Plagioclase–hosted melt inclusions as indicators of inhibited rhyolitic melt beneath a mafic volcano: a case study of the Izu–Omuroyama monogenetic volcano, Japan

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We conducted textural and chemical analyses of melt inclusions and their host plagioclase crystals in the scoria of the Izu–Omuroyama monogenetic volcano, erupted at ~ 4 ka in the Higashi-Izu monogenetic volcanic field, Japan. The groundmass melt was andesitic with ~ 59–61 wt% SiO₂, and it contained abundant microphenocrysts of olivine and plagioclase. In contrast, ~ 59% of the plagioclase–hosted melt inclusions have rhyolitic compositions with ~ 70–75 wt% SiO₂. The host plagioclase phenocrysts have cores with An# of 44.7 ± 4.2 [An# = 100Ca/(Ca + Na) in mol] and rims with An# of 68–78, and the calcic rims have compositions similar to the microphenocrysts. The cores of the host plagioclase phenocrysts have FeO* and K₂O contents that are in equilibrium with the rhyolitic melt inclusions. Using the plagioclase–melt geohygrimeters and assuming temperatures of 790–850 °C, we estimated the H₂O contents of the rhyolitic melt inclusions to be ~ 4.4–10.2 wt%, indicating H₂O–saturation depths of >4.5 km. Our results suggest that an inhibited reservoir of plagioclase–bearing rhyolitic melt existed beneath the monogenetic volcano at the time of the scoria eruption, which was ~ 800 years earlier than the first rhyolitic eruption in the volcanic field. Plagioclase content in the silicic reservoir is estimated to be less than 35.8%, suggesting the magma was eruptible. Our results demonstrate the potential usefulness of plagioclase–hosted melt inclusions for indicating the existence of such an inhibited silicic magma.

Keywords: Melt inclusion, Plagioclase, Monogenetic volcano, Rhyolite, Izu Peninsula

INTRODUCTION

Unexpected Plinian eruptions of silicic (dacitic–rhyolitic) magma sometimes occur at a composite volcano or a monogenetic volcanic field where only mafic magmas had erupted previously. One such case is the 1707 eruption of Fuji Volcano, Japan, which saw Plinian eruptions of dacitic magma during the initial stage of the eruption (e.g., Miyaji et al., 2011), whereas most volcanic products of the volcano had been basaltic throughout its 100 ky history (e.g., Takahashi et al., 2003). The only exception at Fuji was one eruption at ~ 3.3 ka when andesitic magma erupted (Fujii, 2007; Miyaji, 2007). Another example is found in the Higashi-Izu monogenetic volcanic field (HIMVF), Izu Peninsula, Japan, where ~ 70 monogenetic volcanoes have erupted over the last 150 kyrs (Koyama et al., 1995). The erupted magmas were mainly mafic until the first Plinian eruption of rhyolitic magma at Kawagodaira Volcano at ~ 3.2 ka (Shimada, 2000). We call such silicic melts ‘inhibited silicic melt’ (Kaneko et al., 2010), because observations suggest that these silicic melts had already formed, but for some reason were delayed from erupting in the generally mafic volcanoes and volcanic fields. Silicic magmas are hazardous in that they have the potential to erupt explosively and more violently than mafic magma although some Plinian eruptions of mafic magmas are known (for example, the 1707 eruption of Fuji volcano, Japan; e.g., Miyaji et al., 2011, the 122 BC eruption of Etna volcano, Italy; e.g., Sable et al., 2006, Houghton et al., 2004, and the 1886 eruption of Tarawara volcano, New Zealand; e.g., Sable et al., 2006).

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Therefore, recognizing inhibited silicic melt beneath mafic volcanoes and volcanic fields is important for hazard mitigation.

Phenocrysts sometimes capture parcels of co-existing melt and enclose them as melt inclusions (MIs) during their growth, and the MIs in phenocrysts may therefore provide information about inhibited melts. The compositions of MIs are relatively unchanged after entrapment, because their host crystals effectively separate the MIs from external processes. An example of an MI study that succeeded in finding an inhibited melt is Kaneko et al. (2010), and these researchers measured the chemical compositions of olivine-hosted MIs in scoria erupted before the 1707 Fuji eruption. They found andesitic MIs whereas the host magmas were all basaltic, and Kaneko et al. (2010) proposed that andesitic magma chambers had been developed beneath Fuji Volcano although the erupted magmas were limited to basaltic compositions. The study demonstrated the potential of MIs for recognizing the presence of an inhibited melt. Olivine-hosted MIs cannot be used as an indicator of an inhibited silicic melt because olivine is unstable in such a melt. However, plagioclase is stable in melts with a wide compositional range from basaltic to rhyolitic, and it is commonly found as phenocrysts that contain melt inclusions. Therefore, we had high expectations that plagioclase-hosted MIs would provide indicators of inhibited silicic melts beneath mafic volcanoes and volcanic fields.

In this paper, we report on our investigation into the chemical compositions of plagioclase-hosted MIs and the host plagioclase crystals in scoria of the Izu–Omuroyama monogenetic volcano, HIMVF, Japan. Our results show that an inhibited rhyolitic melt existed beneath the volcano approximately 800 years before the first silicic Plinian eruption in the volcanic field (~3.2 ka at Kawagodaira Volcano), thus demonstrating the potential of MIs and their host plagioclase crystals to be used more widely as indicators of inhibited silicic melts beneath mafic volcanoes and volcanic fields.

SAMPLES AND METHODS

Izu–Omuroyama Volcano is one of the monogenetic volcanoes of the HIMVF, Izu Peninsula, Japan (Fig. 1). The HIMVF has been active for the last ~150 ka and the latest eruption occurred in 1989 at Teishi Kaikyu Volcano (e.g., Yamamoto et al., 1991). The upper surface of the subducting Pacific Plate is located 130–160 km beneath the HIMVF (e.g., Hasegawa et al., 2009). Only mafic magmas (bulk SiO$_2$ < 59 wt%; Suzuki, 2000) had been erupted in the HIMVF until ~3.2 ka, when the first rhyolitic eruption occurred at Kawagodaira Volcano (Shima-da, 2000). After the Kawagodaira eruption, several other monogenetic volcanoes erupted silicic magmas (bulk SiO$_2$ > 70 wt%; Suzuki, 2000).

The Izu–Omuroyama monogenetic volcano erupted at ~4 ka (Saito et al., 2003) and is located in Ito City, which has a population of ~66000, near the eastern coast of Izu Peninsula (Fig. 1). During the ~4 ka eruption, ~455 × 10$^9$ kg of basaltic andesite was discharged, and the largest pyroclastic cone in the volcanic field was formed (Koyano et al., 1996). According to Koyano et al. (1996), the eruption started with a sub-plinian phase (stage A: ~6 × 10$^9$ kg), followed by a weak eruption of volcanic ash (stage B: ~34 × 10$^9$ kg). Activity then shifted to a Strombolian stage of eruption (stage C: ~82 × 10$^9$ kg) with small amounts of lava flow and the formation of the pyroclastic cone (~36 × 10$^9$ kg). Subsequently, the explosive activity weakened but a large amount of lava was effused (stage D: ~332 × 10$^9$ kg, which includes ~308 × 10$^9$ kg of lava). The eruptive activity finished after a small explosion on the southern flank of the scoria cone (stage E: ~0.7 × 10$^9$ kg). According to previous petrological studies, the erupted magma has a bulk composition of basaltic andesite with SiO$_2$ ~55.4 wt% (Suzuki, 2000), and the rocks contain olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts with trace amounts of corroded quartz xenocrysts (Miyajima, 1990). However, the chemical compositions of the plagioclase-hosted MIs and the host plagioclase crystals were not measured.

For our study, we analyzed the textures and measured chemical compositions of the plagioclase-hosted MIs and the host plagioclase crystals in the scoria that was deposited during the stage-C strombolian eruption of the Izu–Omuroyama Volcano. Unfortunately, there is no outcrop where the fall deposits of other stages of the eruption can be collected. We collected the stage-C scoria samples at an outcrop located ~500 m west of the volcanic center, where Koyano et al. (1996) had described the stratigraphy (spot 25). We mounted 430 grains of scoria (2–4 mm in size) in epoxy resin and then processed these mounts into polished thin sections for microscopic observation. Of these grains, 110 were used for EMP analysis.

We used an FE-EPMA (JEOL JXA–8530FPlus) at the Earthquake Research Institute (ERI) of the University of Tokyo, Japan, to produce backscatter electron (BSE) images of the scoria samples. In addition, the chemical compositions of the MIs and their host plagioclase crystals were measured by EPMA (JEOL–8800R) at the ERI. For the analyses, the accelerating voltage, analytical current, and beam size conditions were 15 kV, 12 nA, and 10 μm, respectively. The 1σ relative errors of the element measurements are <0.7 rel% for Si; <1 rel% for Al, Fe, Mg, and Ca; <5 rel% for Ti and Na; <10 rel% for K; and...
<20 rel% for Mn (Nagasaki et al., 2017). To investigate the compositional relationships between the MIs and their host plagioclase crystals, we measured 3–4 spots of plagioclase in contact with individual MIs, and the compositions indicated by those analyses were always within analytical uncertainty of each other.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The scoria contains phenocrysts of plagioclase (~ 1.1–5.7 vol%), olivine (~ 0.4–3.4 vol%), and trace amounts of quartz (<1 vol%) (Fig. 2). The groundmass is made up of microphenocrysts of plagioclase, olivine and pyroxene (typically several tens to 100 µm in size) that are embedded either in a microlite-poor andesitic glass or in a mixture of glass and microlites. The microlites are made of plagioclase and pyroxene that are typically <several tens of microns in size (Figs. 2a and 2b). The olivine phenocrysts are euhedral–subhedral and chemically almost homogeneous within each grain with normally zoned outermost rim less than several tens of microns in thickness (Fig. 2c). Olivine phenocrysts with reverse zoning are also found occasionally. The olivine phenocrysts commonly contain MIs and spinel inclusions. Quartz crystals appear to have been partially corroded and surrounded by reaction rims of pyroxene (Fig. 2d).

The plagioclase phenocrysts typically have low-An# [An# = 100Ca/(Ca + Na) in mol] in their cores, and higher contents of An in dusty zones around the cores (Fig. 2e). The gray–scale level of the outermost rims of the plagioclase phenocrysts is similar to that of the plagioclase microphenocrysts in the groundmass, indicating similar contents of An. The plagioclase cores are typically clear and homogeneous or show weak oscillatory zoning (Fig. 2e), but textures suggesting corrosion are sometimes found (Fig. 2f). MIs occur in both the cores and the dusty zones of the plagioclase phenocrysts, although those in the dusty zones are too fine for EMP

Figure 1. Geological map of the Higashi-Izu monogenetic volcanic field, simplified after Koyama et al. (1995). Symbols indicate the locations of monogenetic volcanoes that are basaltic (black triangles), andesitic (dark gray triangles), dacitic (light gray triangles), rhyolitic (open circle), and unknown (open triangles). Omr, Omuroyama; Kwg, Kawagodaira; Tk, Teishi-Kaikyu. Light gray area shows the distribution of the Quaternary polygenetic volcanoes after Koyama et al. (1995).
analyses (Fig. 2e).

Among the 110 scoria grains observed by FE–EPMA, 49 contain 56 plagioclase phenocrysts. We investigated those phenocrysts and found 29 of them hosted MIs large enough for EMP analysis. The major element compositions of the plagioclase-hosted MIs and the

Figure 2. BSE images of the scoria: (a) glassy groundmass. (b) Microlite-rich groundmass. (c) An olivine phenocryst. White inclusions are Cr-spinel. (d) A quartz crystal surrounded by a pyroxene rim. (e) A plagioclase phenocryst with a relatively An-poor core surrounded by a dusty zone and a relatively An-rich rim. The arrow indicates a melt inclusion. (f) A plagioclase phenocryst with partially corroded core. Dark gray rectangles in these figures are plagioclase microphenocrysts.
Al₂O₃ content represents the original melt composition of andesitic and dacitic MIs. For rhyolitic MIs, Al₂O₃ content inclusions in the MI system without a constraint on the melt H₂O content. We assumed, therefore, that the temperature of the rhyolitic MIs was 790–850 °C, which is the pre-eruptive temperature range of silicic magmas in the HIMVF, as estimated by Suzuki (2000). This temperature range is consistent with those of natural rhyolitic

desitic MIs. These FeO* and K₂O contents are also similar to those of the plagioclase microphenocrysts and the rims of the phenocrysts (Fig. 6). The compositional similarities between the andesitic MIs and the groundmass melt, and also between the host plagioclase crystals of the andesitic MIs and the phenocryst rims and plagioclase microphenocrysts, indicate that the andesitic MI-hosting plagioclase crystallized simultaneously with the plagioclase microphenocrysts in the groundmass melt. The rims of the plagioclase phenocrysts also crystallized at that time. On the other hand, the lower FeO* and higher K₂O contents of the plagioclase crystals that host the dacitic-rhyolitic MIs suggest that those plagioclase crystals were derived from a Fe-poor, K-rich silicic melt. The An#-FeO*-K₂O compositional gaps between the dacitic-rhyolitic and the andesitic MI-hosting plagioclase crystals indicate that the dacitic-rhyolitic MIs and the andesitic MIs were formed under temporally and/or spatially separated conditions.

We used the plagioclase-melt partition coefficients (D) of FeO* and K₂O (Bindeman et al., 1998) to estimate the compositions of plagioclase in equilibrium with the rhyolitic MIs (~ 0.55–1 wt% FeO* and ~ 2.2–3.3 wt% K₂O). The partition coefficients are described as follows:

\[ RT \ln D = a(\text{An#}/100) + b, \]

where \( R \) is the gas constant, \( T \) is absolute temperature, \( a \) is ~35.2 kJ for Fe and ~25.5 kJ for K, and \( b \) is 4.5 kJ for Fe and ~10.2 kJ for K. Because the plagioclase-melt compositional relationship depends on temperature and the H₂O content of the melt (e.g., Putirka, 2008), it is difficult to determine the temperature condition of the host plagioclase-MI system without a constraint on the melt H₂O content. We assumed, therefore, that the temperature of the rhyolitic MIs was 790–850 °C, which is the pre-eruptive temperature range of silicic magmas in the HIMVF, as estimated by Suzuki (2000). This temperature range is consistent with those of natural rhyolitic

Figure 3. Compositions of plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions (diamonds) and groundmass melts (pluses). The bulk composition of the lava of Omuroyama Volcano (Suzuki, 2000) is also shown for comparison (circle). Gray-hatched areas indicate the ranges of bulk compositions of lavas in the HIMVF (Miya-jima, 1990; Suzuki, 2000). BA, basaltic andesite; A, andesite; D, dacite; R, rhyolite.
melts worldwide, according to the compilation of Takeuchi (2011). The calculated FeO* and K2O contents in plagioclase in equilibrium with the rhyolitic MI s are shown in Figure 6. The results are consistent with the compositions of the dacitic–rhyolitic MI-hosting plagioclase crystals, indicating that the host plagioclase crystals were in equilibrium with the rhyolitic MI s. The dacitic MI s have FeO* contents of ~ 4–8 wt% (Fig. 4), which are too high for their host plagioclase crystals to be in equilibrium; consequently, we suggest that the dacitic MI s were in disequilibrium with their host plagioclase crystals. For all major elements, the andesitic–dacitic MI s, the
UR melt and the groundmass melts show linear relationships (Fig. 4), and the dacitic MIs plot between the UR melt and the groundmass melts. These relationships suggest that the dacitic MIs were the products of mixing between the UR melt and the groundmass melts immediately before the eruption. Some of the rhyolitic MIs probably became connected to the groundmass melt after their entrainment as a result of the partial melting/fracturing of their host plagioclase phenocrysts (Fig. 2). In fact, similar plagioclase textures were represented by the partial dissolution experiments of Nakamura and Shimakita (1998). The plagioclase-controlled compositional variation of the rhyolitic MIs (Fig. 4) was also formed by heating at that time; these MIs were not connected to the groundmass melt and reacted only with their host plagioclase. Our data and observations indicate that the rhyolitic melt was not derived from the groundmass melt, and we propose, therefore, that a reservoir of plagioclase-bearing rhyolitic melt existed beneath the present Omuroyama Volcano approximately 4000 years ago, which predates the first rhyolitic eruption in the HIMVF by ~ 800 years. We estimated the H2O content of the UR melt by using the plagioclase liquidus and the plagioclase–melt An–partition thermohygrometers of Putirka (2008). We used the compositions of the UR melt (#2–41plg–3 in Table S1) and the average composition of rhyolitic MI–hosting plagioclase crystals (An# ~ 44.7 ± 4.2). We assumed the temperature was 790–850 °C, as mentioned above. Assuming the estimated error of ±1 wt% H2O for the thermohygrometers, the H2O content of the UR melt was estimated to be in the range ~ 4.4–10.2 wt% (Fig. 7). Comparing this with the H2O solubility curve for rhyolitic melts calculated with the VolatileCalc program (Newman and Lowerstern, 2002), we estimated the H2O saturation pressure to be ~ 124–407 MPa. Suzuki (2000) estimated the H2O saturation pressures for silicic magmas erupted in the volcanic field to be ~ 200 MPa, which is consistent with the present results for the rhyolitic MIs. The estimated H2O saturation pressures of 124 and 407 MPa correspond to lithostatic depths of ~ 4.5–5.1 and ~ 14.8–16.6 km, assuming a crustal density of 2500–2800 kg/m³. The depth of the inhibited silicic reservoir was therefore greater than 4.5 km.

The groundmass melts have andesitic compositions similar to those of the andesitic MIs and were coexisted with olivine and plagioclase microphenocrysts. Therefore, we estimate the temperature and H2O content conditions of the groundmass melt by combining the plagioclase liquidus and the plagioclase–melt An–partition thermohygrometers and the pressure-independent olivine liquidus thermometer of Putirka (2008). We used the average compositions of the groundmass melt (Table S1) and the average composition of plagioclase in equilibrium with melts with FeO* = 0.55 wt% and K₂O = 2.2 wt%, or FeO* = 1 wt% and K₂O = 3.3 wt%, respectively. The colors of the curves indicate temperatures of 790 °C (dark gray) and 850 °C (light gray).
Figure 7. The estimated temperature-H2O content \((H_2O^{\text{mel}})\) conditions for the UR rhyolitic melt and the groundmass melt. The black and gray curves indicate the calculated relations for the UR melt and the groundmass melt, respectively. Thick curves indicate the results calculated by the plagioclase-melt An-partitioning thermohygrometer of Putirka (2008). An\# of coexisting plagioclase used are 44.7 (solid), 48.9 (broken), 40.5 (dotted) for the UR melt, and An\# ~ 72 (solid), 75 (broken), 66 (dotted) for the groundmass melt, respectively. Thin solid and broken curves are the results calculated by the plagioclase-liquidus thermohygrometer and the olivine liquidus thermometer of Putirka (2008), respectively. The gray hatched area indicates the temperature-H2O\(^{\text{mel}}\) condition of the UR melt.

S1) and the compositions of plagioclase microphenocrysts with An\# of ~ 66–75 with the average of ~ 72 for the estimation (Table S2). The estimated temperature and H2O content conditions are ~ 1055 °C and 2.5 wt\%, respectively (Fig. 7). Using the H2O solubility curve for basaltic and rhyolitic melts calculated by VolatileCalc program, the H2O-saturation pressure is calculated to be ~ 75 ± 52 MPa, which corresponds to the lithostatic depth of ~ 3.0 ± 2.2 km assuming a crustal density of 2500-2800 kg/m\(^3\) and the estimated error of melt H2O content of ±1 wt\%. The estimated lithostatic depth for the groundmass melt is shallower than that of the UR melt. The result is consistent with the observation that plagioclase phenocryst has low-An\# core surrounded by high-An\# rim and the composition of the rim part is the same as those of plagioclase microphenocrysts. Kawamoto (1996) performed the crystallization experiments of the hydrous basaltic magma from the HIMVF at 0.5 and 1 GPa. We compared the composition and the estimated T-H2O conditions of the groundmass melt with those of the experimental melts. At similar SiO2 content, the experimental melts at 0.5 GPa have higher Al2O3 (~ 17–18 wt\%), lower FeO* (~ 4.5–6.5 wt\%) and higher H2O contents (3–5 wt\% determined by the difference of electron microprobe total from 100) compared to the groundmass melt. The temperature conditions are similar. The compositional differences are attributed to the depression of plagioclase crystallization under high H2O contents. Therefore, the estimated T-H2O conditions of the groundmass melt is consistent with the results of Kawamoto (1996).

Before ~ 4000 years ago, a reservoir of plagioclase-bearing rhyolitic melt existed at a depth greater than 4.5 km beneath the present Omuroyama Volcano. Around 4000 years ago, an olivine-bearing mafic magma that was derived from a greater depth has intruded into the silicic reservoir where it mixed with the plagioclase-bearing rhyolitic melt to form an olivine-plagioclase-bearing basaltic andesite magma. This magma then ascended to shallower depths of ~ 3.0 km, crystallizing olivine and plagioclase microphenocrysts before it was erupted.

We roughly estimate the mixing ratio of the rhyolitic end-member melt (represented by the UR melt; SiO2 ~ 74.4 wt\%) and the mafic end-member melt based on mass balance consideration of SiO2 contents, assuming that SiO2 content of the mixed melt is the same as that of the bulk SiO2 content of the Omuroyama magma (~ 55.4 wt\%; Suzuki, 2000). This assumption is valid because the magma is phenocryst-poor (0.4–3.4 and 1.1–5.7 vol\% for olivine and plagioclase, respectively). SiO2 content of the mafic end-member melt is assumed to be 49–53 wt\% based on the general range of the mafic magmas in the HIMVF (Miyajima, 1990; Suzuki, 2000). The mixing ratio of the rhyolitic melt, \(X_\text{rhy}\), is calculated to be 11.2 and 25.2 wt\% for the assumed SiO2 content of the mafic end-member melt of 53 and 49 wt\%, respectively. In addition, we estimate the plagioclase content in the plagioclase-bearing rhyolitic melt assuming all plagioclase phenocrysts were derived from the magma and the densities of plagioclase and melt are the same. For such case, plagioclase content in the silicic magma, \(\Phi_\text{plg,}\) is calculated as follows:

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\Phi_\text{plg} = V_\text{plg} / (V_\text{plg} + V_\text{melt} \times X_\text{plg}),
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where $V_{\text{plg}}$ and $V_{\text{mlt}}$ are the volume fractions of plagioclase phenocryst and the mixed melt (i.e., groundmass) in the Omuroyama magma. The estimated $\Phi_{\text{plg}}$ is up to 35.8 vol% with 0.4–3.4 vol% olivine, 1.1–5.7 vol% plagioclase, and 49–53 wt% SiO$_2$ of the mafic end-member melt. The result suggests that the reservoir of plagioclase-bearing rhyolitic melt was fluidal, not mushy, implying that an eruptible rhyolitic melt existed beneath Omuroyama. Assuming the density of basaltic andesite to be 2700 kg/m$^3$, the erupted volume of the Omuroyama magma is $\sim 0.17$ km$^3$. Furthermore, the volume fraction of the silicic end-member magma (i.e., plagioclase phenocrysts + the rhyolitic melt) contributed to form the Omuroyama magma is 12.3–30.9 vol%. Therefore, $>0.021$–0.052 km$^3$ of plagioclase-bearing rhyolitic melt existed immediately before the Omuroyama eruption.

In the HIMVF, the first rhyolitic eruption occurred $\sim 3200$ years ago at the Kawagodaira Volcano (Shimada, 2000), which is located $\sim 10$ km SW of the Omuroyama Volcano. The rhyolitic glass of the Kawagodaira Volcano is more silicic (SiO$_2$ $\sim 78$ wt%) than that of the Omuroyama Volcano, and amphibole-plagioclase crystal clots are often found (Suwa et al., 2018). Amphiboles are also found in the volcanic products of other silicic volcanoes that erupted in the HIMVF after the Kawagodaira eruption (Miyajima, 1990). Previous researchers have discussed the petrogenesis of silicic magmas in the HIMVF, and Suzuki (2000), for example, suggested that the silicic magmas were formed by the partial melting of a felsic crustal rock with residual phases of plagioclase and amphibole. On the other hand, the experimental results of Kawan-moto (1996) show that the rhyolitic melts with compositions similar to the UR melt coexist with amphibole, pyroxene, magnetite and plagioclase. On the other hand, no amphibole is found in the Omuroyama magma. One possible hypothesis for the absence of amphibole is that amphibole was fractionated from the plagioclase-bearing rhyolitic melt. Our estimation of crystal content suggests that the plagioclase-bearing rhyolitic melt was fluidal. Under the condition, amphibole, as well as pyroxene and Fe–Ti oxides, were gravitationally fractionated due to their large densities. In fact, pyroxene and Fe–Ti oxide phenocrysts are also absent. On the other hand, plagioclase could remain in the convecting rhyolitic melt due to small density contrast between plagioclase and rhyolitic melt. To examine this hypothesis and clarify the origin of the silicic magma, we require further geochemical studies of the plagioclase-hosted rhyolitic MIs as well as studies of the partially molten crustal xenoliths reported by Hamuro (1985). Koyama and Umino (1991) suggested that repetitively supplied mafic magmas induce melting of rocks in the upper crust to form silicic magmas. Miyajima (1990) pointed out that andesitic monogenetic volcanoes are clustered along the eastern side of the HIMVF (Fig. 1). We infer, therefore, that inhibited silicic reservoirs may also exist beneath these andesitic volcanoes. This hypothesis can be tested by further analytical studies of the plagioclase–hosted MIs in these volcanoes.

Our results demonstrate the potential usefulness of plagioclase–hosted MIs as an indicator of an inhibited silicic melt beneath mafic volcanoes and volcanic fields. Identifying the presence of silicic magmas is fundamental in the assessment of volcanic hazards. We recommend, therefore, that the analysis of plagioclase–hosted MIs from mafic volcanoes and volcanic fields be used as an essential tool when identifying inhibited silicic magmas for the purposes of hazard migration.

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

We presented the results of our textural and chemical analyses of MIs and their host plagioclase crystals in the scoria from Izu-Omuroyama Volcano, Japan. Our results suggest that an inhibited reservoir of plagioclase–bearing rhyolitic melt existed at depth greater than 4.5 km beneath this monogenetic volcano at the time of its eruption at $\sim 4$ ka, $\sim 800$ years before the first rhyolitic eruption in this volcanic field. The results demonstrate the potential usefulness of plagioclase–hosted MIs as an indicator of an inhibited silicic magma reservoir beneath mafic volcanoes and volcanic field.

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