

## Supplement Table

Previously published luminescence ages in both the Tibetan Plateau and the Mu Us desert

No.	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude (m)	Age (ka)	Sediment type	Dating method	Data source
<b>Previous OSL/IRSL ages from the Tibetan Plateau</b>							
1	30°34'	91°07'	4500	9.7±2.0	loess	OSL	Lehmkuhl et al. (2000)
2	30°25'	90°49'	4680	9.2±2.1	loess	OSL	Lehmkuhl et al. (2000)
3	30°26'	90°48'	4620	10.5±2.2	loess	OSL	Lehmkuhl et al. (2000)
4	29°44'	89°49'	4571	8.8±3.9	loess	OSL	Lehmkuhl et al. (2000)
5	29°46'	89°51'	4835	7.8±1.2	loess	OSL	Lehmkuhl et al. (2000)
6	30°08'	95°30'	3070	25.5±4.0	loess	OSL	Lehmkuhl et al. (2000)
7	31°57'	98°48'	4220	8.1±2.1	loess	OSL	Lehmkuhl et al. (2000)
8	32°07'	98°52'	4010	8.9±1.1	loess	OSL	Lehmkuhl et al. (2000)
9	31°59'	99°05'	4150	3.1±0.5	loess	OSL	Lehmkuhl et al. (2000)
10	31°29'	89°13'	4646	7.0±0.6	loess	TL	Lehmkuhl et al. (2000)
11	31°44'	87°32'	4715	3.5±0.3	loess	TL	Lehmkuhl et al. (2000)
12				sand		OSL	Liu et al. (2009)
13				sand		OSL	Liu et al. (2009)
14	36°36'	100°24'	3246	22.6±1.8	sand	OSL	Madsen et al. (2007)
15	35°55'	94°40'	3631	8.6±0.7	loess	OSL	Owen et al. (2006)
16	38°51'	93°25'	2782	14.9±1.5	loess	OSL	Owen et al. (2006)
17	26°35'	100°30'	3305	8.3±0.6	loess	IRSL	Porter et al. (2001)
18	26°36'	100°31'	3305	11.7±0.9	loess	IRSL	Porter et al. (2001)
19	26°39'	100°34'	3305	15.1±1.6	sand	IRSL	Porter et al. (2001)
20	26°41'	100°36'	3305	23.0±1.6	loess	IRSL	Porter et al. (2001)
21	26°42'	100°37'	3305	17.2±1.4	loess	IRSL	Porter et al. (2001)
22	26°43'	100°38'	3305	14.5±1.1	loess	IRSL	Porter et al. (2001)
23	26°44'	100°39'	3305	5.1±0.4	loess	IRSL	Porter et al. (2001)
24	26°45'	100°40'	3305	16.9±1.4	loess	IRSL	Porter et al. (2001)
25	26°46'	100°41'	3305	12.7±1.0	loess	IRSL	Porter et al. (2001)
26	29°19'	89°33'	3800	2.7±0.2	loess	OSL	Sun et al. (2007)
27	29°19'	88°55'	3920	11.0±1.2	loess	OSL	Sun et al. (2007)
28	29°16'	88°51'	3970	13.0±1.4	loess	OSL	Sun et al. (2007)
<b>OSL ages of sand in the Mu Us desert</b>							
1	37°39'	108°37'	1400	11.1±1.1	sand	IRSL	Lai et al., 1999
2	37°39'	108°37'	1400	16.8±1.6	sand	IRSL	Lai et al., 1999
3				1.05±0.10	sandy paleosol	OSL	Li et al. (2002)
4				3.50±0.36	sand	OSL	Li et al. (2002)
5				9.86±1.36	sandy paleosol	OSL	Li et al. (2002)
6				1.25±0.14	sandy paleosol	OSL	Li et al. (2002)
7				1.67±0.18	sand	OSL	Li et al. (2002)
8				11.1±1.3	sand	OSL	Li et al. (2002)
9	38°48.548'	110°23.283'	1195	7.39±0.48	sandy paleosol	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
10	38°48.548'	110°23.283'	1195	12.68±1.08	sand	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
11	38°48.548'	110°23.283'	1195	13.65±1.5	sand	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
12	38°48.548'	110°23.283'	1195	37.71±2.75	sandy loess	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
13	38°48.548'	110°23.283'	1195	52.05±4.03	sand	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
14	38°48.548'	110°23.283'	1195	57.08±4.82	sand	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
15	38°48.005'	110°24.107'	1224	7.77±0.5	sandy paleosol	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)

16	38°48.005'	110°24.107'	1224	8.32±0.45	sandy loess	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
17	38°48.005'	110°24.107'	1224	8.54±0.4	sandy loess	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
18	38°48.005'	110°24.107'	1224	9.81±0.36	sand	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
19	38°48.005'	110°24.107'	1224	10.97±0.64	sand	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
20	38°48.005'	110°24.107'	1224	41.19±2.11	sandy loess	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
21	38°13'	109°45'		0.29±0.05	sand	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
22	38°13'	109°45'		2.39±0.14	sandy paleosol	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
23	38°8.223'	109°47.471'	1112	7.57±0.17	sandy paleosol	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
24	38°8.223'	109°47.471'	1112	7.93±0.37	sandy paleosol	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
25	38°8.223'	109°47.471'	1112	8.67±0.32	sand	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
26	38°8.223'	109°47.471'	1112	10.04±0.31	sand	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
27	37°35'	108°40'	1401	7.56±0.43	sandy loess	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
28	37°56.186'	109°58.952'	1022	5.09±0.74	sand	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
29	37°56.186'	109°58.952'	1022	11.55±1.57	sandy paleosol	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
30	37°49.455'	110°24.203'	1152	16.19±3.48	sandy paleosol	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
31	38°19.278'	109°43.907'	1114	0.95±0.14	sandy paleosol	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
32	38°19.278'	109°43.907'	1114	2.67±0.40	sandy paleosol	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
33	38°19.278'	109°43.907'	1114	7.25±1.23	sand	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
34	38°19.278'	109°43.907'	1114	8.74±1.37	sand	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
35	38°19.278'	109°43.907'	1114	18.66±2.42	sandy loess	OSL	Lu et al. (2005)
36				2.6±0.3	sand	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
37				5.7±0.4	sandy paleosol	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
38				5.3±0.5	sandy paleosol	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
39				8.2±0.7	sandy paleosol	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
40				11.5±1.2	sand	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
41				3.7±0.4	sand	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
42				5.6±0.6	sandy paleosol	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
43				6.9±0.6	sandy paleosol	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
44				8.8±1.1	sandy paleosol	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
45				9.4±1	sand	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
46				5.6±0.5	sandy paleosol	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
47				7.7±0.6	sandy paleosol	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
48				8.3±0.6	sand	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
49				7.5±0.5	sandy paleosol	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
50				8.8±0.6	sandy paleosol	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)
51				9.3±0.6	sand	OSL	Sun et al. (2006)

The references for the data source were listed in the paper.