Abstract
Velim is one of the most important sites of the Bronze Age of Central Europe. The longterm investigations of the fortified site produced a large pottery assemblage which can serve as a basis for the study of the transition between the end of the Middle Bronze Age and the beginning of the Late Bronze Age in Central Bohemia. The aim of this study was to define the structure of Velim pottery assemblages recovered during the czech and british investigations of the site and to provide information on the methods used for its assessment and analysis. The basic statistical approaches applied to the analysis produced partial results which can, together with the analysis of further types of material and excavation context, contribute to the interpretation of the characteristics and chronological position of the site. General results can be summarized as follows: definition of the structure of the pottery assemblage, recognition of trends in some characteristics from individual find complexes, proposed chronological sequence of features, identification of the spatial variation across the site, and of shifts of functional areas, cultural classification, analysis of the regional conditions.

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