

## Appendix: Supplementary Materials for

# The transport of bismuth in HCl-bearing aqueous vapour and low-density aqueous supercritical fluids: Implications for natural systems

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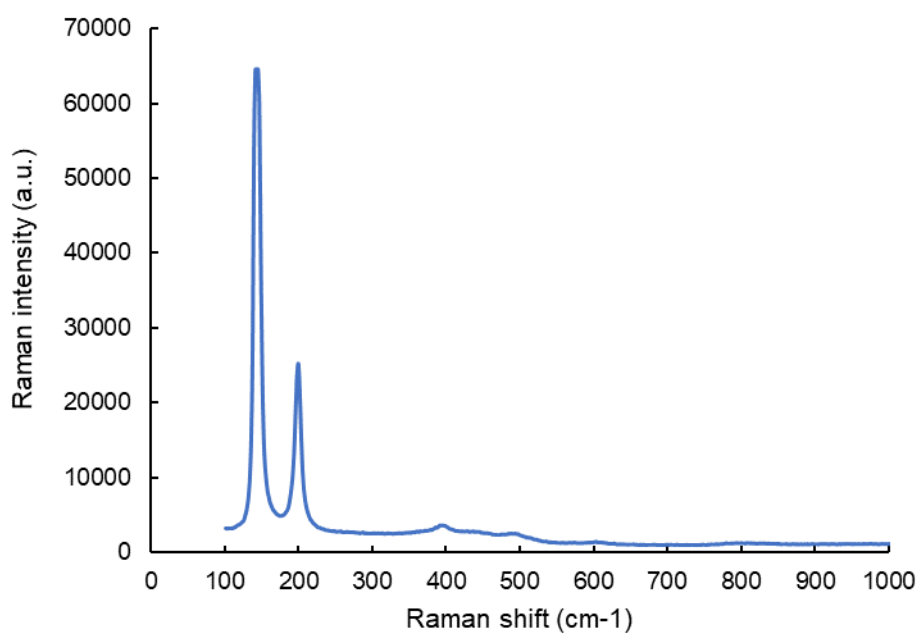
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Fig. S1. The Raman spectrum of BiOCl(s) after an experiment at 400 °C.



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Fig. S2. An X-ray diffractogram of BiOCl(s) after an experiment at 400 °C.

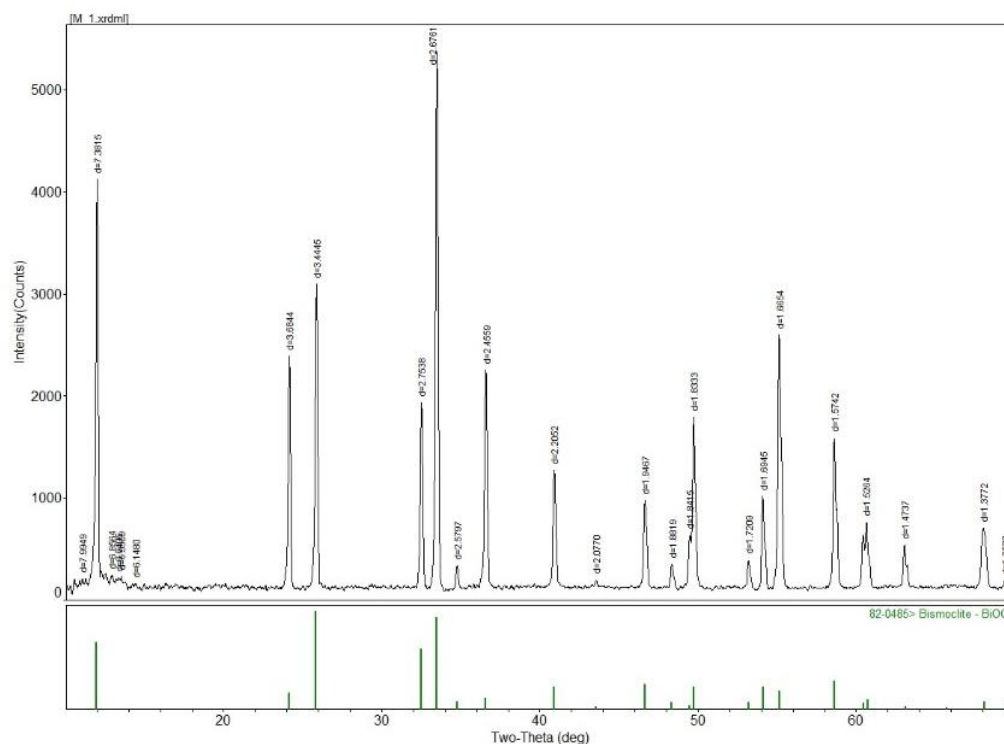


Fig. S3. The results of DSC-TG (Differential Scanning Calorimeter and Thermal Gravimetric) analyses of the reactant, BiOCl(s), after an experiment at 400 °C. The blue and green lines represent the typical measured residual mass fraction (left Y-axis, %) and heat flow (right Y-axis, mW) as a function of temperature (°C), respectively. The abrupt decrease in the mass fraction and corresponding change in the heat flow at 600 °C record the decomposition of BiOCl.

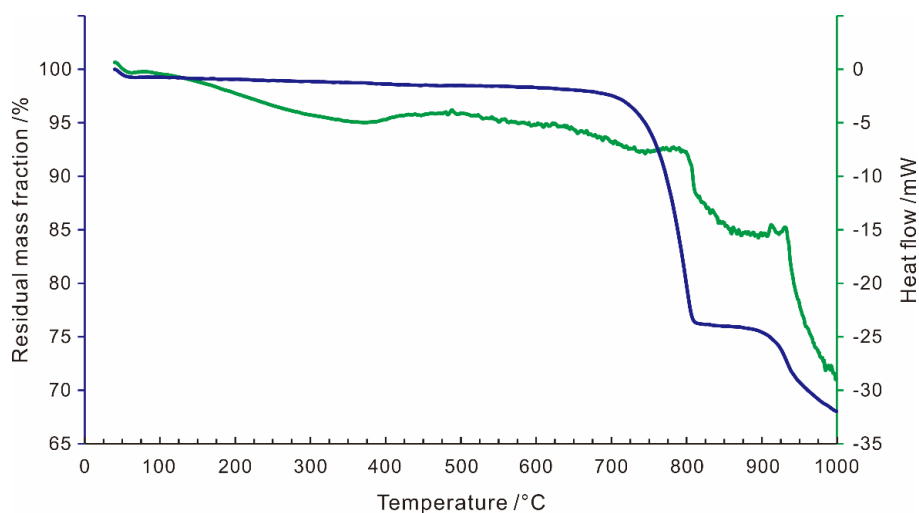


Table S1. The compositions of the experimental solutions of the kinetic experiments at 250 °C, which are illustrated in Figure 2.

| Time,<br>days | Density,<br>g/cm <sup>3</sup> | H <sub>2</sub> O, g | HCl, mol | <i>n</i> (Bi), mol | <i>P</i> (H <sub>2</sub> O),<br>bar | <i>X</i> (HCl) | Bi, ppm | <i>X</i> (Bi) | $\phi$ (H <sub>2</sub> O) | $\phi$ (HCl) | log <i>f</i> (H <sub>2</sub> O) | log <i>f</i> (HCl) | log <i>P</i> (Bi) |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0.5           | 0.0153                        | 0.740               | 0.000172 | 5.95E-08           | 33                                  | 0.00417        | 16.78   | 1.44E-06      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -4.32             |
| 1             | 0.0153                        | 0.762               | 0.000177 | 1.37E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00417        | 37.56   | 3.22E-06      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.97             |
| 1.5           | 0.0153                        | 0.741               | 0.000172 | 1.61E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00417        | 45.38   | 3.90E-06      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.89             |
| 2             | 0.0153                        | 0.753               | 0.000175 | 2.84E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00417        | 78.79   | 6.76E-06      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.65             |
| 3             | 0.0153                        | 0.750               | 0.000174 | 2.43E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00417        | 67.80   | 5.82E-06      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.72             |
| 4             | 0.0153                        | 0.760               | 0.000176 | 5.18E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00417        | 142.40  | 1.22E-05      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.39             |
| 5             | 0.0153                        | 0.743               | 0.000172 | 3.45E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00417        | 96.95   | 8.32E-06      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.56             |
| 6             | 0.0153                        | 0.737               | 0.000171 | 5.76E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00417        | 163.32  | 1.40E-05      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.33             |
| 7             | 0.0153                        | 0.752               | 0.000174 | 3.67E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00417        | 101.98  | 8.75E-06      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.54             |
| 8             | 0.0153                        | 0.749               | 0.000174 | 4.90E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00417        | 136.73  | 1.17E-05      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.41             |
| 9             | 0.0153                        | 0.749               | 0.000174 | 5.17E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00417        | 144.40  | 1.24E-05      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.39             |
| 10            | 0.0153                        | 0.743               | 0.000173 | 9.99E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00416        | 280.99  | 2.41E-05      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.10             |
| 12            | 0.0153                        | 0.750               | 0.000174 | 1.44E-06           | 33                                  | 0.00416        | 401.02  | 3.44E-05      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -2.94             |
| 14            | 0.0153                        | 0.743               | 0.000172 | 7.50E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00416        | 211.11  | 1.81E-05      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.22             |
| 15            | 0.0153                        | 0.742               | 0.000172 | 6.28E-07           | 33                                  | 0.00417        | 176.88  | 1.52E-05      | 0.892                     | 0.970        | 1.47                            | -0.88              | -3.30             |

Table S2. Compositions of the quenched experimental solutions.

| $T$ , °C | Density, g/cm <sup>3</sup> | H <sub>2</sub> O, g | $n(\text{HCl})$ , mol | $n(\text{Bi})$ , mol | $P(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ , bar | $X(\text{HCl})$ | Bi, ppm | $X(\text{Bi})$ | $\phi(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ | $\phi(\text{HCl})$ | $\log f(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ | $\log f(\text{HCl})$ | $\log P(\text{Bi})$ | Hydration number <sup>a</sup> |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 250      | 0.0021                     | 0.110               | 1.80E-04              | 7.84E-07             | 5                             | 2.86E-02        | 1485    | 1.24E-04       | 0.9835                     | 0.9953             | 0.69                         | -0.85                | -3.21               | 0.81                          |
| 250      | 0.0021                     | 0.105               | 1.72E-04              | 6.53E-07             | 5                             | 2.86E-02        | 1297    | 1.09E-04       | 0.9835                     | 0.9953             | 0.69                         | -0.85                | -3.27               | 0.81                          |
| 250      | 0.0035                     | 0.178               | 1.76E-04              | 5.05E-07             | 8.2                           | 1.74E-02        | 592     | 5.01E-05       | 0.973                      | 0.9924             | 0.90                         | -0.85                | -3.39               | 0.99                          |
| 250      | 0.0036                     | 0.176               | 1.73E-04              | 9.2E-07              | 8.5                           | 1.74E-02        | 1092    | 9.25E-05       | 0.9719                     | 0.9921             | 0.92                         | -0.83                | -3.10               | 1.01                          |
| 250      | 0.0047                     | 0.234               | 1.67E-04              | 1.03E-06             | 11                            | 1.27E-02        | 916     | 7.80E-05       | 0.9637                     | 0.9898             | 1.03                         | -0.86                | -3.07               | 1.12                          |
| 250      | 0.0059                     | 0.289               | 1.69E-04              | 1.39E-06             | 13                            | 1.04E-02        | 1009    | 8.60E-05       | 0.9572                     | 0.9879             | 1.09                         | -0.87                | -2.95               | 1.19                          |
| 250      | 0.0059                     | 0.286               | 1.67E-04              | 9.47E-07             | 13.5                          | 1.04E-02        | 693     | 5.91E-05       | 0.9555                     | 0.9875             | 1.11                         | -0.86                | -3.10               | 1.21                          |
| 250      | 0.0078                     | 0.379               | 1.68E-04              | 1.33E-06             | 17.5                          | 7.93E-03        | 731     | 6.25E-05       | 0.9425                     | 0.9838             | 1.22                         | -0.86                | -2.96               | 1.32                          |
| 250      | 0.0090                     | 0.436               | 1.67E-04              | 1.16E-06             | 20                            | 6.85E-03        | 556     | 4.76E-05       | 0.9343                     | 0.9816             | 1.27                         | -0.87                | -3.02               | 1.39                          |
| 250      | 0.0105                     | 0.505               | 1.63E-04              | 1.47E-06             | 23                            | 5.78E-03        | 610     | 5.23E-05       | 0.9246                     | 0.9789             | 1.33                         | -0.89                | -2.92               | 1.47                          |
| 250      | 0.0144                     | 0.707               | 1.64E-04              | 2.53E-06             | 30.5                          | 4.16E-03        | 747     | 6.41E-05       | 0.9002                     | 0.9722             | 1.44                         | -0.91                | -2.71               | 1.65                          |
| 250      | 0.0148                     | 0.726               | 1.68E-04              | 2.52E-06             | 31.1                          | 4.16E-03        | 725     | 6.22E-05       | 0.8983                     | 0.9717             | 1.45                         | -0.90                | -2.71               | 1.66                          |
| 250      | 0.0153                     | 0.749               | 1.71E-04              | 2.23E-06             | 33                            | 4.08E-03        | 622     | 5.34E-05       | 0.8921                     | 0.97               | 1.47                         | -0.88                | -2.75               | 1.71                          |
| 250      | 0.0185                     | 0.895               | 1.67E-04              | 3.06E-06             | 37.4                          | 3.35E-03        | 715     | 6.14E-05       | 0.8779                     | 0.9662             | 1.52                         | -0.92                | -2.64               | 1.81                          |
| 250      | 0.0185                     | 0.885               | 1.65E-04              | 4E-06                | 37.4                          | 3.35E-03        | 944     | 8.11E-05       | 0.8779                     | 0.9662             | 1.52                         | -0.92                | -2.52               | 1.81                          |
|          |                            |                     |                       |                      |                               |                 |         |                |                            |                    |                              |                      |                     |                               |
| 250      | 0.0142                     | 0.728               | 4.42E-05              | 8.06E-08             | 30                            | 1.09E-03        | 23.1    | 1.99E-06       | 0.9019                     | 0.9727             | 1.43                         | -1.50                | -4.22               | 1.63                          |
| 250      | 0.0142                     | 0.718               | 9.07E-05              | 1.19E-07             | 30                            | 2.27E-03        | 34.6    | 2.97E-06       | 0.9019                     | 0.9727             | 1.43                         | -1.18                | -4.05               | 1.63                          |
| 250      | 0.0142                     | 0.728               | 1.35E-04              | 9.73E-07             | 30                            | 3.32E-03        | 279     | 2.40E-05       | 0.9019                     | 0.9727             | 1.43                         | -1.01                | -3.14               | 1.63                          |
| 250      | 0.0142                     | 0.727               | 1.72E-04              | 6.08E-07             | 30                            | 4.23E-03        | 175     | 1.50E-05       | 0.9019                     | 0.9727             | 1.43                         | -0.91                | -3.35               | 1.63                          |
| 250      | 0.0142                     | 0.724               | 2.20E-04              | 5.39E-07             | 30                            | 5.44E-03        | 156     | 1.33E-05       | 0.9019                     | 0.9727             | 1.43                         | -0.80                | -3.40               | 1.63                          |
| 250      | 0.0142                     | 0.728               | 2.79E-04              | 1.19E-06             | 30                            | 6.86E-03        | 342     | 2.93E-05       | 0.9019                     | 0.9727             | 1.43                         | -0.70                | -3.06               | 1.63                          |
| 250      | 0.0142                     | 0.726               | 3.37E-04              | 9.63E-06             | 30                            | 8.28E-03        | 2771    | 2.37E-04       | 0.9019                     | 0.9727             | 1.43                         | -0.62                | -2.15               | 1.63                          |
| 250      | 0.0142                     | 0.730               | 3.64E-04              | 1.03E-05             | 30                            | 8.90E-03        | 2950    | 2.52E-04       | 0.9019                     | 0.9727             | 1.43                         | -0.59                | -2.12               | 1.63                          |

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|-----|--------|-------|----------|----------|----|----------|------|----------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|------|
| 300 | 0.0039 | 0.188 | 1.85E-04 | 7.64E-07 | 10 | 1.74E-02 | 848  | 7.19E-05 | 0.9749 | 0.9937 | 0.99 | -0.76 | -3.14 | 0.67 |
| 300 | 0.0059 | 0.283 | 1.83E-04 | 5.84E-07 | 15 | 1.15E-02 | 431  | 3.67E-05 | 0.9625 | 0.9906 | 1.16 | -0.77 | -3.26 | 0.79 |
| 300 | 0.0080 | 0.390 | 1.94E-04 | 4.46E-07 | 20 | 8.90E-03 | 239  | 2.04E-05 | 0.9501 | 0.9875 | 1.28 | -0.75 | -3.39 | 0.92 |
| 300 | 0.0105 | 0.512 | 1.90E-04 | 5.29E-07 | 26 | 6.63E-03 | 216  | 1.85E-05 | 0.9352 | 0.9839 | 1.39 | -0.77 | -3.32 | 1.07 |
| 300 | 0.0123 | 0.594 | 1.92E-04 | 3.4E-07  | 30 | 5.78E-03 | 120  | 1.03E-05 | 0.9254 | 0.9815 | 1.44 | -0.77 | -3.51 | 1.17 |
| 300 | 0.0151 | 0.737 | 1.85E-04 | 5.78E-07 | 36 | 4.51E-03 | 164  | 1.41E-05 | 0.9107 | 0.9779 | 1.52 | -0.80 | -3.30 | 1.31 |
| 300 | 0.0195 | 0.938 | 1.89E-04 | 3.38E-07 | 45 | 3.61E-03 | 75.2 | 6.46E-06 | 0.8888 | 0.9727 | 1.60 | -0.80 | -3.54 | 1.51 |
| 300 | 0.0221 | 1.063 | 1.85E-04 | 6.14E-07 | 50 | 3.12E-03 | 121  | 1.04E-05 | 0.8766 | 0.9698 | 1.64 | -0.82 | -3.29 | 1.61 |
| 300 | 0.0307 | 1.509 | 1.91E-04 | 5.97E-07 | 65 | 2.27E-03 | 82.7 | 7.11E-06 | 0.8403 | 0.9615 | 1.74 | -0.85 | -3.33 | 1.93 |
| 300 | 0.0339 | 1.628 | 1.86E-04 | 9.62E-07 | 70 | 2.06E-03 | 123  | 1.06E-05 | 0.8283 | 0.9588 | 1.76 | -0.86 | -3.13 | 2.04 |
| 300 | 0.0374 | 1.839 | 1.91E-04 | 2.47E-06 | 75 | 1.87E-03 | 281  | 2.42E-05 | 0.8162 | 0.9562 | 1.79 | -0.87 | -2.74 | 2.16 |
| 300 | 0.0374 | 1.840 | 1.91E-04 | 6.61E-07 | 75 | 1.87E-03 | 75.1 | 6.46E-06 | 0.8162 | 0.9562 | 1.79 | -0.87 | -3.31 | 2.16 |
| 300 | 0.0412 | 1.994 | 1.93E-04 | 2.43E-06 | 80 | 1.74E-03 | 255  | 2.19E-05 | 0.8041 | 0.9535 | 1.81 | -0.88 | -2.76 | 2.28 |
| 300 | 0.0412 | 1.977 | 1.91E-04 | 1.21E-06 | 80 | 1.74E-03 | 128  | 1.10E-05 | 0.8041 | 0.9535 | 1.81 | -0.88 | -3.06 | 2.28 |
|     |        |       |          |          |    |          |      |          |        |        |      |       |       |      |
| 300 | 0.0276 | 1.420 | 4.70E-05 | 2.56E-08 | 60 | 5.96E-04 | 3.76 | 3.24E-07 | 0.8524 | 0.9643 | 1.71 | -1.46 | -4.71 | 1.83 |
| 300 | 0.0276 | 1.402 | 9.87E-05 | 1.98E-07 | 60 | 1.27E-03 | 29.6 | 2.55E-06 | 0.8524 | 0.9643 | 1.71 | -1.13 | -3.82 | 1.83 |
| 300 | 0.0276 | 1.420 | 2.04E-04 | 5.93E-07 | 60 | 2.58E-03 | 87.3 | 7.51E-06 | 0.8524 | 0.9643 | 1.71 | -0.83 | -3.35 | 1.83 |
| 300 | 0.0276 | 1.418 | 2.95E-04 | 2.26E-06 | 60 | 3.73E-03 | 332  | 2.85E-05 | 0.8524 | 0.9643 | 1.71 | -0.67 | -2.77 | 1.83 |
| 300 | 0.0276 | 1.413 | 3.46E-04 | 3.26E-06 | 60 | 4.40E-03 | 483  | 4.14E-05 | 0.8524 | 0.9643 | 1.71 | -0.59 | -2.60 | 1.83 |
| 300 | 0.0276 | 1.421 | 3.91E-04 | 3.92E-06 | 60 | 4.94E-03 | 577  | 4.95E-05 | 0.8524 | 0.9643 | 1.71 | -0.54 | -2.53 | 1.83 |
| 300 | 0.0276 | 1.425 | 4.87E-04 | 6.87E-06 | 60 | 6.12E-03 | 1007 | 8.63E-05 | 0.8524 | 0.9643 | 1.71 | -0.45 | -2.29 | 1.83 |
|     |        |       |          |          |    |          |      |          |        |        |      |       |       |      |
| 350 | 0.0057 | 0.282 | 1.77E-04 | 1.07E-06 | 16 | 1.12E-02 | 792  | 6.75E-05 | 0.9692 | 0.9933 | 1.19 | -0.75 | -2.97 | 0.60 |
| 350 | 0.0095 | 0.460 | 1.76E-04 | 6.63E-07 | 26 | 6.86E-03 | 301  | 2.58E-05 | 0.9501 | 0.9893 | 1.39 | -0.75 | -3.17 | 0.67 |

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|-----|--------|-------|----------|----------|-------|----------|------|----------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|------|
| 350 | 0.0130 | 0.682 | 1.82E-04 | 6.72E-07 | 35    | 4.77E-03 | 206  | 1.77E-05 | 0.9331 | 0.9858 | 1.51 | -0.78 | -3.21 | 0.76 |
| 350 | 0.0175 | 0.840 | 1.74E-04 | 3.37E-07 | 46    | 3.73E-03 | 83.8 | 7.20E-06 | 0.9125 | 0.9816 | 1.62 | -0.77 | -3.48 | 0.91 |
| 350 | 0.0192 | 0.984 | 1.81E-04 | 5.29E-07 | 50    | 3.30E-03 | 112  | 9.65E-06 | 0.905  | 0.9801 | 1.66 | -0.79 | -3.32 | 0.97 |
| 350 | 0.0192 | 0.984 | 1.81E-04 | 4.4E-07  | 50    | 3.30E-03 | 93.4 | 8.02E-06 | 0.905  | 0.9801 | 1.66 | -0.79 | -3.40 | 0.97 |
| 350 | 0.0237 | 1.216 | 1.75E-04 | 5.52E-07 | 60    | 2.58E-03 | 94.9 | 8.16E-06 | 0.8865 | 0.9764 | 1.73 | -0.82 | -3.31 | 1.14 |
| 350 | 0.0260 | 1.248 | 1.72E-04 | 4.6E-07  | 65    | 2.48E-03 | 77.1 | 6.63E-06 | 0.8773 | 0.9746 | 1.76 | -0.80 | -3.37 | 1.22 |
| 350 | 0.0321 | 1.558 | 1.74E-04 | 3.71E-07 | 77.5  | 2.01E-03 | 49.7 | 4.28E-06 | 0.8544 | 0.9703 | 1.82 | -0.82 | -3.48 | 1.45 |
| 350 | 0.0388 | 1.900 | 1.71E-04 | 5.13E-07 | 90.2  | 1.62E-03 | 56.4 | 4.85E-06 | 0.8312 | 0.966  | 1.87 | -0.85 | -3.36 | 1.70 |
| 350 | 0.0435 | 2.099 | 1.68E-04 | 4.38E-07 | 98.3  | 1.44E-03 | 43.6 | 3.75E-06 | 0.8166 | 0.9634 | 1.90 | -0.87 | -3.43 | 1.88 |
| 350 | 0.0544 | 2.677 | 1.75E-04 | 8.48E-07 | 115   | 1.17E-03 | 66.2 | 5.70E-06 | 0.7864 | 0.9582 | 1.96 | -0.89 | -3.18 | 2.27 |
| 350 | 0.0620 | 2.975 | 1.73E-04 | 1.19E-06 | 125   | 1.05E-03 | 83.3 | 7.18E-06 | 0.7684 | 0.9552 | 1.98 | -0.90 | -3.05 | 2.53 |
| 350 | 0.0707 | 3.471 | 1.69E-04 | 9.89E-07 | 135   | 8.77E-04 | 59.6 | 5.13E-06 | 0.7503 | 0.9524 | 2.01 | -0.95 | -3.16 | 2.83 |
| 350 | 0.0810 | 3.985 | 1.66E-04 | 1.23E-06 | 145   | 7.49E-04 | 64.4 | 5.54E-06 | 0.7321 | 0.9496 | 2.03 | -0.99 | -3.09 | 3.16 |
| 350 | 0.0992 | 4.804 | 1.66E-04 | 2.16E-06 | 158.2 | 6.21E-04 | 94.0 | 8.09E-06 | 0.7078 | 0.9461 | 2.05 | -1.03 | -2.89 | 3.65 |
| 350 | 0.1006 | 5.171 | 1.78E-04 | 2.64E-06 | 159   | 6.21E-04 | 107  | 9.18E-06 | 0.7063 | 0.9459 | 2.05 | -1.03 | -2.84 | 3.68 |
| 350 | 0.1024 | 5.262 | 1.79E-04 | 2.86E-06 | 160   | 6.11E-04 | 113  | 9.77E-06 | 0.7045 | 0.9457 | 2.05 | -1.03 | -2.81 | 3.72 |
| 350 | 0.1024 | 4.905 | 1.66E-04 | 2.38E-06 | 160   | 6.11E-04 | 102  | 8.75E-06 | 0.7045 | 0.9457 | 2.05 | -1.03 | -2.85 | 3.72 |
| 350 | 0.1105 | 5.653 | 1.82E-04 | 2.89E-06 | 164   | 5.80E-04 | 107  | 9.22E-06 | 0.697  | 0.9446 | 2.06 | -1.05 | -2.82 | 3.89 |
| 350 | 0.0544 | 2.797 | 9.02E-05 | 1.56E-07 | 115   | 5.81E-04 | 11.7 | 1.01E-06 | 0.7864 | 0.9582 | 1.96 | -1.19 | -3.94 | 2.30 |
| 350 | 0.0544 | 2.793 | 1.89E-04 | 6.79E-07 | 115   | 1.22E-03 | 50.8 | 4.37E-06 | 0.7864 | 0.9582 | 1.96 | -0.87 | -3.30 | 2.30 |
| 350 | 0.0544 | 2.782 | 3.11E-04 | 2E-06    | 115   | 2.01E-03 | 150  | 1.29E-05 | 0.7864 | 0.9582 | 1.96 | -0.66 | -2.83 | 2.30 |
| 350 | 0.0544 | 2.760 | 4.12E-05 | 2.91E-08 | 115   | 2.69E-04 | 2.20 | 1.90E-07 | 0.7864 | 0.9582 | 1.96 | -1.53 | -4.66 | 2.30 |
| 350 | 0.0544 | 2.797 | 9.02E-05 | 7.71E-08 | 115   | 5.81E-04 | 5.76 | 4.97E-07 | 0.7864 | 0.9582 | 1.96 | -1.19 | -4.24 | 2.30 |
| 350 | 0.0544 | 2.793 | 1.34E-04 | 4.95E-07 | 115   | 8.61E-04 | 37.0 | 3.19E-06 | 0.7864 | 0.9582 | 1.96 | -1.02 | -3.44 | 2.30 |
| 350 | 0.0544 | 2.797 | 2.30E-04 | 1.03E-06 | 115   | 1.48E-03 | 77.2 | 6.65E-06 | 0.7864 | 0.9582 | 1.96 | -0.79 | -3.12 | 2.30 |

|     |        |       |          |          |     |          |      |          |        |        |      |       |       |       |
|-----|--------|-------|----------|----------|-----|----------|------|----------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 350 | 0.0544 | 2.790 | 2.77E-04 | 1.79E-06 | 115 | 1.78E-03 | 134  | 1.15E-05 | 0.7864 | 0.9582 | 1.96 | -0.71 | -2.88 | 2.30  |
| 350 | 0.0544 | 2.806 | 3.13E-04 | 2.57E-06 | 115 | 2.01E-03 | 192  | 1.65E-05 | 0.7864 | 0.9582 | 1.96 | -0.66 | -2.72 | 2.30  |
| 400 | 0.0133 | 0.644 | 2.81E-04 | 4.61E-06 | 39  | 7.80E-03 | 1498 | 1.28E-04 | 0.9421 | 0.99   | 1.57 | -0.52 | -2.30 | 0.61  |
| 400 | 0.0173 | 0.495 | 1.70E-04 | 2.83E-06 | 50  | 6.14E-03 | 1196 | 1.02E-04 | 0.9262 | 0.9875 | 1.67 | -0.52 | -2.29 | 0.65  |
| 400 | 0.0211 | 1.015 | 2.76E-04 | 1.88E-06 | 60  | 4.87E-03 | 386  | 3.32E-05 | 0.9118 | 0.9852 | 1.74 | -0.54 | -2.70 | 0.70  |
| 400 | 0.0250 | 1.224 | 2.83E-04 | 1.47E-06 | 70  | 4.14E-03 | 252  | 2.16E-05 | 0.8975 | 0.983  | 1.80 | -0.55 | -2.82 | 0.76  |
| 400 | 0.0295 | 0.846 | 1.69E-04 | 1.03E-06 | 81  | 3.59E-03 | 255  | 2.19E-05 | 0.8819 | 0.9807 | 1.85 | -0.54 | -2.75 | 0.85  |
| 400 | 0.0334 | 1.639 | 2.85E-04 | 1.07E-06 | 90  | 3.12E-03 | 137  | 1.18E-05 | 0.8693 | 0.9789 | 1.89 | -0.56 | -2.98 | 0.94  |
| 400 | 0.0425 | 1.217 | 1.71E-04 | 1.31E-06 | 110 | 2.53E-03 | 225  | 1.94E-05 | 0.8415 | 0.9751 | 1.97 | -0.57 | -2.67 | 1.19  |
| 400 | 0.0474 | 1.357 | 1.71E-04 | 8.12E-07 | 120 | 2.27E-03 | 125  | 1.08E-05 | 0.8278 | 0.9734 | 2.00 | -0.58 | -2.89 | 1.35  |
| 400 | 0.0541 | 1.551 | 1.71E-04 | 1.23E-06 | 133 | 1.98E-03 | 166  | 1.43E-05 | 0.8101 | 0.9712 | 2.03 | -0.59 | -2.72 | 1.59  |
| 400 | 0.0662 | 1.897 | 1.70E-04 | 1.03E-06 | 154 | 1.61E-03 | 113  | 9.73E-06 | 0.7818 | 0.9679 | 2.08 | -0.62 | -2.82 | 2.09  |
| 400 | 0.0753 | 2.157 | 1.73E-04 | 1.03E-06 | 168 | 1.44E-03 | 100  | 8.60E-06 | 0.7631 | 0.9659 | 2.11 | -0.63 | -2.84 | 2.51  |
| 400 | 0.0817 | 2.340 | 1.70E-04 | 2.85E-06 | 177 | 1.31E-03 | 254  | 2.19E-05 | 0.7511 | 0.9647 | 2.12 | -0.65 | -2.41 | 2.83  |
| 400 | 0.1052 | 3.013 | 1.69E-04 | 1.48E-06 | 205 | 1.01E-03 | 103  | 8.84E-06 | 0.7142 | 0.9612 | 2.17 | -0.70 | -2.74 | 4.17  |
| 400 | 0.1177 | 3.371 | 1.70E-04 | 3.77E-06 | 217 | 9.08E-04 | 234  | 2.01E-05 | 0.6984 | 0.96   | 2.18 | -0.72 | -2.36 | 4.92  |
| 400 | 0.1272 | 3.643 | 1.74E-04 | 2.76E-06 | 225 | 8.60E-04 | 158  | 1.36E-05 | 0.6879 | 0.9591 | 2.19 | -0.73 | -2.51 | 5.48  |
| 400 | 0.1393 | 3.991 | 1.70E-04 | 5.28E-06 | 234 | 7.67E-04 | 277  | 2.38E-05 | 0.6761 | 0.9583 | 2.20 | -0.76 | -2.25 | 6.16  |
| 400 | 0.1571 | 4.499 | 1.71E-04 | 3.86E-06 | 245 | 6.84E-04 | 179  | 1.55E-05 | 0.6616 | 0.9573 | 2.21 | -0.79 | -2.42 | 7.04  |
| 400 | 0.1772 | 5.074 | 1.69E-04 | 6.23E-06 | 255 | 6.00E-04 | 256  | 2.21E-05 | 0.6484 | 0.9565 | 2.22 | -0.83 | -2.25 | 7.88  |
| 400 | 0.1892 | 5.419 | 1.74E-04 | 6.27E-06 | 260 | 5.80E-04 | 242  | 2.08E-05 | 0.6418 | 0.9561 | 2.22 | -0.84 | -2.27 | 8.30  |
| 400 | 0.2378 | 6.812 | 1.72E-04 | 8.84E-06 | 275 | 4.54E-04 | 271  | 2.34E-05 | 0.6218 | 0.955  | 2.23 | -0.92 | -2.19 | 9.55  |
| 400 | 0.2378 | 6.812 | 1.71E-04 | 1.5E-05  | 275 | 4.53E-04 | 461  | 3.97E-05 | 0.6218 | 0.955  | 2.23 | -0.92 | -1.96 | 9.55  |
| 400 | 0.3345 | 9.579 | 1.70E-04 | 1.82E-05 | 295 | 3.19E-04 | 398  | 3.43E-05 | 0.5954 | 0.9539 | 2.24 | -1.05 | -2.00 | 11.13 |
| 400 | 0.3393 | 9.717 | 1.72E-04 | 1.21E-05 | 296 | 3.19E-04 | 261  | 2.25E-05 | 0.5941 | 0.9538 | 2.25 | -1.05 | -2.18 | 11.20 |

|     |        |        |          |          |     |          |      |          |        |        |      |       |       |      |
|-----|--------|--------|----------|----------|-----|----------|------|----------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|------|
| 400 | 0.0173 | 0.841  | 1.57E-04 | 1.29E-06 | 50  | 3.35E-03 | 320  | 2.75E-05 | 0.9262 | 0.9875 | 1.67 | -0.78 | -2.86 | 0.65 |
| 400 | 0.0173 | 0.849  | 2.37E-04 | 1.1E-06  | 50  | 5.01E-03 | 272  | 2.33E-05 | 0.9262 | 0.9875 | 1.67 | -0.61 | -2.93 | 0.65 |
| 400 | 0.0173 | 0.841  | 3.11E-04 | 2.21E-06 | 50  | 6.63E-03 | 549  | 4.70E-05 | 0.9262 | 0.9875 | 1.67 | -0.48 | -2.63 | 0.65 |
| 400 | 0.0173 | 0.840  | 3.73E-04 | 2.12E-06 | 50  | 7.93E-03 | 529  | 4.52E-05 | 0.9262 | 0.9875 | 1.67 | -0.41 | -2.65 | 0.65 |
| 400 | 0.0173 | 0.832  | 4.87E-04 | 7.89E-06 | 50  | 1.04E-02 | 1980 | 1.69E-04 | 0.9262 | 0.9875 | 1.67 | -0.29 | -2.07 | 0.65 |
| 400 | 0.0173 | 0.832  | 5.95E-04 | 3E-05    | 50  | 1.27E-02 | 7539 | 6.41E-04 | 0.9262 | 0.9875 | 1.67 | -0.20 | -1.49 | 0.65 |
| 400 | 0.0839 | 2.404  | 9.12E-05 | 6.86E-07 | 180 | 6.83E-04 | 59.6 | 5.14E-06 | 0.7471 | 0.9643 | 2.13 | -0.93 | -3.03 | 3.01 |
| 400 | 0.0839 | 2.404  | 1.35E-04 | 9.56E-07 | 180 | 1.01E-03 | 83.1 | 7.16E-06 | 0.7471 | 0.9643 | 2.13 | -0.76 | -2.89 | 3.01 |
| 400 | 0.0839 | 2.404  | 1.97E-04 | 2.02E-06 | 180 | 1.47E-03 | 175  | 1.51E-05 | 0.7471 | 0.9643 | 2.13 | -0.59 | -2.57 | 3.01 |
| 400 | 0.0839 | 2.404  | 2.38E-04 | 3.06E-06 | 180 | 1.78E-03 | 266  | 2.29E-05 | 0.7471 | 0.9643 | 2.13 | -0.51 | -2.39 | 3.01 |
| 400 | 0.0839 | 2.404  | 2.65E-04 | 4.32E-06 | 180 | 1.98E-03 | 375  | 3.23E-05 | 0.7471 | 0.9643 | 2.13 | -0.46 | -2.24 | 3.01 |
| 400 | 0.0839 | 2.404  | 2.96E-04 | 4.91E-06 | 180 | 2.21E-03 | 427  | 3.67E-05 | 0.7471 | 0.9643 | 2.13 | -0.42 | -2.18 | 3.01 |
| 400 | 0.0839 | 2.404  | 3.59E-04 | 6.35E-06 | 180 | 2.69E-03 | 552  | 4.75E-05 | 0.7471 | 0.9643 | 2.13 | -0.33 | -2.07 | 3.01 |
|     |        |        |          |          |     |          |      |          |        |        |      |       |       |      |
| 400 | 0.0133 | 0.6429 | 8.12E-05 | 2.47E-07 | 39  | 2.27E-03 | 80   | 6.91E-06 | 0.9421 | 0.99   | 1.57 | -1.06 | -3.57 | 0.61 |
| 400 | 0.0173 | 0.852  | 8.45E-05 | 2.07E-07 | 50  | 1.78E-03 | 51   | 4.37E-06 | 0.9262 | 0.9875 | 1.67 | -1.06 | -3.66 | 0.65 |
| 400 | 0.0242 | 1.2048 | 8.77E-05 | 2.4E-07  | 68  | 1.31E-03 | 42   | 3.58E-06 | 0.9003 | 0.9835 | 1.79 | -1.06 | -3.61 | 0.75 |
| 400 | 0.0295 | 1.4478 | 8.79E-05 | 2.22E-07 | 81  | 1.09E-03 | 32   | 2.76E-06 | 0.8819 | 0.9807 | 1.85 | -1.06 | -3.65 | 0.85 |
| 400 | 0.0449 | 2.2047 | 9.39E-05 | 1.76E-07 | 115 | 7.67E-04 | 17   | 1.44E-06 | 0.8346 | 0.9742 | 1.98 | -1.07 | -3.78 | 1.27 |
| 400 | 0.0474 | 2.3008 | 9.57E-05 | 1.26E-07 | 120 | 7.49E-04 | 11   | 9.85E-07 | 0.8278 | 0.9734 | 2.00 | -1.06 | -3.93 | 1.35 |
| 400 | 0.0525 | 2.5803 | 9.81E-05 | 1.34E-07 | 130 | 6.84E-04 | 11   | 9.36E-07 | 0.8141 | 0.9717 | 2.02 | -1.06 | -3.91 | 1.53 |
| 400 | 0.0694 | 1.9871 | 6.22E-05 | 1.05E-07 | 159 | 5.64E-04 | 11   | 9.49E-07 | 0.7751 | 0.9671 | 2.09 | -1.06 | -3.82 | 2.23 |
| 400 | 0.0662 | 3.2221 | 1.04E-04 | 3.11E-07 | 154 | 5.80E-04 | 20   | 1.74E-06 | 0.7818 | 0.9679 | 2.08 | -1.06 | -3.57 | 2.09 |
| 400 | 0.1052 | 3.013  | 7.32E-05 | 2.74E-07 | 205 | 4.38E-04 | 19   | 1.64E-06 | 0.7142 | 0.9612 | 2.17 | -1.06 | -3.47 | 4.17 |
| 400 | 0.1393 | 3.9909 | 8.38E-05 | 1.31E-06 | 234 | 3.78E-04 | 68   | 5.89E-06 | 0.6616 | 0.9573 | 2.19 | -1.07 | -2.86 | 5.49 |



|     |        |        |          |          |     |          |     |          |        |        |      |       |       |       |
|-----|--------|--------|----------|----------|-----|----------|-----|----------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 400 | 0.1571 | 4.4986 | 9.13E-05 | 1.64E-06 | 245 | 3.66E-04 | 76  | 6.58E-06 | 0.6616 | 0.9573 | 2.21 | -1.07 | -2.79 | 7.04  |
| 400 | 0.1571 | 4.4986 | 9.13E-05 | 8.16E-07 | 245 | 3.66E-04 | 38  | 3.27E-06 | 0.6444 | 0.9563 | 2.20 | -1.07 | -3.10 | 6.09  |
| 400 | 0.1842 | 5.2753 | 1.07E-04 | 2.48E-06 | 258 | 3.66E-04 | 98  | 8.46E-06 | 0.6444 | 0.9563 | 2.22 | -1.04 | -2.66 | 8.13  |
| 400 | 0.3194 | 9.147  | 1.57E-04 | 8.32E-06 | 292 | 3.10E-04 | 190 | 1.64E-05 | 0.5993 | 0.954  | 2.24 | -1.06 | -2.32 | 10.90 |

Note: <sup>a</sup> The hydration number is calculated using Equation (17).

Table S3. Parameters for the equation  $y = a + b \cdot X^c$  used to provide preliminary fits to the experimental data at high water fugacity illustrated in Figure 3.

| T °C | a     | b        | c     | # pts <sup>a</sup> | Adj. R <sup>2</sup> <sup>b</sup> | dy/dx Maximum <sup>c</sup> |
|------|-------|----------|-------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 250  | -1.59 | 1.53E-01 | 3.99  | 15                 | 0.91                             | 3                          |
| 300  | -1.89 | 4.11E-07 | 24.38 | 10                 | 0.74                             | 10                         |
| 350  | -1.84 | 1.91E-08 | 24.57 | 16                 | 0.97                             | 12                         |
| 400  | -1.86 | 6.19E-08 | 21.19 | 18                 | 0.91                             | 17                         |

Note:

<sup>a</sup> # pts = number of points

<sup>b</sup> Adj. R<sup>2</sup> = adjusted R-square

<sup>c</sup> dy/dx Maximum = the maximum value of the derivative, representing the slope of the tangent.

Table S4. Values of Standard enthalpy ( $\Delta_h H_m^\circ$ , kJ/mol) and entropy ( $\Delta_h S_m^\circ$ , J/mol·K) of the stepwise formation of the hydrated bismuth species,  $\text{BiCl}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ , at each  $m^*$  values.

| $\text{BiCl}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ | $\Delta_h H_1^\circ$ | $\Delta_h H_2^\circ$ | $\Delta_h H_3^\circ$ | $\Delta_h H_4^\circ$ | $\Delta_h H_5^\circ$ | $\Delta_h H_6^\circ$ | $\Delta H_{m^*}^\circ$ |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| $m^*=2$                               | -87.796              |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      | -25.892                |
| $m^*=3$                               | -93.841              | -50.158              |                      |                      |                      |                      | -19.745                |
| $m^*=4$                               | -90.278              | -56.187              | -26.826              |                      |                      |                      | -21.393                |
| $m^*=5$                               | -90.576              | -70.058              | -30.146              | -28.070              |                      |                      | -19.164                |
| $m^*=6$                               | -87.117              | -74.455              | -35.030              | -31.934              | -21.495              |                      | -17.557                |
| $m^*=7$                               | -78.178              | -61.774              | -37.427              | -33.331              | -31.857              | -21.287              | -19.687                |

| $\text{BiCl}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ | $\Delta_h S_1^\circ$ | $\Delta_h S_2^\circ$ | $\Delta_h S_3^\circ$ | $\Delta_h S_4^\circ$ | $\Delta_h S_5^\circ$ | $\Delta\Delta_h S_6^\circ$ | $\Delta S_{m^*}^\circ$ |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| $m^*=2$                               | -176.243             |                      |                      |                      |                      |                            | -87.734                |
| $m^*=3$                               | -214.831             | -92.646              |                      |                      |                      |                            | -78.640                |
| $m^*=4$                               | -230.274             | -85.004              | -83.520              |                      |                      |                            | -81.129                |
| $m^*=5$                               | -254.400             | -91.121              | -90.951              | -78.263              |                      |                            | -77.814                |
| $m^*=6$                               | -252.173             | -96.600              | -96.506              | -89.275              | -75.479              |                            | -75.458                |
| $m^*=7$                               | -216.376             | -96.600              | -96.600              | -96.563              | -92.100              | -80.149                    | -78.686                |

Note: The uncertainties in these values are ~10%, estimated from the deviation of the data from the fits. If  $m^* = x$ ,  $\Delta H_{m>x}^\circ = \Delta H_x^\circ$  and  $\Delta S_{m>x}^\circ = \Delta S_x^\circ$ . For further detail please refer to the section of 4.2. Derivation of thermodynamic data.

Table S5. Sources of data used in the thermodynamic calculations.

| Species and solid phases | Formation  | References  | Species and solid phases | Formation                      | References                  |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$      | This study  |                          | $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$         | Holland and Powell, 1998    |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{g})$    | This study  |                          | $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$         | Holland and Powell, 1998    |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_3(\text{g})$    | This study  |                          | $\text{HCl}(\text{g})$         | Robie and Hemingway, 1995   |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_4(\text{g})$    | This study  |                          | $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$ | Holland and Powell, 1998    |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_5(\text{g})$    | This study  |                          | $\text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g})$ | Robie and Hemingway, 1995   |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_6(\text{g})$    | This study  |                          | $\text{MoO}_2$                 | Robie and Hemingway, 1995   |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_7(\text{g})$    | This study  |                          | $\text{MoO}_3$                 | Robie and Hemingway, 1995   |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_8(\text{g})$    | This study  | Hematite                 | $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$        | Holland and Powell, 2011    |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_9(\text{g})$    | This study  | Magnetite                | $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$        | Holland and Powell, 2011    |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_{10}(\text{g})$ | This study  | Fayalite                 | $\text{FeSiO}_4$               | Holland and Powell, 2011    |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_{11}(\text{g})$ | This study  | Quartz                   | $\text{SiO}_2$                 | Holland and Powell, 2011    |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_{12}(\text{g})$ | This study  |                          | $\text{BiOCl}$                 | Schmidt and Oppermann, 2000 |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}_3(\text{g})$                        | Barin, 2008 | Bismuth                  | $\text{Bi}$                    | Barin, 2008                 |
|                          | $\text{Bi}(\text{g})$                            | Barin, 2008 | Bismuthinite             | $\text{Bi}_2\text{S}_3$        | Barin, 2008                 |
|                          | $\text{Bi}_2(\text{g})$                          | Barin, 2008 |                          | $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$        | Barin, 2008                 |
|                          | $\text{BiCl}(\text{g})$                          | Barin, 2008 |                          |                                |                             |