

Retzian-(Ce)**(Mn²⁺, Mg)₂(Ce, Nd)(AsO₄)(OH)₄**

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* 2/m 2/m 2/m. Crystals are elongated along [001], may be tabular on {010}, with large {010}, {001}, {101}, {110}, small {130}, to 0.5 mm, usually in parallel growths.

Physical Properties: *Fracture:* Conchoidal to uneven. Hardness = 4 D(meas.) = 4.15 D(calc.) = 4.45

Optical Properties: Subtranslucent. *Color:* Dark chocolate-brown to chestnut-brown; brown in transmitted light. *Streak:* Pale brown. *Luster:* Vitreous to greasy.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). *Pleochroism:* X = colorless to yellow; Y = yellow to brown; Z = red-brown to crimson. *Orientation:* X = c; Y = b; Z = a. *Dispersion:* r < v, weak. *Absorption:* Z > Y > X. α = 1.777(5) β = 1.788(5) γ = 1.800(5) 2V(meas.) = Large. 2V(calc.) = 88°

Cell Data: *Space Group:* Pban. a = 5.670(3) b = 12.03(1) c = 4.863(4) Z = 2

X-ray Powder Pattern: Moss mine, Sweden; very similar to retzian-(La) and retzian-(Nd). 2.717 (10), 3.528 (8), 1.848 (5), 6.00 (4), 1.619 (4), 4.84 (3), 2.335 (3)

Chemistry:

	(1)		(1)
As ₂ O ₅	27.1	Gd ₂ O ₃	1.9
Y ₂ O ₃	1.7	FeO	1.1
La ₂ O ₃	3.0	MnO	27.3
Ce ₂ O ₃	14.5	ZnO	0.8
Pr ₂ O ₃	2.4	MgO	1.2
Nd ₂ O ₃	6.8	CaO	0.6
Sm ₂ O ₃	1.6	H ₂ O	8.3
Eu ₂ O ₃	1.0	<hr/>	
		Total	99.3

(1) Moss mine, Sweden; by electron microprobe, total Mn as MnO, H₂O by DTA-TGA on a separate sample; corresponds to (Mn_{1.77}Mg_{0.13}Fe_{0.07}Zn_{0.05}Ca_{0.05})_{Σ=2.07}(Ce_{0.40}Nd_{0.19}La_{0.08}Y_{0.07}Pr_{0.07}Sm_{0.04}Gd_{0.05}Eu_{0.03})_{Σ=0.93}(AsO₄)_{1.08}(OH)_{3.69}.

Occurrence: A rare mineral in cavities in porous dolomite.

Association: Jacobsite, pyrochroite.

Distribution: From the Moss mine, near Nordmark, Värmland, Sweden.

Name: Honoring Professor Anders Johan Retzius (1742–1821), University of Lund, Lund, Sweden, Swedish naturalist, and for *cerium*, its dominant rare earth element.

Type Material: Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm, Sweden; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 145882.

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