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As NASA's Curiosity rover treks up a three-mile-high mountain on Mars, the rocks are changing. That says something about how the planet's climate and environment changed more than three billion years ago — but scientists are not sure what.

Back on Earth, scientists analyzing the data realized this was something different: It turned out to be the first of the high-silica rocks.

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