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# Architecture and archaeoethanatology of two Hafit tombs at Al-Arid (Sultanate of Oman)

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## Abstract

Since 2019, the settlement site of Al-Arid (inland region, north-western Oman) has yielded important discoveries, including 99 Hafit-type tombs on the highest reliefs within a 3 km radius above the site, 9 Umm an-Nar-type tombs on the low terrace and an early Bronze Age small cemetery with 7 or 8 Hafit-type tombs settled atop a small alluvial hill overlooking the site. Two of these tombs have been excavated.

Both tombs consist of a central chamber surrounded by a circular wall built with at least two courses of large stones, and topped by large and smaller stones forming cairns. Both of them date back to the Hafit period but they have a different history, tomb 2 having been built slightly later than Tomb 1 and used for a shorter period of time.

This presentation will focus on a comparison on the results of the taphonomic studies of the two graves. Human remains are in a poor state of preservation, especially in Tomb 1, where three individuals were interred. Tomb 2 yielded ten individuals, both inside and outside the crown. The analyses indicate that both tombs yielded successive deposits, mostly disturbed primary burials, but also secondary deposits in Tomb 2.

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