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- 3 Validation of microwave acid digestion, diffusive gradients in thin-films preconcentration
- 4 and inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry methodology for
- 5 determination of REEs in natural zeolites
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According to the XRD analysis, the Racos, Chilioara and Macicasu zeolite samples contain
clinoptilolite (00-047-1870/ 01-080-1557/ 00-047-1870) as the main mineral, attended by
albite (00-010-0393/ 00-020-0548/ 01-076-0926), quartz (01-070-7344/ 01-079-1910/01079-1910), muscovite (00-007-0025/-/ -), montmorillonite (-/ 00-058-2038/ -), and orthoclase
(-/ 00-031-0966/ -).



**Figure S2.** Calibration curves for REEs determination by ICP-OES over the 0 - 2 mg L-1 concentration range

| REE | Diffusion coefficient                                 | REE | Diffusion coefficient                                 |
|-----|---|-----|---|
|     | (× 10 <sup>-6</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) |     | (× 10 <sup>-6</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) |
| Ce  | 6.19  | Lu  | 4.97  |
| Dy  | 5.82  | Nd  | 6.16  |
| Er  | 5.85  | Pr  | 6.18  |
| Eu  | 6.02  | Sm  | 6.08  |
| Gd  | 5.97  | Y   | 4.82  |
| La  | 6.19  | Yb  | 5.82  |

## **Table S1**. Diffusion coefficients for REEs used for DGT calculation (at 25 $^{\circ}$ C).<sup>1,2</sup>

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