

1 **Supplementary Materials for**

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3 **Rapid drift of the Tethyan Himalaya terrane before two-stage**
4 **India-Asia collision**

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19 **Supplementary Note 1: Geologic settings**

20 The Indus-Yalung Tsangpo Suture (Fig. 1b) represents the collision zone between
21 the Lhasa and Tethyan Himalaya terranes, and thus between the Indian and Asian
22 continents, during the early Cenozoic. It comprises the late Triassic–Eocene Gangdese
23 magmatic arc, the early Cretaceous–Paleocene Xigaze forearc basin and the
24 accretionary prism [1–4]. To the south, Ordovician–Eocene Tethyan Himalaya strata
25 were deposited on the Indian continental passive margin, with shallow-water
26 platform-facies deposits in the south (southern Tethyan Himalaya) to deep-water
27 facies in the north (northern Tethyan Himalaya) [5].

28 In the Gyangze basin (Fig. 1c), Jurassic–Cretaceous strata were continuously
29 deposited in a continental slope environment, sourced from the Indian continent [6–8].
30 The deep-water Cretaceous strata are subdivided into a lower (Gyabula Formation)
31 and an upper (Chuangde Formation) unit [7]. The Gyabula Formation is composed of
32 dark gray siliceous/calcareous shales, siltstones, and turbidite beds and is conformably
33 overlain by the Chuangde Formation. The presence of fossil belemnites, ammonites,
34 foraminifera and radiolarian in the Gyabula Formation indicates a lower continental
35 slope depositional environment [7]. The Chuangde Formation of Santonian–
36 Campanian age consists of CORBs, here represented as violet-red shales intercalated
37 with thin marlstone beds [6,8,9]. Facies assemblages also suggest that the CORBs in
38 the Cailangba section, that is located in the western part of the Gyangze area (Fig. 1c),
39 were deposited in outer base-of-slope apron to deep basin environments [6]. The
40 Cailangba B section is about 30 m thick and mainly consists of purple medium
41 bedded limestones intercalated with conglomerates. The Cailangba A section is about
42 16 m thick, and comprises the same lithology as the lower-middle part of section B
43 (Supplementary Fig. 2).

44 The Sangdanlin and Mubala sections in the Saga area (Fig. 1d), ~500 km west of
45 the Gyangze region, represent the most distal continental margin of the northern
46 Tethyan Himalaya [10–12]. The Paleogene strata in the Saga area are commonly
47 divided into three formations [10–13] (Supplementary Fig. 3). The uppermost
48 Cretaceous–Paleocene Denggang Formation consists of a lower interval of shales and
49 siltstones, with radiolarian cherts and siliceous shales, and an upper interval of
50 sandstones intercalated with cherts and shales. Upward the Paleocene–Eocene
51 Sangdanlin Formation and Zheya Formation are composed of a shale/chert-dominated
52 interval and an interval of sandstones interbedded with shales and tuffs [10–14]. The
53 deep-water Sangdanlin Formation records the provenance change from Indian sources
54 to Asian sources while the overlying Zheya Formation is dominantly sourced from the
55 Gangdese arc to the north [10,13,14].

56 We sampled the upper Cretaceous Cailangba A and B sections and the Paleogene
57 Sangdanlin and Mubala sections for paleomagnetic purposes, to reconstruct the plate
58 tectonic history of the Tethyan Himalaya terrane by determining paleolatitudinal
59 changes through time. The samples were first subjected to detailed scanning electron
60 microscopy (SEM) observations and rock magnetic analyses (Fig. 2) to separate and
61 verify the primary or secondary character of the different magnetization components
62 (Fig. 3).

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64 **Supplementary Note 2: Anisotropy of magnetic susceptibility (AMS)**

65 AMS measurements were performed using a KLY-4s Kappabridge. To avoid
66 potential problems associated with heating, we completed the AMS measurements
67 before any thermal demagnetization was conducted.

68 In stratigraphic coordinates, the maximum (k1) and mediate (k2) principle

69 anisotropy directions are parallel to the bedding with well grouped magnetic
70 lineations; the minimum (k3) principle anisotropy directions are basically
71 perpendicular to the bedding (Supplementary Fig. 9). These distributions suggest that
72 the sedimentary magnetic fabrics of the samples of the Sangdanlin and Mubala
73 sections have been subjected to incipient deformation [15]. Great-circle fitting the
74 distribution of k3 of the Sangdanlin and Mubala sections provides planes with strike =
75 69.3° , dip = 88.3° (Supplementary Fig. 9b) and strike = 178.3° , dip = 89.2°
76 (Supplementary Fig. 9d), respectively. We assume that the original stress pattern in
77 both regions was the same with a north-south compression direction. Obviously a
78 north-south compression direction inferred from the Mubala section is consistent with
79 the regional tectonic context. We infer that a local counterclockwise rotation of 71° is
80 required to fit the distribution of k3 of the Sangdanlin section with the north-south
81 compression direction of the Mubala section. The characteristic of sedimentary
82 magnetic fabrics of the samples in the Cailangba A and B sections is similar to that in
83 the Sangdanlin and Mubala sections (Supplementary Figs. 9e, f).

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85 **Supplementary Note 3: Fold tests**

86 The sample-mean direction is $D_g = 163.8^\circ$, $I_g = -20.4^\circ$, $k = 2.7$, $\alpha_{95} = 11.7^\circ$, $N =$
87 86 before tilt correction, and $D_s = 176.3^\circ$, $I_s = -18.8^\circ$, $k = 35.8$, $\alpha_{95} = 2.6^\circ$ after tilt
88 correction (Supplementary Fig. 10a, b). The significant increase of precise parameter
89 k after tilt correction ($k_s/k_g = 13.34 > F(170, 170) = 1.29$) indicates a positive fold test
90 at the 95% confidence limit [16]. In the fold test of McFadden [17], the calculated
91 values are $\xi_{(2)\text{in situ}} = 81.56$ in geographic coordinates and $\xi_{(2)\text{tilt corrected}} = 0.39$ after tilt
92 correction, while the critical value is $\xi_C = 10.79$ at 95% confidence limit, also
93 indicating a positive fold test. Applying the progressive unfolding of Watson and

94 Enkin [18] shows a maximum precision parameter ($k_{\max} = 35.7$) at 100% unfolding,
95 and the direction ($D_m = 356.2^\circ$, $I_m = 18.7^\circ$, $k = 35.7$, $\alpha_{95} = 2.5^\circ$) is consistent with the
96 mean direction after tilt correction (Supplementary Fig. 10).

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98 **Supplementary Note 4: Inclination shallowing test and correction**

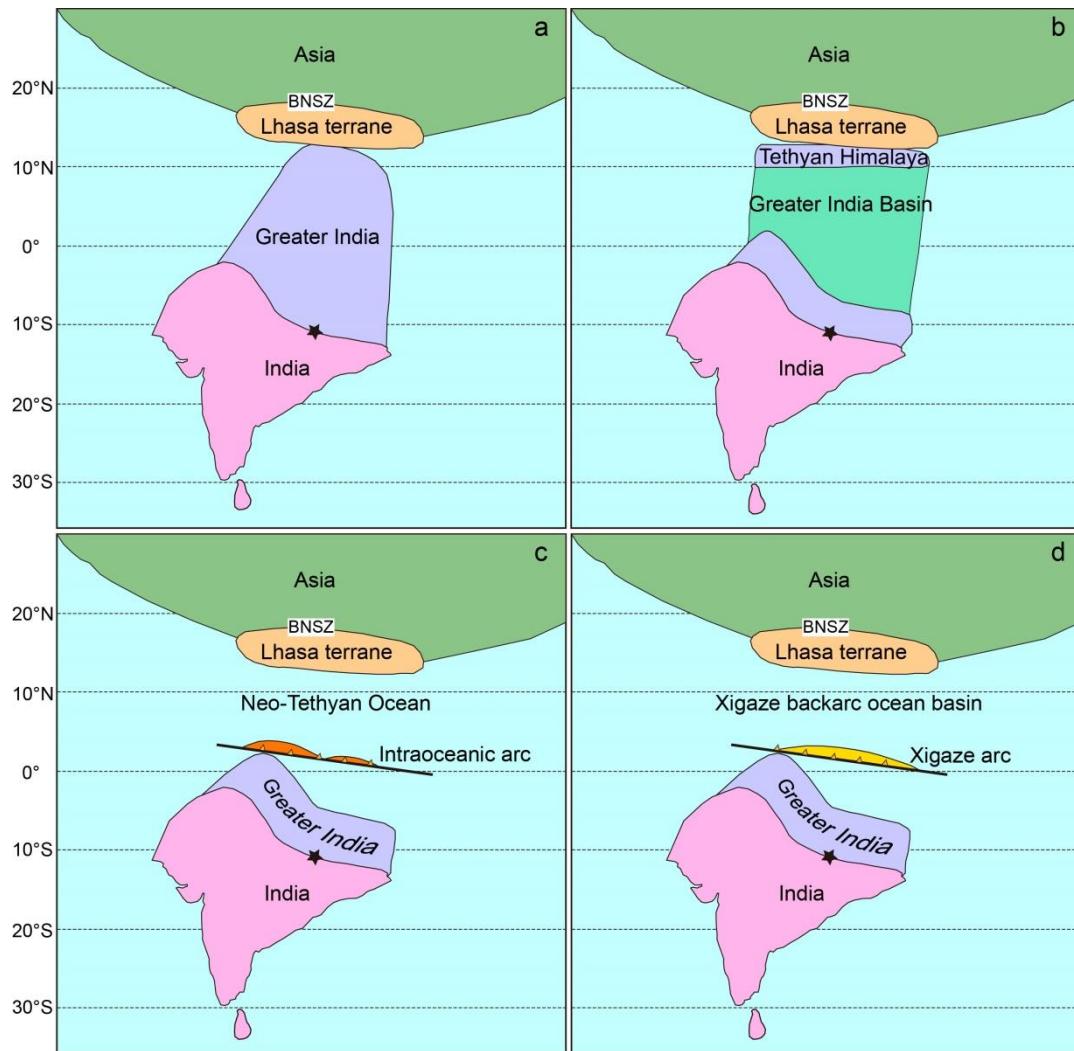
99 Five Cailangba hand samples from 5 sampling beddings oriented on the
100 stratigraphic bedding plane were used for anisotropy-based inclination shallowing
101 correction. A total of 23 specimens were drilled from the 5 hand samples in the
102 direction perpendicular to the stratigraphic bedding. These specimens were subjected
103 to successively increasing direct current (DC) fields (in the range of 0–1000 mT)
104 applied at a 45° angle to bedding plane of the sampled strata [19]. In the process of
105 applying the DC fields, IRM parallel (IRM_x) and perpendicular (IRM_z) to the
106 bedding plane of each specimen were measured after each application of the DC field
107 [19]. Then thermal demagnetization (in the temperature range of 100–680°C) was
108 also conducted on these specimens (Supplementary Fig. 11). The values of
109 IRM_z/IRM_x (IRM perpendicular/IRM parallel) of 23 specimens ranging of 200–1000
110 mT changed between 0.6273 and 0.7454, while those of IRM_z/IRM_x in the thermal
111 demagnetization temperature interval of 650–690°C changed between 0.6176 and
112 0.7346, respectively (Supplementary Fig. 11 and Supplementary Table 2). Having
113 considered that the HTCs were within 650–690°C, the mean IRM_z/IRM_x of each
114 hand sample in the temperature range of 650–680°C was used to calculate the mean
115 IRM_z/IRM_x of the sampled Cailangba section to be 0.6502.

116 The elongation/inclination (E/I) correction can be performed on the
117 paleomagnetic data from the Cailangba B section (78 specimens), and from the
118 Cailangba A and B sections (127 specimens), respectively (Supplementary Fig. 12).

119 The sample-mean direction of the Cailangba B section is $D_s = 10.5^\circ$, $I_s = -26.3^\circ$, $k =$
120 41.5 , $\alpha_{95} = 2.5^\circ$ after tilt correction. The corresponding E/I corrected inclination
121 increased to -34.0° , with the best estimate between -26.9° and -43.7° at the 95%
122 confidence level (Supplementary Fig. 12a). The sample-mean direction of the
123 Cailangba A and B sections is $D_s = 10.3^\circ$, $I_s = -25.9^\circ$, $k = 35.9$, $\alpha_{95} = 2.1^\circ$ after tilt
124 correction. The corresponding E/I corrected inclination increased to -35.0° , with the
125 best estimate between -29.5° and -39.7° at the 95% confidence level (Supplementary
126 Fig. 12b).

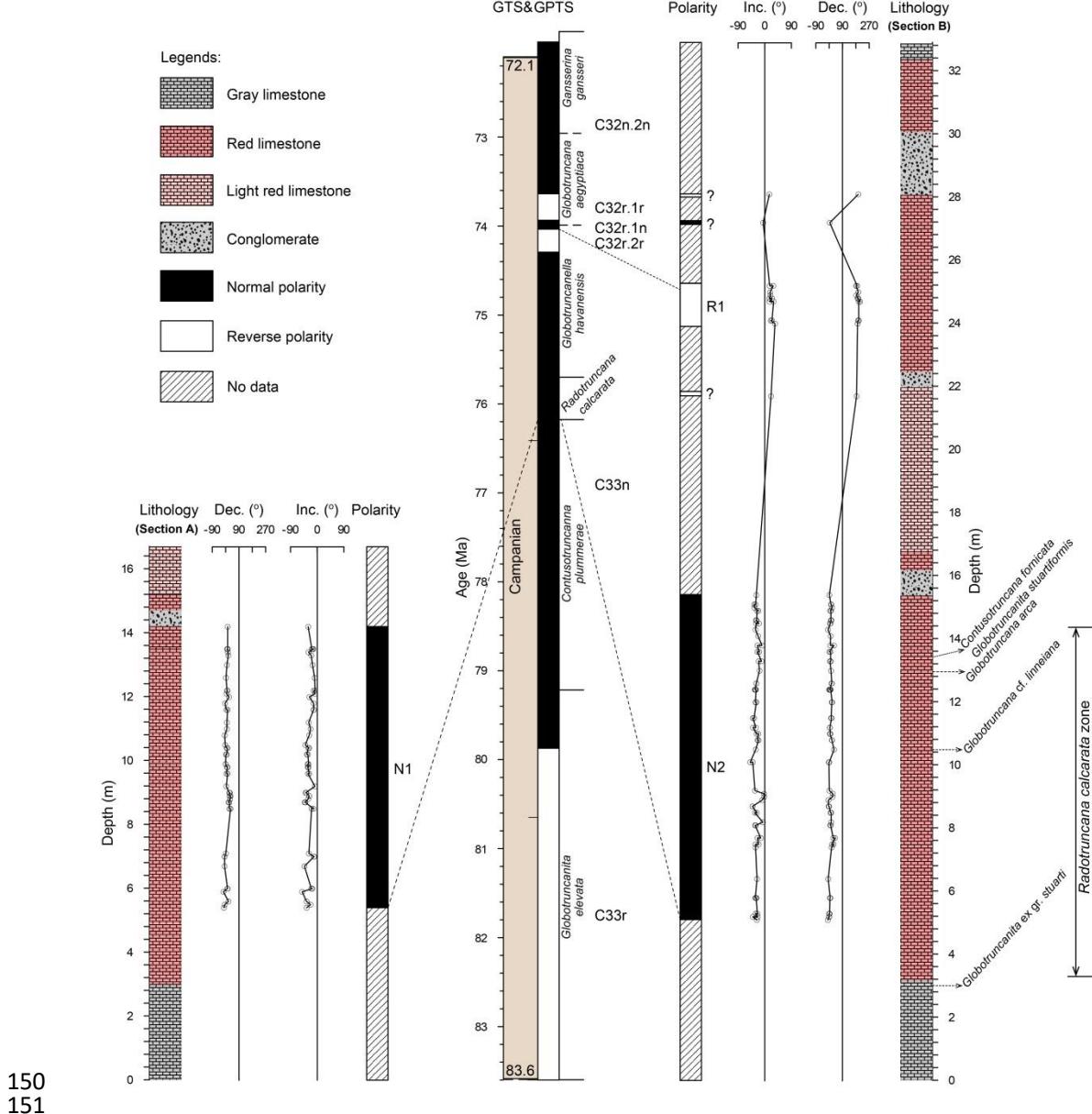
127 Four Sangdanlin hand samples from 4 sampling bedding oriented on the
128 stratigraphic bedding plane were used for anisotropy-based inclination shallowing
129 correction. A total of 33 specimens were drilled from the 4 hand samples in the
130 direction perpendicular to the stratigraphic bedding. These specimens were subjected
131 to successively increasing DC fields (in the range of 0–800 mT) applied at a 45° angle
132 to bedding plane of the sampled strata [19]. In the process of applying the DC fields,
133 the IRM_x and IRM_z to the bedding plane of each specimen were measured after each
134 application of the DC field [19]. Then thermal demagnetization (in the temperature
135 range of 100–680°C) was also conducted on these specimens (Supplementary Fig. 13).
136 The values of the IRM_z/IRM_x of 33 specimens in the range of 200–800 mT changed
137 between 0.6924 and 1.0000, while those of IRM_z/IRM_x in the thermal
138 demagnetization temperature interval of 650–690 °C changed between 0.5317 and
139 0.9827, respectively (Supplementary Fig. 13 and Supplementary Table 2). Having
140 considered that the HTCs were determined within 650–690 °C by thermal
141 demagnetization, the mean IRM_z/IRM_x of each hand sample in this temperature
142 range was used to calculate the mean IRM_z/IRM_x of the section to be 0.6982.

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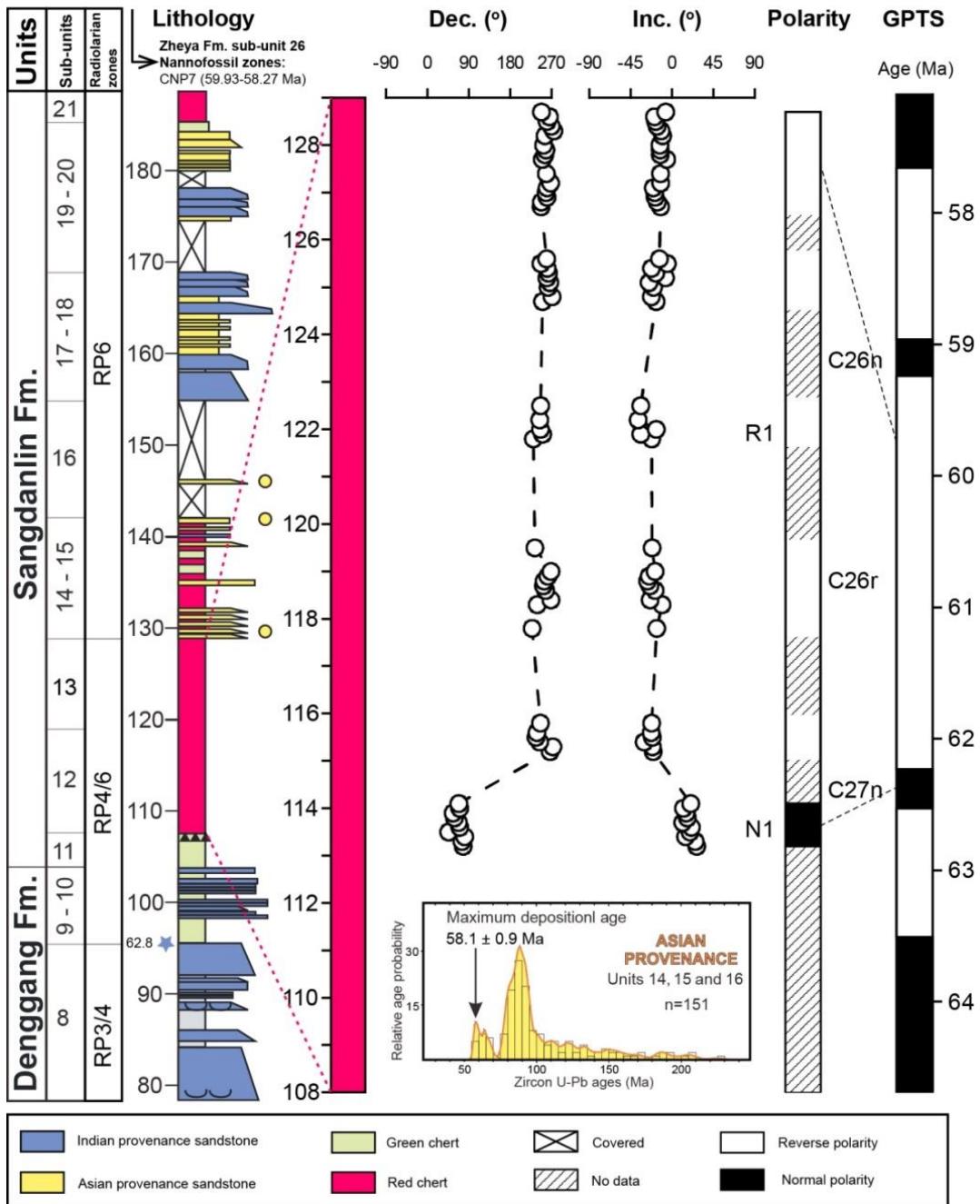
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146 **Supplementary Figure 1.** Geodynamic models for reconstructions of India-Asia
147 paleogeography at ~60 Ma. (a) The continental Greater India model [20,21]. (b) The
148 Greater India Basin model [22,23]. (c) The island arc-continent collision model [24].
149 (d) The India-arc-Xigaze backarc ocean collision model [25].

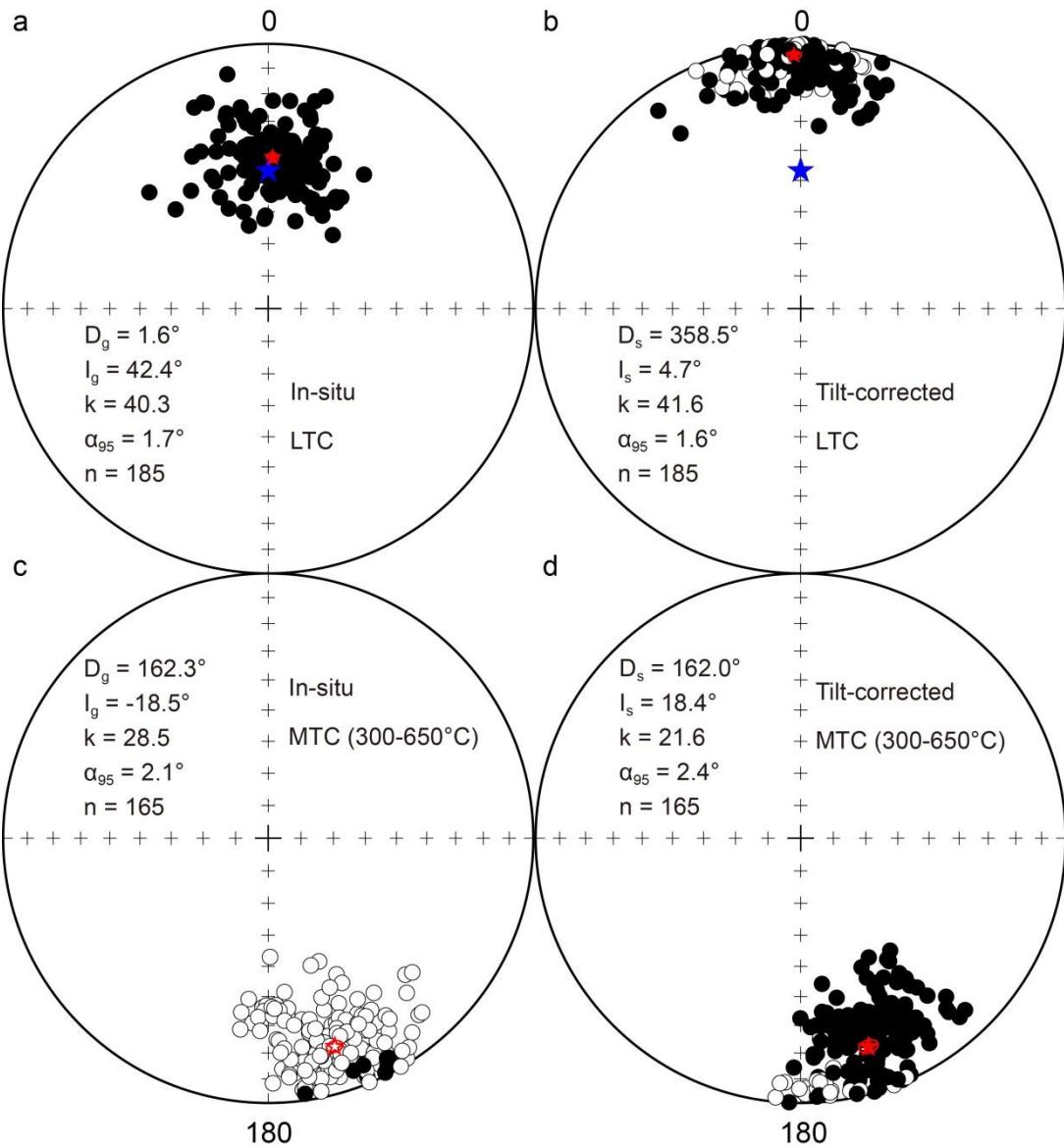


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152 **Supplementary Figure 2.** Lithology, magnetostratigraphy and biostratigraphy of the
153 Cailangba section. Dec., declinations; Inc., inclinations; GTS&GPTS, the geologic
154 time scale and the geomagnetic polarity timescale [26]. Biostratigraphic data are after
155 Chen *et al.* [6].

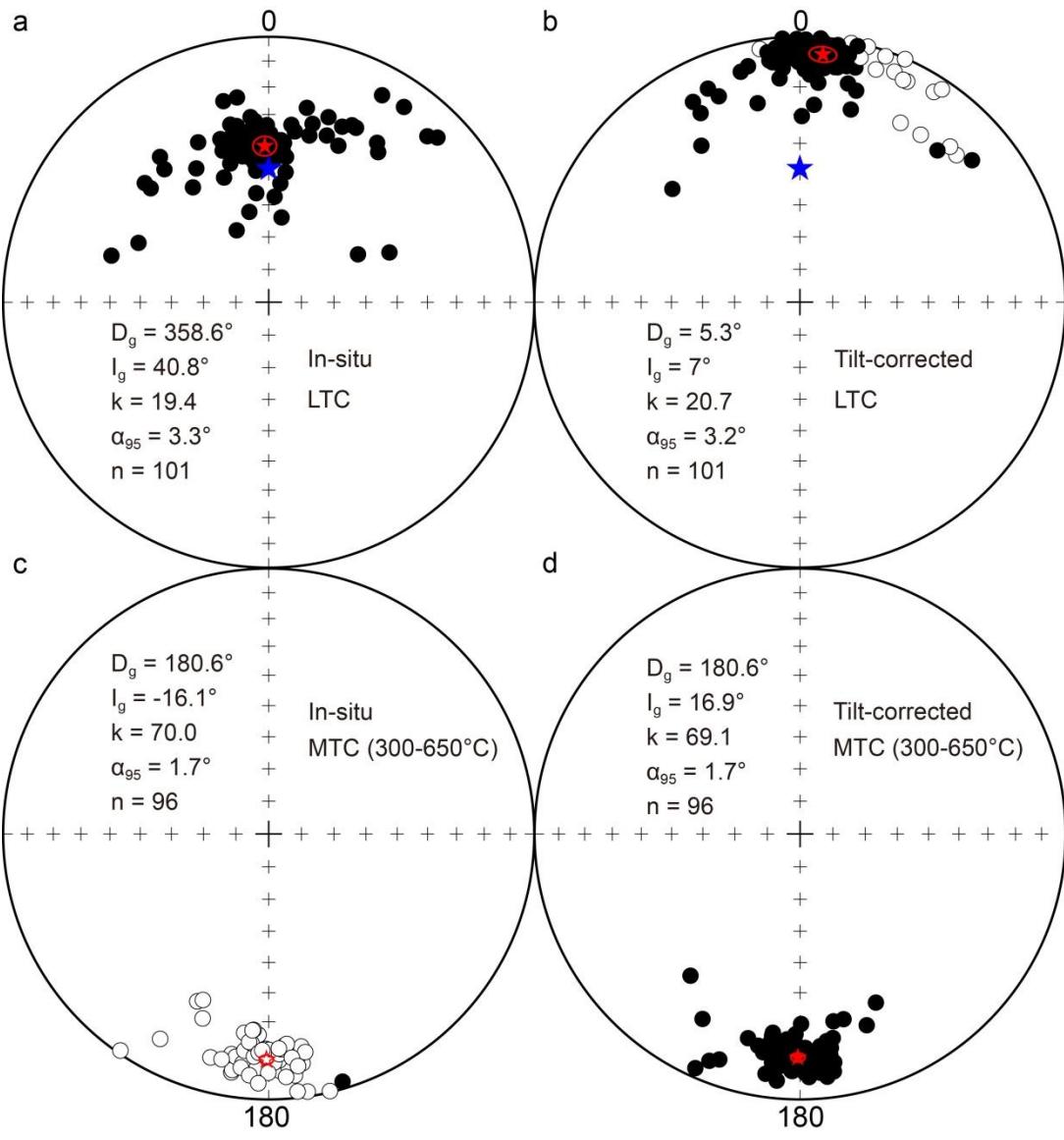


158 **Supplementary Figure 3.** Lithologic, biostratigraphic and magnetostratigraphic
159 results of the Sangdanlin red siliceous shales with declinations and inclinations plotted
160 as a function of stratigraphic level and showing the correlation with the GPTS [26].
161 The first arrival of Asian-derived turbidites is recorded in sub-units 14–16, the
162 maximum depositional age of which is constrained at 58.1 ± 0.9 Ma by detrital zircon
163 U-Pb geochronology [13].



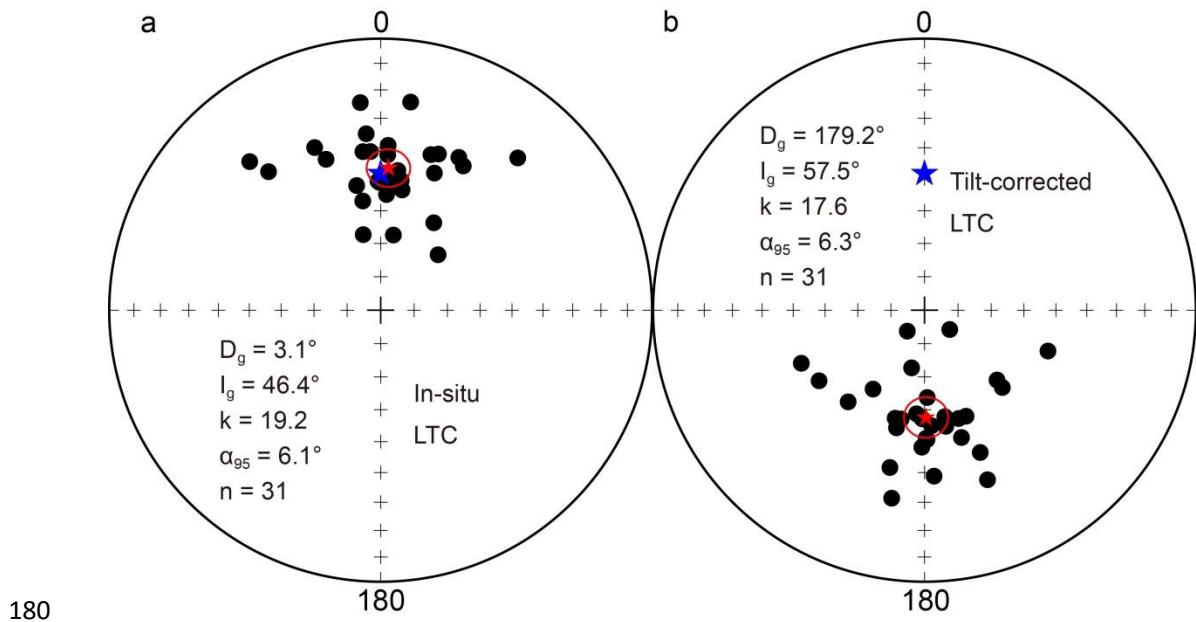
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166 **Supplementary Figure 4.** Equal-area projections of in-situ (left) and tilt-corrected
167 (right) paleomagnetic directions of all specimens in the Cailangba A and B sections.
168 (a, b) LTC directions. (c, d) MTC directions. Red circles around the red stars in (a–d)
169 denote the 95% confidence limit and mean directions. Solid and open symbols denote
170 the lower and upper hemisphere, respectively. The blue stars in the (a, b) denote the
171 present geomagnetic direction of the Cailangba section.

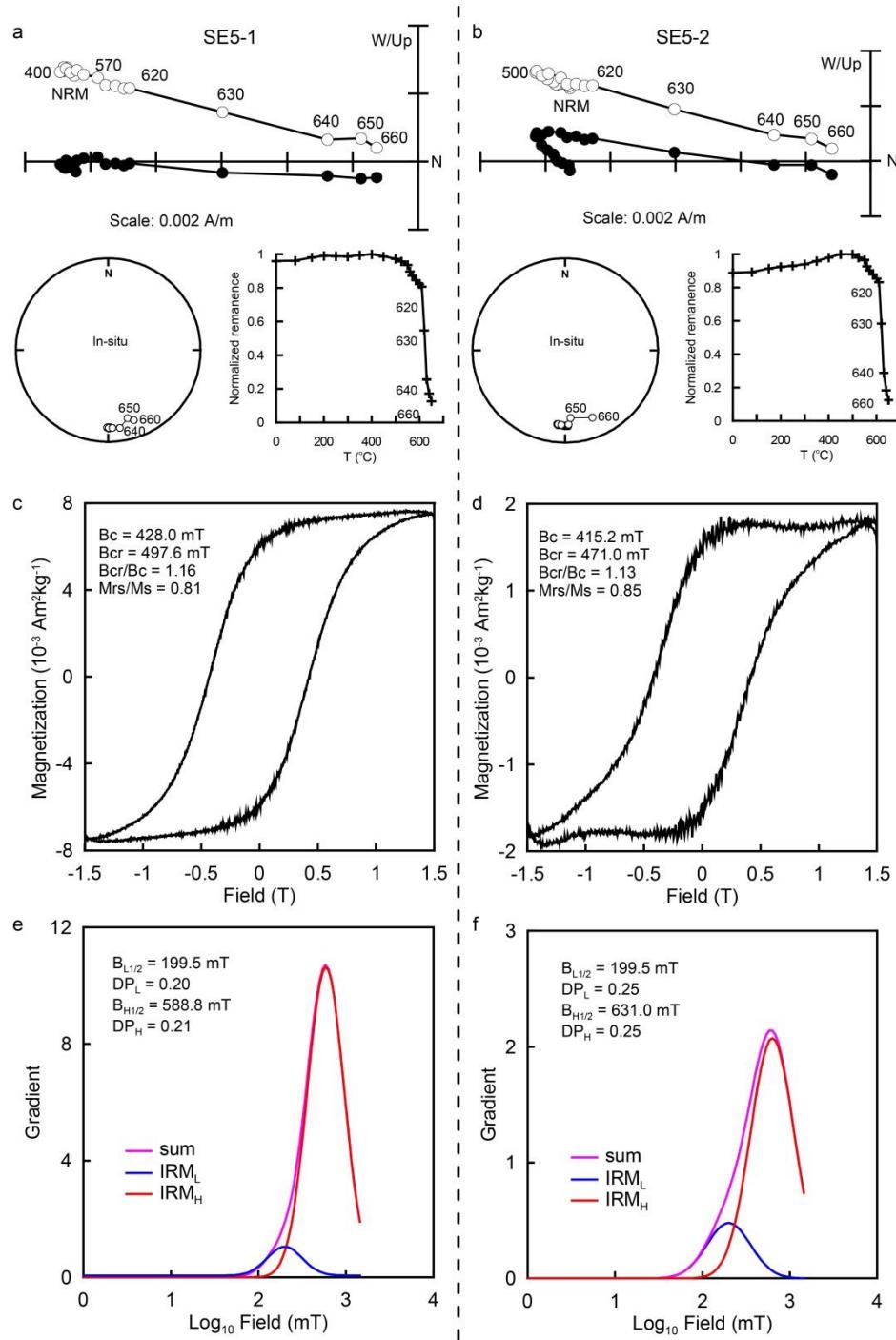


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174 **Supplementary Figure 5.** Equal-area projections of in-situ (left) and tilt-corrected
175 (right) paleomagnetic directions of all specimens in the Sangdanlin section. (a, b)
176 LTC directions. (c, d) MTC directions. Red circles around the red stars in (a-d)
177 denote the 95% confidence limit and mean directions. Solid and open symbols denote
178 the lower and upper hemisphere, respectively. The blue stars in the (a, b) denote the
179 present geomagnetic direction of the Sangdanlin section.

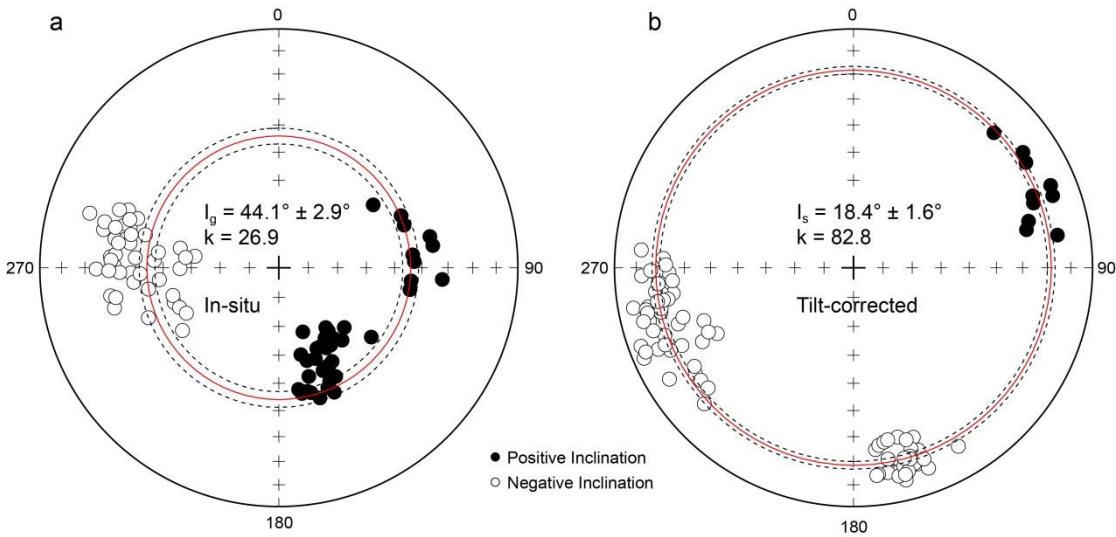


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181 **Supplementary Figure 6.** Equal-area projections of in-situ (a) and tilt-corrected (b)
182 LTC directions of all specimens in the Mubala section. Red circles around the red
183 stars in (a, b) denote the 95% confidence limit and mean directions. Solid symbols
184 denote the lower hemisphere. The blue stars in the (a, b) denote the present
185 geomagnetic direction of the Mubala section.
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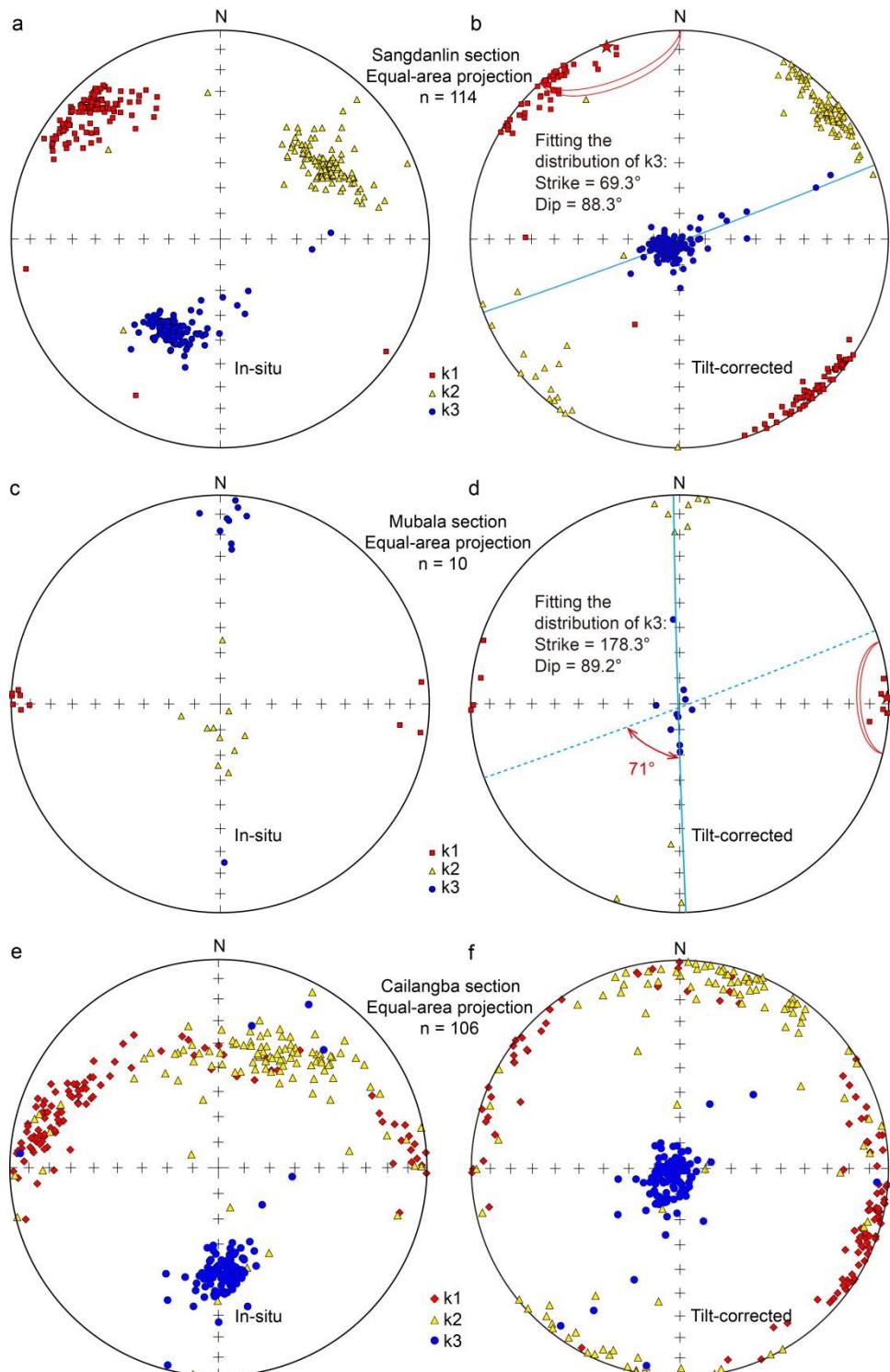
189 **Supplementary Figure 7.** Paleomagnetic and rock magnetic results of the completely
190 remagnetized specimens of Sangdanlin section. (a, b) Representative orthogonal
191 demagnetization diagrams in geographic coordinates, corresponding normalized NRM
192 vs. temperature plots, equal-area stereonets. (c, d) Hysteresis loops after high-field
193 slope correction with hysteresis parameters indicated. (e, f) IRM component analysis,
194 where blue, red and purple lines indicate the low (IRM_L), high coercivity (IRM_H)
195 components and the sum of these components (sum), respectively.



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198 **Supplementary Figure 8.** Equal-area projections of sample-mean direction of HTCs
199 for the Sangdanlin and Mubala sections. (a) Before tilt correction. (b) After tilt
200 correction. The red circles with black dashed circles show the average inclination and
201 error of the average inclination.

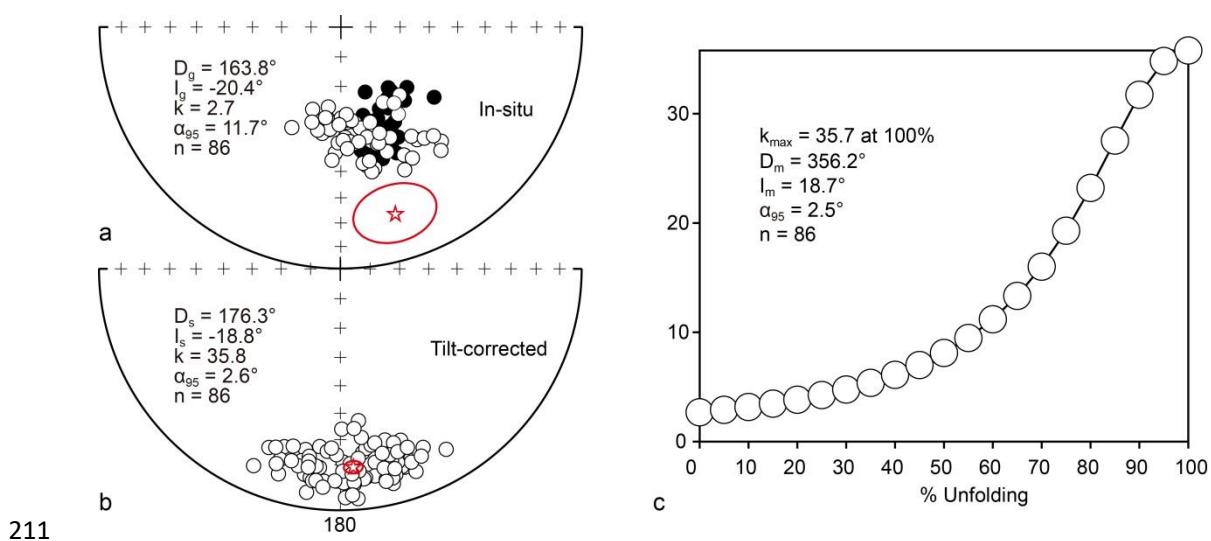
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205 **Supplementary Figure 9.** Stereoplots of the AMS results of the Sangdanlin (a, b),
206 Mubala (c, d) and Cailangba (c, d) sections in geographical (stratigraphic) coordinates.
207 Solid symbols, individual directions. Light blue line, the plane of great-circle fitting
208 the distribution of k_3 . Red star, the pole to plane of fitting the distribution of k_3 with
209 95% confidence limit.

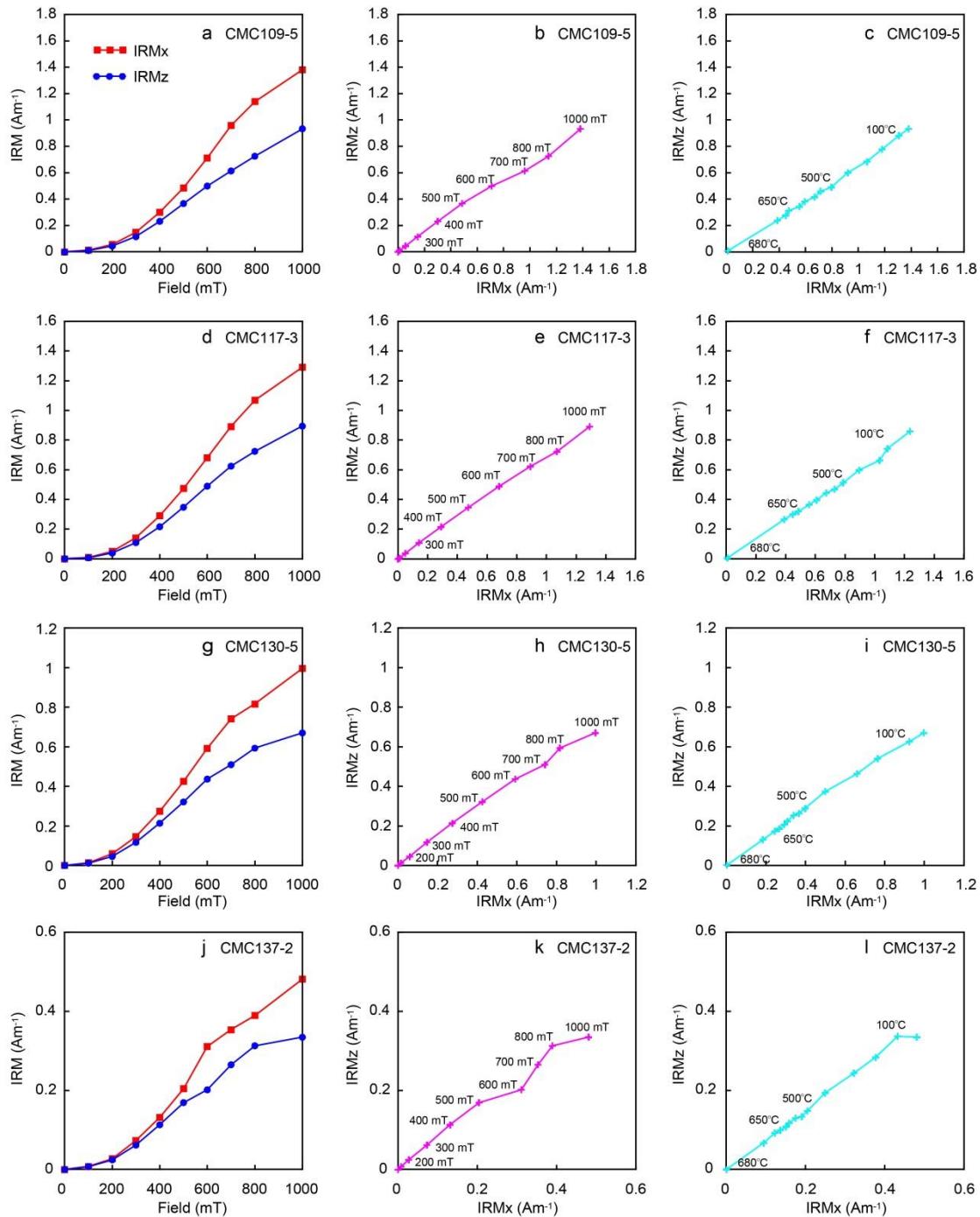
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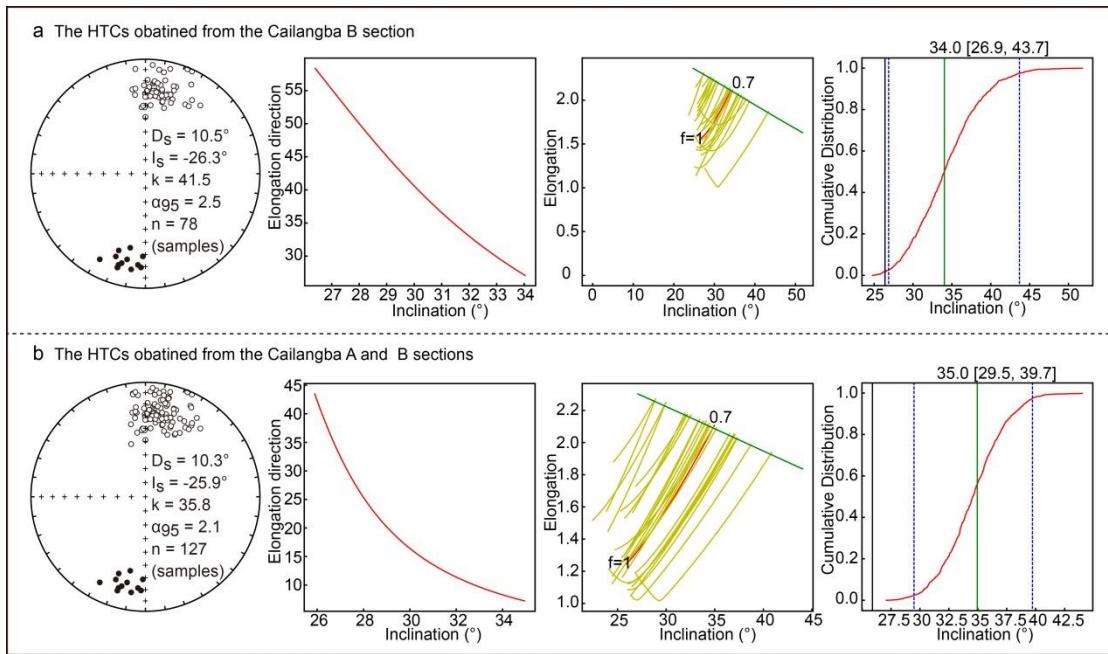
213 **Supplementary Figure 10.** Equal-area projections of in-situ (a) and tilt-corrected (b)
 214 paleomagnetic directions and progressive unfolding of the mean direction (c) of
 215 Sangdanlin section after rotated 71 ° counterclockwise and of Mubala section. Red
 216 circles around the red stars in (a, b) denote the 95% confidence limit and mean
 217 directions. Solid and open symbols in (a, b) denote the lower and upper hemisphere,
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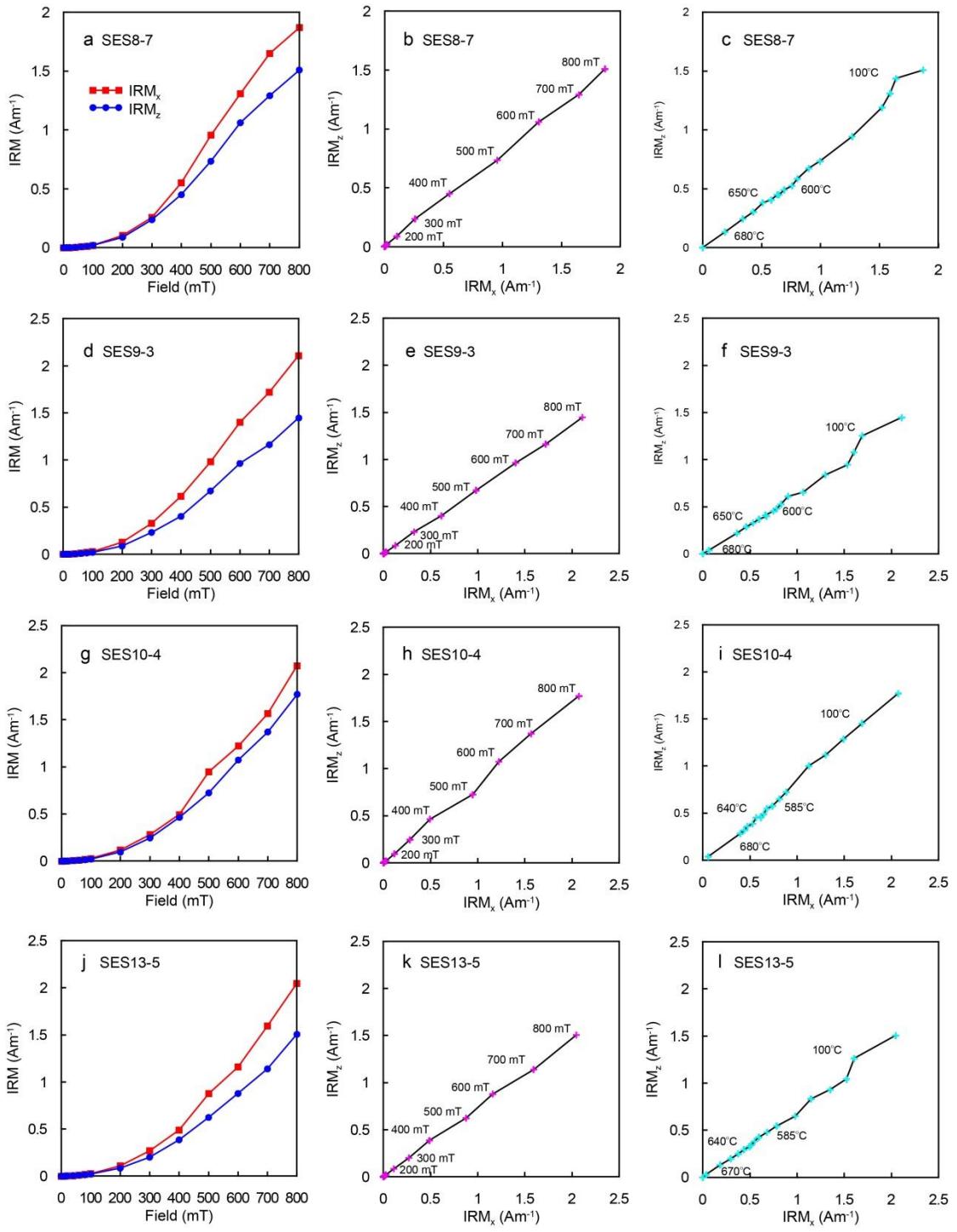
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221 **Supplementary Figure 11.** The anisotropy-based inclination shallowing correction
222 for the CORBs of the Cailangba section. (a, d, g and j) The IRM_x (parallel to
223 bedding) and IRM_z (perpendicular to bedding) acquisitions produced by applying a
224 magnetic field at an angle of 45 ° to the bedding as a function of increasing field. (b, e,
225 h and k) The slope (IRM_z/IRM_x) of the least-squares-fit for the data points between
226 200 mT and 1000 mT. (c, f, i and l) The slope of the thermal demagnetization of
227 IRM_z and IRM_x, respectively.

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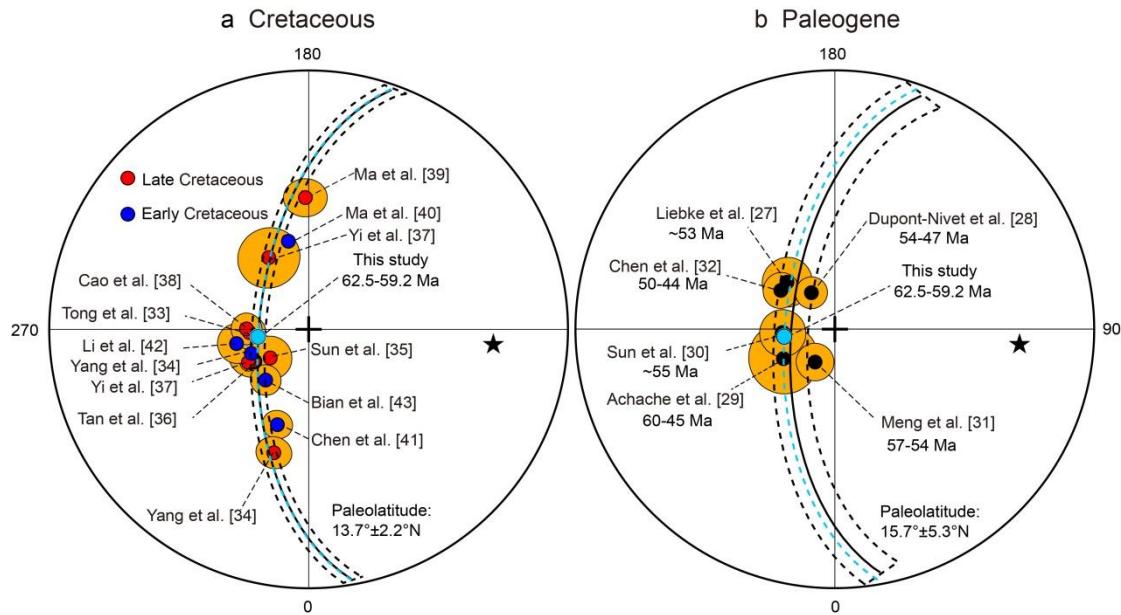


Supplementary Figure 12. The E/I inclination shallowing correction. (a) The data from the Cailangba B section. (b) The data from the Cailangba A and B sections. From left to right in (a, b) are the equal-area projections of samples directions, elongation direction of the curve with respect to inclination, elongation/inclination as a function and cumulative distribution of the corrected inclination.



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240 **Supplementary Figure 13.** The inclination shallowing correction for the Sangdanlin
241 red siliceous shales. (a, d, g and j) The IRM_x (parallel to bedding) and IRM_z
242 (perpendicular to bedding) acquisitions produced by applying a magnetic field at an
243 angle of 45 ° to the bedding as a function of increasing field. (b, e, h and k) The slope
244 ($\text{IRM}_z/\text{IRM}_x$) of the least-squares-fit for the data points between 200 mT and 800 mT.
245 (c, f, i and l) The slope of the thermal demagnetization of IRM_z and IRM_x ,
246 respectively.



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249 **Supplementary Figure 14.** Paleopoles of Cretaceous and Paleogene for the Lhasa
 250 terrane. (a) Equal-area projections showing the distribution of Cretaceous paleopoles.
 251 Small-circle fitting passes through 13 selected Cretaceous poles, and gives a
 252 paleolatitude of $13.7^{\circ} \pm 2.2^{\circ}$ N. (b) Equal-area projection of the Paleogene paleopoles.
 253 Small-circle fitting passes through 6 selected Paleogene poles, indicating a
 254 paleolatitude of $15.7^{\circ} \pm 5.3^{\circ}$ N. See Supplementary Table 4 for values and sources.
 255 The black star indicates the sampling location, which was selected as the reference
 256 point (29.3° N, 85.3° E) when calculating the paleolatitude of the Lhasa terrane in this
 257 study.

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259 **Supplementary Table 1.** High-temperature component directions of all specimens in
 260 the Sangdanlin, Mubala, Cailangba A and B sections.

Sample ID	Bedding	Depth	D _g	I _g	D _s	I _s	MAD	Demag
	Strike/dip	(m)	(°)	(°)	(°)	(°)	(°)	
Sangdanlin section (650-680 °C)								
SE6-1	297/34	113.2	99.5	43.7	77.6	26.8	9.4	Th
SE6-2	297/34	113.3	95.7	43.7	75.1	25.2	2.2	Th
SE6-3	297/34	113.4	94.1	32	80.9	14.7	7.5	Th
SE6-4	297/34	113.5	56.3	50.8	46.1	19.6	3.4	Th
SE6-5	297/34	113.6	87.4	42.7	70.2	21.1	5.1	Th
SE6-6	297/34	113.7	78.3	35.7	67.3	11.6	8	Th
SE6-7	297/34	113.8	71.2	43.9	58.6	16.6	2.9	Th
SE6-8	297/34	113.9	66.9	43.7	55.7	15.3	3	Th
SE6-9	297/34	114	81.8	35.2	70.1	12.4	5.5	Th
SE6-10	297/34	114.1	84.5	43.1	68.1	20.3	19.3	Th
SE8-1	300/36	115.2	285.1	-35.8	266.8	-20.5	5.2	Th
SE8-2	300/36	115.3	291	-33.1	272.8	-21.4	18.3	Th
SE8-3	300/36	115.4	269.5	-56	243.9	-30.3	9.1	Th
SE8-4	300/36	115.5	251.7	-51.9	236.1	-21.4	6.2	Th
SE8-5	300/36	115.6	255.3	-52.2	238.2	-22.7	6.1	Th
SE8-7	300/36	115.8	264.3	-48.4	245.6	-22.2	5.8	Th
SE9-2	300/36	117.8	236.9	-50.2	227.6	-16.6	8.2	Th
SE9-7	300/36	118.3	249	-41.2	238.8	-10.9	0.4	Th
SE9-8	300/36	118.4	289.2	-37.5	268.5	-23.8	2.9	Th
SE9-10	300/36	118.6	274	-39.6	257	-18.4	3.4	Th
SE9-11	300/36	118.7	273.3	-46.7	252.2	-24	3.6	Th
SE9-12	300/36	118.8	277.3	-47.9	253.8	-26.6	4.3	Th
SE9-13	300/36	118.9	283.9	-42	261.9	-24.8	11.2	Th
SE9-14	300/36	119	285.1	-33.1	268.5	-18.4	13.9	Th
SE9-19	300/36	119.5	248.2	-53.1	233.6	-21.7	2.1	Th
SE10-2	300/36	121.8	243.8	-54.5	230.4	-22.1	4.8	Th
SE10-3	300/36	121.9	281.3	-55.4	250.5	-34	9.3	Th
SE10-4	300/36	122	260.7	-44	245.7	-17.1	4.4	Th
SE10-6	300/36	122.2	277.8	-61	244.2	-36.8	8.7	Th
SE10-9	300/36	122.5	276.3	-57.8	246.1	-34	10.2	Th
SE11-1	291/38	124.7	268	-38.1	250.3	-17.3	3.2	Th
SE11-2	291/38	124.8	290	-29.8	270.9	-22.5	2.4	Th
SE11-4	291/38	125	281.1	-33.2	262.4	-20.1	3.6	Th
SE11-5	291/38	125.1	287.9	-34.8	265.9	-25	3.7	Th
SE11-6	291/38	125.2	269.6	-24.6	259.6	-7.1	2.4	Th
SE11-7	291/38	125.3	280	-31	263.1	-17.7	3.5	Th
SE11-8	291/38	125.4	281.3	-36.2	260.4	-22.4	2.7	Th
SE11-9	291/38	125.5	256.2	-29.9	246.6	-5.1	14.9	Th
SE11-10	291/38	125.6	273.7	-30.1	259.2	-13.7	5.4	Th
SE12-1	293/42	126.7	264.3	-38.9	247.3	-12.5	3.5	Th
SE12-2	293/42	126.8	267.5	-41.5	247.7	-16	2.5	Th
SE12-3	293/42	126.9	280.7	-35.3	260.1	-18.3	2.4	Th
SE12-4	293/42	127	279.4	-37	258	-18.8	2.7	Th
SE12-5	293/42	127.1	282.7	-36.8	260.3	-20.4	2.1	Th
SE12-6	293/42	127.2	282.3	-25.9	267.8	-12.3	11.2	Th

SE12-8	293/42	127.4	274.6	-32	258.5	-12.5	3.2	Th
SE13-1	290/40	127.7	260.5	-29.4	249.7	-5.8	2.9	Th
SE13-2	290/40	127.8	270.7	-31.7	255.4	-12.8	3.1	Th
SE13-3	290/40	127.9	272.6	-30.4	257.6	-12.8	3.7	Th
SE13-4	290/40	128	268.3	-33.8	252.5	-13.2	1.3	Th
SE13-6	290/40	128.2	269	-29.6	255.6	-10.2	1.1	Th
SE13-7	290/40	128.3	286.1	-18.8	274.8	-11.9	4	Th
SE13-8	290/40	128.4	284.8	-25.6	269.2	-16.2	2.1	Th
SE13-9	290/40	128.5	278.8	-32.6	260.2	-17.9	1.7	Th
SE13-10	290/40	128.6	283.9	-30.3	265.3	-19.1	5.8	Th
SE13-11	290/40	128.7	259.6	-31.3	247.9	-6.9	2.6	Th

Mubala section (600-680 °C)

MB1-4	90/72	-	170.8	47.2	173.1	-24.3	7.7	Th
MB1-5	90/72	-	164.6	51	169.8	-19.7	5.4	Th
MB1-6	90/72	-	162.5	42.3	165.4	-27.6	3.1	Th
MB1-7	90/72	-	169.6	45.5	171.9	-25.8	10	Th
MB2-1	90/72	-	152.1	59.4	166.1	-9.3	7.7	Th
MB2-2	90/72	-	152.4	47.4	160.5	-20.1	7.2	Th
MB2-3	90/72	-	156	42.4	160.6	-25.7	6.4	Th
MB2-4	90/72	-	153.9	51.6	163.4	-16.7	7.7	Th
MB2-5	90/72	-	155.8	46.9	162.4	-21.5	4.6	Th
MB2-6	90/72	-	158.1	56.3	167.7	-13.4	7	Th
MB2-7	90/72	-	156.8	51.3	165	-17.8	6.4	Th
MB2-8	90/72	-	163.2	56.6	170.5	-14.1	8	Th
MB2-9	90/72	-	150.4	52.8	162	-14.7	4	Th
MB3-1	91/74	-	153.9	51.1	163.4	-18.8	3.3	Th
MB3-2	91/74	-	157.8	44.9	163	-25.6	6.8	Th
MB3-3	91/74	-	154.8	59.4	167.7	-11.7	2.6	Th
MB3-4	91/74	-	165.8	59.2	173.1	-13.9	3.4	Th
MB3-6	91/74	-	167	45.9	170.1	-26.8	3.5	Th
MB3-7	91/74	-	165.6	45.1	168.8	-27.4	1.3	Th
MB3-9	91/74	-	153.3	52.1	163.6	-17.7	1.4	Th
MB4-1	93/82	-	146.7	61.2	165.8	-15.3	7.2	Th
MB4-2	93/82	-	142.2	59.2	162.7	-15.3	4.9	Th
MB4-3	93/82	-	132.4	59.6	159.5	-11.4	3	Th
MB4-4	93/82	-	142	62.5	164.9	-12.8	3.2	Th
MB4-5	93/82	-	138.9	56.9	159.8	-15.8	2.5	Th
MB4-8	93/82	-	126.9	50	149.6	-14.4	2.7	Th
MB4-9	93/82	-	159.5	66.6	173.6	-13.5	2.4	Th
MB4-10	93/82	-	141.9	64	165.9	-11.7	2.8	Th
MB4-11	93/82	-	146.2	58	163.5	-17.6	2.5	Th
MB4-12	93/82	-	149.5	58	165.1	-18.6	2.1	Th

Cailangba A section (650-680 °C)

CL025	261/33	5.4	349.2	-2.7	348.7	-35.7	0.8	Th
CL026	261/33	5.5	353.7	10.6	353.9	-22.4	2.5	Th
CL027	261/33	5.6	14.1	-6	19.7	-35.9	1.8	Th
CL028	261/33	5.9	346.9	-17.8	344.8	-50.6	1	Th
CL029-1	261/33	6	11.4	14.4	11.6	-16.6	7.6	Th
CL029-2	261/33	6	12.1	11.2	13.1	-19.6	4.7	Th

CL032-1	261/33	6.7	352.2	-10	352.7	-43	2.4	Th
CL033-1	261/33	7	353.1	22.9	353	-10.1	1	Th
CL033-2	261/33	7	353.1	22.2	353	-10.8	0.9	Th
CL034	261/33	7.1	0.1	4.6	1.3	-27.9	2.2	Th
CL040-1	268/36	8.5	31.7	11.1	33.1	-18.9	4.9	Th
CL040-2	268/36	8.5	27.4	19.4	26.3	-12.4	4.1	Th
CL041-1	268/36	8.7	18.7	-6.7	25.2	-39.8	3.4	Th
CL041-2	268/36	8.7	13.9	-7.8	19.5	-42.1	2.5	Th
CL042	268/36	8.8	25.3	1	30.2	-30.6	2.3	Th
CL043-1	268/36	8.9	28.8	3.8	32.9	-26.7	2.2	Th
CL043-2	268/36	8.9	23.9	5.4	27.2	-26.7	1.8	Th
CL044-1	268/36	9	21.9	-4.4	28.2	-36.7	3.1	Th
CL044-2	268/36	9	19	-5.9	25.3	-38.9	5.5	Th
CL046	268/36	9.2	5.5	28	4.7	-7.7	1.5	Th
CL047-1	268/36	9.6	11.1	3.8	13.3	-31.2	2.3	Th
CL047-2	268/36	9.6	4.7	8.8	5.4	-26.9	1.7	Th
CL048-1	269/40	9.8	10.4	7.5	12.3	-31.6	2.9	Th
CL048-2	269/40	9.8	8.2	10.3	9.4	-29.2	4.1	Th
CL049-1	269/40	9.9	359.9	7.7	0.1	-32.3	2.5	Th
CL049-2	269/40	9.9	359.4	11.1	359.5	-28.9	4.2	Th
CL050-1	269/40	10.2	1.7	8.7	2.1	-31.3	1.7	Th
CL050-2	269/40	10.2	6.2	4.8	7.7	-34.9	2.3	Th
CL051-1	269/40	10.4	9.7	9.1	11.2	-30.1	2.4	Th
CL051-2	269/40	10.4	6.3	12.5	7.1	-27.2	2.8	Th
CL052	269/40	10.5	357.9	-0.2	357.6	-40.2	4.9	Th
CL053	269/40	10.8	354.4	12.9	354	-27	2.8	Th
CL054	269/40	11	8.4	17.2	8.7	-22.3	3.2	Th
CL055	258/39	11.2	6.3	8.4	8.7	-28.6	5.7	Th
CL056-1	258/39	11.6	15.1	23.1	13.4	-12.2	2.9	Th
CL056-2	258/39	11.6	6.7	25.7	5.2	-11.5	2.4	Th
CL057	258/39	11.8	356.5	26.5	355.8	-12.1	1	Th
CL058	258/39	12	19.8	6.5	23.8	-26.3	4	Th
CL059	258/39	12.1	8.4	29.7	5.8	-7.3	1.1	Th
CL060-1	258/39	12.2	13.6	23.7	11.9	-11.9	3.1	Th
CL060-2	258/39	12.2	12.7	28.9	9.7	-7.2	1.5	Th
CL061	258/39	12.6	4.7	29	2.7	-8.7	1.5	Th
CL062	258/39	13	9.6	20.8	9	-15.7	1.3	Th
CL063-1	258/39	13.3	16.8	14.1	17.9	-20.2	2.4	Th
CL064	258/39	13.4	12.1	6	15.7	-29.3	2.5	Th
CL065-1	258/39	13.5	14.7	22.5	13.2	-12.9	1.6	Th
CL065-2	258/39	13.5	11	21.1	10.2	-15.1	3.3	Th
CL065-3	258/39	13.5	13.3	17.4	13.4	-18.2	1.5	Th
CL067	258/39	14.2	11.4	9	14.1	-26.7	2.7	Th

Cailangba B section (650-680 °C)

CM096-2	258/44	5.1	351	17.5	351.2	-26.4	0.9	Th
CM097-1	258/44	5.2	357.1	2.9	0	-40.5	0.6	Th
CM097-2	258/44	5.2	358.7	19.5	359.1	-23.8	5.3	Th
CM098-1	258/44	5.3	358.3	12.5	359.7	-30.7	9.4	Th
CM098-2	258/44	5.3	1.8	17.7	2.5	-25	2.7	Th
CM099-1	258/44	5.8	1.9	11.1	5	-29	3	Th

CM099-2	258/44	5.8	4.9	13.1	6.9	-29	4.1	Th
CM099-3	258/44	5.8	3.8	14.3	5.4	-28	3.7	Th
CM099-4	258/44	5.8	4.1	10.2	6.7	-31.9	3.6	Th
CM101-2	258/38	6.4	352.9	11.8	353.3	-26	4.5	Th
CM102	258/38	7.4	11.8	3.4	16	-31.1	2.6	Th
CM103-1	258/38	7.5	23	-0.6	29.9	-30.9	2	Th
CM103-2	258/38	7.5	18	12.2	19.5	-20.7	5.1	Th
CM104-1	258/38	7.7	32.9	1.6	38.8	-24.5	7.2	Th
CM104-2	258/38	7.7	27.8	16.3	27.2	-13.4	2.5	Th
CM105-1	258/38	8.1	6.1	3.2	9.7	-32.7	2.2	Th
CM105-2	258/38	8.1	4.8	6	7.4	-30.2	1.8	Th
CM106-2	258/38	8.2	16.5	27.6	13.3	-6.6	8.5	Th
CM108-1	258/38	8.5	8.9	1.9	13.3	-33.2	2.7	Th
CM108-2	258/38	8.5	7.1	8.8	9.3	-27	1.4	Th
CM109-1	258/38	8.7	356.5	-4.2	359.3	-41.6	1.8	Th
CM109-2	258/38	8.7	354.5	-3.7	356.7	-41.4	2.1	Th
CM110	258/38	8.9	355.3	28.8	354.5	-8.9	8.6	Th
CM111-2	258/38	9	27.7	29.1	21.9	-1.8	7.8	Th
CM112-2	258/38	9.1	30.1	27.8	24.5	-2.1	3.7	Th
CM113-2	258/38	9.2	358.9	4.2	1	-33	2.4	Th
CM117-1	263/43	10.1	356.9	2.6	358.1	-40.3	1.6	Th
CM117-2	263/43	10.1	357.6	-6.2	360	-49	1.1	Th
CM118	263/43	10.5	26.5	4.6	32.7	-30.6	2.4	Th
CM119-1	263/43	10.8	17.5	18.5	17.9	-20.8	2.2	Th
CM119-2	263/43	10.8	17.4	15.1	19	-24.2	2.2	Th
CM120-1	263/43	11	4.7	20.3	4.9	-21.8	3.1	Th
CM120-2	263/43	11	6.5	14.1	7.8	-27.7	2.4	Th
CM121-1	263/43	11.2	1.7	2.7	4.3	-39.8	2.5	Th
CM121-2	263/43	11.2	3.4	12.3	4.8	-30	4	Th
CM122-1	263/43	11.5	10.3	0.5	15.8	-40.1	3.6	Th
CM122-2	263/43	11.5	9.2	5.1	13.1	-36	3.5	Th
CM123-1	263/43	12	14.9	11.3	17.6	-28.4	2.8	Th
CM123-2	263/43	12	16	7.9	20	-31.4	3	Th
CM124-1	262/39	12.4	7.7	8.1	10	-29.3	1.5	Th
CM124-2	262/39	12.4	358.6	5.4	359.9	-33.3	2.7	Th
CM124-3	262/39	12.4	5	5.9	7.3	-32	4	Th
CM124-4	262/39	12.4	1.8	5.8	3.6	-32.6	3	Th
CM125-1	262/39	12.6	13	7.7	15.9	-28.6	5	Th
CM125-2	262/39	12.6	14.5	7.4	17.6	-28.4	3.7	Th
CM126	262/39	13	12.2	19.1	12	-17.7	3.5	Th
CM127-1	262/39	13.3	5.2	17.3	5.5	-20.7	2.5	Th
CM127-2	262/39	13.3	12.1	26.1	10.3	-10.9	3.3	Th
CM128-1	262/39	13.6	7.6	12.9	8.8	-24.7	3.1	Th
CM128-2	262/39	13.6	1.3	19.5	1.3	-19.1	2.6	Th
CM129-1	262/39	13.8	28.2	6.2	32.3	-24.9	7.9	Th
CM129-2	262/39	13.8	9.6	28.2	7.6	-9.3	2.1	Th
CM130-1	262/39	14.1	9	14.9	9.8	-22.5	1.8	Th
CM131-1	262/39	14.3	352.5	7.9	352.5	-31.2	3	Th
CM132-1	262/39	14.5	5.8	8.8	7.7	-29	3.5	Th
CM132-2	262/39	14.5	5.6	18.1	5.7	-19.8	3	Th

CM133-1	262/39	14.6	11.7	6.8	14.7	-29.8	4.9	Th
CM133-2	262/39	14.6	9.5	9.9	11.4	-27.2	2.3	Th
CM134-1	262/39	14.9	9.6	11.1	11.2	-26	6.2	Th
CM134-2	262/39	14.9	7.3	16.4	7.7	-21.3	2	Th
CM135-1	262/39	15	14.6	0.9	19.8	-34.6	4.2	Th
CM136-1	262/39	15.1	9.3	1.5	13.4	-35.5	2.8	Th
CM136-2	262/39	15.1	9.1	6.1	11.9	-31	1.4	Th
CM137-1	262/39	15.4	0.1	10.2	1	-28.4	2.7	Th
CM152	262/41	21.7	184.5	-18.9	184.7	21.2	8.3	Th
CM154	262/41	24	188.1	-4.8	191.6	34.4	13.5	Th
CM155-1	262/41	24.1	194.5	-17.6	194.9	20.4	8.1	Th
CM155-2	262/41	24.1	197.8	-12.6	199.7	24.3	7.4	Th
CM158-1	262/41	24.7	195.5	-7.5	199.2	29.8	4.3	Th
CM158-2	262/41	24.7	208.2	-17.2	208.1	16.4	4	Th
CM159-1	262/41	24.8	190.8	-14.3	192.1	24.5	9.8	Th
CM159-2	262/41	24.8	197.6	-21.7	196.6	15.7	3.1	Th
CM160	262/41	24.9	182.8	-21.1	182.7	19.2	1	Th
CM161-2	262/41	25	196.7	-19.4	196.5	18.1	9.1	Th
CM162-1	262/41	25.2	180.8	-12	181.8	28.6	4.5	Th
CM162-2	262/41	25.2	189.1	-22.7	188.5	16.7	1.9	Th
CM163	262/41	27.2	6.3	34.6	3.8	-5.4	3.1	Th
CM169-2	262/41	28.1	197.7	-21.8	196.7	15.6	4.4	Th

261 Abbreviations are: Strike/dip, right hand strike and dip of beds; D_g and I_g (D_s and I_s)
 262 are declination and inclination in-situ (tilt-corrected), respectively; MAD, Maximum
 263 angular deviation from principal component analysis; Demag, demagnetization
 264 methods used; Th, Thermal demagnetization.

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266 **Supplementary Table 2.** Anisotropy of isothermal remanent magnetization of the
 267 CORBs samples collected from Cailangba B section.

Site	Sample ID	IRMz/IRMx	IRMz/IRMx	Average IRMz/IRMx
		(acquired between 200 and 1000mT)	Acquired above 650°C	Acquired above 650°C
CMC109	CMC109-1	0.6619	0.6176	
	CMC109-2	0.6644	0.6544	
	CMC109-3	0.6569	0.6224	0.6352
	CMC109-4	0.6847	0.6544	
	CMC109-5	0.6519	0.6273	
	CMC117-1	0.6519	0.6322	
CMC117	CMC117-2	0.6395	0.6273	
	CMC117-3	0.6899	0.6694	0.6343
	CMC117-4	0.6694	0.6249	
	CMC117-5	0.6950	0.6176	
CMC124	CMC124-1	0.6273	0.6200	
	CMC124-2	0.6720	0.6445	0.6371
	CMC124-3	0.6847	0.6469	
	CMC130-1	0.6644	0.6469	
CMC130	CMC130-2	0.7159	0.6873	
	CMC130-3	0.7002	0.6594	0.6820
	CMC130-4	0.7454	0.7186	
	CMC130-5	0.6976	0.6976	
	CMC137-1	0.7054	0.6420	
CMC137	CMC137-2	0.7373	0.7346	
	CMC137-3	0.6771	0.6694	0.6626
	CMC137-4	0.7028	0.6371	
	CMC137-5	0.7028	0.6297	

Sample-mean inclination: 25.9°

Average IRMz/IRMx (acquired above 650°C) of sampling section: 0.6502

Corrected site-mean inclination: 36.6°

268 Abbreviations are: IRMz, Isothermal remanent magnetization of perpendicular
 269 bedding. IRMx, Isothermal remanent magnetization of parallel bedding.

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272 **Supplementary Table 3.** Anisotropy of isothermal remanent magnetization of the
 273 Sangdanlin red siliceous shales.

Site	Sample ID	I _{obs}	IRMz/IRMx	IRMz/IRMx	Average IRMz/IRMx
		(°)	(acquired between 200 and 800 mT)	Acquired above 650 °C	Acquired above 650 °C
SES8	SES8-1	23.7	0.7481	0.8127	
	SES8-2		0.8511	0.8098	
	SES8-3		1.0000	0.9827	
	SES8-4		0.7646	0.7319	0.8256
	SES8-5		0.7373	0.8098	
	SES8-6		0.9930	0.9759	
	SES8-7		0.7400	0.6976	
	SES8-8		0.8693	0.7841	
	SES9-1		0.7373	0.7054	
SES9	SES9-2	21.2	0.7618	0.6569	
	SES9-3		0.6694	0.6104	
	SES9-4		0.7028	0.6796	0.6682
	SES9-5		0.9523	0.8511	
	SES9-6		0.7373	0.5774	
	SES9-7		0.7054	0.6445	
	SES9-8		0.7002	0.6200	
	SES10-1		0.6899	0.5317	
SES10	SES10-2	29	0.8302	0.6544	
	SES10-3		0.8243	0.6224	
	SES10-4		0.8451	0.7841	0.6322
	SES10-5		0.7785	0.5727	
	SES10-6		0.8693	0.6494	
	SES10-7		0.7212	0.6249	
	SES10-8		0.8040	0.6176	
	SES13-1		0.7427	0.6080	
	SES13-2		0.7536	0.6720	
SES13	SES13-3	12.8	0.7133	0.7159	
	SES13-4		0.7133	0.6494	
	SES13-5		0.7028	0.6494	0.6671
	SES13-6		0.7926	0.7159	
	SES13-7		0.6297	0.6346	
	SES13-8		0.6924	0.6371	
	SES13-9		0.7028	0.7212	

Site-mean inclination: 18.8 °

Average IRMz/IRMx (acquired above 650 °C) of sampling section: 0.6982

Corrected site-mean inclination: 26.0 °

274 Abbreviations are: I_{obs}, Observed mean inclination of sampling sites. IRMz,
 275 Isothermal remanent magnetization of perpendicular bedding. IRMx, Isothermal
 276 remanent magnetization of parallel bedding.

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Supplementary Table 4. The selected Cretaceous and Paleogene paleomagnetic poles from the Lhasa and Tethyan Himalaya terranes.

ID	Site	Time	N/n	Observed			Paleopole			(°)	Rock	Reliability criteria							Inclination	Rock	Reference				
				Dec	Inc	α_{95}	Plat	Plon	A_{95}			type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7						
				(°)	(°)	(°)	(°)	(°)	(dp/dm)											correction	magnetic				
Lhasa terrane																									
At Reference Position (29.3 °N, 85.3 °E)																									
1	30.0/91.1	E(53)	9/-	15.4	27.2	9.7	68.9	225.4	7.8	12.5±7.8	Dy	+	+	+	+(F)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Liebke et al. [27]			
2	30.0/91.1	E(54-47)	24/195	12.5	39.4	5.3	76.4	212.6	5	20.6±5.0	V	+	+	+	+(F)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Dupont-Nivet et al. [28]			
3	30.0/91.0	E	8/46	350.9	25.5	11	71.4	299.8	11	13.6±11	V	+	+	+	+(F)	+	+	+	7	-	-	Achache et al. [29]			
4	30.1/90.9	P-E(55)	14/99	359	26.1	9.2	73.6	274.3	7.3	13.1±7.3	V	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Sun et al. [30]			
5	29.9/84.3	P-E(57-54)	-/62	348.1	42	7.1	78	329	5.9	23.5±5.9	S	+	+	+	+(F)	+	-	+	6	CV	+	Meng et al. [31]			
6	30.0/91.1	E(50-44)	18/-	12.3	23.2	7.2	69.1	234.2	5.6	11.0±5.6	V	+	+	+	+(F)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Chen et al. [32]			
7	31.3/95.9	K2	15/-	0.9	24.3	5.6	71.4	273.1	5.2	10.9±5.2	Rb	+	+	+	+(F)	+	-	+	6	A	+	Tong et al. [33]			
8	31.2/84.7	K2	33/291	316.8	30.2	5.4	49	344.3	5.3	15.1±5.3	Rb	+	+	+	+(F)	+	-	+	6	CV	+	Yang et al. [34]			
9	29.9/90.7	K2	20/126	350.8	32.1	8.1	75	306.7	6.8	17.7±6.8	Rb+V	+	+	+	+(F)	+	-	+	6	CV	+	Sun et al. [35]			
10	29.9/91.2	K2	43/377	350.2	23.5	2.5	70.2	300.5	2.2	12.7±2.2	Rb	+	+	+	+(F)	+	+	+	7	-	-	Tan et al. [36]			
11	31.6/82.2	K2(~80)	15/-	346.6	25.6	3.5	68.4	298.8	2.7	10.8±2.7	V	+	+	+	+(F)	+	-	+	6	-	+	Yi et al. [37]			
12	32.4/80.1	K2(~92)	10/-	21.1	26.8	10	64.1	209	9.6	13.2±9.6	V	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Yi et al. [37]			
13	29.9/91.1	K2(~70)	21/-	0.5	20.2	6.4	70.5	269.6	4.9	9.8±4.9	Rb+V	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	CV	+	Cao et al. [38]			
14	32.3/80.1	K2(67-72)	17/-	43.3	30.3	6.9	47.8	181.4	6.4	17.5±6.4	V	+	+	+	+(F)	+	-	+	6	-	+	Ma et al. [39]			
15	31.1/84.4	K1(121-117)	12/116	350.5	25.5	7.7	70.5	292.9	7.4	11.7±7.4	V	+	+	+	+(F)	+	-	+	6	-	+	Yang et al. [34]			
16	32.3/82.6	K1(132-120)	51/444	28.2	34.5	2.3	61.4	192.9	2.1	17.7±2.1	V	+	+	+	+(F)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Ma et al. [40]			
17	31.3/85.1	K1(130-110)	18/162	327	35.7	4.5	58.2	341.9	4.6	18.0±4.6	V	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Chen et al. [41]			
18	31.3/91.9	K1(~120.2)	19/163	356.4	16.4	6.3	66.9	281.2	6.1	7.0±6.1	S+V	+	+	+	+(F)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Li et al. [42]			
19	32.2/80.4	K1(116-113)	19/164	340.9	36	4.6	69.1	319.8	4.8	16.1±4.8	V+Li	+	+	+	+(F)	+	-	+	6	CV	+	Bian et al. [43]			
Tethyan Himalaya terrane																									
At Reference Position (29.3 °N, 85.3 °E)																									
1	28.3/88.5	P(59-56)	14/142	357	19.6	3.5	71.6	277.8	2.5	11.3±2.5	Li	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Yi et al. [44]			
2	28.3/88.5	P(62-59)	18/171	0.8	11.1	4.2	67.3	266.3	3.5	6.6±3.5	Li	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Yi et al. [44]			
3	28.3/88.5	P(63-55)	14/113	356.2	7.9	7.5	65.4	277.6	3.8/7.6	5.2±3.8	Li	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Patzelt et al. [45]			

4	28.7/87.2	P	4/28	335.5	-5.9	10.6	50.6	307.9	5.3/10.6	-1.7±5.3	Li	+	-	+	+(F)	+	-	+	5	-	-	Besse et al. [46]
5	28.7/86.8	P	3/15	162.4	29.1	6.6	42.6	280.1	4.0/7.3	-16.8±4.0	Li	+	-	+	+(F)	+	-	+	5	-	-	Tong et al. [47]
6	29.3/85.3	P(62.5-59.2)	-/86	176.3	-26	2.6	74	278.5	2.5	13.7±2.5	Rb	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	A	+	This study
7	28.3/88.5	K2(71–65)	14/156	4	-11.2	8.5	55.8	261.4	4.4/8.6	-4.8±4.4	Li	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Patzelt et al. [45]
8	28.9/89.2	K2(76.2-74.0)	-/127	10.3	-35	2.1	40.8	256.3	1.8	-19.4±1.8	Rb	+	+	+	+(R)	+	+	+	7	E/I,A	+	This study
9	29.7/84.0	K1(120.8–93.9)	12/53	341.7	-51.7	4.7	25	285.7	4.8/7.1	-32.3±4.8	Rb	+	+	+	+(R)	+	+	+	7	A	+	Qin et al. [48]
10	28.1/92.4	K1(134–131)	31/225	261.6	-68.5	3.6	-26.8	315.2	5.7	-46.2±5.7	V	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Yang et al. [49]
11	28.8/91.3	K1(135–124)	26/216	296.1	-65.7	4	-5.9	308	6.1	-43.5±6.1	V	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Ma et al. [50]
12	28.9/91.3	K1(138–135)	31/-	321.2	-68.7	4.4	0.9	293.4	7	-49.6±7.0	V	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Bian et al. [51]
13	28.8/83.8	K1	-/95	326	-61.5	5	12	288.7	6.0/7.5	-42.9±6.0	S	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	5	-	-	Klootwijk and Bingham [52]
14	28.5/87.0	K1	-/201	19.7	-71	3	4.4	256	3	-55.1±3.0	S	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	5	-	+	Huang et al. [53]
15	28.1/92.4	K1(~131.1)	8/-	7.3	-56.8	16.1	22	266.7	7.6	-38.7±7.6	V	+	+	+	+(F)	+	+	+	7	-	+	Meng et al. [54]
16	28.1/92.4	K1	20/-	6.4	-57.8	6					Li	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	E/I	+	Meng et al. [54]
17	29.7/83.6	K1	-/53	3.1	-47.8	4.4	29.7	260.1	4.9	-30.8±4.9	S+Ch	+	+	+	+(F,R)	+	+	+	7	E/I	+	Meng et al. [54]

India APWP

At Reference Position (29.3 °N, 85.3 °E)

1	40		74.7	286.8	2.9	14.9±2.9																Torsvik et al. [55]
2	50		65.1	278.4	2.8	4.9±2.8																Torsvik et al. [55]
3	60		48.5	280.9	2.1	-11±2.1																Torsvik et al. [55]
4	70		36.4	280.7	2.5	-22.7±2.5																Torsvik et al. [55]
5	80		29.1	283.5	2.9	-29.1±2.9																Torsvik et al. [55]
6	90		20.9	291.4	2.5	-33.9±2.5																Torsvik et al. [55]
7	100		19.7	293	3.3	-34.2±3.3																Torsvik et al. [55]
8	110		11	295.9	3.3	-40±3.3																Torsvik et al. [55]
9	120		8.6	296.4	2.6	-41.7±2.6																Torsvik et al. [55]
10	130		-1.1	297.1	2.8	-48.6±2.8																Torsvik et al. [55]

Abbreviations are: ID, Serial number; Time (Ma): K2, Late Cretaceous. K1, Early Cretaceous. P, Paleocene. E, Eocene; n/N, number of samples or sites used to calculate Fisher mean; Dec and Inc are declination and inclination, respectively; Plat and Plong are latitude and longitude of

281 paleopoles; α_{95} and A_{95} is the radius of cone at 95% confidence level about the mean direction, $A_{95} = (dp*dm)^{0.5}$; Paleolat is the paleolatitude
282 calculated for the reference point at 29.3 °N, 85.3 °E; Rock type: Rb, Red-beds; S, sandstone; Li, limestone; V, volcanic rock; D, dyke; Ch, chert.
283 Data reliability criteria is after: 1, well-determined rock age and a presumption that magnetization is the same age; 2, sufficient quantity of
284 samples ($n > 50$ specimens or $N > 5$ sites) and adequate statistical precision, k (or K) ≥ 10 and α_{95} (A_{95}) ≤ 16.0 ; 3, detailed demagnetization and
285 isolation of magnetic components; 4, positive field stability tests; 5, structural control and tectonic coherence with craton or block involved; 6,
286 presence of reversals; 7, no resemblance to paleopoles of younger age (by more than a period) [56]. Q, the reliability factor; “+” in the criterion
287 column means fulfilling this criterion; “-” in the criterion column means failing to fulfill this criterion. Field tests: F means positive fold test, R
288 means positive reversal test; Inclination shallowing correction: E/I, E/I inclination shallowing correction; A, anisotropy-based inclination
289 correction; CV, consistent with the paleomagnetic data obtained from volcanic rocks in the same study; Rock magnetic analysis,“+” means
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