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Figure DD-1. This  $\text{NH}_4\text{F}$ -grown synthetic amethyst crystal weighs more than 600 g. These crystals are grown using basal seed plates, and show excellent coloration. Such  $\text{NH}_4\text{F}$ -grown synthetic amethysts are rare. Photo by Alain Cossard.

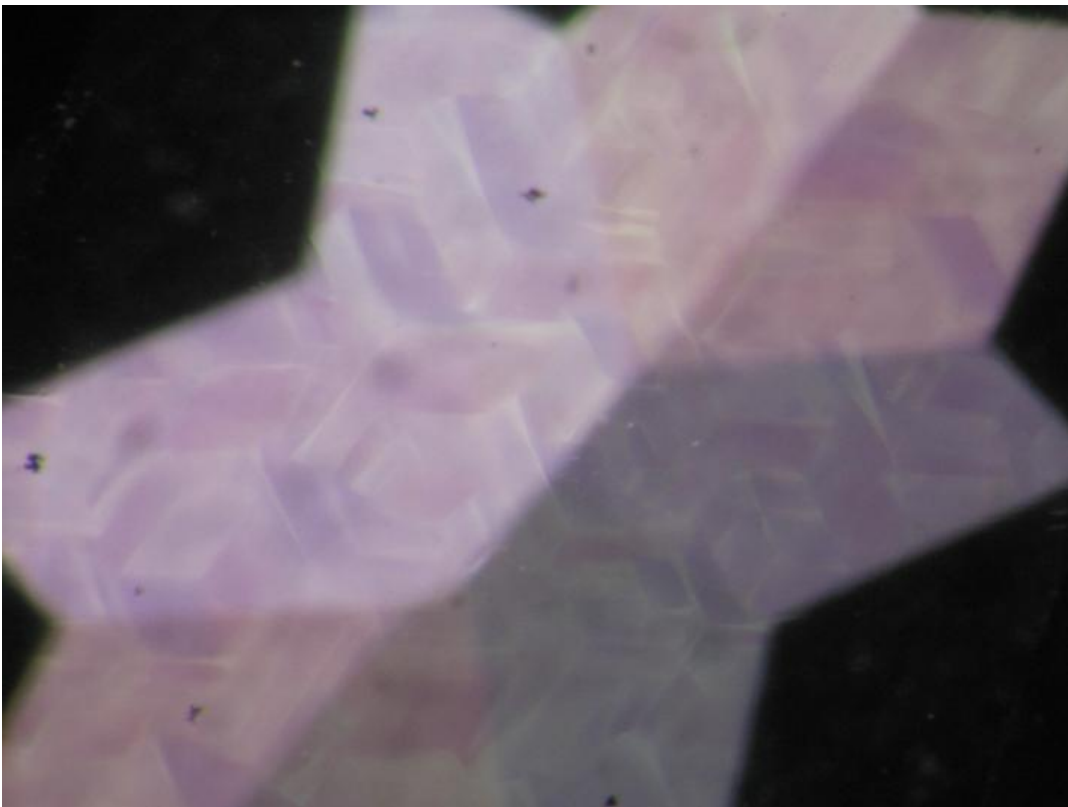


Figure DD-2. Color zoning, a characteristic of  $\text{NH}_4\text{F}$ -grown synthetic amethyst, is not seen in natural amethyst. Photomicrograph by E. Fritsch; image width 1 mm.

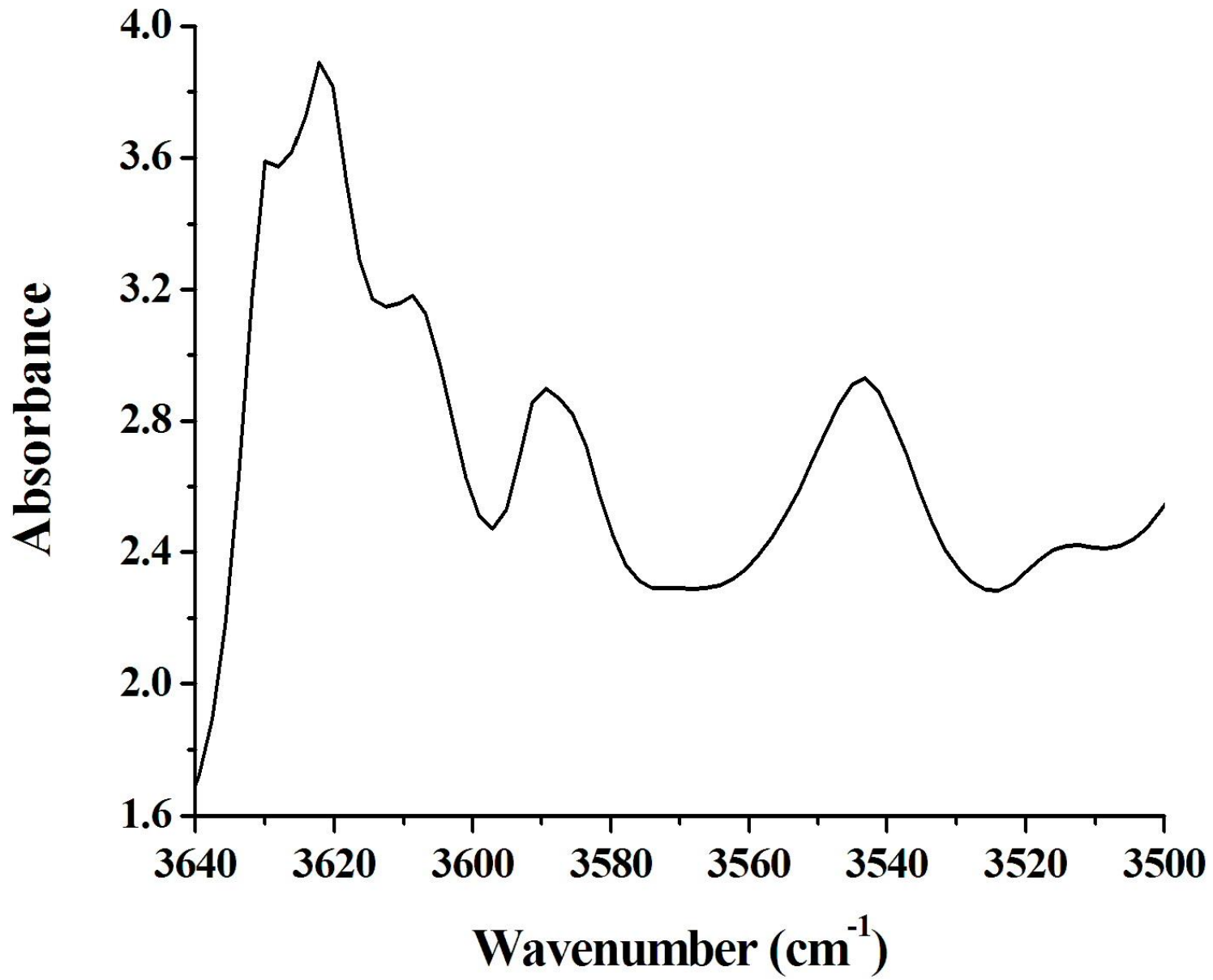


Figure DD-3. The FTIR spectrum of a 3 ct faceted NH<sub>4</sub>F-grown synthetic amethyst is shown at 4 cm<sup>-1</sup> resolution. The absorption pattern is characteristic of this type of synthetic amethyst.

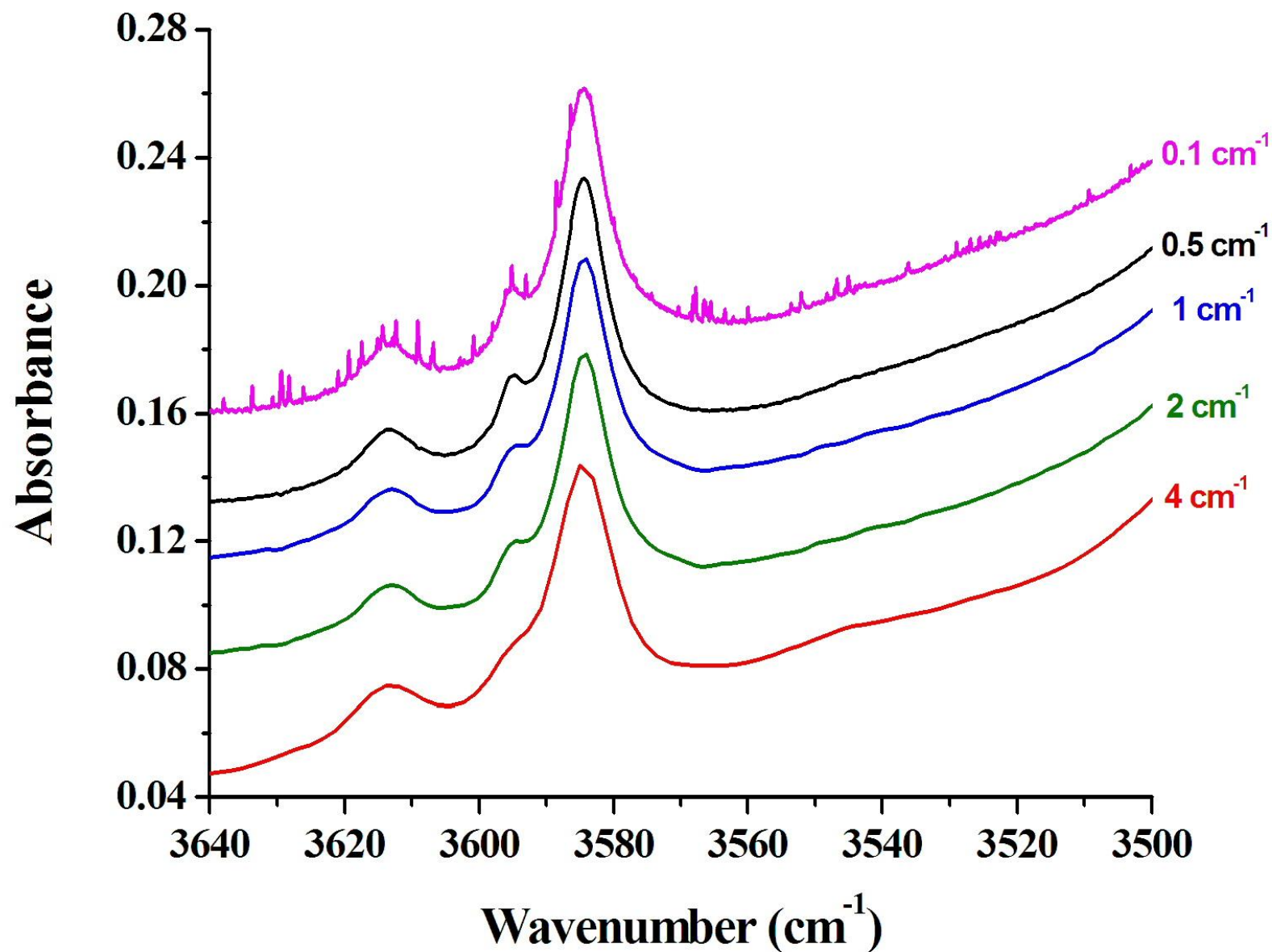


Figure DD-4. These IR spectra were obtained on the same area of a natural amethyst at resolutions of 4, 2, 1, 0.5, and 0.1  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The 3595  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  band assumes its true shape (i.e., it does not narrow any further when the resolution is increased) at 0.5  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The 3614  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  band reaches its true shape at 2  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , while the 3585 and 3543  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  bands (not shown) assume theirs at 4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

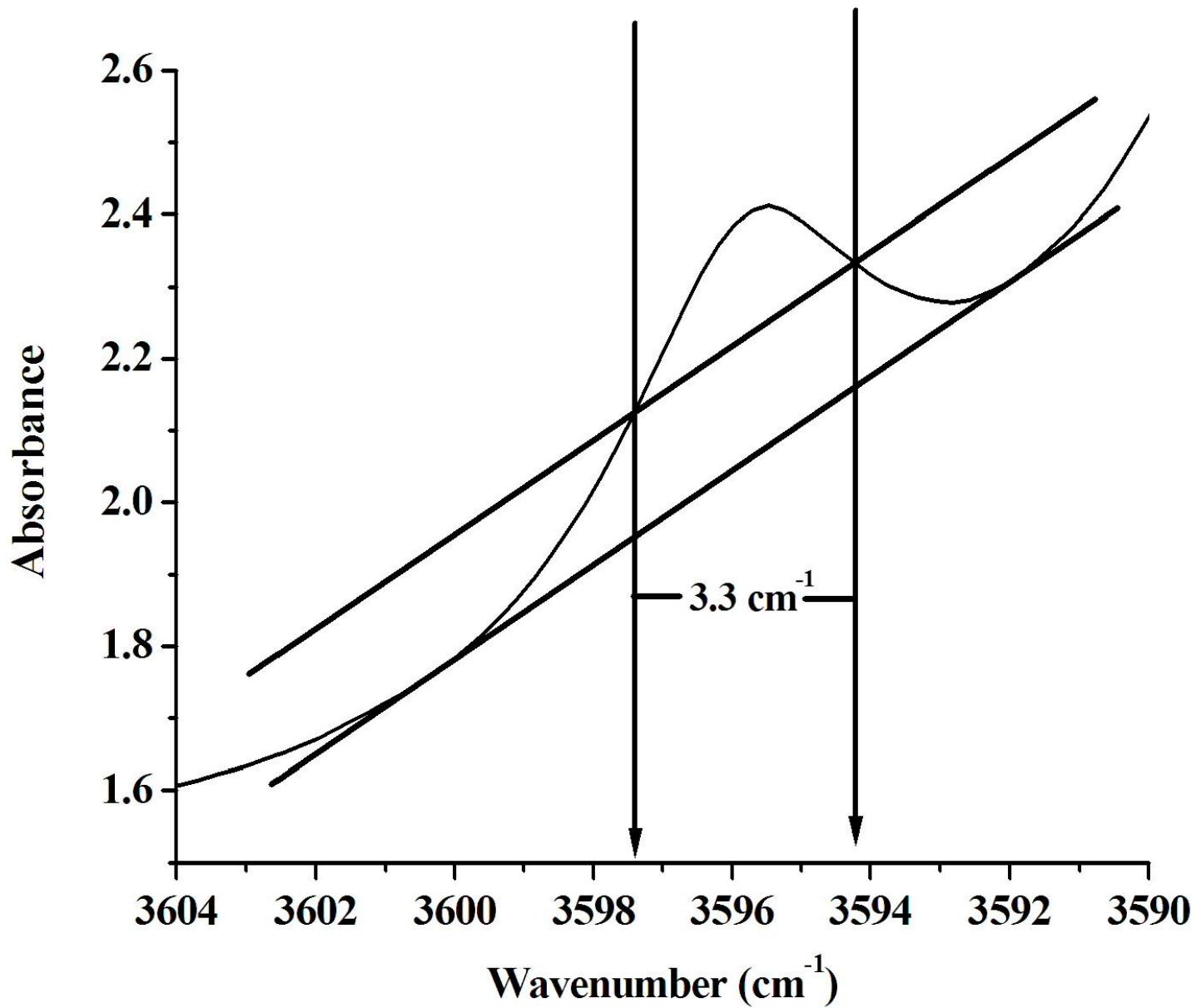


Figure DD-5. The 3595 cm<sup>-1</sup> band of a faceted 3 ct amethyst from Mexico (Am060) is shown at 0.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> resolution. To measure the full width at half maximum (FWHM), a linear background passing through both ends of the band is subtracted, the half-height is determined relative to this background, and the half-width is measured parallel to it. The FWHM of this band is 3.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

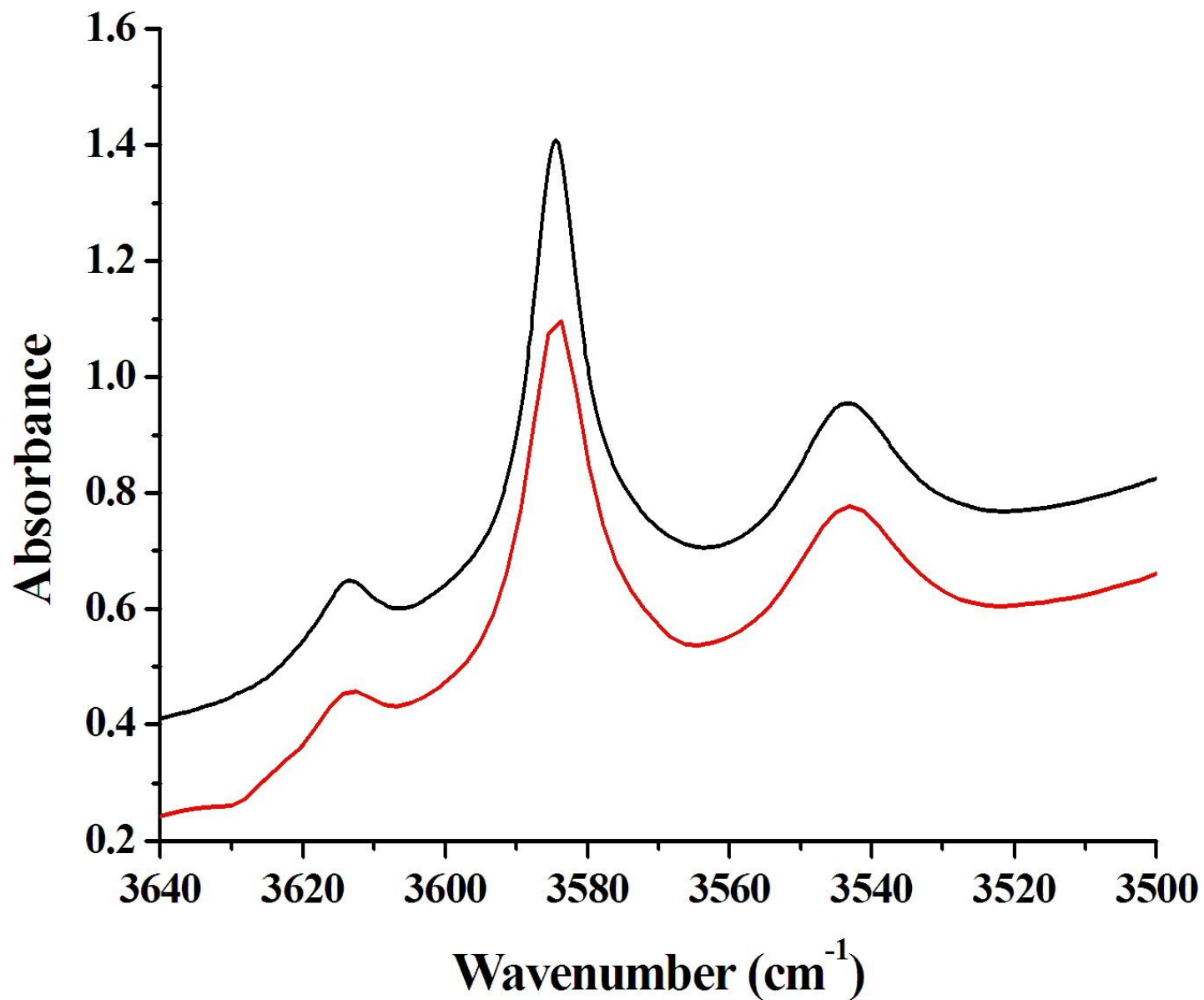


Figure DD-6. Infrared absorption spectra of a faceted 3.1 ct synthetic amethyst from Japan grown in  $K_2CO_3$  solution (sample Q198) are shown at resolutions of  $4\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (red) and  $0.5\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (black). While the  $3595\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band is not observed, the one at  $3543\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is well developed.

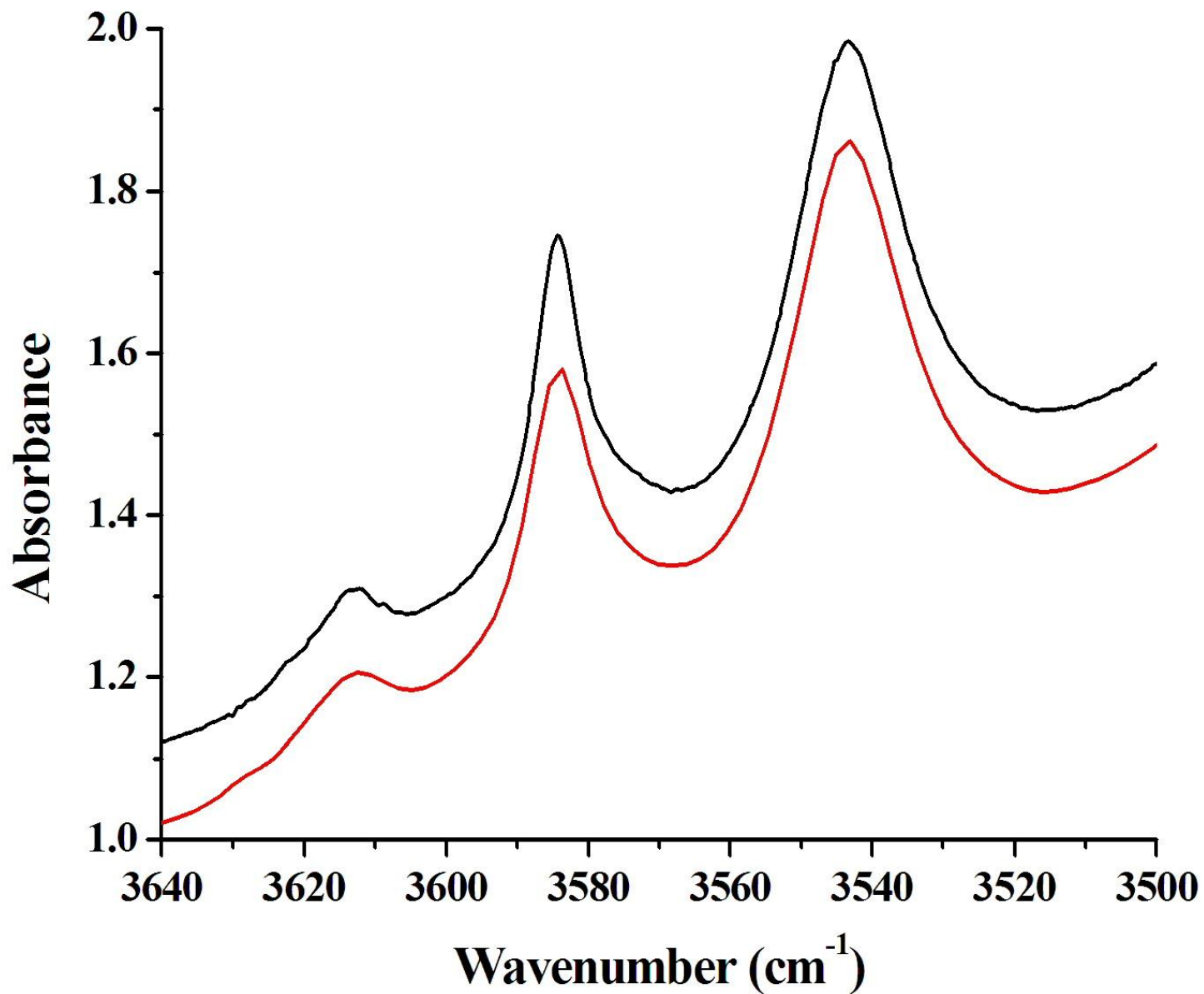


Figure DD-7. Infrared absorption spectra of a rough 8060.0 ct synthetic amethyst from Russia (sample Am1612) grown in  $K_2CO_3$  solution are shown at resolutions of  $4\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (red) and  $0.5\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (black). The  $3595\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band is not observed, while the one at  $3543\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is very well developed.

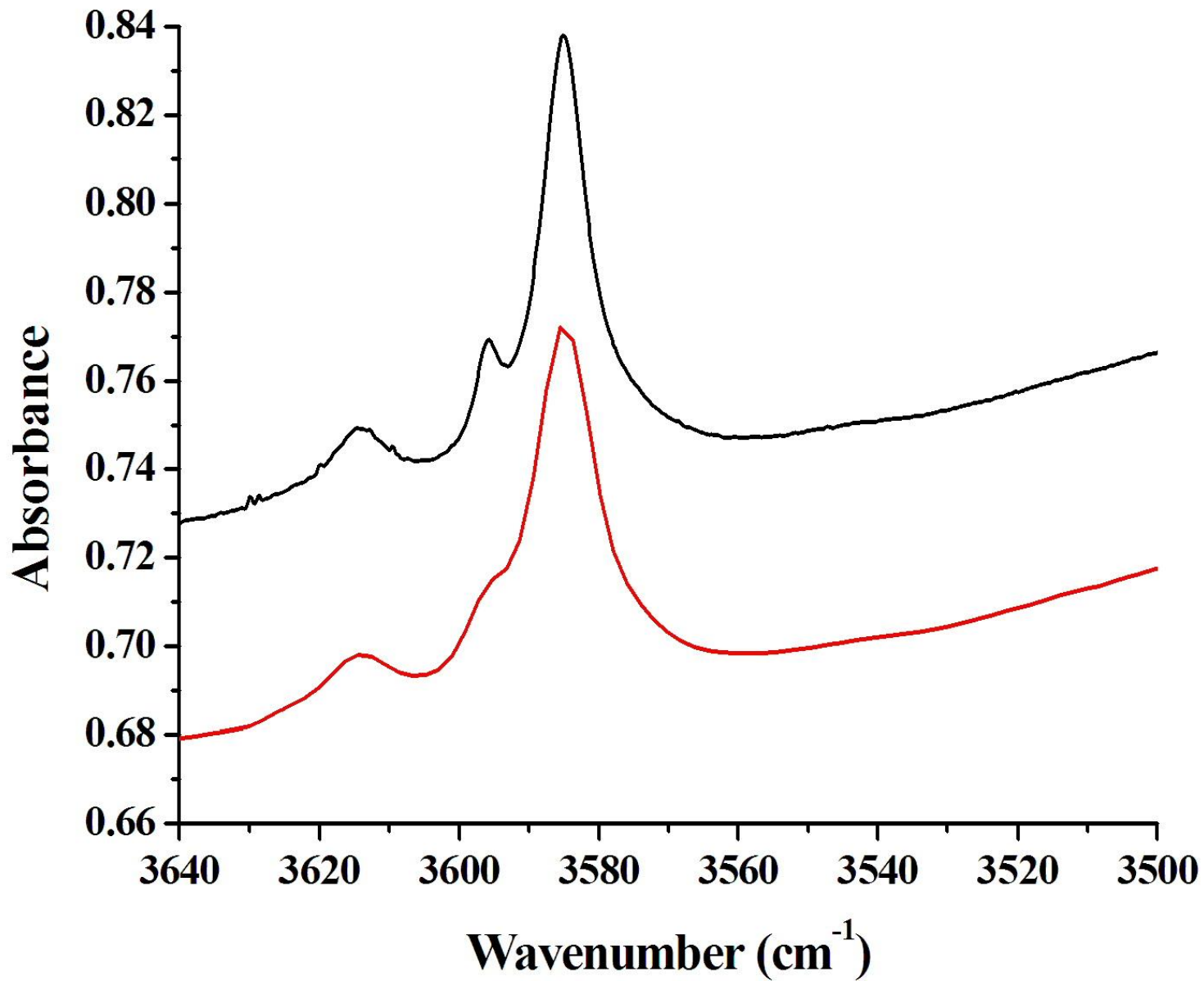


Figure DD-8. Infrared absorption spectra of a 1.0 ct rough amethyst from France (sample Am448) are shown resolutions of  $4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (red) and  $0.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (black). The  $3595 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  band is observed at  $4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  but very well resolved at  $0.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (FWHM of  $3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).



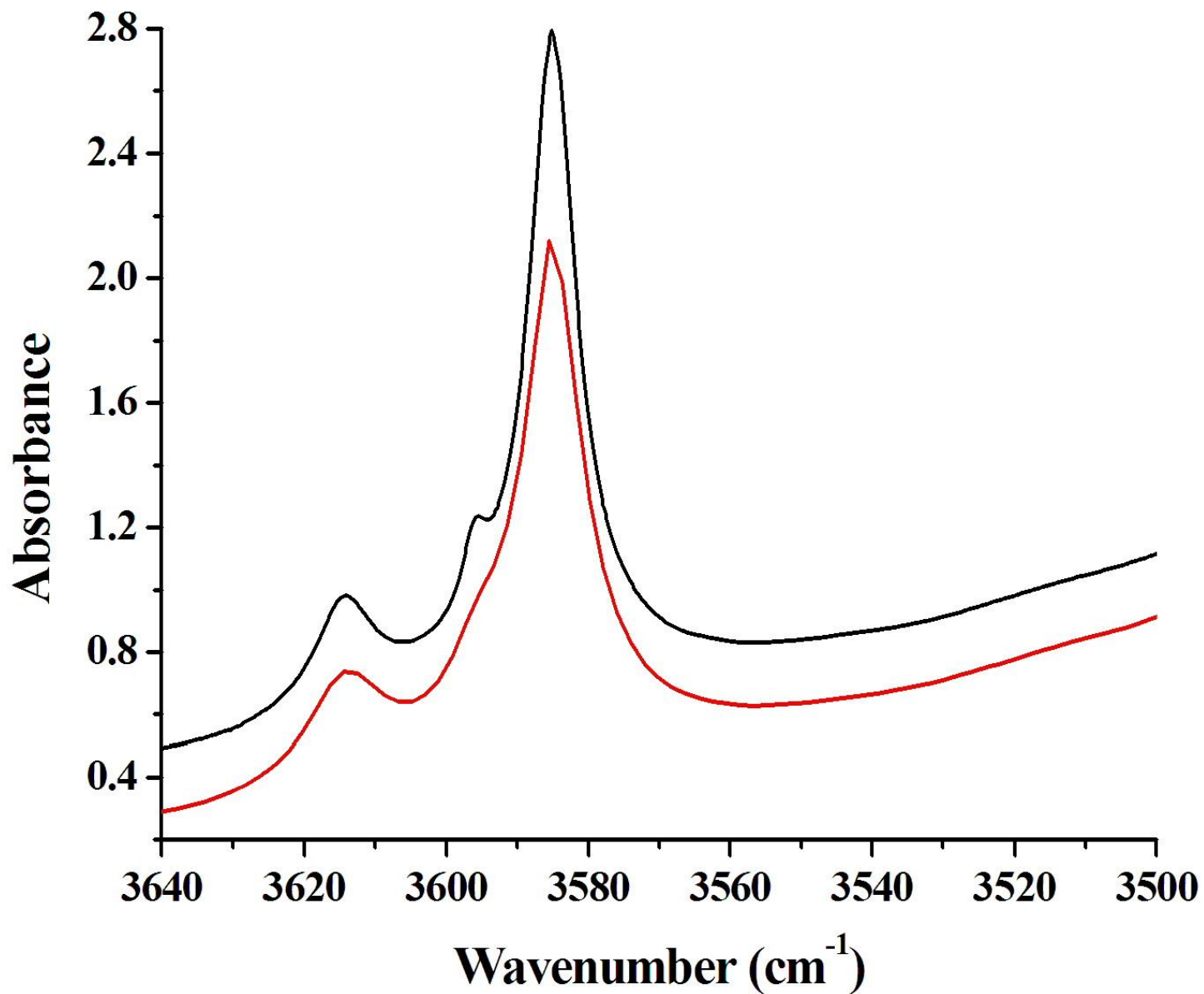


Figure DD-9. The infrared absorption spectra of a 5.3 ct rough amethyst from Brazil (sample Am106) are shown at resolutions of 4 cm<sup>-1</sup> (red) and 0.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> (black). While the 3595 cm<sup>-1</sup> band could be overlooked at 4 cm<sup>-1</sup> resolution, it is clearly observed at 0.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> (FWHM of 3.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>).



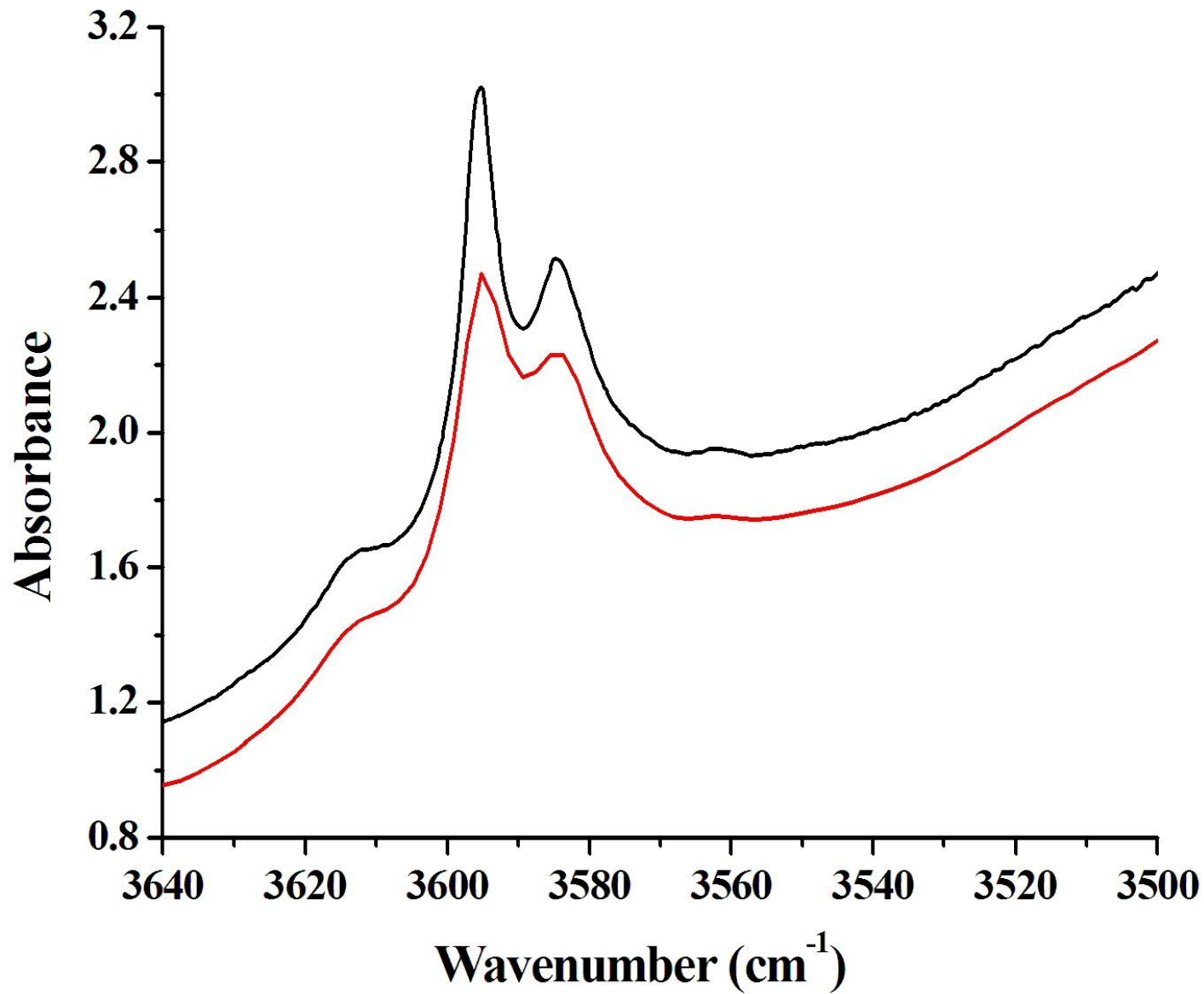


Figure DD-10. Infrared absorption spectra of a rough 1.2 ct amethyst of unknown origin with natural inclusions (sample Am023) are shown at resolutions of 4 cm<sup>-1</sup> (red) and 0.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> (black). The 3595 cm<sup>-1</sup> band is more intense than the one at 3585 cm<sup>-1</sup> in both spectra, with an FWHM of 5 cm<sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> resolution. A shoulder at about 3562 cm<sup>-1</sup> is observed at both resolutions.