Object Oblique Word Order

The order in a clause between a lexical object and an oblique phrase was investigated. The latter is a noun phrase or an adverbial phrase that functions as an adverbial modifier of the verb. The order object followed by an oblique phrase is attested for Turkic Uzbek of Afghanistan, as seen in (1).

1. Uzbek [uzs] (Turkic)

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| χɑːtin | uːʁul-niː | bir | kampal | minan | jɑːp-tiː. |
| woman | boy-acc | one | blanket | with | cover-pst.3sg |
|  | OBJ | OBL |  |  |  |
| ‘The woman covered the boy with a blanket.’ (UZS-ValQuestKB:043) | | | | | |

This order is present in a little more than half of the sample, either as the only option or as an alternative to the reverse order. This feature is primarily present in the west and the north.

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