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Lithostratigraphy and geochemical characterization of the Simijaca-La Frontera formations (Cenomanian-Turonian) in Colombian Eastern Cordillera in relation to oceanic anoxic event 2 (OAE 2)

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CONTENIDO DEL RESUMEN

The Cenomanian-Turonian (C/T) transition is associated with worldwide oceanic deoxygenation that impacted marine life and the global carbon cycle (Schlanger et al., 1987; Joo et al., 2020). In Colombia, the C/T interval has been of interest for stratigraphic correlations among different basins (e.g., the Magdalena Valley, Eastern Cordillera, and Llanos Basins) (Villamil and Arango, 1998; Mahoney, 2018), but the driving factors that contributed to organic matter accumulation, facies changes, biological and geochemical shifts during this interval are fairly known. A



stratigraphic section on Route 56 between Pr 19 and Pr 20 in the department of Cundinamarca, Colombia, here coined the Zipaquirá section, permits to further elucidate the paleoenvironmental conditions in the basin at that time.

We present multi-proxy preliminary results, including petrographic analysis, TOC, TIC, $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{org}}$, major and minor elements (Al, Si, Ti, Fe, P) of the stratigraphic section in Zipaquirá that provide paleoenvironmental characteristics of the Simijaca (Cenomanian) and the La Frontera (Turonian) Formations. At the field scale the Simijaca Formation includes dark gray (N3) mudstones and claystones with flaser bedding, and grayish yellow green (5GY 7/2) very fine-grained sandstones. The La Frontera Formation comprises interbedded grayish black (N2) to medium dark gray (N4) shales with phosphatic components, plant fragments, calcareous mudstones and marlstones with ammonoids, inoceramid impressions, and limestones with calcareous concretions. Three volcanic beds occur in this unit.

Petrographic analyses reveal that the Simijaca Formation displays pseudo-laminated structures composed of micro-spherules but is lacking identifiable microfossils. By contrast, the La Frontera Formation includes planktonic foraminifera, coccolithophores, and radiolarians. The volcanic layers are composed of feldspar, micas, and volcanic glass. There is a moderate positive correlation between TOC and TIC ($r=0.41$). The lowest TOC (<0.17 C wt%) and TIC (<0.12 CaCO₃ wt%) values are related to the Simijaca Formation, whereas the La Frontera Formation reaches maximum TOC of 6.79 wt % and 70.8 CaCO₃ wt %. Major elements Si (12.5 – 40.2 wt %), Al (0.4 – 9.4 wt %), Ti (0.03 – 0.61 wt %), Fe (1.2 – 10 wt %) and P (0.1–2.1 wt %) vary throughout the two formations.

$\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{org}}$ varies between -27.1‰ and -22.5 ‰, showing a moderate correlation with TOC and TIC (TOC, $r=0.35$; TIC, $r=0.38$). A positive shift of 2.61‰ occurs in the La Frontera Formation at 114 m.

The fossil assemblages and lithologic changes suggest a shift from predominately siliciclastics in the Simijaca to hemipelagic deposits with increased productivity associated with upwelling in the La Frontera Formation. Enhanced accumulation of organic matter concurrent with the positive shift of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{org}}$ during the La Frontera sediments deposition suggest oxygen-deficient conditions that correlate with ocean anoxic event 2 (OAE2).

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