

## High temperature metamorphism recorded on chromitite samples in drilling cores from ocean floor

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Metagabbro and some serpentinites are not only extremely altered, but also metamorphosed at high temperature up to mid-amphibolite facies. Chromian spinel included in those samples, which is normally well preserved under the condition of ocean floor metamorphism, also metamorphosed into chrome-bearing magnetite and/or magnetite. The crystal orientation varies inside a grain with chemical modification of the metamorphism. We discuss the possibility of such high temperature metamorphism in the deep oceanic plate.

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