P Agreement (Past)

This feature is defined as the presence in the past tenses of verbal agreement with the more patient-like NP argument of a two-place transitive predicate. It may or may not co-occur with agreement with the more agent-like argument. In Palula, the verb agrees with the P argument in gender and number, as seen in ‎(1).

1. Palula [phl] (Indo-Aryan)

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| a. | pʰoː-a | | lʰaleːmi | | | paɳareː-l-**i**. | | | | |  |
|  | boy-obl | | stick.(fsg) | | | peel-pfv-fsg | | | | |  |
|  | A | | **P** | | |  | | | | |  |
|  | ‘The boy peeled the bark [lit. whitened] off the stick.’ (PHL-ValQuestNH:033) | | | | | | | | | | |
| b. | pʰaj | oːstoːz-a | | | tʰe | | | naqʃeː | | paʃawoː-l-**a**. | |
|  | girl | teacher-obl | | | to | | | picture(m).pl | | show-pfv-mpl | |
|  | A |  | | |  | | | **P** | |  | |
|  | ‘The girls showed the pictures to the teacher.’ (PHL-ValQuestNA:035) | | | | | | | | | | |
| c. | pʰaj | gileːsi | | weː | | | wiː | | puːr-il-**o**. | | |
|  | girl | glass-obl | | into | | | water(msg) | | fill-pfv-msg | | |
|  | A |  | |  | | | **P** | |  | | |
|  | ‘The girl filled the glass with water.’ (PHL-ValQuestNA:044) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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| Feature value | # of varieties displaying it | % |
| Present | 26 | 44 |
| Absent | 33 | 56 |
| Indeterminate | 0 | 0 |