

Supporting Information

ISOTOPIC VARIABILITY OF MERCURY IN ORE, MINE-WASTE CALCINE, AND LEACHATES OF MINE-WASTE CALCINE FROM AREAS MINED FOR MERCURY

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Table S-1: $\delta^x\text{Hg}$ values relative to NIST 3133 for all samples of Hg ore, mine-waste calcine and leachates of mine-waste calcine analyzed in this study.

| Sample ^a | n | $\delta^{202}\text{Hg}$ | | $\delta^{201}\text{Hg}$ | | $\delta^{200}\text{Hg}$ | | $\delta^{199}\text{Hg}$ | | $\Delta 201\text{Hg}^c$ | 2sd | $\Delta 200\text{Hg}^c$ | 2sd | $\Delta 199\text{Hg}^c$ | 2sd |
|-------------------------------|----|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| | | (‰) | 2sd ^b | (‰) | 2sd ^b | (‰) | 2sd ^b | (‰) | 2sd ^b | | | | | | |
| UM-Almadén 1 $\mu\text{g/L}$ | 38 | -0.61 | 0.24 | -0.46 | 0.1 | -0.3 | 0.14 | -0.14 | 0.1 | -0.01 | 0.11 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.10 |
| UM-Almadén 2 $\mu\text{g/L}$ | 18 | -0.58 | 0.09 | -0.45 | 0.08 | -0.28 | 0.05 | -0.16 | 0.06 | -0.01 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.03 | -0.02 | 0.05 |
| Mine-waste calcine-Terlingua | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03MAR1 | 2 | 1.04 | 0.24 | 0.78 | 0.10 | 0.53 | 0.14 | 0.23 | 0.10 | -0.01 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.03 | -0.03 | 0.05 |
| 03MAR2 | 2 | 0.76 | 0.24 | 0.53 | 0.10 | 0.36 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.10 | -0.04 | 0.06 | -0.02 | 0.03 | -0.05 | 0.05 |
| 03MAR3 | 2 | 0.46 | 0.24 | 0.37 | 0.15 | 0.25 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.10 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.05 |
| 03MSM1 | 4 | 0.39 | 0.24 | 0.21 | 0.17 | 0.12 | 0.40 | -0.07 | 0.38 | -0.08 | 0.05 | -0.08 | 0.36 | -0.17 | 0.36 |
| 03MSM2 | 2 | 0.64 | 0.46 | 0.34 | 0.64 | 0.33 | 0.25 | 0.10 | 0.17 | -0.15 | 0.14 | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.06 | 0.05 |
| 03MSM3 | 3 | 1.52 | 0.32 | 1.02 | 0.24 | 0.74 | 0.19 | 0.25 | 0.12 | -0.13 | 0.06 | -0.03 | 0.03 | -0.13 | 0.05 |
| 03MSM4 | 2 | 0.64 | 0.24 | 0.45 | 0.10 | 0.34 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.10 | -0.03 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.03 | -0.02 | 0.05 |
| 03MSM5 | 2 | 0.7 | 0.24 | 0.49 | 0.10 | 0.33 | 0.14 | 0.09 | 0.10 | -0.04 | 0.06 | -0.02 | 0.03 | -0.09 | 0.05 |
| 03SB1 | 4 | -0.46 | 0.24 | -0.20 | 0.14 | -0.18 | 0.14 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.23 | 0.05 |
| 03SB2 | 2 | -0.47 | 0.24 | -0.32 | 0.10 | -0.24 | 0.14 | -0.06 | 0.10 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| 03SB3 | 2 | -1.34 | 0.28 | -0.97 | 0.24 | -0.65 | 0.14 | -0.20 | 0.10 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.14 | 0.05 |
| 03SB4 | 2 | -0.53 | 0.24 | -0.38 | 0.10 | -0.25 | 0.14 | -0.11 | 0.10 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.05 |
| 03SB5 | 2 | -0.6 | 0.24 | -0.42 | 0.10 | -0.30 | 0.14 | -0.09 | 0.10 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.05 |
| 03TER1 | 2 | 0.08 | 0.24 | 0.15 | 0.23 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.14 |
| 03TER2 | 2 | 0.31 | 0.24 | 0.27 | 0.10 | 0.19 | 0.14 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.04 | 0.11 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.10 |
| 03TER3 | 2 | 0.61 | 0.24 | 0.41 | 0.10 | 0.32 | 0.14 | 0.13 | 0.10 | -0.05 | 0.11 | 0.02 | 0.06 | -0.02 | 0.10 |
| 03TER4 | 2 | 0.6 | 0.24 | 0.43 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.14 | 0.04 | 0.11 | -0.02 | 0.18 | -0.03 | 0.04 | -0.12 | 0.14 |
| 03TER5 | 2 | 0.3 | 0.24 | 0.10 | 0.43 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.02 | 0.10 | -0.12 | 0.32 | -0.04 | 0.06 | -0.05 | 0.10 |
| Mine-waste calcine -McDermitt | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 99MCD1 | 4 | -1.49 | 0.29 | -1.05 | 0.24 | -0.73 | 0.16 | -0.21 | 0.17 | 0.07 | 0.15 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.17 | 0.11 |
| 99MCD2 | 3 | -0.22 | 0.24 | -0.12 | 0.10 | -0.12 | 0.16 | -0.07 | 0.10 | 0.05 | 0.15 | -0.01 | 0.07 | -0.02 | 0.10 |
| 99MCD3a | 2 | -0.64 | 0.24 | -0.45 | 0.10 | -0.30 | 0.14 | -0.15 | 0.10 | 0.03 | 0.11 | 0.02 | 0.13 | 0.01 | 0.10 |
| 99MCD3b | 2 | -0.47 | 0.24 | -0.30 | 0.12 | -0.29 | 0.14 | -0.16 | 0.14 | 0.05 | 0.11 | -0.05 | 0.06 | -0.05 | 0.12 |
| 01MCD2 | 3 | 0.28 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.22 | 0.16 | 0.14 | 0.09 | 0.18 | 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.13 |

| Hg minerals-Terlingua | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| Calomel-USGS | 2 | -0.75 | 0.24 | -0.50 | 0.10 | -0.36 | 0.14 | -0.09 | 0.10 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| Calomel-CSM | 3 | -2.05 | 0.31 | -1.38 | 0.28 | -0.98 | 0.18 | -0.22 | 0.10 | 0.17 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.30 | 0.05 |
| Montroydite-USGS | 2 | 1.05 | 0.24 | 0.81 | 0.22 | 0.49 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.10 | 0.02 | 0.11 | -0.04 | 0.07 | -0.08 | 0.10 |
| Montroydite-CSM | 2 | 1.39 | 0.24 | 0.99 | 0.18 | 0.66 | 0.16 | 0.26 | 0.11 | -0.05 | 0.11 | -0.04 | 0.06 | -0.09 | 0.10 |
| Metacinnabar | 1 | -0.07 | | -0.10 | | -0.01 | | -0.05 | | -0.05 | | 0.03 | | -0.03 | |
| Cinnabar-CSM | 3 | -1.65 | 0.25 | -1.16 | 0.33 | -0.82 | 0.17 | -0.23 | 0.12 | 0.09 | 0.15 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.19 | 0.06 |
| Cinnabar-CSM | 1 | -1.6 | | -1.06 | | -0.75 | | -0.18 | | 0.14 | | 0.06 | | 0.22 | |
| Cinnabar-USGS | 2 | -1.72 | 0.24 | -1.19 | 0.10 | -0.82 | 0.14 | -0.25 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.19 | 0.12 |
| Terlinguaite/Kleinite-USGS | 3 | -2.7 | 0.28 | -1.80 | 0.35 | -1.29 | 0.14 | -0.33 | 0.10 | 0.23 | 0.15 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.36 | 0.05 |
| Terlinguaite-CSM | 2 | -2.15 | 0.33 | -1.53 | 0.22 | -1.09 | 0.18 | -0.27 | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.29 | 0.06 |
| Kleinite-CSM | 3 | -2.15 | 0.33 | -1.44 | 0.29 | -1.05 | 0.16 | -0.25 | 0.10 | 0.17 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.29 | 0.08 |
| Cinnabar-McDermitt | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MCD100 | 3 | -0.70 | 0.24 | -0.54 | 0.16 | -0.36 | 0.14 | -0.16 | 0.10 | -0.01 | 0.16 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.07 |
| MCD101 | 2 | -0.64 | 0.24 | -0.39 | 0.10 | -0.30 | 0.14 | -0.14 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.10 |
| MCD102a | 2 | -0.52 | 0.25 | -0.32 | 0.10 | -0.21 | 0.14 | -0.13 | 0.17 | 0.07 | 0.13 | 0.05 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.11 |
| MCD102b | 2 | -0.56 | 0.24 | -0.44 | 0.10 | -0.26 | 0.14 | -0.18 | 0.13 | -0.01 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.02 | -0.04 | 0.15 |
| MCD102c | 2 | -0.50 | 0.24 | -0.36 | 0.10 | -0.25 | 0.14 | -0.15 | 0.10 | 0.01 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.06 | -0.03 | 0.10 |
| MCD102d | 2 | -0.42 | 0.24 | -0.41 | 0.11 | -0.24 | 0.14 | -0.11 | 0.10 | 0.01 | 0.50 | -0.03 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.11 |
| MCD102e | 2 | -0.61 | 0.24 | -0.45 | 0.12 | -0.28 | 0.14 | -0.12 | 0.10 | 0.01 | 0.11 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.10 |
| MCD102f | 4 | -0.69 | 0.26 | -0.46 | 0.17 | -0.36 | 0.14 | -0.18 | 0.10 | 0.06 | 0.18 | -0.01 | 0.04 | -0.01 | 0.06 |
| MCD103a | 3 | -0.58 | 0.24 | -0.39 | 0.10 | -0.31 | 0.14 | -0.12 | 0.12 | 0.04 | 0.11 | -0.02 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.10 |
| MCD103b | 2 | -0.60 | 0.24 | -0.48 | 0.27 | -0.26 | 0.14 | -0.15 | 0.10 | -0.03 | 0.11 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.10 |
| MCD104 | 3 | -0.61 | 0.24 | -0.43 | 0.10 | -0.31 | 0.14 | -0.13 | 0.10 | 0.03 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.10 |
| Leachates-Terlingua | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03MAR1 | 2 | 2.09 | 0.34 | 1.59 | 0.24 | 1.06 | 0.25 | 0.50 | 0.18 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.07 | -0.02 | 0.10 |
| 03MAR2 | 2 | 0.82 | 0.09 | 0.62 | 0.08 | 0.40 | 0.05 | 0.26 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.06 | -0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| 03MAR3 | 2 | 0.20 | 0.09 | 0.20 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.05 | 0.17 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.05 |
| 03MSM5 | 2 | 1.11 | 0.20 | 0.88 | 0.12 | 0.54 | 0.10 | 0.47 | 0.16 | 0.04 | 0.06 | -0.02 | 0.03 | 0.19 | 0.11 |
| 03SB1 | 2 | 0.71 | 0.18 | 0.66 | 0.20 | 0.39 | 0.13 | 0.30 | 0.06 | 0.13 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.18 | 0.05 |
| 03SB4 | 2 | -0.17 | 0.09 | -0.12 | 0.08 | -0.08 | 0.05 | -0.02 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.08 |
| 03TER1a | 2 | 0.54 | 0.35 | 0.43 | 0.34 | 0.32 | 0.13 | 0.24 | 0.10 | 0.04 | 0.13 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.10 | 0.05 |

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|---------------------|---|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 03TER1b | 2 | 0.64 | 0.35 | 0.49 | 0.34 | 0.33 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.10 | 0.01 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.05 |
| Leachates-McDermitt | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 99MCD1a | 2 | -1.43 | 0.20 | -0.96 | 0.16 | -0.70 | 0.12 | -0.32 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.13 |
| 99MCD1b | 2 | -1.49 | 0.08 | -0.99 | 0.10 | -0.71 | 0.04 | -0.06 | 0.32 | 0.12 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.32 | 0.33 |

a. MAR=Mariposa mine, MSM=Mariscal mine, SB=Study Butte mine, TER=Terlingua mine, MCD=McDermitt mine.

b. The 2sd error for each sample is calculated from replicate analyses of the sample. Where the calculated 2sd was smaller than that of the replicate analyses of the secondary standard UM-Almadén, the value for UM-Almadén is used for the uncertainty of the $\delta^x\text{Hg}$.

c. The $\Delta^x\text{Hg}$ values were calculated using the approximated formulas published in Blum and Bergquist, 2007.

Table S-2. Isotopic composition of Hg in cinnabar samples from the McDermitt mine relative to NIST 3133. Samples MCD102a-f represent replicate digestions of cinnabar from a single sample of ore. Each digested sample was analyzed for isotopic composition and the average of n isotopic measurements reported.

| Sample | n | $\delta^{202}\text{Hg}$ (‰) | Description |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Replicate digestions, single ore | | | |
| MCD102a | 2 | -0.52±0.24 | Cinnabar in vein quartz |
| MCD102b | 2 | -0.56±0.09 | Cinnabar in vein quartz |
| MCD102c | 2 | -0.50±0.18 | Cinnabar in vein quartz |
| MCD102d | 2 | -0.42±0.11 | Cinnabar in vein quartz |
| MCD102e | 2 | -0.60±0.09 | Cinnabar in vein quartz |
| MCD102f | 2 | -0.69±0.25 | Cinnabar in vein quartz |
| average | 14 | -0.57±0.25 | |
| Separate ore samples | | | |
| MCD100 | 3 | -0.70±0.16 | Cinnabar in sinter ^a |
| MCD101 | 2 | -0.64±0.09 | Cinnabar in sinter ^a |
| MCD102 | 14 | -0.57±0.26 | Cinnabar in vein quartz |
| MCD103 | 5 | -0.59±0.09 | Cinnabar in vein quartz |
| MCD104 | 3 | -0.61±0.12 | Cinnabar in sinter |
| average | 27 | -0.60±0.20 | |

Table S-3: Total and leachable Hg in mine-waste calcine samples from the Terlingua District and McDermitt mine.

| sample | total Hg ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) | leachable ^a Hg ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) | leachable fraction of total Hg | leachate pH |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Mine-waste calcine -Terlingua District | | | | |
| 03MAR1 | 170 | 64.1 | 7.54E-03 | 7.7 |
| 03MAR2 | 190 | 5 | 5.26E-04 | 7.4 |
| 03MAR3 | 35 | 0.28 | 1.60E-04 | 7.2 |
| 03MSM1 | 6.9 | <0.1 | <2.90E-04 | 7.3 |
| 03MSM2 | 31 | <0.1 | <6.45E-05 | 7.1 |
| 03MSM3 | 44 | <0.1 | <4.55E-05 | 7.1 |
| 03MSM4 | 110 | <0.1 | <1.82E-05 | 7.1 |
| 03MSM5 | 150 | <0.1 | <1.33E-05 | 7.3 |
| 03SB1 | 5900 | 102 | 3.46E-04 | 7.4 |
| 03SB2 | 12 | 0.32 | 5.33E-04 | 7.1 |
| 03SB3 | 480 | <0.1 | <4.17E-06 | 7.3 |
| 03SB4 | 3000 | 0.5 | 3.33E-06 | 3.8 |
| 03SB5 | 35 | 0.1 | 5.71E-05 | 7.3 |
| 03TER1 | 19000 | 1118 | 1.18E-03 | 6.1 |
| 03TER2 | 14 | 1.04 | 1.49E-03 | 7.4 |
| 03TER3 | 16 | 0.23 | 2.88E-04 | 7.1 |
| 03TER4 | 170 | 0.1 | 1.18E-05 | 7.4 |
| 03Ter5 | 4.1 | 0.1 | 4.88E-04 | 7.1 |
| Mine-waste calcine -McDermitt | | | | |
| 99MCD1 | 1200 | 21 | 3.50E-04 | 8.8 |
| 99MCD2 | 43 | 0.2 | 9.30E-05 | 4.3 |
| 99MCD3a | 1400 | 0.2 | 2.86E-06 | 3.2 |
| 99MCD3b | 1400 | 0.2 | 2.86E-06 | 3.2 |
| 01MCD2 | 200 | NA | NA | 4.3 |

a. A synthetic rainwater leach (US EPA method 1312) was performed on all calcines using 100g of waste material and 2L of synthetic rainwater. Leachates were filtered by 0.45 mm filter prior to analysis for total Hg in leachate.

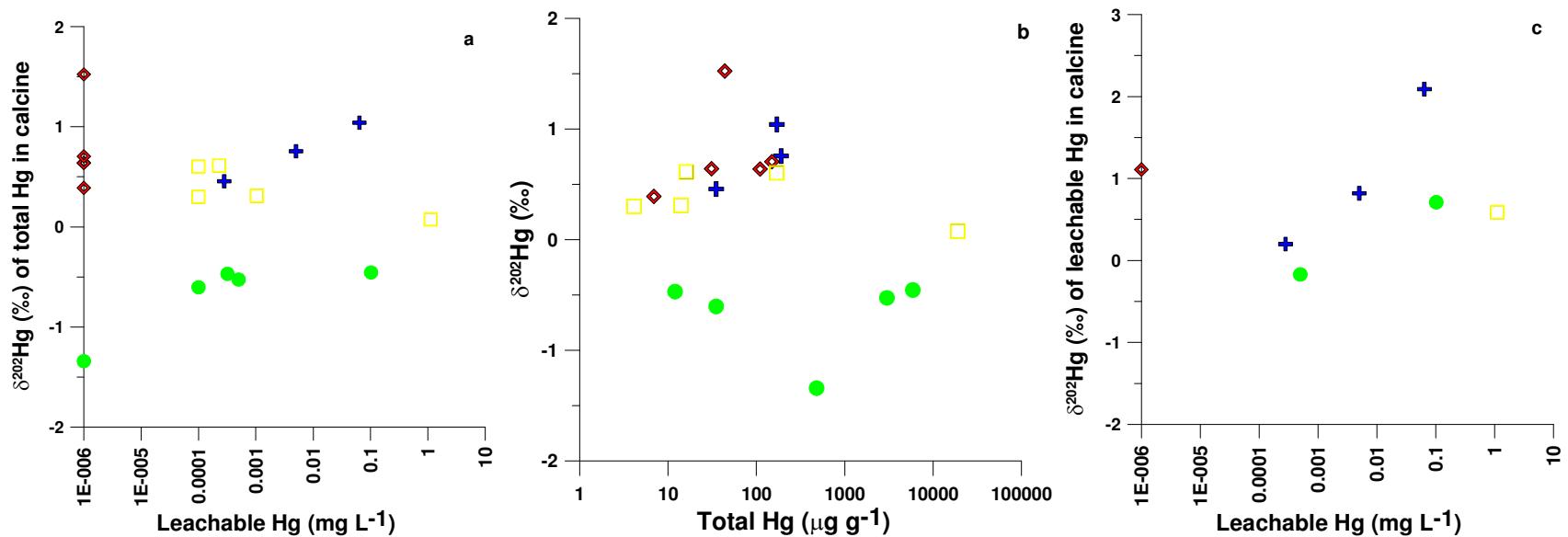


Figure S-1: Variation of Hg isotopic composition in calcines relative to synthetic rainwater leachable Hg concentration (a) and Hg total concentration (b) and variation of Hg isotopic composition in calcine leachates relative to synthetic rainwater leachable Hg concentration (c). Data are plotted by mine: + - Mariposa, ◇ - Mariscal, ● - Study Butte, □ - Terlingua, ▲ - McDermitt.