A Agreement (Past)

This feature is defined as the presence in the past tenses of verbal agreement with the more agent-like NP argument of a two-place transitive predicate. It may or may not co-occur with agreement with the more patient-like argument. In Gurezi Shina, the verb agrees with the A argument in person, gender and number, as seen in ‎(1). Note, that while Gurezi Shina displays ergative-absolutive alignment in case marking, verbal agreement is nominative-accusative.

1. Gurezi Shina [scl(i)] (Indo-Aryan)

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| a. | beːs | tɕuːɳoː-ɽ | kitaːb-eː | di-**eːs**. |
|  | 1mpl.erg | child-pl.dat | book-pl | give-pfv.1mpl |
|  | **A** |  | P |  |
|  | ‘We gave the books to the children.’ (SCLi-ValQuestSA:036) | | | |

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| b. | miː | baːl-õw | madid | tʰ-**aːs**. |  |
|  | 1sg.erg.pfv | boy-pl.gen | help | do-pfv.1msg |  |
|  | **A** |  | P |  |  |
|  | ‘I helped the boys.’ (SCLi-ValQuestSA:015) | | | | |

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| c. | muːlaj-õw | tɕuːɳ-oːɽ | roːp | tʰ-**iː**. |  |
|  | woman-pl.erg | child-pl.dat | shouting | do-pfv.3fsg |  |
|  | **A** |  | P |  |  |
|  | ‘The woman shouted at the children.’ (SCLi-ValQuestSA:020) | | | | |

This feature, evidenced in nearly half of the sample, is particularly well-represented in the northern half of the region.

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| Feature value | # of varieties displaying it | % |
| Present | 28 | 47 |
| Absent | 30 | 51 |
| Indeterminate | 1 | 2 |