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## Abstract

The Neoproterozoic granitoids in East Kunlun Orogen (EKO) record critical information on the composition and evolution of the early crustal materials, as well as the Precambrian tectonic evolutionary history of the Qaidam Block, northern Tibetan Plateau. Zircon U–Pb geochronology and Hf isotopic compositions of three newly discriminated gneissic granitoids in the Hongshuihe, Dangennaomuru and south Bokalike areas are employed in this study to elucidate the Neoproterozoic tectonics of EKO. Petrological studies reveal that these granitoids are S–type granite with abundant Al–rich minerals like muscovite and garnet in their mineral assemblages. Zircon U–Pb geochronological results show that the Hongshuihe and Dangennaomuru plutons yield weighted mean  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  ages of  $914 \pm 5$  Ma (MSWD = 0.25) and  $935 \pm 6$  Ma (MSWD = 0.56), respectively, indicating their magmatic crystallization ages. And the south Bokalike pluton yields upper and lower intercept ages of  $1002 \pm 31$  Ma and  $388 \pm 39$  Ma (MSWD = 0.63), disclosing its magmatic crystallization age and

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