

Abbreviated Macroscopic Osseous Taphonomy Checklist (Pokines, 2013)

General state of remains (excellent, good, fair, or poor)
Green (copper), red (iron), white (calcium), or other mineral staining
Algal staining
General (soil) staining
Retained grease texture
Adhering dried soft tissue, including marrow or adipocere
Surface cracking from drying of waterlogged bone
Subaerial weathering
Thermal alteration (carbonization, calcination, and cracking)
Plant root damage/plant roots still adhering or infiltrating
Other adhering taxa (mold, moss, molluscs, etc.)
Adhering or infiltrating sediments and type (clay, silt, sand, or larger)
Postmortem breakage
Excavation damage (tool marks)
Cortical erosion due to acidic substrate
Cortical exfoliation (bone loss in thin layers)
Marine coastal alteration (rounding and bleaching)
Writing, labeling, other marking; gluing, taping, packaging, or other adhering nonbiological
Curation damage/alteration
Carnivore damage
Rodent damage
Other