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Clay mineralogy of the sediments in Sabzevar playa, NE Iran; implication for the late quaternary climate changes

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The Quaternary period was characterized by drastic changes in climatic conditions worldwide (Roy et al., 2006) so that the escalation of eolian processes, desert formation and drying of lakes are attributed to this period (Koutavas et al., 2002). Playa is a region with negative water balance for more than half a year as well as capillary properties close to the surface and sediments (Rosen, 1994). In some cases, playa sediments are the only evidence of past environmental conditions in arid and semi-arid regions (Davis, 1994). Clay minerals are one of the main proxies for paleoenvironment and paleoclimate studies (Thiry, 2000). Also, changes in clay minerals in sediments are often indicative of climate changes (Birks et al., 2012). The analysis of clay plains in playas and dried pluvial lakes provides a good criterion for determining the origin of sediments and climate change (Oliveira et al., 2002); (Battarbee, 1999). Hence, some researchers (Bentz, 2017), (Jones, 1983), (Srodon, 1997), (Tateo et al., 2000), (Kadir et al., 2016), (DeVogel et al., 2004) have conducted valuable studies on late Quaternary climate changes using clay minerals. The present study aims to reconstruct the late Quaternary climate based on clay minerals obtained from Sabzevar Playa in northeastern Iran. The Sabzevar playa is categorized as a typical playa in central Iran (Kearey, 2009), where located in the eastern part of the Great Kavir basin. Total surface area of this playa is about 2648 km² between latitude 35°55'00"-36°25'00" N and longitude 56°15'00"-57°45'00" E (Figure. 1). The topographic elevation values of the study area vary from 750 to 900 meters above sea level (a.s.l). Playa sediments are evaporative and clastic, producing in a region with geological features belonging to the Quaternary period (Survey of Geology of Iran, 2005). The playa has been surrounded by ophiolites, ultrabasic rocks and pelagic limestones. This area has a semi-arid climate with annual precipitation of 150-200 mm and annual temperature of 16-17 °C (Sabzevar synoptic station) in the period of 1950-2000. The geological investigation of the region was conducted using four geological maps of Abbas-Abad, Davarzan, Bashtin and Sabzevar (1:100,000 in scale). The characteristics of sampling profiles were recorded using GPS in Yareas at different geomorphic surfaces of the playa during the field observation. All profiles were excavated by a hand auger, manufactured by the German company Windas, with 5 cm diameter and 100 cm depth (figure 2). Additionally, to identify the type and formation of fibrous clay ... minerals, 7 samples of inta

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