

¹⁵⁸Ta

“Alpha decay studies of very neutron deficient isotopes of Hf, Ta, W, and Re” was published in 1979 by Hofmann et al. describing the observation of ¹⁵⁸Ta ([1979Ho10](#)). Targets of ¹⁰³Rh, ^{nat,108,110}Pd, and ^{107,109}Ag were bombarded with beams of ⁵⁸Ni from the GSI UNILAC linear accelerator. Evaporation residues were separated with the high-velocity SHIP separator. “In the investigated reactions the eleven new isotopes ^{161–164}Re, ¹⁶⁰W, ^{157–161}Ta, and ¹⁵⁶Hf could be identified.” The measured half-life of 36.8(16) ms for ¹⁵⁸Ta listed in a table corresponds to an isomer and a half-life of 46(4) ms for the ground state was reported seventeen years later by Page et al. ([1996Pa01](#)).

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