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Occurrence of cataclastic breccia (cataclasite) of peridotite in the northen Oman ophiolite

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Cataclastic breccia of serpentinized peridotite are observed in the mantle section of the northen Oman ophiolite. The two planar dikelets and one lenticular-shaped dike were formed in Wadi Hilti area and Wadi Jibjibah area, respectively. The displacement is almost nil to approximately 40cm along the dike. The matrix is composed of serpentine, tremolite, and fine-grained sulfide. On the other hand, the clasts are fresh peridotites (harzburgite, dunite). Their occurrences sugggest the origin of brecciation due to eruptive passage of H2O-rich fluid.