### Iron isotope and trace metal compositions of manganese nodules from the Central Indian Basin: Evidence for Fe fluxes from both hydrogenetic and oxic diagenetic sources

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### 65 **1 INTRODUCTION**

The biogeochemical cycling of Fe in the global ocean has received 66 considerable attention because of its role as a limiting nutrient controlling the primary 67 productivity in the surface ocean (Martin et al., 1990). Fe isotope compositions of 68 ferromanganese nodules and encrustations form an essential source of information for 69 the Fe cycling in the ocean on time scales of millions of years (Zhu et al., 2000; 70 71 Levasseur et al., 2004; Chu et al., 2006, Horner et al., 2015; Marcus et al., 2015). Temporal variations in  $\delta^{56}$ Fe of Fe-Mn crusts from Atlantic were the focus of initial 72 studies suggesting a linkage between Fe isotope compositions and terrestrial Fe input 73 into the ocean (Zhu et al., 2000). Levasseur et al. (2004) analyzed spatial variations in 74  $\delta^{56}$ Fe of Fe-Mn crusts on a global scale concluding that local-scale processes are 75 76 significant in influencing the Fe isotope variations. The Fe isotope compositions of Pacific crusts revealed complex hydrothermal fluid mobility pathways in oceanic 77 environments (Chu et al., 2006). The ferromanganese crusts and nodules analyzed 78 from different parts of the world ocean exhibit  $\delta^{56}$ Fe values ranging between -0.8 and 79 -0.05 % IRMM-014 (Levasseur et al., 2004), distinctly depleted in <sup>56</sup>Fe relative to 80 the average crustal Fe with  $\delta^{56}$ Fe of 0 % (Dauphas & Rouxel, 2006). Recent studies 81 on Fe-Mn crusts from the Pacific Ocean led to identifying deeply sourced Fe (Horner 82 et al., 2015) and eolian sources as major input (Marcus et al., 2015). Considering that 83 the continental source contributes a much larger part of Fe flux into the ocean relative 84 to the hydrothermal influx, these <sup>56</sup>Fe-depleted values remain enigmatic (Beard et al., 85 2003a). Highly negative  $\delta^{56}$ Fe values are reported for diagenetic pore fluids especially 86 in shallow water environments (Bergquist & Boyle, 2006; Severmann et al., 2006; 87 2008) and coastal settings (Rouxel et al., 2008a), suggesting that diagenesis could 88 have played a significant role in <sup>56</sup>Fe depletion in nodules and crusts. However, deep 89

water pore fluids from the Crozet region showing δ<sup>56</sup>Fe values 0 ‰ contradict this
(Homoky et al., 2009). The reasons for such depletion in <sup>56</sup>Fe in crusts and nodules
have therefore remain equivocal (Zhu et al., 2000; Levasseur et al., 2004; Chu et al.,
2006; Anbar & Rouxel, 2007).

94 The majority of Fe isotope studies have focused mainly on ferromanganese crusts, while only a few manganese nodules have been analyzed. The significance of 95 Fe isotope compositions of manganese nodules in terms of their slow growth rates, 96 wide distribution, and Fe biogeochemical cycling remain therefore inadequately 97 addressed. The Mn nodules occur in all the major oceanic basins, and unlike Fe-Mn 98 crusts, the nodules form under slow sedimentation rates (< 5 mm/Ka) largely 99 controlled by bottom water flows (Glasby, 2006). As a result, they tend to preserve 100 regional patterns in their compositional variation despite the known micro lamina- to 101 regional-scale disparities (von Stackelberg & Marchig, 1987), making them an 102 excellent target to address basin-scale Fe biogeochemical processes. The Central 103 Indian Basin is the second richest Mn nodule field (Mukhopadhyay et al., 2002) after 104 105 the equatorial part of the Circum Pacific Belt (Glasby, 2006). Previous studies on the 106 CIB nodules emphasized their continuous accretion since the Late Miocene and observed a linkage between the morphology, compositions, and spatial distribution 107 with sedimentary and geodynamic evolution of the basin (Martin-Barajas et al., 1991; 108 Mukhopadhyay et al., 2002). In this study, we report for the first time Fe isotope 109 compositions of the CIB nodules alongside major, trace, REE geochemistry for the 110 top scrapings of 16 manganese nodules and three bulk samples of ferromanganese 111 crusts from the CIB. We suggest that the observed  $\delta^{56}$ Fe variations in Mn nodules are 112 consistent with eolian source as major Fe input and subsequent Fe isotope 113

fractionation associated with adsorption of heavy Fe isotope onto organic ligands. We also show that the diagenetic source of Fe played a significant role in the CIB.

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### 117 2 SAMPLES AND ANALYTICAL METHODS

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### 2.1 The Central Indian Basin nodule field

The CIB (Fig. 1a) constitutes the largest sedimentary basin ( $\sim 5.7$  million Km<sup>2</sup>) 119 120 in the Indian Ocean with an average water depth of ~5000 m. The Chagos-Laccadive Ridge binds the basin to the west, the Ninetyeast Ridge to the east, and the Southeast 121 122 Indian Ridge in the north (not shown). The ocean floor of the CIB is formed during the Paleocene, between 60 and 49 Ma, as indicated by magnetic anomalies (Royer et 123 al., 1989; Mukhopadhyay et al., 1997). The central parts of the CIB comprise 124 125 siliceous clay and ooze, while terrigenous and pelagic clays dominate in the northern and southern parts (Fig. 1b; see Nath et al., 1989; 1992a). Parameters that control the 126 deposition of these sediments are: (a) the equatorial productivity belt, (b) the 127 terrigenous input and, (c) the water depth of deposition. It is estimated that the 128 siliceous sediments in the northern part (8-10° S) were deposited during Late 129 Miocene/Early Pliocene, while those in the southern part accumulated in the Late 130 Pliocene (Pimm, 1971). Manganese nodules are ubiquitous throughout the CIB, 131 reflecting generally slow sedimentation rates in the basin (Mukhopadhyay et al., 132 133 2008). They are brown to black with variable morphology and located mainly towards the south of lat. 10° S. The CIB nodules are polymetallic, and a conservative estimate 134 suggests a reserve of 779 million metric tons of metals including Fe, Mn, Ni, Co, etc. 135 (Mukhopadhyay et al., 2008). Three genetic types, viz. a) hydrogenetic, b) diagenetic, 136 and c) mixed-mode nodules, were described earlier from the CIB (Martin-Barajas et 137 al., 1991). The hydrogenetic nodules are botryoidal with a smooth surface. These are 138

formed by dense layers of  $\delta MnO_2$ –Fe(OH)<sub>3</sub> and amorphous silica. The diagenetic nodules show a granular texture and comprise concentric layers with dendritic or columnar structures, mainly of 10 Å manganate. The mixed-mode nodules show a gradation from hydrogenetic internal layers to a diagenetic outer crust. The diagenetic enrichment of metals, particularly in the upper 40 cms of siliceous sediments (< 0.4 Ma), is reflected in the presence of buserite, todorokite, and the Cu>Ni feature of the diagenetic nodules.

The density of the CIB nodules varies between 1.8 and 2.4 g/cc, with diameter 146 commonly ranging from 20 to 60 mm (Vineesh et al., 2009). Smaller nodules are 147 spheroid to sub-spheroid, while larger nodules are elongated, discoid, flattened, or 148 irregular. The nuclei of CIB nodules generally comprise detrital quartz grains and 149 clays related possibly to altered volcanic rock fragments. Broadly, nodules from the 150 151 topographic highs are smooth, while those from plains have a rough morphology (Mukhopadhyay & Nath, 1988). The nodule density is highest in high productivity 152 zones, the central zone dominated by bio siliceous oozes and sediments (Fig. 1b). In 153 this region, the presence of todorokite [ $(Na,Ca,K,Ba,Sr)_{1-x}(Mn,Mg,Al)_6O_{12} \cdot 3-4H_2O$ ] 154 155 in the hydrogenetic nodules indicates sub-oxic conditions in the overlying water column due to the role of high primary productivity. 156

A slower growth rate of 1.2 to 1.3 mm/Ma for the top layers and slightly faster rates of 1.9 to 3.2 mm/Ma for the bottom ones were estimated for the CIB nodules based on the  $^{230}$ Th<sub>excess</sub> technique (Banakar & Borole, 1991). These growth rates translate to a Late Miocene – Early Pliocene (8 to 3 Ma) period for nodule accumulation consistent with the age of deposition of the siliceous sediments as stated above.

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### 164 **2.2 Sampling and sample preparation**

Samples analyzed in the present study were collected during various cruises of 165 166 the CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography, Goa, India, since 1982. Individual nodule samples exposing well-preserved surfaces were isolated from extensive 167 collections. These were subjected to desalination and extended cleaning routines in 168 deionized water. A total of 16 manganese nodule samples were randomly chosen to 169 170 represent a wide geographic area in the CIB (Fig. 1a, b). Apart from the nodules, three Fe-Mn crust samples were also studied. These include a sample each from the CIB 171 172 (sample# SKC), the Afanasiy-Nikitin seamount (sample# AND), and the Central Indian Ridge (sample# CIB) (Fig. 1b). Sample locations and the morphological 173 features of nodules are summarized in Supporting Information 1. In this study, most 174 of the nodules are recovered from the siliceous clay domain, while a few are from 175 pelagic red clay (Fig. 1b). For analysis, the top layers of the nodules were scraped up 176 to about 0.5 mm thickness using Teflon coated knife, and fine powders were prepared 177 in an agate mortar. Analyses were carried out on these powders after leaching, as 178 described in the following section. Although the exact age of accumulation of nodule 179 top layers studied here is unknown, we presume a temporal correlation among the 180 analyzed samples representing a recent phase of oxide accumulation. Considering 181 growth rates of 1.2 to 1.3 mm/Ma for the top layers, the depositional age is 182 183 constrained between ~600 and 650-kilo years.

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### 2.3 Fe isotope analysis

Fe isotope analysis was carried out using the Multi-Collector Inductively
Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (MC-ICP-MS, model Nu Plasma HR) at CSIRNGRI. A detailed account of the analytical protocols and performance is presented in
Supporting Information 2 and described briefly below.

189	Mn-nodule and ferromanganese crust samples and the standards were
190	dissolved in cold 6 N HCl followed by ultrasonication. The silicate standard BCR-2
191	was dissolved using concentrated HF+HNO3+HClO4. The final sample/standard
192	solutions were taken in 7 N HCl + 0.001% $H_2O_2$ . Elution of Fe was carried out
193	following the procedures described in Marèchal et al. (1999). The macroporous resin
194	AG MP-1 (100–200 mesh, chloride of BIO-RAD <sup>TM</sup> ) was used to separate Fe, Cu, and
195	Zn. The eluted fractions were evaporated and re-dissolved in 2 % HNO <sub>3</sub> for MC-ICP-
196	MS analysis. Iron recovery was estimated using the BCR-2 elution in each ml fraction
197	using AAS. The Fe yields were $\geq 97$ % based on recovery for standards indicating that
198	fractionation during anion exchange (Anbar et al., 2000) was negligible.
199	The Nu HR MC-ICP-MS features a double-focusing Nier Johnson design and
200	variable dispersion achieved by electrostatic zoom lens mechanism. A mass resolution
201	of $>5000$ was achieved Using the pseudo-high resolution mode. All the Fe isotope
202	measurements were carried out in static-multi-collector mode. Three isotopes of Fe
203	( <sup>54</sup> Fe, <sup>56</sup> Fe, and <sup>57</sup> Fe) along with <sup>53</sup> Cr were measured repeatedly.
204	Analysis of samples was carried out in standard-sample bracketing (SSB)
205	mode to correct the instrumental mass fractionation using IRMM-014 (see Dauphas &
206	Rouxel, 2006). Care was taken to match the concentration of standard and samples
207	within 5%. Most of the samples were analyzed more than once to ensure
208	reproducibility. The <sup>54</sup> Cr interference on <sup>54</sup> Fe was corrected using the intensity <sup>53</sup> Cr,
209	which was generally about four orders less than the intensity of $^{54}$ Fe. The Fe isotope
210	data is represented in 'δ'-notation relative to IRMM-014:

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$$\delta^{56} \text{Fe} = \left[ \frac{\left[\frac{5^{6} \text{Fe}}{5^{4} \text{Fe}}\right]_{\text{sample}}}{\left[\frac{5^{6} \text{Fe}}{5^{4} \text{Fe}}\right]_{\text{standard}}} - 1 \right] \times 1000 \text{ and } \delta^{57} \text{Fe} = \left[ \frac{\left[\frac{5^{7} \text{Fe}}{5^{4} \text{Fe}}\right]_{\text{sample}}}{\left[\frac{5^{6} \text{Fe}}{5^{4} \text{Fe}}\right]_{\text{standard}}} - 1 \right] \times 1000$$

212	The analytical precision is $\pm 0.12$ ‰ (2 $\sigma$ , external) based on 76 measurements
213	of IRMM-014 over three months while analyzing CIB nodules. The data from the
214	literature, where cited, has been recalculated to IRMM-014 reference values for
215	consistency.
216	2.4 Major and trace element analysis
217	An aliquot of the sample solution was analyzed for major and trace element
218	analysis. Major elements Fe, Mn, Mg, Na, and K, were measured using AAS (Varian
219	SpectrAA220) with pure elemental solutions and international standards (Nod-A1,
220	Nod-P1, GSPN-2, GSPN-3, and IF-G). The relative standard deviation (% RSD) is $<2$
221	for all the elements. Trace elements, including the REEs, were analyzed using
222	Thermo X Series 2 quadruple ICP-MS. The analytical accuracy for most elements is
223	better than 5 (% RSD) and up to 7 % for a few low abundant elements, e.g., Be.
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225	3. RESULTS
226	Major, trace element, and Fe isotope compositions of 16 CIB Mn-nodule and 3
227	Fe-Mn crust samples are presented in Table 1.
228	3.1 Major and Trace element compositions
229	The Mn and Fe concentrations in the analyzed CIB nodule scrapings range
230	from 18.5 to 31.6 wt. % and 1.2 to 13.0 wt. %, respectively. The Mn/Fe values vary
231	between 1.4 and 9.7. The alkali and alkaline earth elements (Mg, Na, and K) are all in
232	low concentrations (< 3 wt. %), whereas Sr and Ba are moderately abundant. Ni and
233	Cu are the most abundant among the transition elements, followed by Zn and Co
234	(Table 1). Martin-Barajas et al. (1991) showed that the CIB Mn-Fe nodules plot in
235	three distinct fields viz., hydrogenetic, on the Co-Ni-Cu ternary plot diagenetic and
236	mixed. Samples from this study broadly conform to the above distribution, where

237	most nodules with the smooth surface plot in the 'hydrogenetic field' while those with
238	rough (granular) surface plot either as 'diagenetic' or 'mixed' category (Fig. 2a). A
239	similar distribution is also seen in the Mn-Fe-10(Ni+Cu+Co) ternary diagram for the
240	samples in this study (Fig. 2b; after Bonatti et al., 1972). The three groups' samples
241	show distinct Mn/Fe ratios: hyrogenetic from 1.4 to 3.3; mixed from 2.6 to 7.5 and
242	diagenetic from 9.5 to 9.7 (Table 1). Further, in the Mn/Fe vs. Ni+Cu (%) plot, all
243	samples from this study show a hyperbolic distribution suggestive of hydrogenetic
244	origin (Mn/Fe $\sim$ $\leq$ 1 and low Cu + Ni) and the influence of oxic diagenesis (higher
245	Mn/Fe, Cu+Ni values) (Fig. 3; fields after Halbach et al., 1981). Interestingly there is
246	no indication suggestive of the influence of sub-oxic diagenesis in our samples, unlike
247	those from the Peru basin, where nodules with Mn/Fe ratios of $>5$ are depleted in
248	Ni+Cu contents (<2 wt%, Glasby, 2006).

The nodule scrapings analyzed here show less fractionated REE patterns 249 (normalized to Post-Archean Australian Shale; PAAS) with positive Ce anomalies 250  $((Ce/Ce)^* = (Ce_N/\sqrt{La_N \times Pr_N}))$  (Fig. 4). The Ce anomalies of nodules vary from 1.2 251 to 4.0. The host siliceous sediments were also characterized by such positive Ce 252 anomalies (Nath et al., 1992a). The middle REEs are enriched, consistent with 253 previous results on whole-nodule REE compositions (Nath et al., 1992b; 1994; Pattan 254 and Banakar, 1993). The Hydrogenetic nodules have the highest  $\Sigma REE$  relative to 255 mixed and diagenetic types. The  $\Sigma$ REE of CIB nodules is negatively correlated with 256 257 Mn/Fe (Fig. 5). The predominant hydrogenetic nature of the samples is evident in the plots of Gd vs. Ce<sub>SN</sub>/Ce<sub>SN</sub>\*, Y<sub>SN</sub>/Ho<sub>SN</sub> vs. Ce<sub>SN</sub>/Ce<sub>SN</sub>\*, Zr vs. Ce plots, and 100 258 (Zr+Y+Ce)-15(Cu+Ni)-(Mn+Fe)/4 ternary space (Fig. 6 a,b,c, d). 259

260 **3.2 Fe isotope compositions** 

261	Overall, the $\delta^{56}$ Fe values of CIB manganese nodule samples define a range
262	between $-0.63$ and $-0.06$ ‰ irrespective of their genetic affinity. In a plot of $\delta^{56}$ Fe vs.
263	Mn/Fe (Fig. 7), the mixed nodules (nodules with diagenetic crust over hydrogenetic
264	core) define a positive correlation, while the hydrogenetic nodules show a scatter.
265	Notably, however, the three genetic types have distinct Mn/Fe ranges. Further, the
266	$\delta^{56}$ Fe values of the mixed nodules show a positive correlation with Mn and other trace
267	metals compatible with Mn-oxide phases (e.g., Li, Cu, Zn, Mo, Cd, Sb) (Fig. 8). They
268	are negatively correlated with Fe concentrations and Fe-compatible trace metals such
269	as Sc, Sn, Pb, Ge, Y, Zr, Nb, Hf, Th, Bi, and REEs (Fig. 9). The $\delta^{56}$ Fe values show a
270	negative correlation with $\Sigma REE$ and Ce/Ce* (Fig. 10 a,b).
271	3.3 Ferromanganese crusts
272	The Mn/Fe values of the three analyzed Fe-Mn crust samples vary between
273	0.7 and 3.1. The REE contents of Fe-Mn crust samples are higher than those in
274	nodules with distinct enrichment in HREE (Fig. 4). Two crust samples (# SKC and
275	AND) show positive Ce anomalies while the sample 'CIB' shows a negative one. The
276	$\delta^{56}$ Fe values in three analyzed ferromanganese crust samples range from –0.55 to –
277	0.12 ‰.
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279	4. DISCUSSION
280	Important sources of Fe into the ocean (with corresponding $\delta^{56}$ Fe values)
281	include: aerosol/eolian dust ( $\delta^{56}$ Fe, ~ +0.1 ‰, Beard et al., 2003a; Waeles et al., 2007;
282	Majestic et al., 2009), hydrothermal fluids ( $\delta^{56}$ Fe, $-0.1$ to $-1.5$ ‰, Sharma et al., 2001,
283	Beard et al., 2003b; Severmann et al., 2004; Rouxel et al., 2008b; Johnson et al.,
284	2008; Tagliabue et al., 2010, 2014; Carazzo et al., 2013; Fitzsimmons et al., 2014;
285	Saito et al., 2013; Resing et al. 2015) and dissolution related to oxic/sub-oxic

286	diagenesis of sediments ( $\delta^{56}$ Fe, 0 to $-3.45$ ‰, Bergquist and Boyle, 2006; Severmann
287	et al., 2006; 2008; John et al., 2012; Chever et al., 2015; Radic et al., 2011; Homoky
288	et al., 2009; 2013). Therefore, the Fe isotope compositions of nodules/crusts are
289	expected to result from varying proportions of input and the fractionation of Fe
290	isotopes associated with each of these sources. In general, however, the mechanism of
291	Fe isotope fractionation accounting for the observed <sup>56</sup> Fe depletion in Fe-Mn crusts
292	and nodules remains enigmatic (see Levosseur et al., 2004; Chu et al., 2006).
293	Arguably, the short residence time ( $\tau$ ) for Fe in seawater (~270 y; Bergquist et al.,
294	2007) relative to the mixing time of the oceans (~1000 y; Broecker & Peng, 1982)
295	imposes a limitation in invoking a significant role for Fe isotope fractionation
296	between seawater and crust/nodule. Short residence time implies that the $\delta^{56}$ Fe values
297	of nodules/crusts might relate to the dissolved Fe in the overlying water column (Chu
298	et al., 2006). By contrast, Tl and Mo that have longer residence times than Fe in
299	seawater record significant isotope fractionations during their transfer from seawater
300	onto nodules (Rehkämper et al., 2002; Siebert et al., 2003). Chu et al. (2006)
301	attempted to model the Fe isotope fractionation using the flow-through box model.
302	They predicted that seawater and nodules attain equilibrium quickly such that the Fe
303	isotope compositions of nodule/curst resemble dissolved Fe in the overlying water
304	column. Adopting such a model and assuming i) $\delta^{56}$ Fe <sub>IN</sub> = 0 ‰ (representing the Fe
305	input to seawater) and ii) $\Delta_{CRUST/NODULE-DISSOLVED}$ (fractionation factor) = -0.77 ‰
306	(see below; after Horner et al., 2015), we obtain negative $\delta^{56}$ Fe values for the nodules
307	with complementary positive values in seawater at the lower range of distribution
308	coefficient (D) values (Fig. 11). However, an equilibrium with adjacent seawater is
309	expected with increasing Fe flux.

310	The lack of correlation among $\delta^{56}$ Fe and various other elemental abundance in
311	global Fe-Mn crusts/nodules are ascribed to factors such as variability in the
312	provenance (Levosseur et al., 2004). A variety of sources were favored; eolian (Zhu et
313	al., 2000; Marcus et al., 2015), a combination of eolian and hydrothermal (Beard et al.,
314	2003a), and hydrothermal (Chu et al., 2006) with no significant fractionation of Fe
315	isotopes during the transfer. Intriguingly, the dissolved Fe in deep oceans has $\delta^{56}$ Fe
316	values typically range from +0.2 to +0.8 ‰ (Lacan et al., 2008; John & Adkins, 2010;
317	Radic et al., 2011; Conway & John, 2014; Chever et al., 2015). Such a <sup>56</sup> Fe-enriched
318	reservoir is an unlikely Fe source for the nodules/crusts considering their low $\delta^{56}\text{Fe}$
319	values. Also, with a dominantly eolian source ( $\delta^{56}$ Fe ~ +0.1 ‰) (Conway & John,
320	2014), the Fe isotope compositions of nodules/crusts would require a fractionation
321	mechanism for selective depletion of <sup>56</sup> Fe. In this context, preferential adsorption of
322	<sup>56</sup> Fe onto organic ligands (siderophore complexes) as a viable mechanism for the Fe
323	isotope fractionation appears pertinent. A fractionation factor ( $\Delta^{56}$ Fe <sub>inorg-DFOB</sub> ) of
324	$-0.6\pm0.15$ ‰ between the Fe dissolved and adsorbed onto siderophore complexes
325	under experimental conditions was estimated (Dideriksen et al., 2008). More recently,
326	Horner et al. (2015) arrived at a fractionation factor of $-0.77\pm0.06\%$ ( $\Delta^{56}$ Fe <sub>Fe-Mn crust-</sub>
327	$_{\rm SW}$ ) based on the $\delta^{56}Fe$ values of selected Fe-Mn crusts and the spatially proximal
328	dissolved Fe from the Pacific, which is close to the estimate of Dideriksen et al.
329	(2008).

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### 4.1 Source of Fe and isotope fractionation in hydrogenetic nodules

The CIB nodules (this study) show an average  $\delta^{56}$ Fe value of  $-0.36\pm0.3 \%$ (2 $\sigma$ ) broadly similar to global Fe-Mn oxides (average  $\delta^{56}$ Fe =  $-0.41\pm0.49 \%$ , 2 $\sigma$ , Levasseur et al., 2004; Dauphas et al., 2017). The lack of correlation between  $\delta^{56}$ Fe values and elemental abundance in the hydrogenetic group of nodules is akin to the

335	general observation of global nodule/crust data sets (cf. Levasseur et al., 2004). The
336	low values of $\delta^{56}$ Fe of the CIB hydrogenetic nodules are consistent with the
337	fractionation model involving selective adsorption of the heavier Fe isotopes onto
338	organic ligands. There are no direct measurements for the Fe isotope composition of
339	deep water dissolved Fe from the Indian Ocean. Assuming a fractionation factor of
340	$-0.77$ ‰ (see above; after Horner et al., 2015), the range of $\delta^{56}$ Fe values of CIB
341	hydrogenetic nodules from $-0.14$ to $-0.49$ ‰ constrain the Fe isotope composition of
342	the dissolved Fe in the ambient ocean water at $+0.28$ to $+0.63$ ‰ much similar to
343	those measured for the Atlantic Ocean deep waters (cf. Conway & John. 2014).
344	Further, the latter range supports the view that the predominant Fe source into CIB
345	may have been eolian with subsequent isotope fractionation mediated through
346	adsorption onto organic ligands. Unlike in the Pacific Fe-Mn crust sample (CD29-2;
347	Horner et al., 2015), the absence of $\delta^{56}$ Fe values >> 0 ‰ in the CIB hydrogenetic
348	nodules precludes deeply sourced Fe, either hydrothermal source or its modification
349	due to precipitation of sulfides enriched in the lighter Fe isotopes. The presence of
350	organic ligands can be related to the primary productivity in the surface waters.
351	Considering a mass balance between the dissolved and precipitated Fe represented as
352	$\delta^{56}$ Fe <sub>IN</sub> = ( $\delta^{56}$ Fe <sub>DISSOLVED</sub> × $f_{DISSOLVED}$ ) + ( $\delta^{56}$ Fe <sub>NODULE/CRUST</sub> × (1 - $f_{DISSOLVED}$ ), where
353	$f_{\text{DISSOLVED}}$ is the fraction of Fe dissolved in seawater and $\Delta^{56}$ Fe <sub>DISSOVLED-NODULE</sub> =
354	0.77 ‰, it can be estimated that fraction of Fe transferred into nodule reservoir is
355	0.55±0.28 (1 $\sigma$ ) (Fig. 12 a). The average $\delta^{56}Fe$ of –0.41 ‰ for the global database
356	indicates that a fraction of 0.47±0.45 (1 $\sigma$ ) of the total Fe is transferred onto
357	nodules/crusts. However, this model assumes that the $\delta^{56}$ Fe of input Fe is ~ 0 ‰, but
358	in a case where deeply sourced Fe such as the modified hydrothermal fluids assume
359	prominence (see Horner et al., 2015), the actual fraction may vary. The Fe fractions

adsorbed onto organic ligands may be proportional to primary productivity in the
 different oceanic basins' surface water.

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### 4.2 Source for Fe in the Mixed and Diagenetic nodule groups

The metal inventory in the CIB mixed group of nodules can be related to 363 variable sourcing from diagenetic and hydogenetic fluxes. The mixed-mode nodules 364 are characterized by an outer diagenetic crust and an interior with a hydrogenetic 365 366 structure. Such a transition may reflect slow changes in the sedimentary environment during the nodule growth (Martin-Barajas et al., 1991). In general, during the oxic 367 368 diagenesis of deep ocean sediments, Mn. Ni and Cu are released into the pore fluids, which eventually get incorporated into nodules forming at the sediment-water 369 interface (e.g., Glasby, 2006). The diagenetic role manifests in the positive correlation 370 between Mn/Fe and Cu+Ni (Fig. 3), where the CIB mixed group samples with higher 371 372 Mn/Fe and Cu+Ni relate to an increasingly oxic diagenetic source. There is no Fe isotope data available for the pore fluids from the CIB nodule field. However, pore 373 374 fluids from the Crozet deepwater region are similar to the CIB nodule field and show  $\delta^{56}$ Fe close to 0 % (Homoky et al., 2009). Expectedly, the  $\delta^{56}$ Fe values of nodules 375 having Fe from diagenetic sources would approach 0 ‰. In the case of CIB mixed 376 group nodules, we interpret the linear correlations between  $\delta^{56}$ Fe and various trace 377 metals with affinity to Mn, Fe (Figs. 8 and 9) as mixing lines between the two 378 endmembers representing hydrogenetic and diagenetic sources. The CIB nodule data 379 are plotted along with the results of simple two-component mixing calculations (Fig. 380 12 b). Here, we assume endmember values of  $\delta^{56}$ Fe = -0.77 ‰ for the hydrogenetic 381 and  $\delta^{56}$ Fe = 0 ‰ for diagenetic pore fluids (see discussion above). The computed 382 Mn/Fe and  $\delta^{56}$ Fe are shown for different proportions of the two endmembers at 383 various Mn/Fe initial values [(Mn/Fe)<sub>i</sub>]. The Fe's diagenetic source contribution in 384

385	mixed type nodules ranges from 19 to 91 %, and the $(Mn/Fe)_i$ of the diagenetic pore
386	fluids vary between 2 and 4. On the other hand, the composition of the diagenetic
387	nodules can be accounted for in terms of diagenetic contribution between 51 and 64 %
388	at a high (Mn/Fe) <sub>i</sub> of ~6 for the pore fluid, which is consistent with the observation
389	that Mn, Ni, Cu, Co are enriched in these nodules. From the preceding, it is evident
390	that a large fraction of Fe in the CIB nodules, especially the mixed and diagenetic
391	types, may have been sourced from diagenetic pore fluids. It would be interesting to
392	assess this model's viability to nodules and crusts in other ocean basins, especially
393	those with near 0‰ $\delta^{56}$ Fe compositions.

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### 4.3 Fe-Mn crusts

The samples SKC and AND show positive Ce anomalies typical of hydrogenous Fe-Mn oxides (see Nath et al., 1994). The negative Ce anomaly in the sample 'CIB' is similar to those found in mixed hydrothermal-hydrogenous crusts from the Rodriguez Triple Junction (Nath et al., 1997), suggesting a hydrothermal source contribution (see also Fig. 6 d).

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### 401 5. CONCLUSIONS

402 The polymetallic nodules constitute an extensive economic resource in the CIB. The nodules comprise distinct populations related to metal sourcing from 403 hydrogenetic, diagenetic, and mixed sources. The range of  $\delta^{56}$ Fe values in the CIB 404 nodules is similar to that documented in Fe-Mn nodule/crust from different parts of 405 the world ocean. The Fe isotope compositions of the CIB hydrogenetic nodules are 406 consistent with a fractionation process involving selective adsorption of the heavy 407 isotopes onto organic ligands (siderophoric complexes), resulting in their 408 characteristic negative  $\delta^{56}$ Fe isotope signatures. The mixed group of nodules from the 409

CIB exhibit compositional arrays attesting to variable proportions of metals from oxic
diagenetic and hydrogenetic sources. This study from the Central Indian Basin nodule
field brings forth relevance from diagenetic sources as an important component in the
deep ocean's Fe biogeochemical cycling.

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### 620 Figure captions

Figure 1 (a) The bathymetric map of the part of the Indian Ocean showing the CIB

622 (CLR – Chagos Laccadive Ridge; NER – Ninetyeast Ridge). The yellow rectangle is

enlarged in (b) showing the locations of manganese nodules and ferromanganese

crusts of the present study overlain on sediment distribution in the CIB. The  $\delta^{56}$ Fe

value (‰ IRMM-014) of each of the nodule/crust samples is given above the sample

626 location.

627 Figure 2 (a) Co-Ni-Cu ternary diagram for the CIB nodules and crusts showing the

628 correspondence of smooth and rough-textured nodules with hydrogenetic, mixed, and

diagenetic affinities (fields after Martin-Barajas et al., 1991). (b) Mn-Fe-

630 10(Cu+Ni+Co) ternary plot for manganese nodule and Fe-Mn crust samples (fields

after Bonatti et al., 1972). The mixed and diagenetic nodules plot closer to Mn–

632 10(Cu+Ni+Co) join, indicating a diagenetic source for these metals.

633 Figure 3 Mn/Fe vs. (Cu+Ni) plot of manganese nodule and crust samples. The array

634 is similar to the regression of Peru Basin nodules (PB I nodules) than that of the

635 Clarion Clipperton Zone (CCZ) nodules. Hydrogenetic nodules have low Mn/Fe and

636 (Cu+Ni) values, while Mixed nodules have characters similar to those affected by

oxic diagenesis. Notably, the diagenetic nodules with high Mn/Fe values (> 9) exhibit

high (Cu+Ni) values of > 2.5, indicating that they were also affected by diagenesis.

639 However, it is noticeable that the reversal in (Cu+Ni) values at Mn/Fe of ~ 5 that was

observed, especially in Peru Basin nodules due to the influence of sub-oxic diagenesis

641 (PB II nodules; Glasby, 2006) is not found in the case of CIB nodules.

**Figure 4** PAAS normalized (normalization values after Taylor and McLennan, 1985)

643 REE patterns of manganese nodules and crust samples from the CIB. The

644 Hydrogenetic nodules are represented with dark grey dashed lines with various

645	symbols. The mixed group of nodules is shown with light grey dashed-dotted lines.
646	The diagenetic group of nodules are shown with medium grey dotted lines. The crust
647	samples are shown as solid black lines. Note positive Ce anomalies and slight middle
648	REE enrichment in the nodules.
649	Figure 5 Mn/Fe vs. $\Sigma$ REE contents showing a correlation controlled by a power law.
650	Figure 6 a) Gd vs. $Ce_{SN}/Ce_{SN}^*$ , b) $Y_{SN}/Ho_{SN}$ vs. $Ce_{SN}/Ce_{SN}^*$ (subscript SN refers to
651	PAAS normalized ratios) (fields after Bau et al., 2014), (c) Zr vs. Ce plot of CIB
652	nodules and crusts (fields after Vereshchagin et al., 2019) and (d) 100 (Zr+Y+Ce)-
653	15(Cu+Ni) -(Mn+Fe)/4 diagram (fields after Josso et al., 2017) of CIB nodule and
654	crust samples.
655	Figure 7 Mn/Fe vs. $\delta^{56}$ Fe values of manganese nodule and ferromanganese crust
656	samples of the CIB. The Mixed group of nodules shows an exponential correlation.
657	Such a correlation is not noticed in Hydrogenetic nodules.
658	Figure 8 $\delta^{56}$ Fe vs. Mn, Li, Cu, Zn, Mo, Cd plots showing positive correlations for
659	Mixed group of nodules and $R^2$ values are also given. It can be observed that with an
660	increase in Mn, the $\delta^{56}$ Fe values become higher, indicating that the observed
661	correlations are because of two-component mixing.
662	<b>Figure 9</b> $\delta^{56}$ Fe vs. Fe, Be, Sc, Co, Zr, Nb plots showing negative correlations for the
663	Mixed group of nodules.
664	<b>Figure 10</b> $\delta^{56}$ Fe vs. (a) $\Sigma$ REE and (b) Ce/Ce* showing negative correlations similar
665	to the Fe and Fe-related trace metals.
666	Figure 11 Simple flow-through "box model" for estimating the Fe isotope

- $^{667}$  fractionation associated with the transfer of Fe<sup>3+</sup> from seawater onto crust/nodule
- surface (after DePaolo, 1981; Chu et al., 2006). The "box" refers to an arbitrary
- volume of ambient water adjacent to Fe-Mn crust/nodule. The model assumes: (i)

670	incoming Fe flux $(J_{IN})$ is equal to the outgoing flux $(J_{OUT})$ from seawater; (ii) the Fe
671	concentration of intermediate reservoir remains constant and (iii) the $\delta^{56}$ Fe of the
672	intermediate reservoir is equal to that of the incoming flux ( $\delta^{56}$ Fe <sub>IN</sub> ). The fractionation
673	between seawater and Fe-Mn crust/nodule ( $\Delta_{CRUST/NODULE-SEAWATER} = \delta^{56}Fe_{CRUST}$ –
674	$\delta^{56}$ Fe <sub>SW</sub> ). The precipitation progress (R) is defined as the mass ratio of incoming flux
675	and ambient seawater $(M_{IN}/M_{SW})$ and the Fe distribution coefficient (D) as
676	$C_{CRUST/NODULE}/C_{SW}$ (where C is Fe concentration). $\delta^{56}Fe_{SW} = \delta^{56}Fe_{IN} - \Delta_{CRUST-SW} \times [1]$
677	$-\exp(-D \times R)$ ] and, for instantaneous $\delta^{56}Fe_{CRUST} = \Delta_{CRUST-SW} + \delta^{56}Fe_{SW}$ (see Chu et
678	al., 2006). We have assigned $\delta^{56}$ Fe <sub>IN</sub> = 0 ‰ and $\Delta_{CRUST-SEAWATER}$ = -0.77 ‰.
679	<b>Figure 12</b> (a) Plot of $\delta^{56}$ Fe vs $f_{nod}$ calculated using the mass balance equation: $\delta^{56}$ Fe <sub>IN</sub>
680	= $(\delta^{56} \text{Fe}_{\text{DISSOLVED}} \times f_{\text{DISSOLVED}}) + (\delta^{56} \text{Fe}_{\text{NODULE/CRUST}} \times (1 - f_{\text{DISSOLVED}}))$ , where
681	$f_{\text{DISSOLVED}}$ = the fraction iron in dissolved state. $f_{\text{nod}} = 1 - f_{\text{DISSOLVED}}$ and
682	$\Delta^{56}$ Fe <sub>DISSOVLED-NODULE</sub> = 0.77 ‰. The average $\delta^{56}$ Fe values for the CIB nodules (dark
683	dot) and that of the global Fe-Mn crusts (grey dot) are also plotted. (b) Two
684	component mixing model for estimating the diagenetic contribution. The black curves
685	at different (Mn/Fe) <sub>i</sub> values show $\delta^{56}$ Fe variation as a result of mixing two
686	endmembers viz. hydrogenetic (-0.77 ‰) and diagenetic (0 ‰) sources. Also plotted







# ♦ Regression curve of PB2 nodules

# 8.55 10.45 12.35 14.25 16.15 18.05

Mn/Fe







# Hydrogenetic

# OMixed

## ♦ Diagenetic

# ▲ Fe-Mn Crusts



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![](_page_50_Figure_0.jpeg)

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	Hydrogenetic nodules					
	F-1-13-TLS	F-3-155-TLS	S-3-191-TLS	S-3-203-TLS	S-4-227-TLS	S-4-229-TLS
$\delta^{56}$ Fe ‰	-0.41±0.07 <sup>a</sup>	-0.14±0.07	-0.49±0.04	-0.46±0.05	-0.44±0.07	-0.41±0.05
$\delta^{57}$ Fe ‰	-0.62 <sup>b</sup>	-0.30	-0.76±0.15	-0.66	-0.57	-0.71
Fe %	13.02	7.19	10.89	10.78	11.93	13.12
Mn %	18.52	23.86	22.37	20.66	17.98	19.21
Mg %	1.32	2.12	1.59	1.61	1.67	1.91
Na %	1.88	1.87	1.62	2.01	0	2.7
К %	0.38	0.44	0.47	0.46	0.31	0.49
Mn/Fe	1.42	3.32	2.05	1.92	1.51	1.46
ppm						
Li	10.05	32.11	82.42	30.23	41.07	51.51
Be	3.3	1.6	2.9	3.4	3	3.3
Sc	9.2	5.6	9.3	9	8.6	9.7
Cr	4.4	4.7	3.7	3.9	10.2	3.9
Со	1882	1175	2076	2077	2475	2010
Ni	4685	11040	7866	7885	7757	8088
Cu	1567	6344	4366	3848	2817	3269
Zn	730.9	1034	1327	970	1521	900.7
Ga	8.9	12.1	12.9	10.5	12.7	13.1
Rb	6.2	9.8	8.6	9.6	6.6	10
Sr	986.4	580.6	942.5	1069	915.5	729.6
Y	106.7	53.5	88.4	107.9	90.5	76.6
Zr	217.3	140.5	308.6	195.8	267.2	185.4
Nb	24.9	11.9	30.2	21.6	41	31.3
Мо	234.5	386.6	448	394.9	320.5	247
Cd	7.4	8.2	11.1	7.2	10	8.1
Sn	1.3	0.8	1	1.1	1	0.9
Sb	12.3	24.8	22.4	21.7	23.2	23.6
Cs	0.2	0.4	0.1	0	0.3	0.2
Ва	946.3	937.4	1246	967.4	1241	1020
La	190.6	83.7	175	181.5	170.6	149.5
Ce	1296	434.1	1008	1028	1419	1381
Pr	53.6	26.2	50.6	52.6	48.5	41.5
Nd	208.2	104.8	199.6	202.7	190.6	160.5
Sm	50.2	26.3	48	48.7	45	36.3
Eu	11.9	6.1	11.1	11.6	10.5	8.6
Gd	52.8	26	47.4	50.6	49	41.1
Tb	7.9	4	7	7.7	6.8	5.7
Dv	39.3	19.3	34.1	38.2	33.2	28.1
Ho	7.8	3.9	6.5	7.9	6.5	5.4
Fr	19.2	9.6	15.7	19.6	16.1	13.1
 Tm	 2 Q	5.0 1 /	2 /	20	2 /	1 9
Yh	2.0 18 6	0.2	2.4 1/1 Q	2.5 12 2	1/ 0	12 5
10	10.0 10.0	9.5 1 7	10	2 A	14.5 C	1 7
ц	2.4 1 0	1.2	1.9 Q Q	2.4	2 Q 7	1.7
1.11	4.3	5.9	0.0	5.5	0.2	0.0

Table 1Fe isotope ( $\delta^{56}$ Fe, and  $\delta^{57}$ Fe ‰ IRMM-014), major and trace element data of the CIB N

Та	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.6
TI	106.7	107.8	121.1	173.4	98.9	106.5
Pb	1630	880.2	1573	1685	1905	1555
Bi	31.6	17.1	26.7	34.4	28.3	26.5
Th	113	54.3	90	68.2	114.6	119
U	7.3	3.8	6.3	8.2	6.8	5.4

(a) The 1 $\sigma$  errors on  $\delta^{56}$ Fe are the external errors obtained on IRMM-014 analyzed during the study

(b) The 1 $\sigma$  errors on  $\delta^{57}$ Fe are of the order of ±0.1 ‰.

	Mixed nodules						
S-7-328-TLS	S-211-TLS	S-3-144-TLS	S-3-180-TLS	S-3-201-TLS	S-4-225-TLS	SK-11-93-TLS	
-0.29±0.07	-0.63±0.02	-0.24±0.05	-0.45±0.07	-0.19±0.05	-0.32±0.05	-0.50±0.03	
-0.50	-0.87	-0.41	-0.62	-0.24±0.15	-0.71	-0.78±0.09	
12.6	8.75	5.52	7.46	3.92	5.65	7.89	
18.62	22.89	27.83	26.74	29.33	27.97	24.22	
1.39	1.89	2	1.99	1.77	2.12	1.81	
2.6	1.85	2.35	2.18	3.26	2.29	1.69	
0.34	0.61	0.63	0.56	0.55	0.87	0.35	
1.48	2.62	5.04	3.58	7.49	4.95	3.07	
27.43	62.5	116.3	98	228.8	168	88.2	
3.6	2.8	1.7	2	1.2	1.8	2.1	
9.9	8.1	6.4	6.4	5.2	6.9	6.8	
3.6	3.5	3.7	4.5	3.9	4.1	2.9	
2838	1794	1118	1790	791.8	1688	1849	
5690	9043	14720	10960	11120	14540	12040	
2447	5805	7853	7484	10710	10030	6936	
765.7	1099	2112	1501	2159	1888	1408	
11.3	12	12.7	13.1	11.1	12.9	13.7	
8.7	10.9	10	8.6	8.7	12.9	8.5	
1055	805.7	601.3	607.8	592.9	619.4	662.5	
107.8	80.2	56.4	55.2	51.9	57.7	64.6	
419	251.6	141.2	1/6.2	108.7	148.9	2/8.3	
58.5	17.9	9.3	12.6	624.6	10.2	18.4	
340	378.5	427.2	420.0	024.0	528.3	441.1	
35.3	9.1	14.5	15.5	19	18	12.4	
0.9	1.1	0.9	0.9	1	1	1	
15.9	29.4	43.6	33	58.2	51.3	32.8	
0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	
1161	816.8	8/8.1	1109	827.8	979.4	1110	
207.7	128.8	86.2	89.6	72.9	80.6	103	
1701	914.3	314.1	478.3	259.9	460.8	601.3	
56.6	36.8	28.5	29.8	23.1	26.4	34.7	
218.1	141.8	116	118.5	92.4	107.3	139.3	
51.8	33.1	29.7	29.8	23.4	27.4	35.9	
12.2	8	7.2	7.1	5.6	6.6	8.5	
56.3	36.3	28	29.3	22.5	27.1	34.2	
7.9	5.5	4.5	4.5	3.6	4.2	5.3	
39.4	27.2	21.8	21.1	17.6	20.6	25.7	
7.7	5.5	4.2	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.9	
19.1	13.7	10.5	10.2	9	10.2	12.1	
2.9	2.1	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.8	
18.7	13.6	10.1	10.1	8.6	10	11.9	
2.5	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.5	
11.4	5.5	3.3	4.2	2.3	3.7	7	

1n nodules and Fe-Mn crusts

1.1	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.7
113.8	178.4	183.3	117.7	241.4	190.7	122.7
2248	1317	799.5	917.2	766.8	858.7	991
35.2	31.1	13.8	11.4	12.4	12	14.8
122.7	55.6	44.6	51.7	21.3	39.8	70
8.1	6.3	3.7	3.7	5.4	4.2	4.2

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	Diagenetic nodules		Diagenetic nodules Fe-Mn crusts				
R-171-TLS S-4-260-TLS SK-8-56-TLS		AND	CIB	SKC			
-0.06±0.02	-0.39±0.08	-0.28±0.04	-0.55±0.04	-0.12±0.04	-0.28±0.04		
-0.04	-0.55±0.21	-0.56±0.20	-0.95	-0.11	-0.48		
4.14	3.29	3.23	17.06	20.53	8.41		
31.1	31.27	31.6	17.7	14.22	25.69		
1.92	1.78	2.11	1.33	1.12	1.86		
2.95	3.4	2.42	1.66	1.56	2.77		
0.6	0.51	0.59	0.33	0.3	0.63		
7.52	9.5	9.77	1.04	0.69	3.05		
1/12	212 5	270 1	1	0.6	65		
143	1 1	278.1	53	5.3	2 9		
5.8	4.2	4.6	5.5 10 5	8.7	2.5		
5.8 6.4	4.2	4.0	29	2.6	7.0		
736.2	718.6	640.9	3554	1003	1601		
16250	12930	13000	2658	1438	11920		
12090	11900	13100	628.4	544.2	7363		
2144	1787	2065	807.4	554 5	1247		
15.1	11.9	13.8	11.3	10.5	14.2		
11.7	7.3	11.9	4.5	3	10		
563.8	449.4	509.1	1.554.00	1.669.00	824.1		
46.2	36.2	37.2	200.5	190.4	84.4		
126.3	93.4	104.7	78.2	124.7	316.9		
7	5.6	7	41.6	29.8	17.5		
632.5	693.5	669.4	562.5	557.7	600.1		
18.3	17.6	23.6	4	2.5	11.7		
2.7	1	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.8		
60.7	64.1	65.8	45.2	48.7	35.8		
0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0		
984.8	781.4	950.9	1.295.00	1.219.00	1.194.00		
70	53.1	54.7	310	336.7	143.8		
208 7	192 3	209 3	1.214.00	558.8	580.8		
22 8	18 1	17 9	62 4	72 9	44 5		
91 4	73	72 3	253.4	287.9	175.2		
23 5	18 7	18 5	53	59.4	42.7		
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0.0	1 4	0.9	55.0	29.4	10.1 סיר		
1.3	1.1		5.2	4.2	2.5		
8./	6.8	b.8	33.3	27.1	16		
1.1	0.9	0.9	4.4	3.b	2.1		
2.4	1.9	2.5	1.3	1.8	6.2		

0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6
210.1	195.7	254	128.3	39.7	147.8
685.9	524.7	620.9	1,951.00	1,082.00	1,196.00
11.3	9	9.1	44	8.3	18
25.6	21	21	23.8	23.9	60.3
3.9	4.3	4.6	13.9	12.7	5.9