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**Crystal Data:** Orthorhombic (probable). Point Group: 2/m 2/m 2/m. Needlelike crystals, elongated || [001], may be lathlike, flattened on {010} or {100}, to 5 mm; as warty aggregates, dendritic crusts.

**Physical Properties:** Hardness = n.d. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 4.25 Soluble in warm  $H_2O$ .

**Optical Properties:** Semitransparent. *Color:* Colorless to white, yellow, greenish yellow. *Luster:* Dull.

Optical Class: Biaxial; medium strong birefringence. Orientation: Z = c. n = n.d. 2V(meas.) = n.d.

**Cell Data:** Space Group: Pnma (synthetic). a = 11.80(5) b = 5.77(5) c = 9.82(5)Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: n.d.

Chemistry:		(1)	(2)	(3)
	$\operatorname{Na}$	1.53		
	Κ	17.11	18.97	18.30
	$^{\rm Pb}$	43.00	47.67	48.50
	$\mathbf{Ca}$	2.13		
	Cl	36.23	33.36	33.20
	Total	100.00	[100.00]	100.00

(1) Vesuvius, Italy; SO<sub>4</sub> and F in traces. (2) Analysis (1) recalculated to 100% after deduction of Na and Ca as chlorides. (3)  $K_2PbCl_4$ .

Occurrence: In volcanic fumaroles.

Association: Tenorite, cotunnite.

Distribution: On Vesuvius, Campania, Italy.

Name: From the Greek for false, and the mineral's supposed resemblance to cotunnite.

Type Material: Natural History Museum, Paris, France, 108.1573.

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