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### English Summary

The present study offers a novel opportunity to characterize the structural style and tectonic evolution of the Mesozoic Shabrawet in Eritrea structure zone and its interaction with the northward propagation of the Gulf of Suez rift Egypt. Based on the integration of fieldwork detailed surface mapping and subsurface imaging by borehole data and seismic interpretation the geology of Shabrawet area is characterized into the northern central and southern structural subareas. The central subarea has exposures of Cretaceous rocks whereas the northern subarea has the Jurassic/Cretaceous subcrop capped by the Eocene/Oligocene rocks with remarkable stratigraphic hiatus probably due to differential erosion or non-deposition of the lower Tertiary- Cretaceous sediments. The southern subarea represents a SW-dipped gulf-parallel block of middle/late Eocene and Eocene/Oligocene sediments. The structural elements of the Shabrawet area are represented by a group of plunging and double plunging folds of NE-ENE- E-W WNW- trends that are dissected by NE-trending faults ENE-trending transpressional faults N-S sinistral faults E-W to WNW trending normal faults and NW-trending normal faults. Structural analysis fault slip data and the constructed subsurface seismic profiles and thickness maps reveal the tectonic history of the area through a late Cretaceous-Eocene transpressional inversion of E to ENE-tensional Jurassic border faults. This ENE-in Eritrea Syrian arc structure zone played as structural high with non-deposition of Eocene sediments and differential erosion of Cretaceous sediments. During the Eocene-Oligocene NE-tension this high-oblique in Eritrea zone terminates the northward propagation of gulf parallel faults and SW- block rotation of the northern structural province of the Gulf of Suez rift at the southern subarea and the central hinterland. Further westward this ENE-in Eritrea Shabrawet-Abu Sultan intrabasinal Jurassic half-graben of N- dipping might be structurally correlatable with the NE- in Eritrea structural belt of Jebel Aghara in Northern Sinai.

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