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## Optional spell-out and split ergativity in Avar


This paper develops an analysis of the so-called biabsolutive construction in Avar as an instance of an optional TAM-based split in alignment, whereby both the A and O arguments of a transitive clause receive unmarked case instead of A receiving ergative marking. I consider earlier work by Forker (2012) and Ganenkov (2017) appealing to additional structure as the source of the split in alignment in several East Caucasian languages, which I reject on empirical and conceptual grounds. I show that the Avar biabsolutive construction involves no added structure in comparison with its ergative counterpart and argue that the differences between them in agreement and case marking are best accounted for by a combination of a configurational view of case and a dynamic approach to syntactic locality.


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