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Granite is the dominant rock type in Earth's continental crust. The origin of granite can be directly or indirectly related to the fractional crystallization of mantle-derived basaltic melt or the reworking of pre-existing continental or oceanic crust, which contribute to the growth of continental crust. Among the various types of granites, the peraluminous leucogranites in the Himalayan orogen, which are high in SiO₂ (>73%) and low in mafic minerals (<5%), are thought to originate from the melting of pure- sediments, as inferred from comprehensive petrological, geochemical, and isotopic studies [1-3]. Formation of the Himalayan leucogranites led to the reworking of the upper continental crust by the transfer of heat and volatile elements, and shaped the highest mountains on Earth (Fig. 1). In addition, Himalayan

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