igneous petrogenesis
54 and the geodynamic conditions of past subduction events may be obscured by fractional
55 crystallization and crustal contamination processes.

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57 This paper is an extension of previous work (Deevsalar *et al.* 2017) on the mafic intrusive rocks
58 from the Malayer-Boroujerd Plutonic Complex (MBPC) in the Sanandaj-Sirjan Zone (SaSiZ), W
59 Iran, which concentrated mainly on mafic-intermediate plutonic rocks. The Mesozoic–Cenozoic
60 SaSiZ (mainly plutonic) and the Cenozoic Urumieh-Dokhtar Magmatic Arc (UDMA) are two major
61 magmatic terranes of the Zagros Orogen (Fig. 1a). The orogen, part of the Cenozoic Alpine-
62 Himalayan mountain belt, is a consequence of Neo-Tethyan Ocean closure and the subsequent
63 collision between the Central Iran Micro-Continent and the Afro-Arabian Plate (e.g. Stampfli &
64 Borel 2002; Agard *et al.* 2011; Verdel *et al.* 2011; Mouthereau *et al.* 2012; Azizi *et al.* 2015). The
65 SaSiZ is a metamorphic-magmatic terrane dominated by igneous rocks that occur mostly as plutons,
66 stocks and irregular minor intrusions separated by metamorphic units. The subject of this present
67 investigation, the MBPC, is in the northern SaSiZ (N-SaSiZ) and is spatially the closest magmatic
68 complex to the Zagros Thrust Fault (Fig. 1a) at the present level of exposure. Successive magmatic
69 events in the N-SaSiZ include: (1) Late Permian basaltic volcanic activity (Stampfli & Borel 2002),
70 (2) Middle Jurassic to Early Cretaceous calc-alkaline Andean-type granites accompanied by dioritic
71 and gabbroic intrusions (e.g. Ghalamghash 2003; Ghalamghash *et al.* 2009; Ahmadi-Khalaji *et al.*
72 2007; Sepahi 2008; Ahadnejad *et al.* 2010; Mahmoudi *et al.* 2011; Ghaffari *et al.* 2013; Azizi *et al.*
73 2015; Deevsalar *et al.* 2017); (3) Paleocene–Eocene gabbroic (Mazhari *et al.* 2009; Deevsalar *et al.*
74 2017) and granitic (Rashidnejad-Omran *et al.* 2002; Azizi & Moinevaziri 2009; Mahmoudi *et al.*
75 2011) intrusions. Magmatic activities in the MBPC occurred during phases (2) and (3) of magmatic
76 activity in the N-SaSiZ. Here are very rare exposures of intrusive mafic rocks which formed during
77 the subduction of the Neo-Tethys Ocean beneath the Central Iran Micro-Continent (Deevsalar *et al.*

78 2017). Following on from a study of gabbroic plutonic rocks within the MBPC (Deevsalar *et al.*
79 2017), here we focus on suites of mafic–intermediate dykes. They are of interest as they preserve
80 less-evolved compositions which may be used to model the original mantle source of magmatism
81 compared to more dominant contemporaneous felsic rocks. The dykes are also much less affected
82 by the accumulation of crystal phases compared to contemporary plutonic facies.

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84 The geochemical study is undertaken to provide constraint on the petrogenesis of two suites of
85 mafic-intermediate dykes, one suite dating to the Middle Jurassic and one to the Late Eocene. In
86 turn, we reflect on the respective geodynamic settings of the dykes. The Late Eocene suite will be
87 emphasised, as it displays little evidence for interaction with subduction-related components and
88 can thus be used to challenge existing geodynamic models for slab geometry during the onset of the
89 Arabia-Eurasia collision (e.g. Agard *et al.* 2011; Verdel *et al.* 2011). The new geochronology,
90 petrography, and elemental and isotopic geochemistry for the mafic-intermediate dykes will thus be
91 employed to constrain the geochemical properties of the mantle source region(s), their magmatic
92 evolution and implications for geodynamic models of the region.

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94 **The Malayer-Boroujerd Plutonic Complex (MBPC)**

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96 The MBPC comprises abundant irregularly-shaped exposures of igneous rocks that form a band
97 striking NW–SE over an elongated area of some 1000 km² (Fig. 1b). The MBPC is surrounded by
98 metamorphic units like much of the N-SaSiZ. The MBPC displays a wide spectrum of magmatic
99 compositions, although these are dominantly felsic (Fig. 1b, geological map of the NW- and SE-
100 MBPC entitled ‘8’ and ‘9’). The MBPC felsic rocks range from syenogranite–monzogranite to
101 granodiorite–tonalite, the granitoids being the dominant lithology especially in the south-eastern
102 part of the MBPC. The MBPC granitoids intrude into the Jurassic Hamadan phyllite metamorphic
103 assemblage with well-defined, sharp contacts. Magma emplacement generated contact metamorphic

104 aureoles composed of andalusite, garnet and staurolite hornfels (Masoudi 1997). Intermediate units
105 occur as dykes and enclaves within the felsic rocks and as larger mappable ‘patches’ (irregularly
106 shaped intrusions) of diorites (Deevsalar *et al.* 2018). Mafic stocks, patches, dykes and veins form
107 exposures of various sizes and they are often found at the margins of the larger felsic bodies
108 (Deevsalar *et al.* 2014) (Supplementary Item 1, Fig. S1). Zircon U–Pb dating of the felsic rocks,
109 which are intruded by the MBPC mafic-intermediate dykes, yielded ages of 162 to 187 Ma for the
110 NW-MBPC (Ahadnejad *et al.* 2010) and 169 to 172 Ma for the SE-MBPC (Ahmadi-Khalaji *et al.*
111 2007).

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113 **Field and Petrographic observations**

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115 These MBPC dykes are 0.5–5 m wide and usually exposed for between 5 and 30 m along-strike,
116 although lengths of up to 150 m have been observed. There are no preferred strike directions for the
117 MBPC dykes for either of the geochemically distinct groups or from dykes with different ages
118 (Supplementary Item 1, Fig. S1). They comprise samples with either a fine-grained aphyric or a
119 porphyritic texture. The dykes are dark-grey to dark-green and range from hornblende-bearing
120 pyroxene gabbros to diorites (after Streckeisen 1976). In the field, the dykes are predominantly
121 hosted in granitoids and occasionally in metamorphic country rock, but those from different groups
122 do not show any obvious difference in their locations relative to other igneous and metamorphic
123 rocks. The larger porphyritic dykes have fine-grained chilled margins and smaller dykes are mainly
124 fine-grained dolerites. The mineralogy of these two types based on outcrop size and inferred
125 volume is similar, yet there are discernible texture and grain-size differences.

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127 The dykes of different geochemical groups (discussed further in following sections) cannot be
128 distinguished by difference in their constituent minerals, mineral modal proportion, alteration or
129 texture. However, in general the mafic gabbroic dykes are of two kinds: (1) a porphyritic type

130 composed of 20 – 40 vol. % medium–coarse-grained plagioclase phenocrysts (2 – 4 mm) and
131 medium-grained clinopyroxene and amphibole (2 mm) in a 60 – 80 % groundmass of plagioclase,
132 clinopyroxene, amphibole, opaque minerals (mainly hematite), chlorite and sericite, and (2) fine-
133 grained doleritic dykes composed of microlitic or lath-like plagioclase grains with alignment and
134 amphibole, clinopyroxene, secondary biotite and minor hematite and chlorite. In contrast, dioritic
135 dykes have plagioclase (35 – 50 vol. %), alkali feldspar (0 – 10 vol. %), hornblende (15 – 40 vol.
136 %), biotite (0 – 8 vol. %), pyroxene (0 – 5 vol. %), chlorite and epidote (0 - 5%) and minor phases
137 including opaque minerals and apatite are <1 vol. % (Supplementary Item 1, Fig. S2).

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139 **Analytical results**

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141 *Geochronology*

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143 Using zircon U–Pb geochronology, several studies of the SaSiZ have reported Middle-Upper
144 Jurassic ages for the granitic rocks. As well as these results, two granitic intrusions from Marivan
145 (NW-SaSiZ, area "5" in Fig. 1b) (~ 38 Ma, Sepahi *et al.* 2014) and Gosheh–Tavandasht (SE-
146 MBPC, area "9" in Fig. 1b) (~ 34.9 Ma; Mahmoudi *et al.* 2011) demonstrate much younger
147 magmatic activity. The presence of inherited Proterozoic-Paleozoic zircons in granitoids indicates
148 that this part of the SaSiZ is underlain by much older crystalline basement (Ahadnejad *et al.* 2010).
149 The age of the mafic rocks from the SaSiZ have been poorly constrained thus far. Mazhari *et al.*
150 (2011) gave an age of 96 ± 2 Ma for the Naqadeh gabbro–dioritic rocks (Fig. 1b, area "2" (N-K-P))
151 and Mahmoudi *et al.* (2011) reported ages of 149.5 and 164 Ma for Qorveh gabbroic (Fig. 1b, area
152 "4" (Qr)) and Alvand dioritic rocks (Fig. 1b, area "7" (Al)). The recently constrained zircon U–Pb
153 ages for the MBPC gabbroic intrusions yielded two distinct episodes of mafic magmatism in this
154 area including Middle Jurassic and Late Eocene ages. The result indicates the co-occurrence of m

155 afic, felsic and intermediate magmatism during Middle Jurassic and bimodal mafic-intermediate
156 magmatism during Late Eocene of the MBPC.

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158 For this study, three representative samples of gabbroic dykes (from NW-MBPC: MN_{2a}, M₂₉ and
159 M₅₀) and one dioritic dyke (from SE-MBPC: BR₀₂) from two geochemically distinct groups (see
160 the next section) were chosen for U-Pb zircon dating by laser ablation inductively coupled plasma
161 mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS). Analytical methods and procedures are fully presented in
162 Supplementary Item 2, section A. Given that precise age measurements using ²⁰⁷Pb/²³⁵U and
163 ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶Pb ratios are feasible usually only for Precambrian zircons (cf. Ireland & Williams 2003),
164 the weighted mean of pooled ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U ages are taken to indicate the crystallization ages of the
165 samples in this study. Zircon U–Pb ages for 90 analytical points on individual zircon grains are
166 given in Supplementary Item 3, Table S1. The separated zircons are mostly transparent, colourless
167 to slightly brown and show oscillatory zoning (Fig. 2), indicative of a magmatic origin (Hoskin &
168 Schaltegger 2003). The results of the LA-ICP-MS analyses for twenty-four points from sample
169 MN_{2a} yielded weighted mean age of 169.8 ± 2 Ma (Supplementary Item 3, Table S1; Fig. 2a, and
170 Fig. 3a). Forty-six grains from sample BR₀₂ yielded a mean ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U age of 166.93 ± 0.72 Ma
171 (1σ) for zircon crystallisation (Supplementary Item 3, Table S1; Fig. 2b, and Fig. 3b), after rejecting
172 three scattered or discordant ages (spots 6, 10 and 19) and one anomalous age likely due to large
173 analytical uncertainties (spot 9). Of 9 points for sample M₅₀, 8 points give weighted mean age of
174 47.1 ± 0.7 Ma (Supplementary Item 3, Table S1; Fig. 2c, and Fig. 3c) and one point produced
175 anomalous age likely indicating zircon inheritance (inherited zircon age of 1868 ± 18 Ma, spot 9).
176 The 16 points analysed in sample M₂₉ provide a concordant age of 36.1 ± 0.9 (Supplementary Item
177 3, Table S1; Fig. 2d, and Fig. 3d).

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179 The presence of inherited zircons with a Mesoproterozoic age, like those detected in MBPC
180 granitoids (e.g. Ahadnejad *et al.* 2010), indicates the presence of a crustal contaminant either as old

181 crustal wall-rock or an old crystalline basement. The Middle Jurassic ages for gabbro-dioritic dykes
182 are consistent with zircon U–Pb ages of subduction-related gabbroic intrusions from the MBPC
183 (Deevsalar *et al.* 2017) and granitic rocks throughout the SaSiZ (e.g. Ahmadi-Khalaji *et al.* 2007;
184 Ahadnejad *et al.* 2010; Shahbazi *et al.* 2010; Mahmoudi *et al.* 2011; Chiu *et al.* 2013; Sepahi 2014)
185 and implies that syn-plutonic mafic-intermediate magmatism closely related in time and space to
186 felsic magmatic activity. The geodynamic implications of Late Eocene gabbroic dykes (~42 Ma)
187 and intrusive rocks (~40 Ma, Deevsalar *et al.* 2017) within the MBPC will be discussed later.

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189 *Major element geochemistry*

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191 The MBPC dykes have retained much of their original igneous texture; however, they experienced
192 some sub-solidus weathering and low-grade metamorphism including growth of chlorite and
193 epidote. Following careful sampling, the analysed MBPC dykes have chemical index of alteration
194 values (= molecular $[Al_2O_3/(Al_2O_3+CaO+Na_2O+K_2O)] \times 100$, suggested by Nesbitt & Young 1982)
195 lower than 50 (except of BR₀₂ and M₂₃) as suggested for un-weathered igneous rocks (Ramkumar
196 2015). These dykes yielded low loss-on-ignition (LOI) values (mostly < 3 wt. %, except of M₂₃,
197 BR₀₂, M₂₉ and MN₁₂) indicating a modest extent of hydrothermal alteration. Low-grade
198 metamorphism in these rocks might mobilize major and large ion lithophile elements (LILE) such
199 as Ba and Rb (e.g. Floyd & Winchester 1975; Hastie *et al.* 2007). However, having recognized
200 coherent primitive mantle- and chondrite-normalized patterns (Fig. 5), widespread remobilisation
201 during metamorphism is unlikely. The consistency of trends observed in Figs. 4 and 5, for unaltered
202 samples (low LOI) and those with slightly altered samples suggest that the concentrations of these
203 elements were not selectively modified. Whole-rock major and trace element data for the MBPC
204 mafic–intermediate dykes are given in Table 1. Analytical methods and procedures are presented in
205 Supplementary Item 2, section B.

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207 As given earlier, based upon geochemical characteristics, two set of dyes have been identified in the
208 MBPC. The first group of MBPC dykes comprise mafic gabbros (n = 3, samples MN₀₈ and BR_{03b}
209 and MN_{2a}) and intermediate samples with dioritic compositions (n = 3, samples M₂₃, BR₀₇ and
210 BR₀₂) (Table 1). Whole-rock SiO₂ in these samples varies from ~45 to 62 wt. % (Table 1). Graphs
211 of whole-rock oxides vs. SiO₂ (Fig. 4a-f) show systematic variation in this group. The concentration
212 of CaO, TiO₂, FeO_T, MgO and MnO decrease with increasing SiO₂ whereas Al₂O₃ and total alkalis
213 (Na₂O + K₂O) increase. These dykes show a sub-alkaline character on a TAS plot (Fig. 4a). U-Pb
214 dating of two selected samples from this group defines a Middle Jurassic age. We herein refer to the
215 Middle Jurassic dykes as *Group-1*. In contrast to their coeval calc-alkaline gabbroic intrusions
216 (Deevsalar *et al.* 2017), most of the dykes fall in tholeiitic fields on FeO^T/MgO vs. SiO₂ and AFM
217 diagrams (Supplementary Item 1, Fig. S3). The dykes have also a wider range of TiO₂ (0.49 to
218 3.70) than contemporaneous Middle Jurassic gabbroic intrusions (0.29 to 0.64) (Deevsalar *et al.*
219 2017).

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221 The next group of MBPC dykes have gabbroic compositions (n= 16, Table 1). The SiO₂
222 concentrations of Group-2 dykes display a small range (~47 to 49 wt. %, Table 1). They have
223 relatively small range of MgO (~5 to 7 wt. %) in comparison to Group-1 dykes which range from 2
224 to 10 wt. % MgO. In Harker-style plots (Fig. 4a-f), major oxides or elements show correlation with
225 SiO₂ despite the narrow SiO₂ range. SiO₂ positively correlates with CaO and Al₂O₃, and negatively
226 correlates with MnO, FeO^T and TiO₂. MgO either does not correlate or the correlation is slightly
227 positive with increasing SiO₂. U-Pb dating of two samples from this group is yielded Late Eocene
228 ages. The Late Eocene mafic dykes are herein referred to as *Group-2*. The Group-2 dykes have an
229 alkaline affinity on the TAS diagram (Fig. 4a), akin to their coeval gabbroic intrusions (Deevsalar *et*
230 *al.* 2017) and contrasting with Group-1 dykes. TiO₂ content in Late Eocene gabbroic dykes varies
231 within a small range (1.9 to 3.8 wt. %) compared to those coeval gabbroic intrusions (1.9 to 5.5 wt.
232 %; Deevsalar *et al.* 2017).

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234 *Trace element geochemistry*

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236 The MBPC dykes of different ages can be clearly distinguished in terms of trace element
237 characteristics. Group-1 dykes have high Sr (~300 to 600 ppm), while those from Group-2 have
238 lower Sr concentrations (~50 to 100 ppm). Group-1 dykes display systematic variations in relative
239 modal abundances of Fe-Ti oxides, including ilmenite and rutile, which reflect in their vanadium
240 concentrations. The Group-1 dykes are characterised by distinctive enrichments in LILE and light
241 rare earth elements (LREE), and by depletion of high field strength elements (HFSE) and heavy
242 rare earth elements (HREE), especially in those of dioritic character (Fig. 5a). The diorites have the
243 highest LILE (La, Ba and Rb) and Th concentrations. The primitive mantle-normalized trace
244 element diagrams show negative anomalies for Nb, Ta and significant depletion in Sr (Fig. 5a), akin
245 to the Middle Jurassic non-cumulate gabbroic plutonic rocks also found in the MBPC (Deevsalar *et*
246 *al.* 2017). Aside from the distinctive negative HFSE and Sr anomalies, sample MN_{2a} shows slightly
247 negative Ti and Zr anomalies (Fig. 5a). The total REE concentration (Σ REE) in Group-1 dykes
248 varies from 123 to 204 ppm. These Jurassic rocks display LREE-enriched and HREE-depleted
249 chondrite-normalised (CN) patterns (Fig. 5b), including negative Eu anomalies ($\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*_{\text{CN}} = 0.61$ to
250 0.69), as well as relatively high $(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_{\text{CN}}$ of 5 to 15 (Table 1). In comparison, the
251 contemporaneous Middle Jurassic non-cumulate gabbroic intrusions are enriched in LREE and have
252 less variable LREE/HREE fractionation (Deevsalar *et al.* 2017).

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254 The Group-2 gabbroic dykes are characterised by slight and variable enrichment in the LILE
255 relative to the LREE and HFSE (Fig. 5c). The dykes also show variable degrees of LREE/HREE
256 fractionation with $\text{La}/\text{Yb}_{\text{CN}}$ ranging from 4-10 (Fig. 5d). Group-2 dykes contain slightly negative to
257 positive Eu anomalies with $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 0.93$ –1.31 (Fig. 5d) and lower Σ REE (94 to 152 ppm) than the

258 Group-1 dykes. The Group-2 dykes have primitive mantle-normalized and chondrite-normalized
259 REE patterns consistent with their alkaline affinity and show a typical within-plate character
260 (Winchester & Floyd 1977). There is no significant depletion in HFSE such as Nb, Ta, Zr, Hf and
261 Ti (Fig. 5c), which is remarkably consistent with within-plate rocks from modern ocean islands.

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263 *Radiogenic isotopes*

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265 Whole-rock Sr, Nd and Pb isotopic compositions of representative samples of mafic–intermediate
266 dykes from the MBPC are shown in Tables 2 and 3. Analytical methods and procedures are
267 presented in Supplementary Item 2, section C. Initial values for the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ratios
268 are calculated at 168 Ma for Group-1 and at 42 Ma for Group-2 dykes. On Figure 6, the isotopic
269 composition of the MBPC samples are plotted against mafic rocks derived from different mantle
270 sources beneath the modern Turkish–Iranian Plateau (Supplementary Item 3, Table S2).

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272 The Group-1 dykes display wide range variations of $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ ratios albeit at uniform ϵNd_i ranging
273 from 0.7077 to 0.7151 and -5.85 to -7.89, respectively. Initial $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios in this group are
274 higher than those in Middle Jurassic calc-alkaline gabbroic intrusions from the MBPC, which had
275 values ranging from 0.7035 to 0.70594 (Deevsalar *et al.* 2017). On Figure 6a, the Group-1 dykes
276 plot parallel with the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ axis, extending from the mantle array to higher $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ ratios. All
277 the samples, except MN_{2a}, therefore plot outside of mantle array on Figure 6a. $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ ratios of
278 the two gabbroic dykes are broadly similar to that of dioritic dykes, indicating that these rocks may
279 be linked through similar process on a common source. The Pb isotopic ratios are presented in
280 Table 4 and plotted on Fig. 6b-e. The Pb isotope ratios of the gabbro-dioritic dykes from Group-1
281 are close to Cenozoic and Mesozoic magmatic rocks from a variety of tectonic settings across the
282 modern Turkish-Iranian Plateau. In summary, this group exhibits moderately radiogenic Sr and Pb
283 and unradiogenic Nd isotopic ratios.

284 The Late Eocene Group-2 samples have relatively lower Rb and higher Sr concentrations compared
285 to Group-1 dykes, resulting in lower $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios. This group has comparatively uniform
286 $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ values and ϵNd_i , 0.7049 to 0.7074 and +0.76 to +3.29 respectively, roughly overlapping
287 the values of Late Eocene alkaline gabbroic intrusive rocks from the MBPC (Deevsalar *et al.* 2017).
288 In $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ vs. ϵNd_i space, Group-2 dykes are less scattered than Group-1. Some samples plot
289 within the mantle array (Fig. 6a). In comparison with mid-ocean ridge basalts and Hawaiian alkali
290 basalts, at comparable $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ ratios the Late Eocene dykes have lower ϵNd_i values (Fig. 6a).
291 Group-2 dykes show only slightly higher $(^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb})_i$ and $(^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb})_i$ than Group-1 and similar
292 $(^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb})_i$ (Fig. 6b-e).

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294 **Discussion**

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296 *Crustal contamination*

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298 It is essential to evaluate if magmas have undergone crustal contamination before speculating on
299 their source region. Unlike the nearby felsic plutonic bodies, the MBPC gabbro-dioritic dykes do
300 not record macroscopic evidence for crustal assimilation such as metamorphic xenoliths or
301 refractory metamorphic minerals. Therefore, closer inspection of elemental and isotopic data is
302 required. High SiO_2 and alkalis and low MgO , which are expected in substantially contaminated
303 magmas (e.g., Jahn *et al.* 1999; Zhang *et al.* 2002), were only observed in Group-1 diorites. There is
304 minimal evidence of zircon inheritance (one inherited zircon in MN_{2a} , Supplementary Item 3, Table
305 S1) during Middle Jurassic dyke emplacement, although it is entirely possible that inheritance was
306 not picked up due to potential for biased recovery during preparation of zircon separates, or
307 dissolution of zircon within the mafic host. Sample MN_{2a} , despite the recorded zircon inheritance, is
308 the only analysed Group-1 sample to fall within the mantle array on Figure 6a. The remaining
309 Group-1 dykes form a parallel array towards higher $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and thus upper continental crust

310 composition (Fig. 6a). This evidence is compounded by the overall arc-like elemental signatures of
311 the Group-1 samples, and the fact that contemporary Middle Jurassic mafic plutonic rocks almost
312 all sit within the mantle array (Deevsalar *et al.* 2017). It seems that sample MN_{2a} would be the best
313 choice for further modelling of the mantle source from the dyke suite.

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315 In the Group-2 gabbro dykes, there is also little evidence for zircon inheritance (one inherited
316 zircon in M₅₀, Supplementary Item 3, Table S1). There is an obvious lack of typical crustal trace
317 element signatures (i.e. there is no high LILE/HFSE signature) in most of the samples. High
318 (⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr)_i (~ 0.707) in three of the samples (M₃₃, M₃₈ and M₅₀; Fig. 6a) could be related to crustal
319 contamination, however the trend shown on Figure 6a is parallel to the y-axis and could be related
320 to later fluid-related alteration. There is no systematic LILE variation in these samples relative to
321 those within the mantle array which further suggests only limited crustal contamination. These
322 high-(⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr)_i samples will nevertheless be excluded from further discussion. The general lack of
323 crustal signatures in Group-2 remains consistent with a within-plate character, and is discussed
324 further below.

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326 *Fractional crystallisation (FC)*

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328 The generation of low-MgO, high-alumina rocks by fractional crystallization of high-MgO primary
329 mafic magma is typical of magmatic arc settings (Bartels *et al.* 1991; Draper & Johnston 1992). The
330 Group-1 dykes contain wide ranges of MgO, Cr, Ni and Co (Table 1), implying they experienced
331 varying degrees of fractional crystallisation (FC). The range in MgO values (from 10 to 2 wt. %)
332 correlate with the wide range of Cr (83.7-904 ppm) and Ni (44.8-273.1 ppm) abundances. The
333 samples do not contain sufficiently high MgO to indicate the presence of near-primary
334 compositions. In Group-1 dykes, sample MN_{2a} with highest Mg# number ($Mg^{\#} = Mg^{+2}/(Mg^{+2}+Fe^{+2})$):
335 0.57) and high Cr and Ni concentrations, is representative of the least differentiated magma. A

336 systematic change in total REE concentration (ΣREE) is expected for magmas which undergo
337 fractionation of phases in which the REE are incompatible. This feature is observed for Group-1,
338 where ΣREE positively correlate with SiO_2 (inset plot, Supplementary Item 1, Fig. S4a). These
339 dykes also have negative Eu anomalies (Fig. 5b) and low Sr concentrations (Table 1), which are
340 likely due to fractional crystallization of plagioclase or presence of plagioclase in the source rocks
341 (e.g. Hanson 1978). There are also systematic variations of SiO_2 and MgO with major oxides and
342 trace elements in Harker diagrams (see Fig. 4a). Increasing Al_2O_3 contents and decreasing
343 $\text{CaO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ratios with decreasing MgO contents (Fig. 4b) accompanied with decreasing Cr and V
344 contents with increasing Zr concentrations (Supplementary Item 1, Fig. S4a, b, c) indicate
345 fractionation of clinopyroxene. In general, the trends exhibited by the major oxides (Fig. 4a) can be
346 explained in terms of fractionation of plagioclase, clinopyroxene along with apatite and
347 accumulation of Fe-Ti oxides.

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349 The Group-2 gabbroic dykes exhibit only a small range of SiO_2 (47 to 49 wt. %) and MgO (5 to 7
350 wt. %), and low Ni, Co, Cr and V (Table 1), so these dykes are unlikely to represent primary mantle
351 melts. As shown in Supplementary Item 1, Fig. S4a to S4f, general trends on Harker-style diagrams
352 are consistent with the fractionation of olivine and clinopyroxene or chrome-spinel. The
353 fractionation of Fe-Ti oxides is supported by a negative trend observed on the FeO^T vs. SiO_2 graph
354 (Fig. 4b) and the positive trend on a TiO_2 vs. MgO graph (Fig. 4i). The slightly positive Eu anomaly
355 in this group rules out plagioclase fractionation.

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357 *Mantle source characteristics*

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359 The presence of Middle Jurassic gabbroic plutonic rocks in the MBPC, with only slightly less
360 isotopically enriched signatures to MN_{2a} , also lends credence to using MN_{2a} to at least qualitatively
361 discuss the Middle Jurassic mantle source. These rocks are characterized by enrichment in LILE

362 and depletion of HFSE with all the distinctive features of continental subduction zone setting. The
363 significant negative anomaly for Nb and Ta in all the Middle Jurassic dykes (Fig. 5a) indicates the
364 influence of a relatively Nb-Ta depleted aqueous fluid derived from oceanic sediments as opposed
365 to the influence of a silicate melt in which Nb and Ta have high solubility (Ionov & Hofmann
366 1995). Furthermore, the position of Group-1 dykes in Th/La vs. $(Ce/Ce^*)_{Nd}$ plot (Hastie *et al.* 2013;
367 Supplementary Item 1, Fig. S5), including that of MN_{2a}, suggest that the source region was
368 contaminated with sedimentary components equivalent to continental detritus/GLOSS II. This is
369 consistent with geological evidence for Tethyan subduction on the Eurasian margin throughout the
370 Mesozoic and Paleogene (Dilek & Sandvol 2009; Agard *et al.* 2011; Verdel *et al.* 2011; Chiu *et al.*
371 2013). Furthermore, the isotopically enriched Sr-Nd-Pb signatures of even the least contaminated
372 samples, suggest partial melting of metasomatised mantle was probably a major contributor to their
373 petrogenesis, like the coeval gabbroic intrusions. However, the slightly lower ϵNd_i values in Middle
374 Jurassic gabbro-dioritic dykes compared to gabbroic plutonic rocks seem to indicate a higher
375 volume of subducted materials (or greater extents of contamination) were involved in the genesis of
376 the former.

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378 For the Group-2 Late Eocene gabbro dykes, the narrow range of SiO₂, MgO > 4 wt. %, high TiO₂
379 and low La/Nb ratios (OIB-like signatures), as well as high concentrations of typical basaltic
380 components (i.e. Al₂O₃ \approx 14 to 18 wt. %, FeO^T \approx 10 to 12 wt. %, and CaO \approx 9 to 11 wt. %) reflect a
381 fertile mantle source. As the ratios of non-mobile elements, including Nb, Ta, Zr and Hf are not
382 usually affected by aqueous fluids and remain constant during magmatic processes, they can be
383 used to investigate the original composition of the mantle source (Pearce & Peate 1995). As a result
384 of their variable Hf/Yb and relatively constant Nb/Zr ratios, the Group-2 dykes plot within the
385 enriched mantle field (EM-type) in Fig. 7a (John *et al.* 2004). In Th/Yb vs. Ta/Yb space they plot
386 within the mantle array and show within-plate affinity (Fig. 7b). The enriched mantle source for

387 Group-2 is further highlighted on Figure 7c, where samples plot close to the OIB compositional
388 field and
389 above Western Anatolian Mantle compositions (WAM; Aldanmaz *et al.* 2000), E- and N-MORB
390 (Enriched and Normal Mid Oceanic Ridge Basalt). However, on Supplementary Item 1, Fig. S5, the
391 Group-2 dykes sit above the N-MORB field. An OIB-like signature is also supported by Zr/Ta vs.
392 Nb/Hf variations (Fig. 7d) and the primitive mantle normalized multi-element diagram (Fig. 7e), in
393 which Group-2 dykes show OIB-type trajectories. A lack of HFSE depletion, minor enrichment of
394 LILE and LREE and no significant Eu anomalies (Fig. 5d), indicate these are within-plate rocks
395 originating either from the asthenosphere (Sun & McDonough 1989; Wittke & Mack 1993), or an
396 enriched upper mantle source (e.g. Hastie *et al.* 2011) without contemporary subduction influence.
397 However, the trace element composition may necessitate incorporation of enriched mantle in the
398 genesis of group-2 dykes (e.g., Lassiter *et al.* 2000; Lundstrom *et al.* 2003), but given the depleted
399 isotopic signatures, these are most likely small-batch melts formed by low degree melting of
400 depleted upper mantle asthenosphere (e.g., Ramos & Key, 1992; Gorrington *et al.* 1997). This outcome
401 is more consistent with the rare and small outcrops of Late Eocene exposed mafic rocks (in both
402 forms of dykes and intrusions) within the MBPC.

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404 *Mantle melting process*

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406 The occurrence of less fractionated samples with near primary melt composition among the samples
407 from Group-1 and Group-2 indicates melting of mantle lithologies. It may still be possible to model
408 the extent of partial melting responsible for the generation of the least-evolved samples. As
409 postulated by Jaques & Green (1980), the composition of primary mafic magma produced by
410 melting of given source region under certain P-T conditions, is in part controlled not just by
411 pressure and temperature, but by specific modal mineralogy. For the MBPC, the conditions of
412 partial melting almost certainly will have changed between the subduction-related magmatism of

413 the Middle Jurassic to the within-plate setting of the Late Eocene, concurrent with the models for
414 contemporary gabbroic intrusions (Deevsalar *et al.* 2017).

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416 Because of different phase/melt partition coefficients of Yb and Gd for garnet and spinel
417 (McKenzie and O'Nions, 1991), a mantle source with residual spinel will produce $(\text{Gd}/\text{Yb})_{\text{CN}}$ ratios
418 ~ 1.2 , whereas those melts originated from garnet-bearing source are expected to have higher values
419 (Allen *et al.* 2013; Kelemen *et al.* 2003). The, $(\text{Gd}/\text{Yb})_{\text{CN}}$ ratio (MN_{2a}), least fractionated sample
420 from Group-1, is 1.49., However, $(\text{Dy}/\text{Yb})_{\text{CN}}$ ratio of this sample (= 1.9) is in the range of values
421 suggested for garnet-spinel (~ 1.5) and garnet-bearing mantle sources (> 2.5) (e.g. Chang *et al.*
422 2009; Jiang *et al.* 2010). This observation may indicate a changing depth of melting within the
423 garnet-spinel transition zone, which is consistent with the result for contemporary gabbroic
424 intrusions. Given the high Ba/Rb ratio in MN_{2a} (= 3.91), amphibole is also likely to have been
425 present as a residual phase of melting mantle (Allen *et al.* 2013). Other possible processes include
426 mixing between melts originated from garnet-bearing and spinel-bearing peridotites, which will be
427 further examined using trace element models.

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429 *Melting, Mixing, FC and AFC models*

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431 To constrain the formation conditions of the Group-1 dykes, we modelled non-modal batch melting
432 (Shaw 1970) of an assumed source, i.e. metasomatically enriched mantle lherzolite from the garnet-
433 spinel transition zone, including maxima of 2 % amphibole, 7 % garnet and 3 % spinel (the
434 parameters used in models and the results are given in Supplementary Item 3, Table S3, S4, Mode-
435 I). The result for Mode-I indicates that 15 % partial melting of such a composition gives a best fit
436 trajectory on primitive mantle-normalized trace element patterns of Group-1 dykes (Fig.8b; Table
437 4), consistent with the tholeiitic affinity of the Group-1 dykes (Jaques & Green 1980).

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439 As already discussed, the closed-system fractional crystallization cannot be the only process
440 involved in the magmatic evolution of Group-1 dykes, owing to the isotopic evidence
441 for crustal contamination. The possible mechanism is open-system fractional crystallization plus
442 assimilation of crustal materials either through AFC processes in shallow crustal magma chambers
443 or mixing with crustal-derived melt. However, lower compatible element concentrations (such as
444 Cr, Ni, Co) and higher $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ ratios in dioritic dykes than those in the most primitive gabbroic
445 sample (MN_{2a}) indicate a possible role for AFC-process in Group-1 dykes, but this is not supported
446 by the results of trace element modelling of AFC (Figs. 8a, c). Alternatively, simple binary mixing
447 model and multi-element modelling favours a two-component mixing process between mafic
448 magma and felsic crustal melts. The results are shown as trajectories on $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ vs. 1/Sr (Fig.
449 8b) and PM-normalized multi-element plot (Fig. 8d) (the parameters used in models and the results
450 are given in Table 4 and Supplementary Item 3, Tables S2 to S4). Subsequent ascent will involve
451 further cooling and fractional crystallization of these crustally-contaminated mafic magmas to
452 produce the final Group-1 chemical composition (Fig. 8d).

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454 For Group-2 dykes, the geochemical data attest of an origin by extraction of small melt batches
455 from the asthenosphere, again within the garnet-spinel transition zone. In Fig. 9a, the melting model
456 of an enriched mantle source — similar to Western Anatolian Mantle (WAM) — with garnet-spinel
457 mineralogy (point M) for the MBPC Late Eocene Gabbros (Deevsalar *et al.* 2017) has been
458 compared to that of depleted mantle with garnet-lherzolite and spinel-lherzolite compositions (point
459 M'). However, melting trajectories of garnet-lherzolite and spinel-lherzolite sources on a La/Sm vs.
460 La plot (Fig. 9a) are almost the same, but suggest they can be considered as the potential sources of
461 magmatism. The La/Yb vs. Zr/Nb plot (Fig. 9b) indicate that the Group-2 dykes can be modelled by
462 mixing of magmas generated by low degree melting of depleted mantle with garnet- and spinel-
463 lherzolite mineralogy rather than enriched mantle. The geochemical models also suggest a more
464 depleted composition of the asthenospheric source (M' in Fig. 9a, b) than PM, but somewhat more

465 enriched than N-MORB. Trace element modelling of non-modal batch melting (Table 5)
466 demonstrates that small batch melts of garnet lherzolite source ($F_{\text{melting}} = 0.05$, Mode-III;
467 Supplementary Item 3, Table S3, S4), probably mixed with melts originated from spinel lherzolite
468 in a shallower depth of mantle ($F_{\text{melting}} = 0.15$, Mode-IV; Supplementary Item 3, Table S3, S4;
469 $F_{\text{mixing}} = 0.6$). This model could explain the trends for the Group-2 dykes after the effects of FC are
470 included ($F_c: 0.45$). Similar scenarios are frequently documented in the literature for the mafic
471 alkaline rocks (e.g., Jaques & Green 1980; DePaolo & Daley 2000; Macpherson *et al.* 2006). The
472 FC model conducted for the magmas indicates ~45 % fractional crystallisation of 0.5 Ol + 0.35 Cpx
473 + 0.1 Am \pm 0.05 Apt could explain the geochemical variations observed in the Group-2 dykes (Fig.
474 9c).

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476 *Implications for regional geodynamic models*

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478 As discussed above, the geochemical and isotopic characteristics of Middle Jurassic and Late
479 Eocene gabbro-dioritic dykes from the MBPC imply changing magma sources. Such changes are
480 likely to be associated with changing subduction dynamics, related to Tethyan ocean closure and
481 the eventual onset of the wider Arabia-Eurasia collision. Such dynamics might include the rate,
482 angle, depth and continuity of the subduction, all of which will control the location and chemistry
483 of magmatic activity. We have little comment to pass on the Middle Jurassic Group-1 dykes: they
484 formed at a time when there is unequivocal evidence for subduction of Neo-Tethyan oceanic crust
485 beneath the Central Iran Micro-Continent.

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487 Three key observations are relevant in discussion of the geodynamic situation in Iran during the
488 Late Cretaceous to Eocene. 1) Termination of typical subduction-related magmatism prior to the
489 end of Eocene is consistent with the within-plate character of the MBPC gabbroic intrusions (~ 40
490 Ma, Deevsalar *et al.* 2017) and confirms other recent studies of Eocene rocks in the UDMA (e.g.

491 Ballato *et al.* 2011; Verdel *et al.* 2011). Recently, Zhang *et al.* (in press) also described ~40 Myr old
492 within-plate type rocks around Piranshahr around 500 km NW of Boroujerd (area "3" in Fig. 1b),
493 the only other recorded Eocene magmatic rocks within the SaSiZ. 2) Separately, Agard *et al.* (2011)
494 and Angiboust *et al.* (2016) tied exhumation of high pressure rocks in the Zagros Mountains at ~ 65
495 Ma to a possible break-off event of the Neo-Tethyan slab, some 25 Myr prior to any such within-
496 plate type magmatism. 3) This break-off model was adopted by van der Meer *et al.* (2018) in
497 ascribing an age of 65 ± 5 Ma to the 'top' of their Mesopotamia slab which can be seen in global
498 mantle tomography model, with the 'top' age reflecting the time of detachment of the slab from the
499 overlying lithosphere (Fig. 10). van der Meer *et al.* (2018) also designated this as the 'base' age of
500 the Zagros slab seismic anomaly, where the Zagros slab was ascribed to renewed Tethyan
501 subduction shortly after break-off of the Mesopotamia slab. We can now discuss a challenge to the
502 timing or nature of these geodynamic scenarios, based on the scattered occurrence of Eocene
503 within-plate type magmatism in the SaSiZ and wider geodynamic considerations. Firstly, the onset
504 of voluminous magmatic activity in the UDMA and further east during the Eocene has already been
505 ascribed to rollback-induced slab steepening (e.g. Verdel *et al.* 2007; 2011; Mouthereau *et al.*
506 2012). Verdel *et al.* (2011) argued that slab-rollback may have been preceded by a period of flat-
507 slab subduction lasting from the mid-Cretaceous, as evidenced by a regional unconformity
508 separating Cretaceous sediments from overlying Paleogene volcanic rocks (Stöcklin 1968). In this
509 model, there need not have been a slab break-off event around the Cretaceous-Palaeogene
510 boundary. Late Cretaceous deformation in the SaSiZ (Tillman *et al.* 1981) and a north-eastward
511 shift in the locus of subduction-related magmatism from the SaSiZ to northern Iran and the UDMA
512 also support the conclusion that a Tethyan slab was continuously attached to the surface during the
513 mid-Cretaceous to Eocene (e.g., Guest *et al.* 2006; Omrani *et al.* 2008), albeit perhaps becoming
514 shallower in angle at this time. Rapid exhumation in the Zagros mountains at ~65 Ma (Agard *et al.*
515 2011) could have several potential causes, including changes in collision rate or in the thickness
516 and/or density of the subducted crust (Iannace *et al.* 2007; Brun & Faccenna 2008; Rosenbaum &

517 Mo 2011). Furthermore, an upsurge in mantle-derived magmatism is commonly ascribed in the
518 literature to slab break-off. However, this upsurge is not recorded until 10's of Ma after the
519 proposed break-off event of Agard *et al.* (2011), and as a corollary, nor did any extensive
520 magmatism occur close to the Zagros Suture around ~65 Ma ago (Verdel *et al.* 2011).

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522 Our understanding of the Eocene mafic rocks in the MBPC and the Piranshahr area provides a
523 potential constraint on the issue described. The implication of the model of Verdel *et al.* (2011) is
524 that during the Eocene, the Neo-Tethyan flat slab was rolling back towards the SW but did not roll
525 back so far as to allow upwelling asthenosphere to flow beneath the SaSiZ. It seems difficult in this
526 scenario for asthenosphere-derived magmas to be emplaced during the Late Eocene in the SaSiZ,
527 given the proposed lack of a mantle wedge so close to the suture. Therefore, we feel that the most
528 probable mechanism for igniting Late Eocene mafic magmatism in SaSiZ is a slab-tearing or
529 detachment event concurrent with roll-back, perhaps related to subduction of a ridge or transform
530 (Fig. 10). In such a scenario, a slab window would be generated whereby upwelling asthenosphere
531 could rise past the slab, largely free of subduction-related fluids and/or melts, and thus partially
532 melt at the base of the SaSiZ lithosphere. This slab-tearing, we propose, would lead to a Late
533 Eocene break-off event rather than one at ~65 Ma. Widely-discussed models for slab window
534 formation such as subduction of a spreading ridge orthogonal to the trench and/or lateral slab-
535 tearing (Zandt & Humphreys 2008), seem unlikely processes. The first reason is that trench-
536 orthogonal ridge subduction would lead to a narrow slab window which cannot explain the spread
537 of SaSiZ magmatism, at sites some 500 km apart at similar times. Secondly, lateral slab-tearing is
538 modelled to progress at hinge migration rates of ~25-155 km/Myr (Hale *et al.* 2010); implying there
539 should be both a gap of ~3-20 Myr between magmatism in the MBPC and Pi, which does not exist
540 as far as can be judged from the available geochronology. Trench-parallel subduction of a spreading
541 ridge (see Zhang *et al.*, in press) seems a more likely model. A brief lapse in 'normal' subduction
542 processes during descent of the proposed spreading ridge might explain the limited occurrence of

543 within-plate type rocks in the SaSiZ. Immediately after this short period of SaSiZ magmatism,
544 subduction of the Zagros slab (after van der Meer *et al.* 2018) became established, and the locus of
545 arc magmatism returned to the UDMA from the Latest Eocene to Oligocene (Verdel *et al.* 2011).
546 This resumption of magmatism was short-lived, however, as it was followed by the Oligocene onset
547 of continental collision between Arabia and the Central Iran Micro-Continent (e.g., McQuarrie &
548 van Hinsbergen 2013) which resulted in a new magmatic shut-down.

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550 In summary, we conclude that, whilst we support the flat-slab model of Verdel *et al.* (2011), we
551 caution that the slab may not have been continuously subducting, but instead segmented and
552 experienced break-off to form the Mesopotamia slab of van der Meer *et al.* (2018) during the Late
553 Eocene. Subduction of Neo-Tethys then briefly resumed during the mid-Cenozoic and thus formed
554 both the mid-Cenozoic UDMA and the young, shallow Zagros slab. Our new model requires
555 revision of the ‘top’ age of the Mesopotamia slab and the ‘base’ age of the Zagros slab to ~45-40
556 Ma, and for the trigger of rapid exhumation of high pressure rocks in the Zagros around ~65 Myr
557 ago (Agard *et al.* 2011) to be re-considered, perhaps as a consequence of a change in the nature of
558 subducted crust at this time (e.g., Spikings & Simpson 2014).

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560 **Conclusions**

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562 Mafic magmatism in the N-SaSiZ includes suites of gabbroic dykes and plutons. In this study, we
563 identified and studied two distinct generations of mafic-intermediate dykes in the MBPC. The first
564 occurred in the Middle Jurassic and the second in the Late Eocene. These dykes and plutons
565 preserved critical records of mantle source compositions and magma evolution from the MBPC,
566 records which are not accessible from coeval felsic rocks.

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568 Based upon geochemical and isotopic data, Middle Jurassic Group-1 dykes originated from
569 metasomatized mantle peridotite containing garnet and spinel during active subduction of Neo-
570 Tethys and evolved through fractional crystallization of clinopyroxene, plagioclase and apatite.
571 They experienced degrees of mixing with crust-derived melt. The Late Eocene Group-2 dykes are
572 products of low degree melting of asthenospheric mantle in the garnet-spinel transition zone. They
573 appear to have undergone fractional crystallisation involving olivine, clinopyroxene, amphibole and
574 apatite, but evidence for crustal assimilation is limited. Based upon U-Pb zircon ages, geochemical
575 and isotopic data, it is concluded that during the Cretaceous and Paleocene, a period of flat-slab
576 subduction took place, and the mantle wedge beneath the SaSiZ was removed from overriding
577 plate. We concluded that the sub-parallel subduction of Neo-Tethys spreading ridge to the trench
578 during Late Eocene, roll-back induced slab-tearing along the ridge axis, and subsequent break-off to
579 generate the Mesopotamia slab, identified in the lower mantle by tomography studies. Break-off
580 was followed by localised asthenospheric upwelling, which in turn fed within-plate magmatism in
581 the N-SaSiZ, before short-lived re-establishment of Tethyan subduction and the resumption of arc
582 magmatism in the UDMA, prior to the final Arabia-Eurasia collision. This final episode of
583 subduction generated the Zagros slab which can be identified today in the mantle transition zone.
584 Such a model is at odds with the continuous present of a subduction zone during the Cretaceous to
585 Late Cenozoic or with a slab break-off event at ~65 Ma, but fits the magmatic record and could be
586 adopted in current mantle tomography models (van der Meer *et al.* 2018).

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Table 1
Whole rock chemical composition of the MBPC dykes (major oxides in wt. %, trace elements in ppm).

Location	Group-1: Middle Jurassic dykes						Group-2: Late Eocene dykes					
	Gabbro			Diorite			Gabbro					
	MN2a	MN8	BR03b* ¹	BR02* ¹	BR07	M23* ¹	M33* ¹	MN04	M29* ¹	MN12	MN13	MN07
X	48.76006	48.80782	48.81201	48.80916	48.93265	48.85036	48.81733	48.80776	48.75991	48.76612	48.77025	48.80722
Y	34.14333	34.10255	33.97396	33.97642	33.74269	34.06678	34.10433	34.12035	34.14344	34.08282	34.08297	34.11624
	wt.%											
SiO ₂	51.84	45.45	46.93	59.56	52.25	59.39	49.34	48.40	47.04	46.91	47.53	47.33
TiO ₂	0.49	3.70	1.90	0.97	1.62	0.96	1.91	2.21	2.44	2.27	2.58	2.58
Al ₂ O ₃	12.61	15.16	16.39	19.6	17.19	19.78	17.36	17.67	14.88	16.01	16.45	16.16
FeO ^T	7.25	12.26	11.15	8.07	9.07	7.41	9.98	10.55	12.05	10.76	11.56	12.08
MnO	0.18	0.21	0.18	0.09	0.15	0.09	0.17	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.20
MgO	9.75	5.01	6.89	2.31	4.00	2.36	5.08	5.15	4.90	5.10	5.02	5.62
CaO	11.51	8.93	9.79	0.35	7.21	0.34	9.70	9.56	9.55	9.25	10.27	9.39
Na ₂ O	1.51	3.22	2.98	0.69	2.29	0.68	3.52	3.22	3.02	2.87	3.34	3.14
K ₂ O	1.15	1.05	0.92	4.65	1.90	4.74	1.38	1.33	0.80	1.35	1.05	1.38
P ₂ O ₅	0.04	0.69	0.31	0.14	0.34	0.14	0.46	0.52	0.55	0.60	0.71	0.77
LOI	2.86	3.02	2.13	3.62	2.60	4.03	0.68	0.85	3.52	3.67	1.10	1.26
Total	99.19	98.7	99.57	100.05	98.62	99.92	99.58	99.67	98.95	98.99	99.8	99.91
Mg [#]	0.57	0.29	0.38	0.22	0.29	0.24	0.34	0.33	0.29	0.32	0.30	0.32
	ppm											
Cs	2.62	12.04	8.12	14.08	20	14.30	2.80	1.77	2.20	1.50	1.28	1.84
Rb	34.70	147	151.40	216.1	141.60	205.7	40.1	44.04	17.64	50.26	31.27	29.79
Ba	136	219.40	427.60	478	341	533.0	332	273.00	142	265.40	187.50	79.70
Th	6.75	14.07	16.55	16.67	15.68	17.10	4.50	1.42	1.67	2.12	1.41	1.43
U	1.41	1.93	1.60	1.76	2.02	2.70	0.90	0.30	0.36	0.48	0.34	0.31
Nb	7.07	14.36	17.47	17.91	15.56	16.10	29.30	16.55	19.64	16.99	19.62	17.17
Pb	14.36	22.42	28.35	8.87	22.04	2.95	1.87	7.75	10.83	3.76	3.63	5.74
Sr	82.7	83.52	102.6	93.31	89.22	48.10	625.00	415.1	482.5	438.3	453.1	445.9
Hf	3.78	5.10	5.03	4.97	4.90	4.90	1.00	1.11	1.05	1.36	1.16	0.77
Zr	84	263.2	149.50	200.5	161.8	196.9	189.50	144.8	151.6	160	147	152
Ta	0.60	1.29	1.41	1.49	1.51	1.20	1.70	1.34	1.45	1.20	1.48	1.37
Y	31.66	11.16	9.81	9.59	20.46	31.10	24.70	26.07	28.89	29.60	29.03	26.69
Cr	904.00	131.10	140.10	153.40	119.40	83.70	85.61	79.07	85.61	101.50	54.96	79.62
Ni	273.10	44.81	48.21	59.45	47.62	57.10	32.91	32.09	32.91	39.25	26.53	29.83
Co	37.06	17.11	17.42	19.81	18.95	17.60	38.61	35.59	38.61	37.69	32.49	34.42
V	198.80	142.20	149.80	179.20	143.90	115	241.50	227.20	241.50	217.70	180.90	230.50
La	19.79	38.84	45.12	46.3	41.82	46.3	33.90	18.39	20.04	20.67	25.04	15.71
Ce	44.39	81.92	93.03	93.2	87.2	91	61.70	39.19	42.45	44.13	51.13	34.07
Pr	6.058	9.03	10.20	10.12	9.769	10.11	6.77	5.032	5.441	5.702	6.334	4.373
Nd	25.38	23.4	37.43	19.9	19.1	18.6	25.20	21.79	23.87	25.09	27.31	19.06
Sm	5.977	5.19	6.69	4.78	4.76	4.35	5.24	5.188	5.634	5.938	6.225	4.797
Eu	1.274	2.21	1.37	1.65	1.67	1.53	1.81	1.749	2.104	2.343	2.268	1.532
Gd	5.328	5.48	5.09	5.35	5.3	4.76	5.71	5.187	5.427	5.868	5.953	4.919
Tb	0.9065	0.8	0.62	0.79	0.8	0.72	0.83	0.8493	0.9036	0.947	0.9833	0.8358
Dy	5.624	4.44	2.68	4.43	4.69	5.06	4.57	5.087	5.332	5.573	5.627	5.054
Ho	1.123	0.85	0.40	0.88	1	0.89	0.98	0.9626	1.045	1.056	1.087	0.9727
Er	3.207	2.48	0.84	2.79	2.63	2.4	2.41	2.532	2.808	2.765	2.811	2.612
Tm	0.4683	0.33	0.10	0.34	0.36	0.34	0.38	0.3406	0.375	0.3679	0.3694	0.3537
Yb	2.957	2.01	0.53	2.22	2.09	2.21	2.37	1.971	2.228	2.157	2.12	2.067
Lu	0.4164	0.29	0.07	0.31	0.34	0.29	0.34	0.2563	0.3032	0.2844	0.2693	0.2803
∑REE	122.90	177.27	204.17	193.06	181.53	188.56	152.21	108.52	117.96	122.89	137.53	96.64
Nb/Y	0.22	1.29	1.78	1.87	0.76	0.52	1.19	0.63	0.68	0.57	0.68	0.64
Zr/Nb	11.88	18.33	8.56	11.19	10.40	12.23	6.47	8.75	7.72	9.42	7.49	8.85
K/Nb	1350.7	607.04	437.19	2235.2	1013.7	2548.5	389.9	667.16	338.16	659.66	444.29	667.25
Ba/Nb	19.24	15.28	24.48	26.69	21.92	33.11	11.33	16.50	7.23	15.62	9.56	4.64
La/Nb	2.80	2.70	2.58	2.59	2.69	2.88	1.16	1.11	1.02	1.22	1.28	0.91
Ce/Ce*	1.00	1.07	0.85	1.03	1.05	1.01	0.98	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.97	0.99

LOI: loss on ignition

FeO*: Total Fe is represented as FeO.

Ce/Ce* is calculated by $Ce_{CN}/La_{CN}^{2/3} \times Nd_{CN}^{1/3}$.

*¹ Major elements determined by XRF in Naruto University, Japan; and trace elements by ICP-MS in ACME laboratory, Canada. Other data were produced in University of the Ryukyus.

Group-2: Late Eocene dykes

Gabbro										
Location	M34* ²	M37* ²	M50* ²	M25b* ²	M54* ²	M38* ²	M58* ²	M22* ²	BR04* ²	BR03d* ²
X	48.81394	48.81497	48.67419	48.86703	48.57739	48.82069	48.69875	48.87164	48.24472	48.81139
Y	34.10503	34.10214	34.22044	34.08203	34.28564	34.09997	34.23411	34.07728	33.56667	33.97397
wt. %										
SiO ₂	47.99	48.67	46.97	48.03	46.68	47.97	48.77	46.98	48.06	48.11
TiO ₂	2.10	1.89	2.63	2.03	3.80	1.96	2.08	3.20	1.87	1.88
Al ₂ O ₃	16.78	16.97	15.61	16.75	14.33	16.31	17.12	15.46	17.02	16.88
FeO [†]	10.67	10.76	11.65	10.36	13.90	10.96	9.80	12.17	10.19	10.20
MnO	0.17	0.15	0.21	0.16	0.22	0.17	0.15	0.19	0.17	0.18
MgO	5.96	6.65	5.21	6.13	4.06	7.17	5.08	6.30	7.09	7.16
CaO	10.70	9.50	11.18	10.78	9.48	10.21	10.41	9.93	10.04	10.07
Na ₂ O	3.16	2.81	1.67	3.25	3.98	3.00	3.82	2.96	3.20	3.13
K ₂ O	0.91	1.08	3.00	0.98	0.86	0.69	1.17	0.96	0.94	0.94
P ₂ O ₅	0.38	0.34	0.56	0.36	1.16	0.33	0.52	0.48	0.27	0.31
LOI	0.91	0.68	0.66	0.87	1.1	1.01	0.93	1.05	0.96	0.87
Total	99.73	99.5	99.35	99.7	99.57	99.78	99.85	99.68	99.81	99.73
Mg [#]	0.36	0.38	0.31	0.37	0.23	0.40	0.34	0.34	0.41	0.41
ppm										
Cs	1.90	5.00	1.70	1.90	1.30	1.30	2.20	3.00	1.60	1.80
Rb	10.90	30.00	118.00	17.90	30.10	13.70	20.30	22.50	34.10	34.30
Ba	152	183	312	175	170	107	298	228	107	116
Th	1.70	2.60	1.90	1.60	2.50	1.30	1.50	2.50	1.30	1.60
U	0.50	0.70	0.60	0.40	1.10	0.30	0.50	0.70	0.30	0.40
Nb	18.10	16.60	20.50	15.20	27.30	14.20	15.20	21.70	11.50	11.90
Pb	2.92	3.30	11.29	2.43	5.30	2.76	2.81	1.38	1.49	1.88
Sr	467.70	474.40	427.20	524.80	368.50	464.00	619.60	450.40	424.10	444.00
Hf	1.49	1.60	1.51	1.72	1.23	1.42	0.71	1.26	0.81	1.31
Zr	141.60	152.40	144.60	139.70	197.60	130.50	124.60	201.60	156.70	159.10
Ta	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.00	2.00	0.90	1.00	1.30	0.90	0.80
Y	24.00	26.30	24.80	27.10	37.20	22.00	23.50	34.80	27.00	27.40
Cr	9.30	38.40	43.10	13.50	1.70	3.50	10.20	9.70	23.70	111.10
Ni	17.80	38.60	25.90	19.60	5.40	26.40	19.40	20.60	27.90	18.20
Co	17.90	27.30	24.80	18.10	21.80	17.90	16.00	16.80	17.20	13.90
V	5	113	131	80	65	34	42	31	34	44
La	19.1	19	23.4	17.7	35.2	16.6	21.5	26.4	14.5	15.6
Ce	36.7	39.9	44.7	36	72.2	31.7	43.6	53.1	32.6	32.5
Pr	4.75	4.81	5.48	4.55	8.81	4.12	5.33	6.39	4.17	4.3
Nd	19.9	19.1	23.4	18.6	36.6	16.3	20.3	26.1	18.7	19.3
Sm	4.78	4.76	5.19	4.35	8.26	4.24	5.01	6.09	4.52	4.43
Eu	1.65	1.67	2.21	1.53	3.19	1.63	2.33	2	1.49	1.63
Gd	5.35	5.3	5.48	4.76	9.07	4.66	5.88	6.77	5.31	5.15
Tb	0.79	0.8	0.8	0.72	1.32	0.72	0.81	1.04	0.81	0.8
Dy	4.43	4.69	4.44	5.06	8.05	4.32	4.61	6.19	4.86	5.16
Ho	0.88	1	0.85	0.89	1.49	0.84	0.87	1.29	0.91	1.07
Er	2.79	2.63	2.48	2.4	3.96	2.44	2.39	3.85	2.87	2.98
Tm	0.34	0.36	0.33	0.34	0.49	0.33	0.32	0.51	0.4	0.41
Yb	2.22	2.09	2.01	2.21	3.17	1.98	1.84	3.44	2.76	2.72
Lu	0.31	0.34	0.29	0.29	0.43	0.32	0.28	0.51	0.39	0.41
ΣREE	103.99	106.45	121.06	99.40	192.24	90.20	115.07	143.68	94.29	96.46
Nb/Y	0.75	0.63	0.83	0.56	0.73	0.65	0.65	0.62	0.43	0.43
Zr/Nb	7.82	9.18	7.05	9.19	7.24	9.19	8.20	9.29	13.63	13.37
K/Nb	415.9	538.7	1216.3	536.2	262.29	403.3	636.7	368.9	675.8	658.5
Ba/Nb	8.40	11.02	15.22	11.51	6.23	7.54	19.61	10.51	9.30	9.75
La/Nb	1.06	1.14	1.14	1.16	1.29	1.17	1.41	1.22	1.26	1.31
Ce/Ce*	2.38	1.02	0.93	0.97	0.98	0.93	1.00	0.98	1.00	0.94

*²Major elements determined by XRF in Naruto University, Japan; and trace elements by ICP-MS in ACME laboratory, Canada reported in Deevsalar *et al.* (2014).

Ce/Ce* is calculated by $Ce_{CN}/La_{CN}^{2/3} \times Nd_{CN}^{1/3}$.

Table 2

Sr-Nd isotopic composition of the mafic-intermediate dykes from MBPC.

	⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr (measured)	Rb (ppm)	Sr (ppm)	Error ×10 ⁻⁶	⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr (initial)	¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd (measured)	Sm (ppm)	Nd (ppm)	¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd (initial)	ε _{Nd} (T)	Error ×10 ⁻⁶
Group-1 ~ 168 Ma											
BR02	0.72948	216.1	93.1	6	0.71362	0.51216	7.03	38.28	0.51204	-7.54	4
BR07	0.72464	141.6	89.22	6	0.71329	0.51218	7.13	37.15	0.51206	-7.18	6
MN2a	0.70831	34.7	82.7	7	0.70770	0.51228	5.98	25.38	0.51212	-5.86	15
MN8	0.72679	147	83.52	6	0.71427	0.51223	6.25	33.60	0.51211	-6.10	5
BR03b	0.72560	151	98.52	6	0.71510	0.51214	6.691	37.43	0.51202	-7.92	3
Group-2 ~ 42 Ma											
M38	0.70712	13.7	464.0	7	0.70707	0.51281	27.71	34.90	0.51268	1.8	6
M22	0.70546	22.5	450.4	7	0.70537	0.51273	39.80	55.89	0.51261	0.6	5
BR04	0.70551	34.1	424.1	6	0.70538	0.51279	29.54	40.04	0.51267	1.6	7
M50	0.70780	118	427.2	6	0.70732	0.51278	33.92	50.11	0.51267	1.7	5
M25b	0.70503	17.9	524.8	8	0.70498	0.51279	28.43	39.83	0.51267	1.7	6
M33	0.70754	40.1	625.0	7	0.70743	0.51273	34.25	53.96	0.51262	0.8	4
MN7	0.70602	29.79	89.22	6	0.70591	0.51280	4.80	19.06	0.51276	3.5	5
M29	0.70500	17.64	482.5	6	0.70494	0.51279	5.63	23.87	0.51275	3.3	10

Table 3

Lead isotope composition of the mafic-intermediate dykes from MBPC.

	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb (measured)	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb (measured)	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb (measured)	U	Th	Pb	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb(i)	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb(i)	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb(i)
Group-1 ~ 168 Ma									
BR02	18.76	15.69	39.56	1.41	6.75	14.36	18.44	15.68	38.57
BR07	18.58	15.65	38.96	2.01	15.68	22.04	18.43	15.64	38.58
MN2a	18.79	15.70	39.03	1.41	6.75	14.36	18.63	15.70	38.78
MN8	18.57	15.64	38.84	1.93	14.07	22.42	18.43	15.63	38.51
BR03b	18.55	15.68	38.97	1.6	16.55	28.35	18.46	15.68	38.66
Group-2 ~ 42 Ma									
M38	18.46	15.65	38.69	0.3	1.3	2.76	18.417	15.645	38.629
M22	18.46	15.59	38.61	0.7	2.5	1.38	18.251	15.583	38.373
BR04	18.53	15.66	38.75	0.3	1.3	1.49	18.447	15.654	38.636
M50	18.60	15.65	38.89	0.6	1.9	11.29	18.578	15.650	38.869
M33	18.71	15.67	38.98	0.9	4.5	1.87	18.519	15.662	38.657
M29a	18.44	15.63	38.65	0.36	1.66	10.83	18.425	15.634	38.633
MN13	18.73	15.67	38.93	0.34	1.41	3.63	18.693	15.664	38.875
MN12	18.77	15.67	38.97	0.48	2.12	3.76	18.713	15.664	38.899
MN4	18.48	15.66	38.74	0.30	1.41	7.75	18.468	15.658	38.719
MN7	18.68	15.67	38.84	0.31	1.43	5.74	18.654	15.668	38.809
Standard Sample: Mean (n=20)									
	16.9437	15.5010	36.7236						
	2SD								
	0.0023	0.0028	0.0053						

Table 4

The results of melting and mixing model calculations for Middle Jurassic gabbro-dioritic dykes.

	Mantle wedge				High crustal level						
	Source	Mixing		NMBM* ⁴	Modal Fractional Melting			AFC		Mixing and FC	
	PM* ¹	A* ²	EM* ³	f _m = 0.15* ⁵	Source	Melting parameter		f _c * ⁸	R* ⁹	Mixing* ¹⁰	FC* ¹¹
					Greywacke* ⁶	Kd* ⁷	f _m = 0.25			0.4	0.3
Rb	0.63	71.04	4.16	27.28	72	1.43	54.87	110.83		37.90	62.20
Ba	6.99	1019.20	57.60	379.26	426	2.34	214.48	1082.61		310.23	490.64
Th	0.09	5.10	0.34	2.22	9	0.10	7.17	11.07		6.35	10.46
U	0.02	1.11	0.08	0.50	2	0.05	0.14	2.51		0.50	0.84
Nb	0.71	4.64	0.91	6.01	8.4	1.42	6.44	20.31		6.13	10.20
K	249.98	21038.38	1289.40	8164.83	16602.8	0.87	18301.9	29504.28		12291.53	20001.93
La	0.69	16.72	1.49	9.44	34	0.16	47.62	13.18		32.19	27.13
Ce	1.77	34.55	3.41	20.76	58	0.16	78.69	22.60		57.01	45.69
Pr	0.28	1.64	0.34	2.01	6.1	0.12	6.25	1.63		5.20	3.29
Sr	21.10	473.80	43.73	264.40	201	0.96	206.88	384.42		241.61	295.96
P	94.98	486.66	114.56	654.94	567.3	-	-	1978.63		-	-
Nd	1.35	15.51	2.06	11.41	25	0.14	29.83	5.30		24.76	12.36
Zr	11.20	254.15	23.35	129.59	302	0.06	68.68	465.25		148.81	235.87
Sm	0.44	2.79	0.56	2.77	4.6	0.14	5.75	0.76		5.05	1.94
Eu	0.17	0.61	0.19	0.90	1.2	0.60	1.65	0.19		1.23	0.43
Ti	1300.24	1922.51	1331.36	5682.87	4315.17	0.02	0.27	15382.34		3411.99	5455.17
Dy	0.74	1.60	0.78	3.11	3.4	0.17	4.88	0.73		4.55	1.96
Y	4.55	8.81	4.77	15.10	26	0.77	31.05	38.16		21.73	30.79
Yb	0.49	0.72	0.50	1.34	2.1	0.16	2.93	1.10		2.44	2.02
Lu	0.07	0.10	0.08	0.18	0.37	0.16	0.51	0.21		0.40	0.36

*¹ PM: primitive mantle composition (Sun & McDonough 1989)*² Subduction sediment-derived fluids/melts: 0.55SF/0.45SM. The parameters used in modeling are: normalizing values from Sun & McDonough (1989), Bulk subducted sediment composition (BOS) are from Plank & Langmuir (1998), sediment fluid partition coefficients (DSF) from Johnson & Plank (1999). Sediment melt (SM) calculated by 5% modal fractional melting of bulk subducted sediment, sediment fluids (SF) composition calculated using BOS and DSF(C_{BOS/DSF}).*³ Middle Jurassic Enriched Mantle (80% PM + 20% A)*⁴ NMBM: Non-Modal Batch Melting (Mode-I, Supplementary item 3, Table S3)*⁵ f_m: degree of melting = 15%; partial melting of metasomatised garnet-spinel Lherzolite (Supplementary Item 3, Table S3)*⁶ Upper crust-greywacke composition is from Wedepohl (1995)*⁷ Bulk partition coefficient calculated for greywacke (35%Qtz + 30%Bio + 15% Plg + 5% AF+ 15% Mus)*⁸ F_c: degree of fractional crystallization; Bulk partition coefficient calculated for 70.66% Cpx + 26.77% Pl + 0.44% Ap*⁹ R-value: EM/UCC-greywacke*¹⁰ Mixing of EM and Greywacke-melt. f_{mix}: degree of mixing*¹¹ Fractional crystallization of 70.66% Cpx + 26.77% Pl + 0.44% Ap from crustally-contaminated EM

Table 5

The results of melting, mixing and fractional crystallization model calculations for Late Eocene gabbroic dykes.

Source	Source region			Mixing* ⁶	Crustal level	
	NMBM* ²				Fractional crystallization	
PM* ¹	Mode-II	Mode-III	Mode-IV	Grt Lhz Melt ^(5%) + Spl Lhz Melt ^(15%)	Residual melt* ⁷	
	F _{melting} = 0.05* ³	F _{melting} = 0.05* ⁴	F _{melting} = 0.15* ⁴		F= 0.45	
Rb	0.63	12.39	12.40	4.20	7.48	16.59
Ba	6.99	136.61	136.74	46.29	82.47	182.71
Th	0.09	1.67	1.66	0.56	1.00	2.17
U	0.02	0.41	0.41	0.14	0.25	0.55
Nb	0.71	14.05	14.06	4.74	8.47	18.79
K	249.98	4908.51	4902.47	1659.08	2956.44	6517.45
La	0.69	12.50	12.41	4.48	7.65	14.99
Ce	1.77	30.00	29.68	11.34	18.68	35.84
Pr	0.28	5.27	5.23	1.82	3.19	5.80
Sr	21.10	347.09	342.83	133.91	217.48	468.20
P	94.98	1268.97	1255.22	549.71	831.91	1842.80
Nd	1.35	18.64	18.18	8.17	12.17	20.96
Zr	11.20	161.90	157.07	69.41	104.48	222.93
Sm	0.44	4.68	4.43	2.49	3.27	5.22
Eu	0.17	2.62	2.40	1.10	1.62	2.57
Ti	1300.24	11573.47	11427.96	6672.09	8574.44	18366.38
Dy	0.74	3.19	2.50	3.79	3.27	5.22
Y	4.55	18.35	14.32	22.89	19.46	37.54
Yb	0.49	1.16	0.84	2.47	1.82	3.29
Lu	0.07	0.14	0.10	0.34	0.24	0.46

*¹ PM: primitive mantle composition (Sun & McDonough 1989)

*² NMBM: Non-Modal Batch Melting

*³ 5% partial melting of Garnet-Spinel Lherzolite (Mode-II, Supplementary Item 3, Table S2, S3)

*⁴ 5% partial melting of Garnet Lherzolite (Mode-III, Supplementary Item 3, Table S2, S3)

*⁵ 15% partial melting of Spinel Lherzolite (Mode-IV, Supplementary Item 3, Table S2, S3)

*⁶ EM: mixing between melts originated from garnet lherzolite and spinel lherzolite source

*⁷ Residual melt of fractional crystallization of 0.5 Ol + 0.35 Cpx + 0.1 Am ± 0.05 Apt from enriched mantle magma

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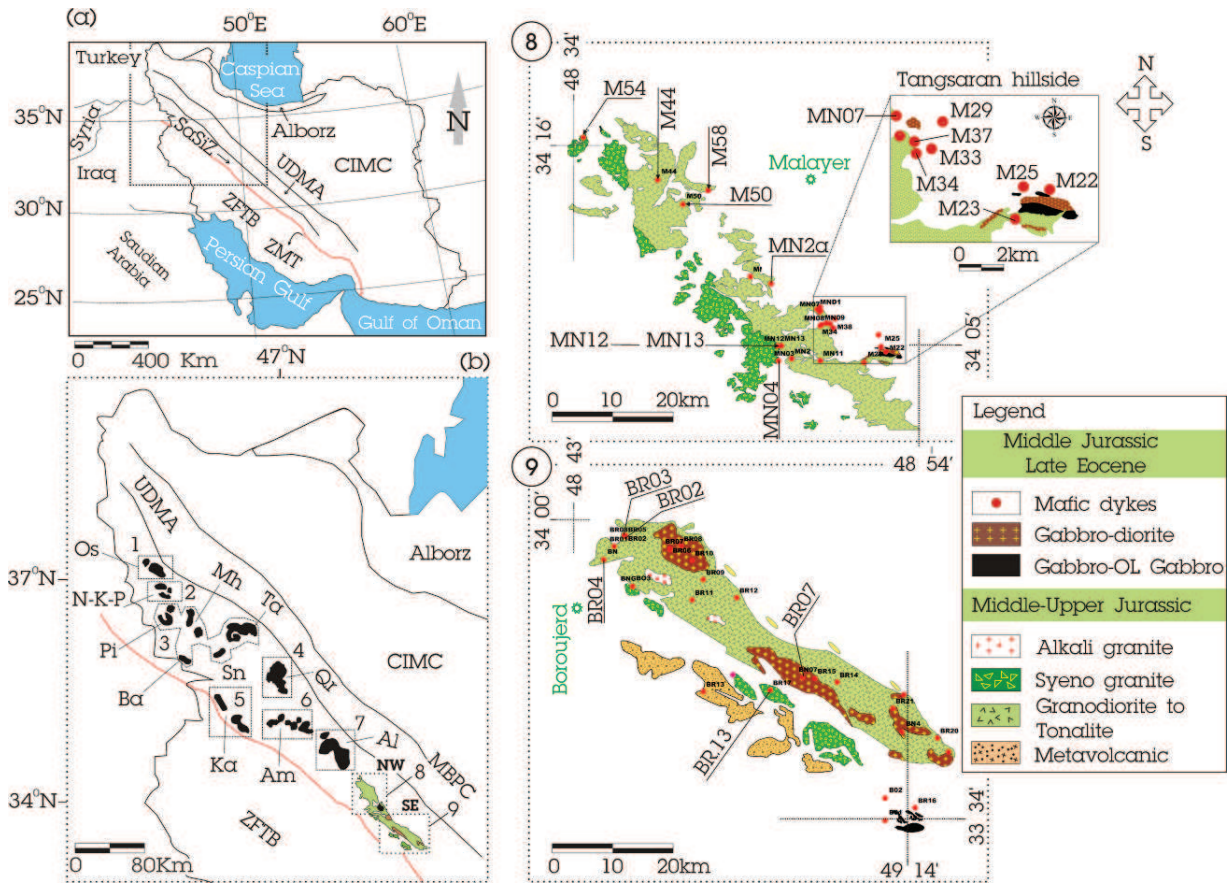
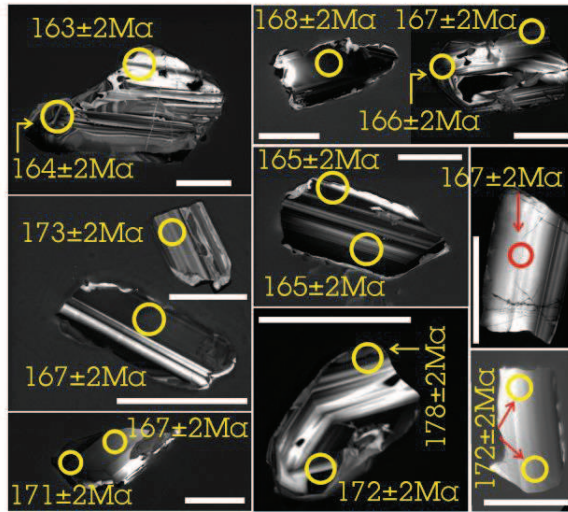
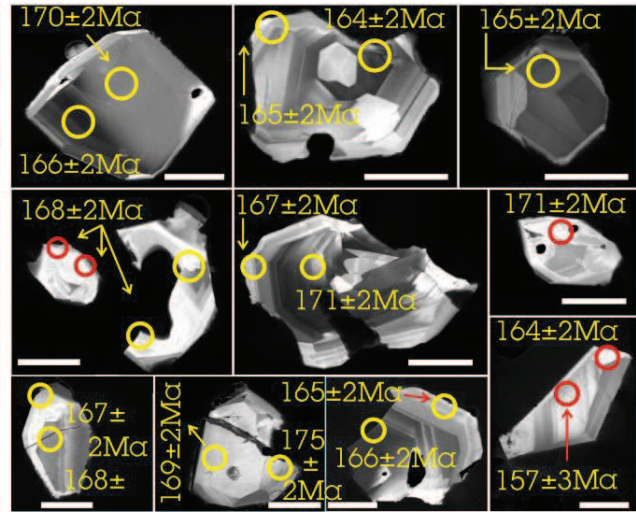


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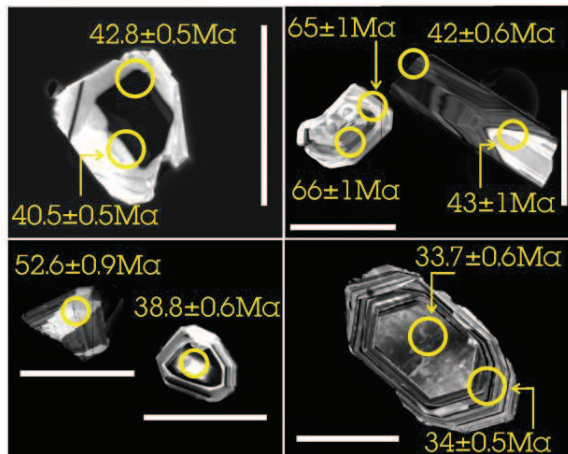
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(b) Sample: BR02



(c) Sample: M50



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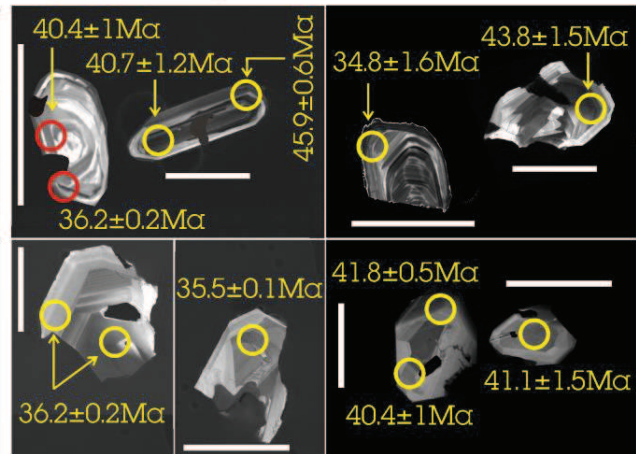


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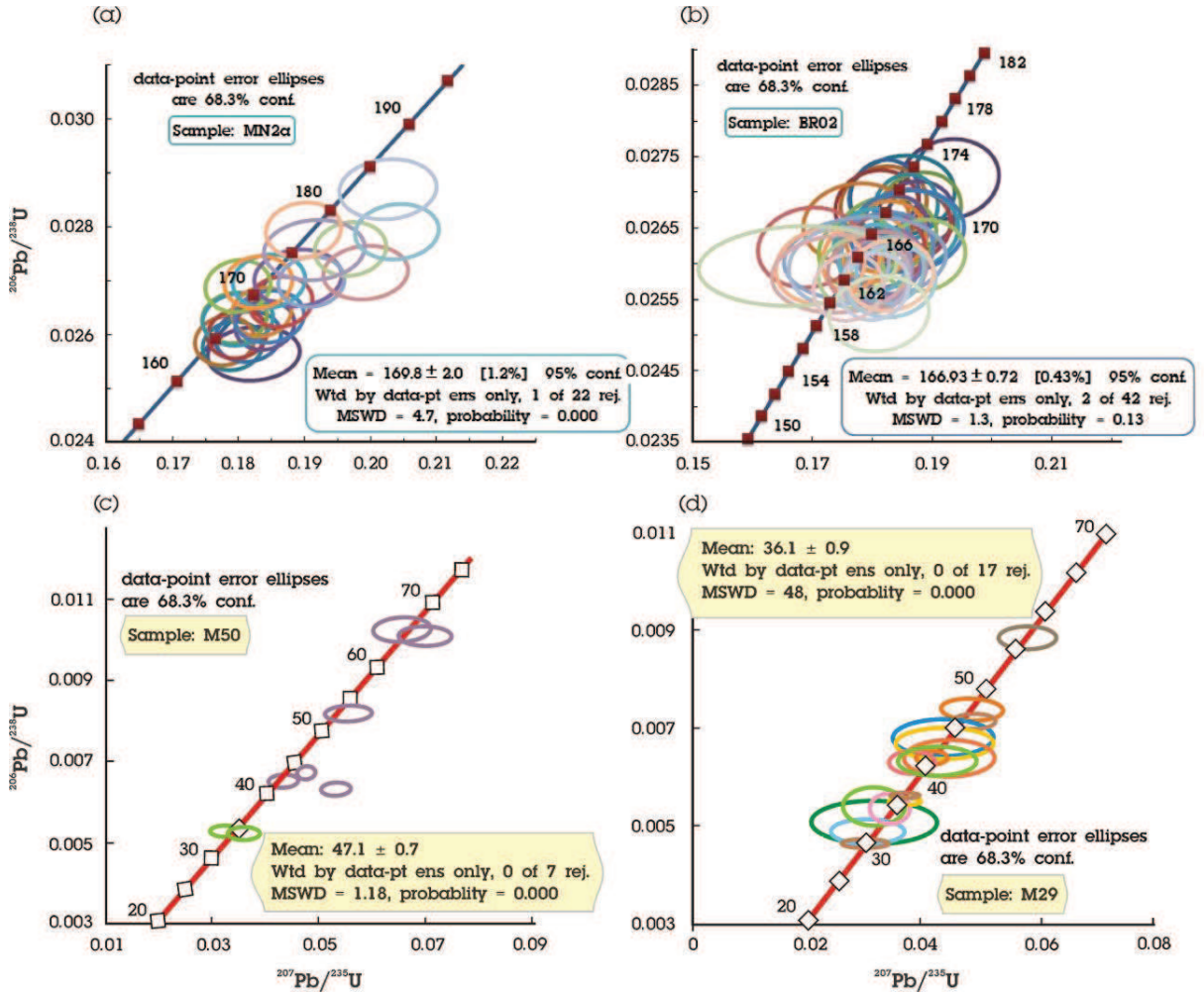


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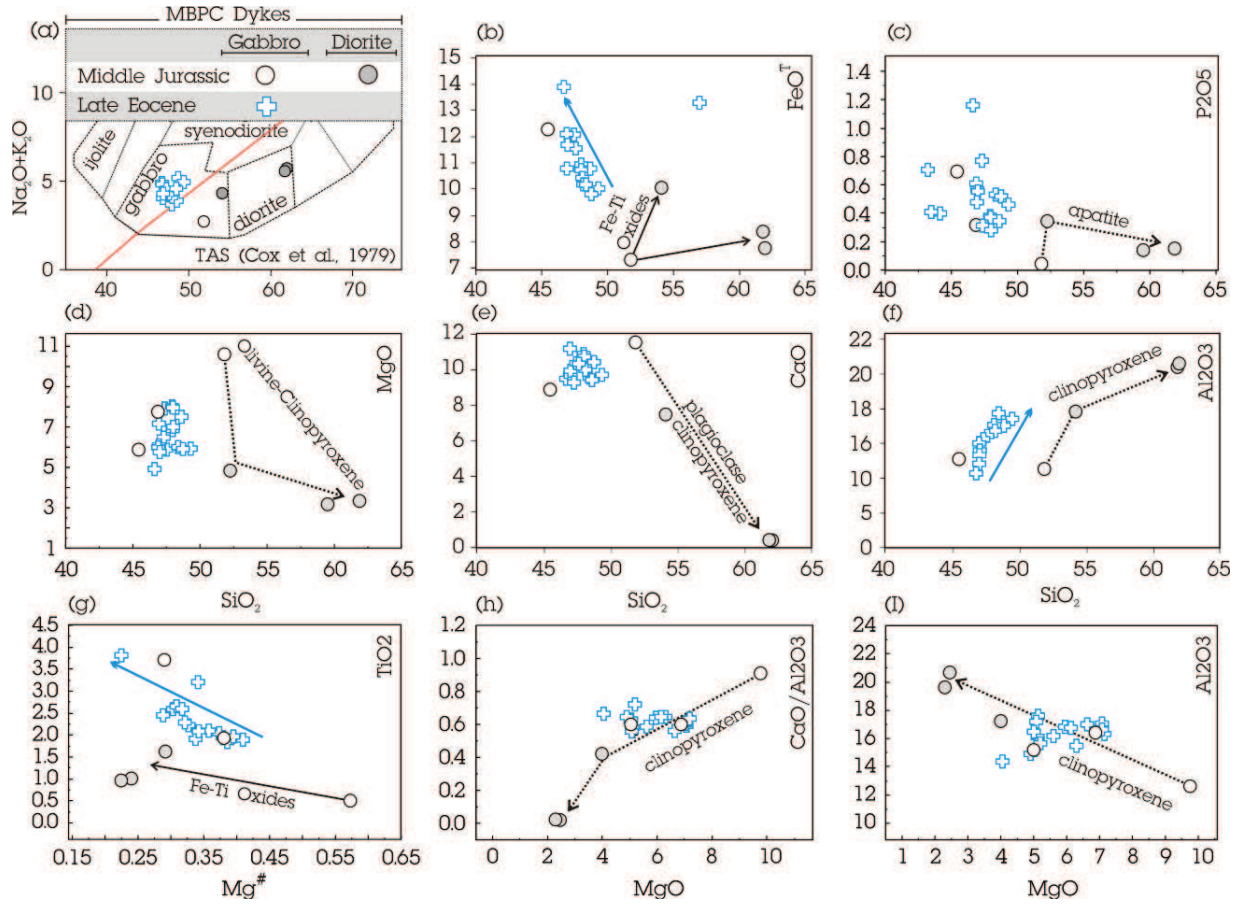


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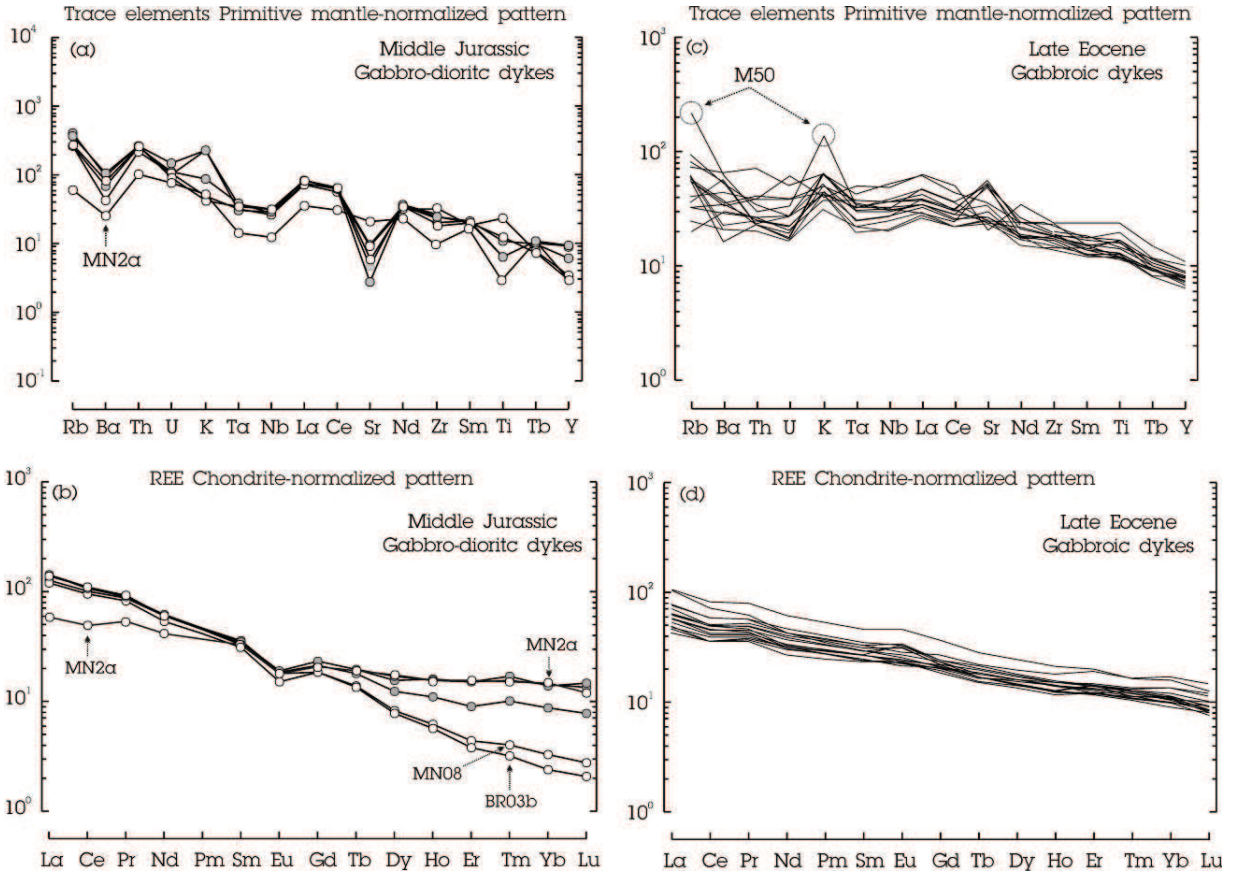


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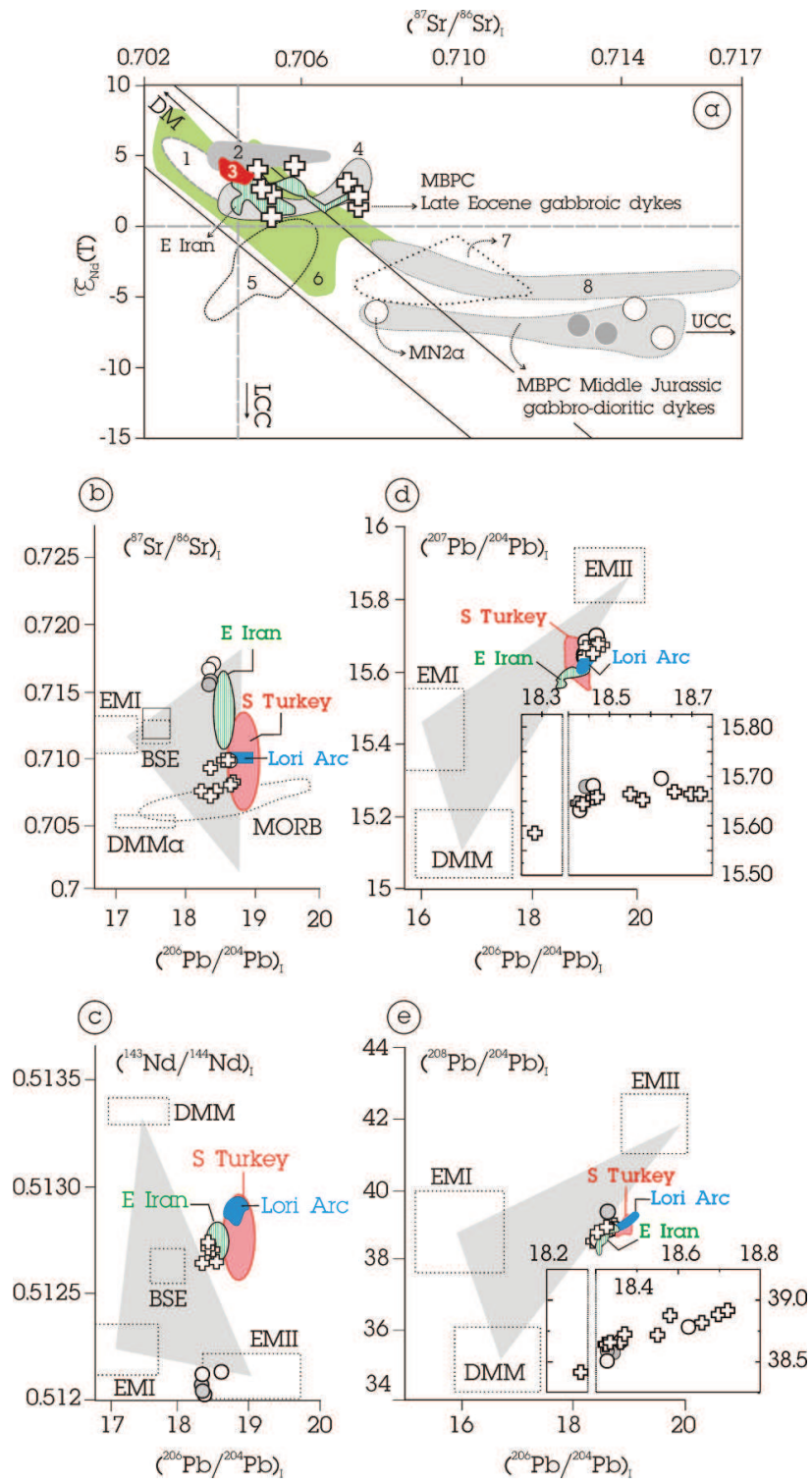


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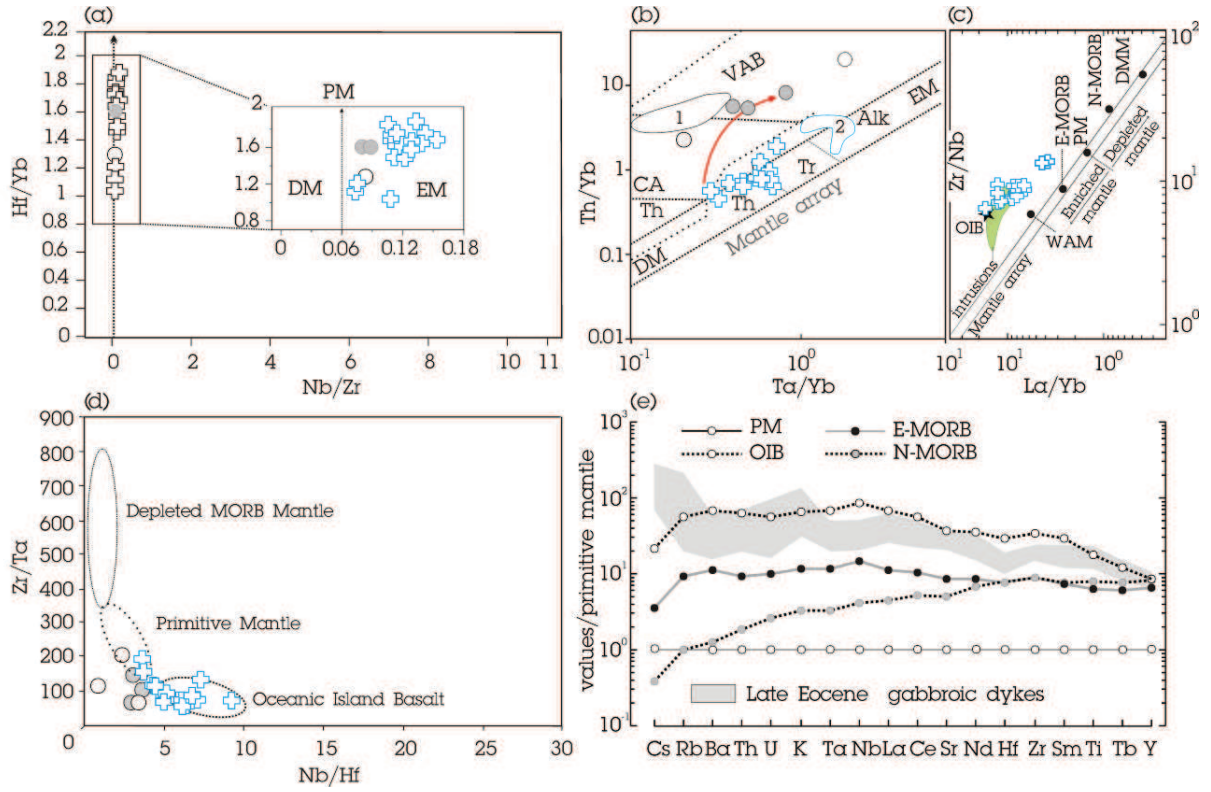


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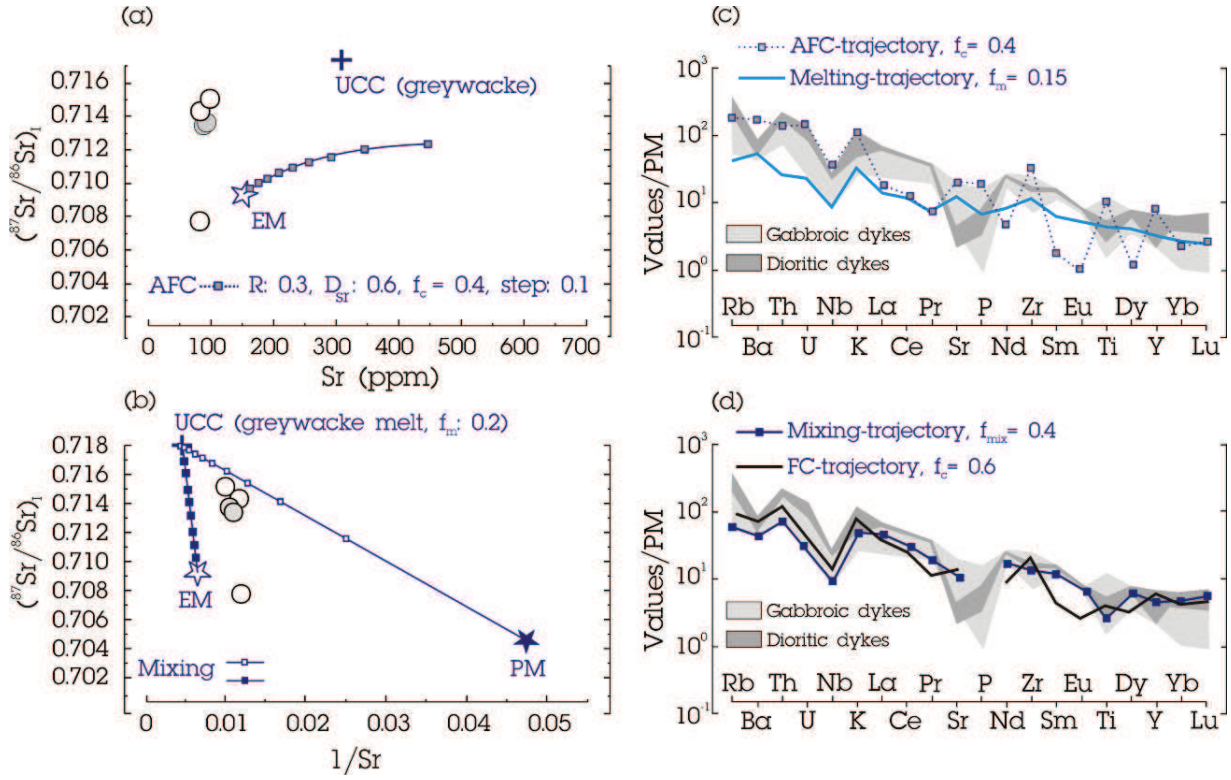


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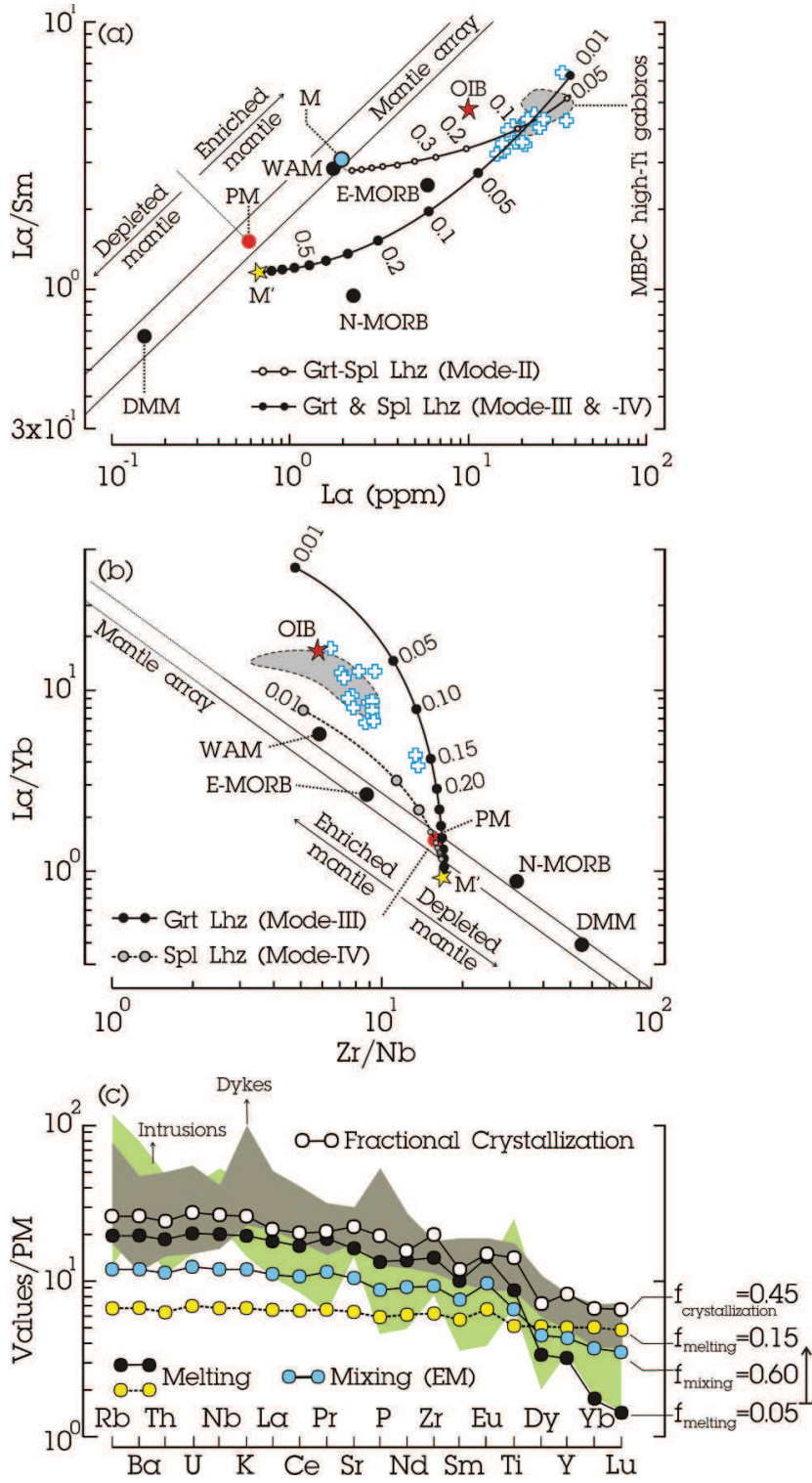
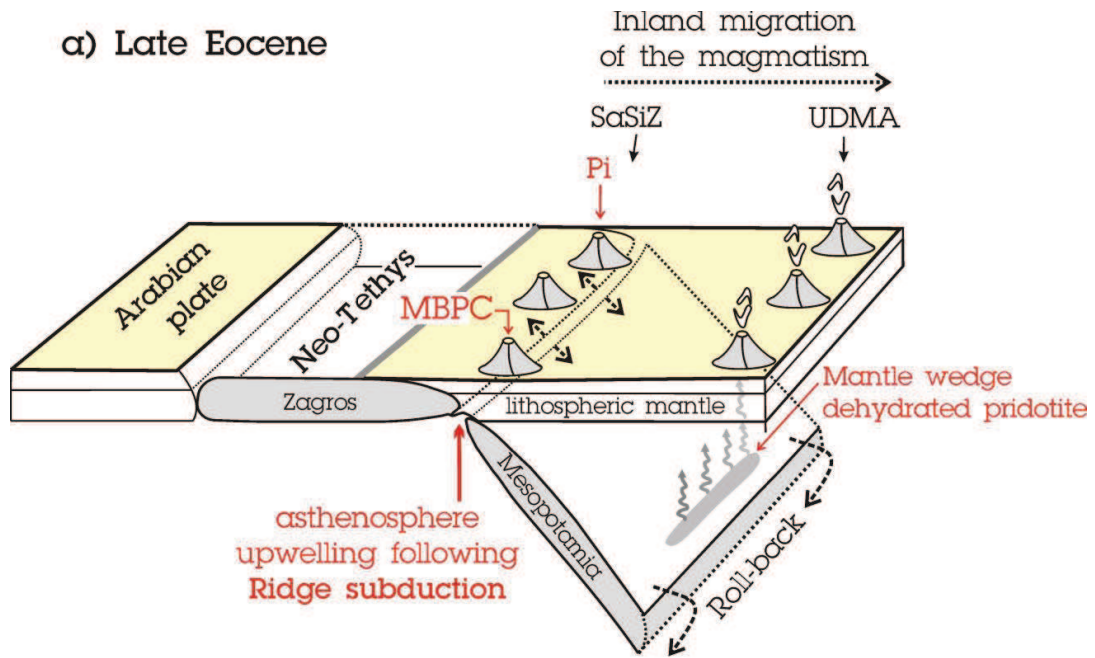


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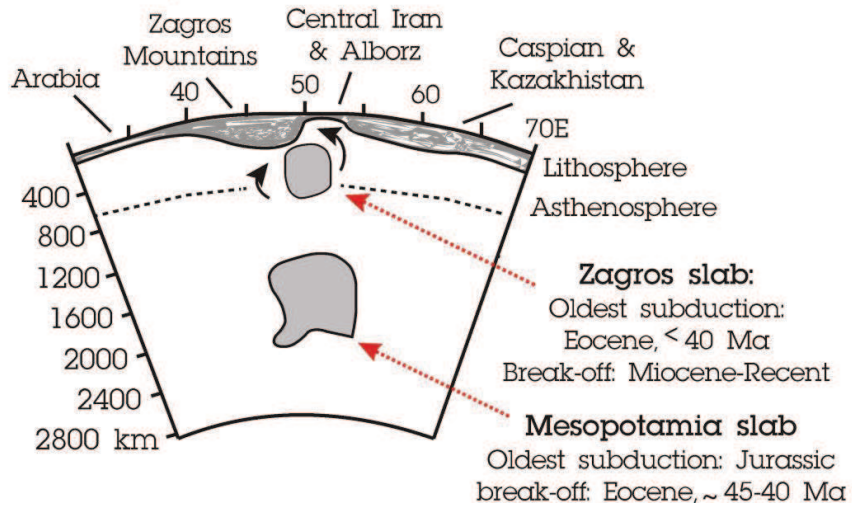


FIGURE CAPTIONS:

Fig. 1 (a) Simplified distribution of the main tectonic subdivisions of Iran. (b) Distribution of magmatic complexes in the N-SaSZ and the position of the MBPC. The MBPC is marked by two rectangles (8 and 9). 1- Oshnavieh (Os); Urumieh; 2- Naghade-Khalfe-Pasveh (N-K-P); 3- Piranshahr (Pi), Saqez, Takab (Ta); Miandoab, Mahabad (Mh); Sanandaj (Sn) and Baneh (Ba); 4- Qorveh (Qr); 5- Kamyaran (Ka); 6- Almogholagh (Al); 7- Alvand (Al), 8- Malayer (Ma); 9- Boroujerd (Br). (c) The areas marked by (8) and (9) respectively contain geological maps of the MBPC indicating the distribution of mafic–intermediate dykes. The locations of dyke samples with corresponding geochemical data are labelled.

Fig. 2 Representative CL images of zircon grains.

Fig. 3 Conventional U–Pb concordia plots (Tera and Wasserburg, 1972) and weighted mean zircon ages for MBPC magmatic dykes. (a) Middle Jurassic diorite. (b) Middle Jurassic gabbro. (c, d) Late Eocene gabbro.

Fig. 4 (a-f) Harker diagrams of major oxides (wt. %) vs. SiO₂ (wt. %) for the gabbro–dioritic dykes from the MBPC. Arrows indicate changes in composition relative to magma evolution. Thin dashed and solid lines are respectively mineral fractionation and accumulation vectors from an assumed parental magma (MN_{2a}). (g-i) TiO₂ (wt. %) vs. Mg[#], CaO/Al₂O₃ and Al₂O₃ vs. MgO (wt. %).

Fig. 5 (a, b) Primitive Mantle (PM)-normalised trace element diagrams and Chondrite-normalised REE patterns for the Middle Jurassic dykes, (c, d) PM-normalised trace element diagrams and Chondrite-normalized REE patterns for Late Eocene gabbroic dykes. PM compositions are from Taylor and McLennan (1985). Chondrite compositions are from Nakamura (1974).

Fig. 6 Isotope ratio diagrams for the MBPC dykes. (a) (⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr)_i vs. εNd. 1- Hawaii (PREMA): (Hofmann 2005); 2- Upper Jurassic – Lower Cretaceous Kapan arc (Mederer *et al.* 2013); 3- Late Cenozoic Georgian and NW Armenian mafic alkaline rocks (Neill *et al.* 2013, 2015); 4- MBPC

Late Eocene gabbroic intrusions (Deevsalar *et al.* 2017); 5- MBPC Middle Jurassic gabbroic intrusions (Deevsalar *et al.* 2017); 6- OIB (Zhang *et al.* 2002); 7- MBPC granitoids (Ahmadi-Khalaji *et al.* 2006; Ahadnejad *et al.* 2010; 2011); 8- Alvand granite (Shahbazi *et al.* 2010; Sepahi *et al.* 2017). (b, c) Initial Sr and Nd isotopic values plotted against $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$. (d, e) $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ vs. $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ for the MBPC dykes. Labelled rectangular fields in each plot show mantle reservoirs (EMI, EMII, HIMU, and DMM) taken from Shimuda (2009). Also shown are Late Cenozoic lavas from Karacadag, S Turkey (Ekici *et al.* 2014) and E Iran (Kheirkhah *et al.* 2015); Upper Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous mafic rocks from the Kapan Arc (Mederer *et al.* 2013); and Late Cenozoic mafic lavas of NE Armenia (Neill *et al.* 2015). The gray triangles are used for screening the proportion of each of these mantle reservoirs in the source region.

Fig. 7 (a) Hf/Yb vs. Nb/Zr plot (John *et al.* 2004). PM: primitive mantle, EM: enriched mantle, DM: depleted mantle. (b) Th/Yb vs. Ta/Yb plot (Pearce 1983). Enclosed area in this figure: 1- Upper Jurassic- Late Cretaceous rocks from the Kapan arc (Mederer *et al.* 2013), 2- alkaline rocks from East Iran (Kheirkhah *et al.* 2015). VAB: volcanic arc basalts, Th; tholeiitic, Alk: alkaline, Tr: transitional, CA; calc-alkaline. (c) La/Yb vs. Zr/Nb (Aldanmaz *et al.* 2006). WAM (Western Anatolian Mantle); (d) Ta/Zr vs. Nb/Hf. Green filed shows the MBPC Late Eocene Gabbros (Deevsalar *et al.* 2017). (e) Comparison of the concentration of selected trace elements in the Late Eocene gabbroic dykes with E-MORB, N-MORB and OIB (values from Sun & McDonough 1989).

Fig. 8 Trace element modelling of magmatic processes for Group-1 dykes. (a) AFC trajectory on a $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ vs. Sr (ppm) plot. Parameters are R: 0.3, D_{Sr} : 0.6, and contaminant is upper crustal-greywacke (taken from Wedepohl 1995; 35% Qtz + 30% Bio + 15% Plg + 5% Alk + 15% Mus). AFC calculated using the equations of DePaolo (1981). (b) Mixing model trajectory plotted on $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ vs. 1/Sr (ppm). End-members are metasomatised mantle-derived magma (Supplementary Item 1, Table S4) and greywacke-derived melt (modal fractional melting of upper crustal-greywacke, Table 5; F_{melting} : 0.2). The degree of mixing (F_{mixing}) is 0.4. Each point on the curves represents 10% assimilation. Mixing equation is from Langmuir *et al.* 1978. PM-

normalized trace element pattern of: (c) metasomatically-enriched mantle magma ($F_{\text{melting}}: 15\%$) and AFC-trajectory, and (d) mixing and FC model trajectories modelled on a multi-element plot of Group-1 dykes. Parameters for non-modal batch melting and Rayleigh fractional crystallization (FC) are given in Supplementary Item 3, Tables S2 and S3.

Fig. 9 Non-modal batch melting vectors are plotted on (a) La/Sm vs. La (ppm), and (b) Zr/Nb vs. La/Yb logarithmic plots for Group-2 dykes. M: enriched mantle source was suggested for MBPC gabbros (Deevsalar et al. 2017), M': depleted asthenospheric source. (c) Trace element modelling of melting, mixing and fractional crystallization. The parameters used in this model are in Supplementary Item 3, Table S2 and S3. The results of melting (calculated in three modes) and mixing event in the source region, and fractional crystallization model in crustal level are given in Table 5. Normalising values are from Sun & McDonough (1989). The mixing equation is from Langmuir *et al.* (1978).

Fig. 10 (a) Schematic representation of the proposed geodynamic scenario for emplacement of within-plate type igneous rocks in the SaSiZ and the UDMA during the Late Eocene. The model involves roll-back of the Mesopotamia slab, combined with detachment beneath the SaSiZ. Next, subduction of the Zagros slab removes the last remaining Neo-Tethys lithosphere between Iran and Arabia and shifts the locus of renewed arc magmatism east to the UDMA. Modified after Zhang *et al.* (in press). The location of the MBPC and Piranshahr (Pi) are shown in Fig. 1b. (b) Summary of the present-day location of the two slab remnants from Neo-Tethyan subduction beneath Iran. Based on seismic tomography results published in van der Meer *et al.* (2018).