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*The Size of the Things – Metrological Practices in the Old Babylonian Diyala*

**Abstract** - This paper studies measurement values, abstract numbers and calculations in the scope of Old Babylonian mathematical tablets from the region of the Diyala. The first aim is to provide a description of the measurement units used in these tablets and to offer a classification of the manners in which scribes employed them. The paper also presents a new interpretation for the issue of the 'orders of magnitude' in cuneiform mathematics, by analysing how the structure of metrological systems was involved in calculations.