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Table S1 Location, type, associated rocks and analyses contents of VMS and BIF ore samples incorporated in this study.

Location/Sample	Type	Associated rocks	Mineral	Analyses contents
Hongtoushan VMS				
HTM-1	Massive-semimassive		Py	Whole rock geochemistry, iron and multiple sulfur isotopes
HTM-2	Massive-semimassive		Py	Whole rock geochemistry, iron and multiple sulfur isotopes
HTM-3	Massive		Py	Whole rock geochemistry, iron and multiple sulfur isotopes
HTM-4	Massive		Py	Whole rock geochemistry and multiple sulfur isotope
HTD-1	Densely disseminated-stockwork	FII-type dacite of the middle HF	Py	Whole rock geochemistry, multiple sulfur isotope
HTD-2	Sparsely disseminated-veinlet		Py	Whole rock geochemistry, multiple sulfur isotope
HTD-3	Sparsely disseminated		Py	Multiple sulfur isotope
HTD-4	Densely disseminated-stockwork		Py	Whole rock geochemistry and multiple sulfur isotope
HTD-5	Sparsely disseminated		Py	Whole rock geochemistry and multiple sulfur isotope
HTB-1	Bedded		Py	Iron and multiple sulfur isotopes
HTB-2	Bedded		Py	Whole rock geochemistry, iron and multiple sulfur isotopes
HTB-3	Bedded	Garnet actinolite schist of the middle HF	Py	Whole rock geochemistry, iron and multiple sulfur isotopes
HTB-4	Bedded		Py	Whole rock geochemistry, iron and multiple sulfur isotopes
HTB-5	Bedded		Py	Iron and multiple sulfur isotopes
HTB-6	Bedded		Py	Whole rock geochemistry and multiple sulfur isotope
Xiaolaihe BIF				
XLH-Si1	Silicate BIF		Mag	Iron isotope
XLH-Si2	Silicate BIF	FII-type dacite and N-MORB type basalt of the upper SF	Mag	Iron isotope
XLH-Si3	Silicate BIF		Mag	Iron isotope

XLH-Si4	Silicate BIF		Mag	Iron isotope
Taiyanggou BIF				
TYG-Si1	Silicate BIF	FII-type dacite of the middle HF	Mag	Iron isotope
TYG-Si2	Silicate BIF		Mag	Iron isotope
Xiadianzi BIF				
XD-Si1	Silicate BIF		Mag	Iron isotope
XD-Si2	Silicate BIF	N-MORB type basalt of the lower NF	Mag	Iron isotope
XD-Si3	Silicate BIF		Mag	Iron isotope
XD-Su1	Sulfide-bearing BIF		Mag	Iron isotope
XD-Su2	Sulfide-bearing BIF	Chlorite garnet biotite schist of the lower NF	Py and Mag	Iron and multiple sulfur isotopes
XD-Su3	Sulfide-bearing BIF		Py and Mag	Iron and multiple sulfur isotopes
XD-Su4	Sulfide-bearing BIF		Py and Mag	Iron and multiple sulfur isotopes

Notes: Py-pyrite, Mag-magnetite.

Table S2 Values for standards and georeference materials used in this study.

Ba	1040	1100	1140	1100
U	6.10	5.50	2.40	2.30
Th	20.8	19.9	17.1	18.4
Y	28.9	26.5	38.7	39.2
Nb	22.3	21.2	11.1	10.7
Cu/Cu+Zn	0.84	0.85	0.97	0.96

Ref. is short for reference values of the standards; the superscript R1 and R2 are duplicates for the same sample.