Verb Object Word Order

For this feature systematic occurrences of a verb preceding a lexical (nonpronominal) object in a transitive clause were noted. In the sample, Indo-Aryan Kashmiri of India is such a language (although clauses with OV order occur too), as shown in (1).

1. Kashmiri, India [kas(i)] (Indo-Aryan)

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| ləɖk-an | moːr | loːri | sɨːtʲ | sɔrupʰ. |
| boy-erg | kill.msg | stick.abl | with | snake |
|  | VERB |  |  | OBJECT |
| ‘The boy killed the snake with a stick.’ (KASi-ValQuestHK:026/028) | | | | |

In the region, VO Word Order is a feature only occurring in the two varieties of Kashmiri included in the sample.

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| Feature value | # of varieties displaying it | % |
| Present | 2 | 3 |
| Absent | 57 | 97 |
| Indeterminate | 0 | 0 |