

**Supplementary table 1:** Settings for the instruments used in the geochronological Laboratory (GeoPlasmaLab Dresden) of the Senckenberg Naturhistorische Sammlungen Dresden, (Excimer Laser, ASI RESolution SE S155) and (ICP-MS, Thermo Fisher, Element 2 XR).

<b>ICP-MS</b>	Finnigan Element 2 XR
Forward Power	1400 W
Gas flow rate	15.0 l min <sup>-1</sup> (plasma) 1.07 l min <sup>-1</sup> (aux)
Scan mode	E-scan
Scanned masses	202, 204, 206, 207, 208, 232, 235, 238
Mass resolution	300
Dead time	18 ns
Oxide UO <sup>+</sup> /U <sup>+</sup>	< 1%
Dwell time	4 ms
Settling time	≤ 1 ms/amu
Number of scans	1500
Background	15 s
Ablation time	30 s
Integration time	1.4 s (=25 scans)
<b>Laser system</b>	ASI RESolution SE S155, excimer
Nominal spot diameter	35 μm (unknowns) 35 μm (standards)
Carrier gas	0.06 l min <sup>-1</sup> N <sub>2</sub> 0.56 l min <sup>-1</sup> He 0.83 l min <sup>-1</sup> Ar
Laser settings	6 Hz, 5 mJ, 1.8-2.1 J · cm <sup>-2</sup>
Drill speed (DS) / Raster scan speed (RSS)	~ 0.5 μm/s (DS)
Effective cell volume	c. 1 cm <sup>3</sup>
Sensitivity (GJ-1)	6 · 10 <sup>6</sup> counts/pg U