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**Introduction/Background.** Significance of the locality, history, location and access, geology (if known), mining and production, treatments (if any), materials and methods.

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