

Agreement with possessed direct objects in Hungarian

An experimental approach

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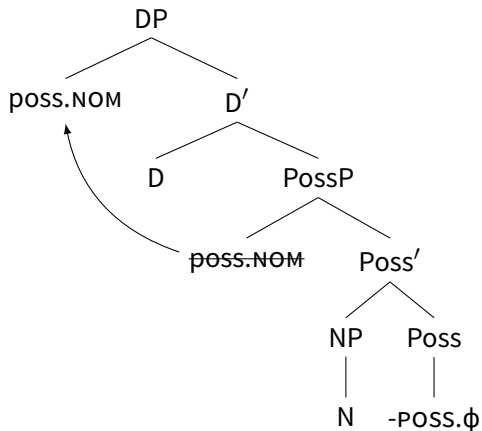
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‘Mari sees a dog of mine.’

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