**Supplemental Text 5.** **Hilltop Refuges in Postclassic Oaxaca.**

In the Valley of Oaxaca during the Late Postclassic (Monte Albán V), the population was often dispersed outside of defensible walls (Elam 1989). Some hilltop terraced sites from the Early Classic (Monte Albán IIIA) or Early Postclassic (Monte Albán IV) were reused for defense. Newly constructed defensible sites were mainly small citidels that could only protect a small number of people, and may have been primarily for elite refuge. Winter (1994) reported that a Monte Albán V defensive wall was built in the walled fortress over the South Platform at Monte Albán after phase IIIB-IV structures had been abandoned, possibly as defense during times of conflict. The wall’s orientation and construction materials were totally different from those of the earlier structures.

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