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1. INTRODUCTION

Cinque (2008) proposes that unlike relative clauses (RCs) of the restrictive variety, non-restrictive RCs are a heterogeneous class, consisting of both “integrated” and “non-integrated” types. Integrated RCs are clauses that are internal to the nominal projection containing the RC head and belong to the domain of “Sentence Grammar”, where syntactic operations like movement and binding, among others, apply. Non-integrated RCs are sentences that are generated independently of the sentence/nominal projection containing the RC head and belong to the domain of what Williams (1977) calls “Discourse Grammar”. Along these lines, non-integrated RCs manipulate pronouns/relativizers that relate to the RC head in a way that is similar to how E-type pronouns and demonstratives relate to antecedents across discourse. According to Cinque, the non-restrictive RCs of some of the most thoroughly studied RC systems (e.g. English) do not afford us an opportunity to observe non-restrictive RCs of the integrated variety because they exclusively manifest the Discourse Grammar type of non-restrictive relatives. Consequently, our understanding of the syntax of non-restrictive RCs is not only incomplete, but also biased towards analyses proposed in the literature for English-style non-restrictive relatives. Crucially, however, Italian is a language that exploits both the integration and non-integration strategies in non-restrictive RC formation (Cinque 2008, 2020) and Mandarin Chinese exclusively builds non-restrictives that are clausally integrated (Zhang 2001; Del Gobbo 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2015; Lin & Tsai 2015). These discoveries raise an important open question. How prevalent is the integrated non-restrictive RC type cross-linguistically? Presently, the cross-linguistic integration status of non-restrictive RCs remains an under-researched aspect of relative clause syntax. In our present state of knowledge, integrated non-restrictive relative clauses appear to be typologically marked, but this may simply be an artifact of a state of the field in which non-restrictive RCs receive less attention than their restrictive counterparts or possibly to a sampling bias in the languages investigated. In this article, we present a new instance of non-restrictive RC integration in a language whose relative clauses have yet to receive a formal treatment in the literature, lending further support to Cinque’s integrated non-restrictive RC proposal.

This article investigates the structural and interpretative properties of RCs in Shupamem¹, an under-studied Eastern Grassfields Bantu language, focusing on the integration of non-restrictive

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¹ Shupamem (ISA 639-3: bax), also known as “Bamun” is spoken by about 420,000 people (Eberhard et al. 2019) in the Western Province of central Cameroon. The Shupamem data in this article are presented in IPA. Abbreviations follow the Leipzig Glossing Rules with minor deviations and include: COMP = complementizer; COP = copula; EVID = evidential; EXPL = expletive; IMPERF = imperfective; NEG = negative; PL = plural; PRS = present; PRT = particle; PSTn = past, level n (there are 4 past tense time depths in Shupamem (Nchare 2012)); Q = question particle; RECIP = reciprocal; REL = relative clause marker; SG = singular; TOP = topic. The following diacritics are used to mark surface tone: \acute{V} = high, \grave{V} = low, \tilde{V} = rising, \hat{V} = falling.

RCs. We show that these non-restrictive relatives have the same properties as restrictive RCs in the language and argue that a variety of syntactic and semantic considerations support the conclusion that Shupamem non-restrictives are clause-internal nominally-integrated syntactic objects, as in Italian and Mandarin Chinese. This finding supports Cinque’s discovery that non-restrictive relative clauses come in both integrated and non-integrated varieties and typologically places Shupamem among the languages of the world that exclusively manifest the integrated non-restrictive relative clause structure.

The Shupamem examples presented in this article represent the judgments of the second author, a linguist and native speaker of the language. The data were elicited in-person over a two-year period (2019-2021) via a series of acceptability judgment tasks. The authors collaboratively analyzed the resulting data.

We have structured the article as follows. In section two, we provide a brief overview of relativization in Shupamem. Section three presents the core evidence that Shupamem non-restrictive RCs are clausally integrated. Section four brings additional less decisive but nonetheless supporting considerations to bear on the integrated status of non-restrictive RCs in the language. Section five concludes with some brief analytical and comparative remarks.

2. A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF SHUPAMEM RELATIVE CLAUSES

Shupamem is a head-initial language with fairly rigid SVO syntax (Nchare 2012). RCs in the language are post-nominal externally-headed structures, as exemplified by the data in (1).

- (1) a. mǎ jì mìn [juá í-jíyèn Râjè ná]
 1.SG know.PRS person.SG REL.SG 3.SG-see.PST1 Raye REL.PRT
 ‘I know the person that saw Raye.’
- b. mǎ jì pìn [puá Râjè jíyèn ná]
 1.SG know.PRS person.PL REL.PL Raye see.PST1 REL.PRT
 ‘I know the people that Raye saw.’

Relativized nominals are represented inside the RC as resumptive pronouns in subject (1a) and indirect object relative clauses. Relativized direct objects, on the other hand, are gapped (1b). In Shupamem, the nominal antecedent selects the RC, as evidenced by number agreement on the relativizer (*juá* (1a) vs. *puá* (1b)). Despite inflecting for number, relative markers in the language do not inflect for person or noun class. Shupamem’s relative markers are limited to the two forms illustrated in (1a) and (1b). That is to say, Shupamem lacks *wh*- relative pronouns (i.e. relative markers non-distinct from question words). RCs in the language are bounded on their right edges by an invariable secondary relative particle (*ná*).

According to Watters (2000), formal distinctions between restrictive and non-restrictive RCs are generally not marked in African languages. Shupamem embodies this generalization. The data in (2) present RCs headed by proper names and pronouns. Regardless of whether the RC

head is a nominal (1), a proper name (2a), or a pronoun (2b), Shupamem RCs are formally indistinguishable. All three resemble one another both morphosyntactically and prosodically².

- (2) a. mǎ jì Mímʃǎ [juǎ í-jíyǎn Râjè nǎ]
 1.SG know.PRS Mimshe REL.SG 3.SG-see.PST1 Raye REL.PRT
 ‘I know Mimshe, who saw Raye.’
- b. mǎ jì ŋú [juǎ ú-jíyǎn Râjè nǎ]
 1.SG know.PRS 2.SG REL.SG 2.SG-see.PST1 Raye REL.PRT
 ‘I know you, who saw Raye.’

RCs in the language also look (and sound) the same regardless of whether the antecedent is a quantified expression that licenses a discourse referent (3a) or one that does not (3b).

- (3) a. mǎʔ mìn [juǎ í-jíyǎn Râjè nǎ] yǐǎ
 some person.SG REL.SG 3.SG-see.PST1 Raye REL.PRT laugh.PST1
 ‘Some person who saw Raye laughed.’
- b. ŋǎ pìn [puǎ pǎ-jíyǎn Râjè nǎ] yǐǎ
 every person.PL REL.PL 3.PL-see.PST1 Raye REL.PRT laugh.PST1
 ‘Every person that saw Raye laughed.’

Although it might be tempting to claim that despite their formal similarity to the restrictive RCs in (1), the RCs in (2) are semantically non-restrictive in virtue of taking proper name and pronominal antecedents (Jackendoff 1977), this would be an oversimplification. In languages like English, proper names can head restrictive or kind relatives (4a)³ depending on context and third person pronominals can serve as heads of restrictive RCs (4b), similar to other definite descriptions.

- (4) a. I felt that John was not like the John that I used to know.
 b. He who owns little is little owned.

In Shupamem, RCs headed by proper names and third person pronominals can be interpreted either restrictively or non-restrictively. That is, RCs like the one in (2a) are ambiguous and require context to disambiguate – (2a) is felicitous in a discourse with multiple salient ‘Mimshe’ referents (i.e. RC interpreted restrictively) and it is also felicitous in a context with only one such referent (i.e. RC interpreted non-restrictively). Furthermore, like Italian (Cinque 2014) but opposite English (Bolinger 1967, Larson & Marušič 2004), post-nominal adjectives in Shupamem are ambiguous between restrictive and non-restrictive readings (5a), while pre-nominal adjectives in the language can only be interpreted restrictively (5b). When modifying an

² We determined that restrictive and non-restrictive RCs in Shupamem are prosodically and intonationally identical by informally analyzing F0 contours and checking other prosodic features (e.g. presence of pauses, boundary tones, etc.) using Praat (Boersma & Weenink 2017).

³ We thank an anonymous reviewer for providing this example as well as the one in (4b).

RC head, the interpretation of the adjective influences the interpretation of the RC, as reflected in the translations below.

- (5) a. mǎ jì Mímǎ nsà [juá í-jíyèn Râjè nó]
 1.SG know.PRS Mimshe tall REL.SG 3.SG-see.PST1 Raye REL.PRT
 ‘I know the tall Mimshe that saw Raye.’
 ‘I know Mimshe, who is tall, who saw Raye.’
- b. mǎ jì ntàm Mímǎ [juá í-jíyèn Râjè nó]
 1.SG know.PRS tall Mimshe REL.SG 3.SG-see.PST1 Raye REL.PRT
 ‘I know the tall Mimshe that saw Raye.’
 *‘I know Mimshe, who is tall, who saw Raye.’

These two observations can be pressed into service when investigating the behavior of non-restrictive RCs headed by proper names and third person pronominals in the language. In order to guarantee that such RCs are interpreted non-restrictively in the example sentences that follow in this article, we: a) make use of contexts centered on unique referents/kinds for the RC heads and b) further bias non-restrictive interpretations in these contexts through the use of post-nominal RC head modifiers when possible. Because RCs headed by unmodified first or second person pronominal expressions (e.g. (2b)) are exclusively interpreted non-restrictively in the language, we favor the use of bare non-third person pronominal RC heads when investigating pronominally headed RCs. In these cases, we typically present examples of RCs headed by second person singular forms unless the nature of the diagnostic requires the use of a third person pronoun (e.g. weak crossover (section 3.7)) or a non-second person form (e.g. imperative RCs (section 3.1)).

In the remainder of this article, we will take the formal identity of Shupamem restrictive and non-restrictive RCs as a jumping-off point and argue that this formal similarity across RC types in the language reveals a deeper unity. That unity, we will argue, concerns the fact that Shupamem non-restrictive RCs, like restrictive RCs in the language, are syntactically integrated in the sense of Cinque 2008, 2020. The argument will run as follows. All applicable diagnostics fail to differentiate restrictive RCs from non-restrictive RCs in the language. That is, we observe no asymmetries between the two RC types. The interpretative and syntactic properties of Shupamem non-restrictive relatives that we discover are shown to be fully consistent with a clause-internal nominally-integrated syntactic analysis. This conclusion is fully in line with Cinque’s (2020: 164) claim that “where restrictive and non-restrictive RCs are syntactically indistinguishable only the integrated type is present”.

3. EVIDENCE THAT SHUPAMEM NON-RESTRICTIVE RELATIVES ARE INTEGRATED

3.1. *Illocutionary Independence*

In languages like English where non-restrictives are non-integrated (Cinque 2008), non-restrictive RCs and matrix clauses can have independent illocutionary forces. This is illustrated in (6). In (6a), a declarative RC is embedded in an interrogative clause; in (6b), a declarative

relative is embedded in an imperative clause; in (6c)⁴, an RC with interrogative force is nested inside a matrix declarative; and in (6d), a relative with imperative force is contained within a declarative root clause.

- (6) a. Is even Clarence, who is wearing mauve socks, a swinger? (Ross 1967)
 b. Get Bill, who is in charge of this operation! (Andrews 1975)
 c. The boss – from whose tyranny will we ever escape? – has asked us to work overtime.
 d. The end of the show – at which point please remember to switch on the lights! – is quite spectacular.

Cinque (2008) shows that in Italian as well, non-integrated non-restrictive RCs are illocutionarily independent from the force of the root clause by presenting structures in which forces beyond declarative are possible within non-integrated non-restrictive relatives. The cases of English and Italian thus demonstrate that when probing the illocutionary independence of RCs and the sentences they are embedded in, a variety of RC forces should be considered beyond declarative.

In Shupamem, restrictive and non-restrictive RCs may only be illocutionarily independent from the force of the root clause when the RC is declarative. The paradigm in (7) illustrates that while declarative RCs headed by nominals and pronouns may be embedded under imperative matrix clauses (7b-c) as in English, RCs with imperative force are incompatible with matrix declarative force regardless of whether the RC is restrictive/headed by a nominal expression (7d) or non-restrictive/headed by a proper name (7e). As a baseline for the structures in (7b-e), the datum in (7a) shows the form of an unembedded imperative in the language.

- (7) a. súú-nù yétó í
 please-2.SG embrace 3.SG
 ‘Please embrace her/him!’
- b. súú-nù yétó mìn [juó Râjè fàʔfǎ ná]
 please-2.SG embrace person.SG REL Raye greet.PST1 REL.PRT
 ‘Please embrace the person that Raye greeted!’
- c. súú-nù yétó á [juó Râjè fàʔfǎ ná]
 please-2.SG embrace 1.SG REL Raye greet.PST1 REL.PRT
 ‘Please embrace me, who Raye greeted!’
- d. *mǎ fàʔfǎ mìn [juó súú-nù yétó (í) ná]
 1.SG greet.PST1 person.SG REL please-2.SG embrace 3.SG REL.PRT
 Intended: ‘I greeted the person that you should please embrace (him/her).’
- e. *mǎ fàʔfǎ Râjè nsà [juó súú-nù yétó (í) ná]
 1.SG greet.PST1 Raye tall REL please-2.SG embrace 3.SG REL.PRT
 Intended: ‘I greeted Raye, who is tall, who you should please embrace (her).’

⁴ We thank an anonymous reviewer for supplying this example as well as the one in (6d).

The paradigm in (8) considers the interaction of declarative and interrogative forces within RC structures in the language. While declarative restrictive and non-restrictive RCs may be embedded under interrogative root clauses (8b-c), RCs with interrogative force headed by nominal expressions (8d) and proper names (8e) may not appear under matrix clauses specified for declarative force. A baseline structure illustrating the form of a Shupamem polar question is provided in (8a).

- (8) a. \check{u} fãʔfã Râjè nô
 2.SG greet.PST1 Raye Q
 ‘Did you greet Raye?’
- b. \check{u} fãʔfã mìn $[\text{juá í} \quad \text{lòʔ} \quad \text{nó}]$ nô
 2.SG greet.PST1 person.SG REL 3.SG leave.PST1 REL.PRT Q
 ‘Did you greet the person that left?’
- c. \check{u} fãʔfã Râjè nsà $[\text{juá í} \quad \text{lòʔ} \quad \text{nó}]$ nô
 2.SG greet.PST1 Raye tall REL 3.SG leave.PST1 REL.PRT Q
 ‘Did you greet Raye, who is tall, who left?’
- d. $*\check{u}$ fãʔfã mìn $[\text{juá í} \quad \text{lòʔ} \quad \text{nô} \quad \text{nó}]$
 2.SG greet.PST1 person.SG REL 3.SG leave.PST1 Q REL.PRT
 Intended: ‘You greeted the person X who is such that did X leave?’
- e. $*\check{u}$ fãʔfã Râjè nsà $[\text{juá í} \quad \text{lòʔ} \quad \text{nô} \quad \text{nó}]$
 2.SG greet.PST1 Raye tall REL 3.SG leave.PST1 Q REL.PRT
 Intended: ‘You greeted Raye X, who is tall, who is such that did X leave?’

Taking the facts in (7) and (8) into consideration, a generalization emerges: Shupamem RCs may not be specified for any illocutionary force other than declarative. According to Cinque (2008, 2020), integrated RCs (whether restrictive or non-restrictive) may only be specified for declarative force. From this lack of illocutionary independence, it follows, therefore, that both restrictive and non-restrictive RCs in Shupamem are clausally integrated syntactic structures. One way of interpreting these facts would be to analyze integrated (i.e. embedded) RCs as truncated syntactic objects (Haegeman 2003, 2006a,b) and non-integrated relatives as structures with fully articulated left peripheries. Lacking the ForceP projection, truncated integrated RCs would thus take declarative force by default and be incompatible with overt imperative or interrogative force marking, as observed in Shupamem. Non-integrated RCs, on the other hand, could project ForceP domains given that they are generated independently of the sentence containing the RC head, as in Italian. On an analysis such as this, illocutionary independence is a consequence of a lack of clausal integration. The absence of full illocutionary independence in Shupamem RCs thus constitutes an argument that both restrictive and non-restrictive RCs in the language are clausally integrated.

3.2. Matrix Negation

By definition, in virtue of their integration with the root clause, integrated RCs appear under the scope of matrix negation, while non-integrated relatives do not interact with root negation (see Demirdache 1991 for an early formulation of this claim). The integration status of an RC can therefore be diagnosed on the basis of whether or not a given RC falls under the scope of matrix negation.

In Shupamem, RCs anteceded by nominal heads (9c), proper names (9d), and pronouns (9e) may all appear under the scope of matrix negation. Evidence that all of these RCs truly fall under the scope of matrix negation comes from the fact that negative concord items (NCIs) in these contexts are licensed. Sentences (9a-b) illustrate that the negative lexical item *ɲfě-mìn*, which Nchare (2012) shows has definitive NCI-like properties, requires a negative licenser. This NCI is licensed RC-internally in (9c-e) when negation is present in the matrix clause, regardless of whether the RC it appears in is restrictive or non-restrictive.

- (9) a. *Râjè jíyèn ɲfě-mìn
Raye see.PST1 NEG-person.SG
- b. Râjè mâ n-zíyèn-ì ɲfě-mìn
Raye NEG.PST IMPERF-see-3.SG NEG-person.SG
'Raye didn't see anybody.'
- c. mǎ pí mâ n-zí-à mìn [juá í-jíyèn ɲfě-mìn nó]
1.SG PST3 NEG.PST IMPERF-know-1.SG person.SG REL 3.SG-see.PST1 NEG-person.SG REL.PRT
'I didn't know the person that saw anybody.'
- d. mǎ pí mâ n-zí-à Músá nsà [juá í-jíyèn ɲfě-mìn nó]
1.SG PST3 NEG.PST IMPERF-know-1.SG Musa tall REL 3.SG-see.PST1 NEG-person.SG REL.PRT
'I didn't know Musa, who is tall, who saw anybody.'
- e. mǎ pí mâ n-zí-à ɲú [juá ú-jíyèn ɲfě-mìn nó]
1.SG PST3 NEG.PST IMPERF-know-1.SG 2.SG REL 2.SG-see.PST1 NEG-person.SG REL.PRT
'I didn't know you, who saw anybody.'

An anonymous reviewer points out that NCI licensing in (9c-e) crosses an island boundary, potentially showing that the NCI *ɲfě-mìn* might be discourse-licensed rather than structurally licensed. If so, then perhaps the data in (9d-e) do not constitute proof for the integration of non-restrictive RCs in the language. Recent work on islands in Shupamem (Schurr et. al 2022), however, has revealed that complex NPs like RCs do not constitute either strong or weak islands in the language. Several types of A-bar extraction from RCs in the language (i.e. topicalization and *wh*- focus clefting) are possible, as revealed by the fact such movements give rise to crossover effects, license parasitic gaps within the RC, and manifest Condition A-based reconstruction effects inside the complex NP. See Schurr et. al 2022 for details. Given that RCs do not have island status in the language, the NCI licensing facts in (9c-e) are neither unexpected

nor do they cast doubt on the conclusion that both restrictive and non-restrictive RCs in Shupamem appear under the scope of matrix negation.

As observed in the previous subsection, a reliable diagnostic thus fails to differentiate restrictive RCs from non-restrictive RCs in Shupamem. The fact that non-restrictive relatives appear under the scope of matrix negation (9d-e) supports the analysis that they are clausally integrated in the language.

3.3. *Intentional Verbs*

A non-restrictive RC's ability to appear in the scope of an intentional verb can be taken as a diagnostic of clausal integration. In a number of languages, restrictive RCs can appear under the scope of an intentional verb, but non-restrictive RCs cannot (Srivastav 1991, Zhang 2001). Consider the following English data.

- (10) a. John thinks that Jane admires the florist that is a genius.
b. John thinks that Jane admires Bill, who is a genius.

Sentence (10a) implies that John thinks the florist is a genius, while (10b) does not imply that John thinks Bill is a genius. This shows that the restrictive RC in (10a) is under the scope of the matrix intentional verb, while the non-restrictive RC in (10b) is not.

In Shupamem, RCs headed by nominals (11a), proper names (11b), and pronouns (11c) may all appear under the scope of an intentional verb, as revealed by their interpretations and the logical inferences they give rise to.

- (11) a. Mímǎ ná ɲ-gúpmə mí mǎ jì mìn [juá í-jíyèn Râjè ná]
Mimshe PRS.EVID IMPERF-think COMP 1.SG know.PRS person.SG REL 3.SGsee.PST1 Raye REL.PRT
'Mimshe thinks that I know the person that saw Raye.'
⇒ Implies that Mimshe thinks that the person (in question) saw Raye.
- b. Mímǎ ná ɲ-gúpmə mí mǎ jì Músá nsà [juá í-jíyèn Râjè ná]
Mimshe PRS.EVID IMPERF-think COMP 1.SG know.PRS Musa tall REL 3.SGsee.PST1 R REL.PRT
'Mimshe thinks that I know Musa, who is tall, who saw Raye.'
⇒ Implies that Mimshe thinks that Musa saw Raye.
- c. Mímǎ ná ɲ-gúpmə mí mǎ jì ɲú [juá ú-jíyèn Râjè ná]
Mimshe PRS.EVID IMPERF-think COMP 1.SG know.PRS 2.SG REL 2.SGsee.PST1 Raye REL.PRT
'Mimshe thinks that I know you, who saw Raye.'
⇒ Implies that Mimshe thinks that you saw Raye.

The findings in (11) hold for a number of other intentional verbs in the language, such as *buǎ* 'fear' and *ǎǎ* 'wish'. We thus take the facts reported in (11) to be fully general.

Additional and perhaps stronger evidence for the claim that both restrictive and non-restrictive RCs in the language may appear under the scope of intentional verbs comes from the fact that sentences like those in (12)⁵ are interpreted as contradictory.

- (12) a. #Mímǝ ná ɲ-gúpmè mí mèm̀bà: [juó í-pâ ɲkìmbà nó] lám̀è
 Mimshe PRS.EVID IMPERF-think COMP man REL 3.SG-COP.PRS bachelor REL.PRT be.married
 ‘Mimshe thinks that the man that is a bachelor is married.’
- b. #Mímǝ ná ɲ-gúpmè mí Músá nsà [juó í-pâ ɲkìmbà nó] lám̀è
 Mimshe PRS.EVID IMPERF-think COMP Musa tall REL 3.SG-COP.PRS bachelor REL.PRT be.married
 ‘Mimshe thinks that Musa, who is tall, who is a bachelor, is married.’
- c. #Mímǝ ná ɲ-gúpmè mí wú [juó ú-pâ ɲkìmbà nó] lám̀è
 Mimshe PRS.EVID IMPERF-think COMP 2.SG REL 2.SG-COP.PRS bachelor REL.PRT be.married
 ‘Mimshe thinks that you, who are a bachelor, are married.’

Once again, we find that restrictive RCs and non-restrictive RCs pattern together in Shupamem. The data above suggest that both RC types are syntactically integrated into the clause.

3.4. VP Ellipsis

A well-known asymmetry distinguishing restrictive from non-restrictive RCs in languages like English concerns the fact that the antecedent of VP ellipsis may include a restrictive RC (13a), but not a non-restrictive one (13b) (McCawley 1988).

- (13) a. My mother liked the pizza that I baked, but my brother did not [e].
 [e] = ‘like the pizza that I baked’
- b. My mother likes pizza, which (by the way) I bake well, but my brother does not [e].
 [e] = ‘like pizza’; [e] ≠ ‘like pizza, which (by the way) I bake well’

The ability of an RC to be included in the antecedent of VP ellipsis, therefore, directly tests whether that RC is clausally integrated or not.

Shupamem has a form of VP ellipsis, constructed through stripping via a zero conjunction marker and the inflected particle *nkà* ‘too’ (14b). Example (14a) below is the unelided version of (14b).

- (14) a. mǝ jì Mímǝ wù nkà-ú jì Mímǝ
 1.SG know.PRS Mimshe 2.SG too-2.SG know.PRS Mimshe
 ‘I know Mimshe and you too know Mimshe.’
- b. mǝ jì Mímǝ wù nkà-ú
 1.SG know.PRS Mimshe 2.SG too-2.SG
 ‘I know Mimshe and you too ~~know Mimshe~~.’

⁵ We thank an anonymous review for suggesting this diagnostic to us.

When RCs are headed by nominal expressions (15), elided VPs are interpreted as anteceded by VPs containing the entire RC. That is, the antecedent of VP ellipsis behaves as though it includes the restrictive RC.

- (15) Mímǎ jì tèt pìn [puá Músá jíyèn ɲkù:rè nó] Râjè nkà-í
 Mimshe know.PRS three person.PL REL.PL Musa see.PST1 yesterday REL.PRT Raye too-3.SG
 ‘Mimshe knows three people that Musa saw yesterday and Raye too [e].’
 [e] = ‘knows three people that Musa saw yesterday’
 [e] ≠ ‘knows three people’

RCs headed by proper names and pronouns are also included in the antecedent of VP ellipsis in the language. Evidence comes from the fact that when the subject of the RC is pronominal, both strict and sloppy readings are possible in the ellipsis site, as shown in (16).

- (16) a. Mímǎ jì Mófírǎ [juá í-jíyèn ɲkù:rè nó] Râjè nkà-í
 Mimshe know.PRS Mefire REL 3.SG-see.PST1 yesterday REL.PRT Raye too-3.SG
 ‘Mimshe_i knows Mefire, who he_i saw yesterday and Raye_j too [e].’
 [e] = ‘knows Mefire, who he_i saw yesterday’ (✓STRICT IDENTITY)
 [e] = ‘knows Mefire, who she_j saw yesterday’ (✓SLOPPY IDENTITY)
- b. Mímǎ jì ɲú [juá í-jíyèn ɲkù:rè nó] Râjè nkà-í
 Mimshe know.PRS 2.SG REL 3.SG-see.PST1 yesterday REL.PRT Raye too-3.SG
 ‘Mimshe_i knows you, who he_i saw yesterday and Raye too [e].’
 [e] = ‘knows you, who he_i saw yesterday’ (✓STRICT IDENTITY)
 [e] = ‘knows you, who she_j saw yesterday’ (✓SLOPPY IDENTITY)

These data reveal that the antecedent of VP ellipsis systematically includes the full RC, irrespective of whether that RC is restrictive or non-restrictive. VP ellipsis thus furnishes another argument that restrictive and non-restrictive RCs pattern together in Shupamem and that both RCs are of the integrated variety.

3.5. Pronominalization

In languages like English (McCawley 1981), proforms can resume nominal heads plus restrictive RCs (17a), but not heads plus non-restrictive RCs (17b). This suggests that non-restrictive relatives in English, unlike restrictive RCs, are not clausally integrated.

- (17) a. John has an apartment that overlooks Central Park and now he wants another.
 (‘another’ = ‘apartment that overlooks Central Park’).
- b. John has an apartment, which (by the way) overlooks Central Park, and now he wants another.
 (‘another’ = ‘apartment’; ≠ ‘apartment which (by the way) overlooks Central Park’).

In Shupamem, the situation is different. Pronouns may resume heads plus non-restrictive RCs (18)⁶. Evidence that the proform is resuming the direct object head + non-restrictive RC comes from the fact that pronominalization can yield sloppy identity readings in these cases, as shown below.

- (18) a. Mímǽ ǰǰǰǰ Rájè nsà [juó í-ŋ-gǐ? nó] Músá ǰǰǰǰ í nkà-í
 Mimshe greet.PST1 Raye tall REL 3.SG-IMPERF-love REL.PRT Musa greet.PST1 3.SG too-3.SG
 ‘Mimshe_i greeted Raye_j, who is tall, who he_i loves, and Musa_k greeted her_j too.’
 ⇒ Yields an interpretation in which Musa loves Raye. (✓SLOPPY IDENTITY)
- b. Mímǽ ǰǰǰǰ ǰú [juó í-ŋ-gǐ? nó] Músá ǰǰǰǰ ǰú nkà-í
 Mimshe greet.PST1 2.SG REL 3.SG-IMPERF-love REL.PRT Musa greet.PST1 2.SG too-3.SG
 ‘Mimshe_i greeted you, who he_i loves, and Musa_k greeted you too.’
 ⇒ Yields an interpretation in which Musa loves you. (✓SLOPPY IDENTITY)

These facts are fully consistent with the integrated status of non-restrictive RCs in the language. If Shupamem non-restrictive relatives were not integrated, the proforms in (18) would only be expected to target RC heads, making the existence of sloppy readings unexpected and difficult to account for.

3.6. Binding

It has been claimed that a fundamental difference between restrictive and non-restrictive RCs concerns variable binding. Safir (1986) showed that English matrix quantifiers can bind pronouns inside restrictive RCs (19a), but they cannot bind pronouns inside non-restrictive RCs (19b).

- (19) a. [Every Christian]_i forgives a man who harms him_i. (Safir 1986)
 b. *[Every Christian]_i forgives John, who harms him_i. (Safir 1986)

In Shupamem, there is no comparable asymmetry. RC-external quantifiers can bind RC-internal pronominal variables, regardless of whether the RC is headed by a nominal (20a), a proper name (20b), or a pronoun (20c). The data in (20) employ an NCI quantifier in order to circumvent the possibility of modal or temporal subordination, which could act as an interfering factor due to its potential to facilitate discourse binding.

- (20) a. ǰǰǰ-mìn mâ n-zíyèn-ì món [juó í-ŋǎm í nó]
 NEG-person.SG NEG.PST IMPERF-see-3.SG child REL 3.SG-bother.PST1 3.SG REL.PRT
 ‘No person_i saw the child that bothered him/her_i.’
- b. ǰǰǰ-mìn mâ n-zíyèn-ì Mímǽ nsà [juó í-ŋǎm í nó]
 NEG-person.SG NEG.PST IMPERF-see-3.SG Mimshe tall REL 3.SG-bother.PST1 3.SG REL.PRT
 ‘No person_i saw Mimshe, who is tall, who bothered him/her_i.’

⁶ Proforms may also resume heads plus restrictive RCs, as in English, once again demonstrating an absence of structural asymmetry between restrictive and non-restrictive RCs in the language. Evidence that the proforms in these cases are replacing the full RC and not just the RC head comes from the fact that such substitutions give rise to ambiguities involving strict vs. sloppy identity. Due to space limitations, the relevant examples are not presented here.

- c. $\eta\tilde{\text{f}}\text{ò}$ mìn mâ $\text{n-}\tilde{\text{z}}\tilde{\text{í}}\tilde{\text{y}}\tilde{\text{è}}\text{n-}\tilde{\text{i}}$ $\eta\tilde{\text{ú}}$ [juó $\text{ú-}\eta\tilde{\text{ă}}\text{m}$ $\tilde{\text{i}}$ nó]
 NEG-person.SG NEG.PST IMPERF-see-3.SG 2.SG REL 2.SG-bother.PST1 3.SG REL.PRT
 ‘No person_i saw you, who bothered him/her_i.’

Another known RC binding asymmetry relates to anaphor binding. Unlike anaphors within restrictive RCs, anaphors inside non-restrictive relatives cannot be bound by RC-external material (including the head) in some languages (e.g. Italian (Giorgi 1984)). This asymmetry is not attested in Shupamem. RC-internal anaphors can be bound by elements outside the RC, regardless of whether the RC head is a nominal (e.g. ‘man’ in (21a)), a proper name (e.g. ‘Raye’ in (21b)), or a pronoun (e.g. ‘you’ in (21c)). Note that although the long-distance anaphors in (21a-c) can take either the RC heads or the matrix subjects as antecedents, only the case of binding by the matrix subject is relevant, as RC heads are either pronominally or covertly represented in the RC and thus binding by the RC head is fully expected.

- (21) a. $\text{Mím}\tilde{\text{f}}\text{ó}$ jíyèñ mèmbà : [juó $\tilde{\text{i-s}}\tilde{\text{u}}$ tû $\eta\tilde{\text{wà}}\text{-}\tilde{\text{i}}$ nó]
 Mimshe see.PST man REL 3.SG-wash.PST1 head body-3.SG REL.PRT
 ‘Mimshe_i saw the man_j that washed himself_{i/j}.’
- b. $\text{Mím}\tilde{\text{f}}\text{ó}$ jíyèñ Râjè nsà [juó $\tilde{\text{i-s}}\tilde{\text{u}}$ tû $\eta\tilde{\text{wà}}\text{-}\tilde{\text{i}}$ nó]
 Mimshe see.PST Raye tall REL 3.SG-wash.PST1 head body-3.SG REL.PRT
 ‘Mimshe_i saw Raye_j, who is tall, who washed himself_i/herself_j.’
- c. $\text{Mím}\tilde{\text{f}}\text{ó}$ jíyèñ $\eta\tilde{\text{ú}}$ [juó $\tilde{\text{ú-s}}\tilde{\text{u}}$ tû $\eta\tilde{\text{wà}}\text{-}\tilde{\text{ù}}$ nó]
 Mimshe see.PST 2.SG REL 2.SG-wash.PST1 head body-2.SG REL.PRT
 ‘Mimshe_i saw you_j, who washed himself_i/yourself_j.’

An anonymous reviewer rightfully points out that in order for this diagnostic to be conclusive, we must demonstrate that the long-distance anaphor $\text{tû } \eta\tilde{\text{wà}}\text{-}\tilde{\text{i}}/\tilde{\text{ù}}$ is necessarily structurally bound and cannot take a discourse antecedent. The datum in (22) establishes that despite the availability of a suitable discourse antecedent in an immediately preceding sentence, the anaphor must be structurally bound by a c-commanding element within its sentence. The data in (21), therefore, establish that RC-internal anaphors can indeed be bound by elements outside the RC in both restrictive and non-restrictive RCs.

- (22) $\text{Mím}\tilde{\text{f}}\text{ó}$ lò? .
 Mimshe leave.PST1
 ‘Mimshe_i left.’

* Tû $\eta\tilde{\text{wà}}\text{-}\tilde{\text{i}}$ mâ $\text{n-}\tilde{\text{f}}\tilde{\text{à}}\tilde{\text{?}}\tilde{\text{f}}\tilde{\text{à}}\text{-}\tilde{\text{i}}$ Râjè .
 head body-3.SG NEG.PST IMPERF-greet-3.SG Raye
 Intended: ‘Self_i didn’t greet Raye.’

As with the other diagnostics considered thus far in this section, restrictive and non-restrictive RCs behave identically with respect to binding. These facts argue that both restrictive and non-restrictive RCs in Shupamem must be clausally integrated.

3.7. Weak Crossover Effects

Another way to diagnose RC integration is through weak crossover effects. In a number of languages, there is an asymmetry between RC types, in which restrictive RCs give rise to weak crossover effects, while non-restrictive RCs are immune to them (Safir 1986). More precisely, Cinque (2008) shows that non-integrated non-restrictive RCs are immune to weak crossover effects, while non-restrictive relatives of the integrated variety show the effect.

In Shupamem, there is no analogous asymmetry. Regardless of whether the RC head is a nominal (23a), a proper name (23b), or a pronoun (23c), weak crossover effects can be observed inside the RC.

- (23) a. Râjè ʃãʔʃã mèm̩bà: [juó món-i jíyèn nó]
 Raye greet.PST1 man REL child-3.SG see.PST1 REL.PRT
 ‘Raye greeted the man_i that his_j/*_i child saw.’
- b. Râjè ʃãʔʃã Músá nsà [juó món-i jíyèn nó]
 Raye greet.PST1 Musa tall REL child-3.SG see.PST1 REL.PRT
 ‘Raye greeted Musa_i, who is tall, who his_j/*_i child saw.’
- c. Râjè ʃãʔʃã í [juó món-i jíyèn nó]
 Raye greet.PST1 3.SG REL child-3.SG see.PST1 REL.PRT
 ‘Raye greeted him/her_i, who his/her_j/*_i child saw.’

The finding that Shupamem restrictive and non-restrictive RCs are both susceptible to weak crossover effects once again places the two RC types on equal footing and strongly suggests that non-restrictive relatives in the language are clausally integrated.

3.8. Parasitic Gaps

The presence of parasitic gaps also effectively diagnoses RC integration. In English, parasitic gaps can appear within restrictive RCs (24a), but not within non-restrictive relatives (24b) (Safir 1986). Cinque (2008) observes a similar asymmetry in Italian (at least with respect to the non-integrated variety of non-restrictive RCs in the language).

- (24) a. John is a man that everyone that knows <e> admires __. (Safir 1986)
 b. *John is a man who Bill, who knows <e>, admires __. (Safir 1986)

In this domain as well, we find no comparable asymmetry in Shupamem. Parasitic gaps can be found in all RC types, regardless of whether the RC is headed by a nominal (25b), a proper name (25c), or a pronoun (25d). In other words, parasitic gaps are licensed inside both restrictive and non-restrictive RCs in the language. In the paradigm below, example (25a) establishes the illicit gap that will be licensed as a parasitic gap in the RC structures of (25b-d).

- (25) a. *{nʃè mìn/Músá/í} [juó í-jí <e> nó] ná ŋ-gĩ? món
 every person.SG/Musa/3.SG REL 3.SG-know.PRS REL.PRT PRS.EVID IMPERF-love child

b. jî pâ món [juó nǝ mìn [juó í-jí <e> ná] ná ɲ-gǝ? __ ná]
 this COP.PRS child REL every person REL 3.SG-know.PRS REL.PRT PRS.EVID IMPERF-love REL.PRT
 ‘This is the child that everyone that knows loves.’

c. jî pâ món [juó Músá nsà [juó í-jí <e> ná] ná ɲ-gǝ? __ ná]
 this COP.PRS child REL Musa tall REL 3.SG-know.PRS REL.PRT PRS.EVID IMPERF-love REL.PRT
 ‘This is the child X that Musa, who is tall, who knows X, loves.’

d. jî pâ món [juó ɲú [juó ú-jí <e> ná] ná ɲ-gǝ? __ ná]
 this COP.PRS child REL 2.SG REL 2.SG-know.PRS REL.PRT PRS.EVID IMPERF-love REL.PRT
 ‘This is the child X that you, who know X, love.’

The connectivity between non-restrictive RC-internal parasitic gaps and other A-bar gaps supports the conclusion that Shupamem non-restrictive RCs are clausally integrated structures.

3.9. Split Antecedents

The possibility of split antecedents can also be employed to diagnose RC integration. In Italian, only non-integrated RCs can have split antecedents (Cinque 2008). Non-restrictive RCs in English, which are non-integrated according to Cinque (2008), also allow for split antecedents (Perlmutter & Ross 1970), as shown below in the example from Arnold 2007.

(26) Kim likes muffins_i, but Sandy prefers scones_j, which_{i+j}/*that they eat with jam.

If all Shupamem RCs are integrated, as we have argued, we predict the impossibility of split antecedents in non-restrictive RCs headed by both proper names and pronouns. This prediction is borne out, as shown in (27). With restrictive RCs (27a), the impossibility of split antecedents is demonstrated by the unavailability of RC-internal reciprocals (e.g. *ɲwàt-t-àp*), which require plural antecedents. The same is true for non-restrictive relatives headed by proper names (27b) and pronouns (27c). Note that the reciprocals in the structures below are unlicensed regardless of whether a singular or (crucially) plural relative particle introduces the RC, further highlighting the unavailability of split antecedents across both RC types in the language.

(27) a. *Râjè ǰàǰǰă nă: Músá ǰàǰǰă wă: [juó/puó pó-ɲ-gǝ?
 Raye greet.PST1 mother Musa greet.PST1 father REL.SG/REL.PL 3.PL-IMPERF-love
 ɲwàt-t-àp ná]
 body-RECIP-3.PL REL.PRT
 Intended: ‘Raye greeted the mother_i and Musa greeted the father_j who_{i+j} love each other_{i+j}.’

b. *Râjè ǰàǰǰă Mímǰó nsà Músá ǰàǰǰă Mófíró nsà [juó/puó
 Raye greet.PST1 Mimshe tall Musa greet.PST1 Mefire tall REL.SG/REL.PL
 pó-ɲ-gǝ? ɲwàt-t-àp ná]
 3.PL-IMPERF-love body-RECIP-3.PL REL.PRT
 Intended: ‘Raye greeted Mimshe_i, who is tall, and Musa greeted Mefire_j, who is tall, who_{i+j} love each other_{i+j}.’

- c. *Râjè jàʔʃă í Músá jàʔʃă ɲú [juó/puó pó-ɲ-gĩʔ
 Raye greet.PST1 3.SG Musa greet.PST1 2.SG REL.SG/REL.PL 3.PL-IMPERF-love
 ɲwàt-t-àp nó]
 body-RECIP-3.PL REL.PRT
 Intended: ‘Raye greeted him/her_i and Musa greeted you_j, who_{i+j} love each other_{i+j}.’

We thus observe yet another way in which restrictive and non-restrictive RCs pattern together in their integrated status. In summary, non-restrictive RCs in Shupamem pattern like restrictive relatives across a diverse range of diagnostics and considerations⁷: illocutionary independence; the ability to scope under matrix negation; the ability to scope under an intentional verb; inclusion in the antecedent of VP ellipsis; the ability to be pronominalized; binding transparency; susceptibility to weak crossover effects; the appearance of parasitic gaps; and the capacity to take split antecedents. In the next section, we bring other (less decisive) considerations to bear on the integrated status of non-restrictive RCs in Shupamem. While these observations do not argue directly for the integrated status of non-restrictive RCs like the considerations brought forth in this section do, they serve to further highlight the ways in which restrictive and non-restrictive relatives pattern together syntactically in the language in a way that is consistent with the clausal integration analysis.

4. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

4.1. *Stacking*

A well-known (but contested⁸) asymmetry between restrictive and non-restrictive RCs is that unlike restrictive relatives, non-restrictive RCs cannot stack (Carlson 1977: 520, Chomsky 1977: 66, Jackendoff 1977: 171, Emonds 1979: 222, Smits 1989: 174, McCawley 1998: 447, Bianchi 1999: 262). By “stacking”, we mean cases where RC₁ modifies a nominal, while RC₂ modifies the unit [nominal + RC₁]. In other words, stacking involves an RC modifying another [head + RC] structure, not two conjoined RCs modifying the same antecedent and not nesting, both of which are possible with non-restrictive RCs. This restrictive/non-restrictive asymmetry is exemplified below with English examples from McCawley 1998.

- (28) a. The book that I saw that I wanted to buy was rare.
 b. ??Sam Boronowski, who took the qualifying exam, who failed it, wants to retake it.

Unlike English, Shupamem RCs behave alike with respect to stacking. RCs headed by nominal heads (29a) and non-restrictive RCs headed by proper names (29b) and pronouns (29c)

⁷ An anonymous reviewer suggests that further evidence for the integrated status of non-restrictive RCs in Shupamem might come from the domain of main clause phenomena. If any such phenomena could be recognized in the language, they would be predicted to be unavailable inside both non-restrictive and restrictive RCs in the language, due to their shared integrated/embedded status. Space limitations prevent us from pursuing this diagnostic here, so we leave it for future research to determine. We thank the reviewer for this helpful suggestion.

⁸ A number of authors have disputed the claim that non-restrictive RCs cannot be stacked. These include Grosu & Landman (1998: 126), Grosu (2000: 112); Kempson (2003); De Vries (2006: 252), Arnold (2007), Loock (2010), Fukui (1986: 232), and Kameshima (1989).

all permit stacking. In other words, asymmetrical stacking patterns in languages like English are neutralized in Shupamem.

- (29) a. mǎ jì mìn [juá Râjè jíyèn ná] [juá Mímǎ yí? ná]
 1.SG know.PRS person.SG REL Raye see.PST1 REL.PRT REL Mimshe like.PRS REL.PRT
 ‘I know the person that Raye saw that Mimshe likes.’
 ⇒ Mimshe likes the person that Raye saw, but does not necessarily like Raye.
- b. mǎ jì Músá nsà [juá Râjè jíyèn ná] [juá Mímǎ yí? ná]
 1.SG know.PRS Musa tall REL Raye see.PST1 REL.PRT REL Mimshe like.PRS REL.PRT
 ‘I know Musa, who is tall, who Raye saw, who Mimshe likes.’
 ⇒ Mimshe likes Musa, who Raye saw, but does not necessarily like Raye.
- c. mǎ jì ɲú [juá Râjè jíyèn ná] [juá Mímǎ yí? ná]
 1.SG know.PRS 2.SG REL Raye see.PST1 REL.PRT REL Mimshe like.PRS REL.PRT
 ‘I know you, who Raye saw, who Mimshe likes.’
 ⇒ Mimshe likes you, who Raye saw, but does not necessarily like Raye.

These facts are reminiscent of Dutch, where non-restrictive RCs can also stack (Vries 2000), as well as Italian (Cinque 2020) and Japanese (Fukui 1986). It isn’t immediately clear why stackability would depend on clausal integration, but if the ability to stack RCs diagnoses the clausal integration of those RCs and not just restrictive vs. non-restrictive status⁹, then Shupamem non-restrictive relatives once again manifest properties of clausally integrated syntactic objects.

4.2. Extraposition

Ziv (1973), Ziv & Cole (1974), and McCawley (1988) argued that another difference between restrictive and non-restrictive RCs in languages like English is that restrictive RCs can extrapose (see English translation in (30c)), but non-restrictive RCs cannot¹⁰ (see ungrammatical English translations in (31) and (32) – i.e. the first of the two English translations). No comparable asymmetry exists in Shupamem. Both restrictive RCs (30c) & non-restrictive RCs with proper name (31) and pronominal (32) antecedents can extrapose to the right edge of the clause. To see this, first consider the paradigm in (30). The structure in (30a) places an RC in a position modifying the subject, while the sentence in (30b) locates the same RC in an object-modifying position. When the RC in question appears to the right of the adverb ‘yesterday’ (30c), the

⁹ A reviewer points out that although non-restrictive RCs can stack in Dutch, the language has clearly non-integrated non-restrictive RCs according to considerations of prosody and the criteria outlined in section 3. Thus, stacking is likely not a decisive diagnostic for integration, at least for languages like Dutch.

¹⁰ See Kempson 2003: 302 and Arnold 2007: 288 for purported examples of extraposed non-restrictive RCs in English and De Vries (2006: 254) for a case of non-restrictive RC extraposition in Dutch. It is not entirely clear whether such cases represent genuine instances of extraposition or special cases of non-adjacency like that found across discourse. An anonymous reviewer, however, remarks that extraposition of non-restrictive RCs in Dutch is fully productive and thus, that extraposition is not a decisive diagnostic for RC integration in languages like Dutch.

resulting output is ambiguous between readings in which either the subject or the object is the antecedent of the RC. This provides evidence that the RC in question has indeed extraposed. The subject RC reading is consistent with an analysis in which (30a) is taken to be the base-merge structure, while the object RC reading results from analyzing (30b) as the origin structure.

- (30) a. mìn [juó Râjè jíyèn nó] kíp rì: ηkù:rè
 person.SG REL Raye see.PST1 REL.PRT break.PST1 chair yesterday
 ‘The person that Raye saw broke the chair yesterday.’
- b. mìn kíp rì: [juó Râjè jíyèn nó] ηkù:rè
 person.SG break.PST1 chair REL Raye see.PST1 REL.PRT yesterday
 ‘The person broke the chair that Raye saw yesterday.’
- c. mìn kíp rì: ηkù:rè [juó Râjè jíyèn nó]
 person.SG break.PST1 chair yesterday REL Raye see.PST1 REL.PRT
 ✓‘The person __ broke the chair yesterday [that Raye saw].’ (Raye saw the person.)
 ✓‘The person broke the chair __ yesterday [that Raye saw].’ (Raye saw the chair.)

Crucially, if the structure in (30c) is modified so that the matrix subject is replaced with a proper name, RC dislocation once again results in ambiguity (31), revealing that the extraposed RC can be interpreted either non-restrictively or restrictively.

- (31) Mímǝ kíp rì: ηkù:rè [juó Râjè jíyèn nó]
 Mimshe break.PST1 chair yesterday REL Raye see.PST1 REL.PRT
 ✓‘Mimshe __ broke the chair yesterday [who Raye saw].’ (Raye saw Mimshe.)
 ✓‘Mimshe broke the chair __ yesterday [that Raye saw].’ (Raye saw the chair.)

Likewise, if the structure in (30c) is modified so that the matrix subject is replaced with a pronoun, right edge RC placement also results in ambiguity (32), revealing once again that the extraposed RC can be interpreted non-restrictively.

- (32) wú kíp rì: ηkù:rè [juó Râjè jíyèn nó]
 2.SG break.PST1 chair yesterday REL Raye see.PST1 REL.PRT
 ✓‘You __ broke the chair yesterday [who Raye saw].’ (Raye saw you.)
 ✓‘You broke the chair __ yesterday [that Raye saw].’ (Raye saw the chair.)

As with the stacking diagnostic previously considered, it isn’t clear why the ability of an RC to extrapose would depend on clausal integration. However, if the ability to extrapose diagnoses the clausal integration of an RC and not just restrictive vs. non-restrictive status, then Shupamem non-restrictive RCs once again behave as though they are clausally integrated syntactic structures.

4.3. Extraction

In some languages, extraction from restrictive RCs is possible, but extraction from non-restrictive RCs is impossible. Swedish is purported to be one such language (Engdahl 1997).¹¹

(33) Swedish (Platzack 2000: 275)

- a. [Den här teorin]_i känner jag mannen som uppfann _{t_i}.
 this here theory know I man.the REL invented
 ‘I know the man that invented this theory.’
- b. *[Den här teorin]_i känner jag Kalle som uppfann _{t_i}.
 this here theory know I Kalle REL invented
 Intended: ‘I know Kalle, who invented this theory.’

Despite constituting complex NP islands in some languages, RCs are robustly transparent extraction domains in Shupamem (Schurr et al. 2022). A-bar extraction out of RCs is possible regardless of whether the RC is restrictive (i.e. headed by a nominal (34a)) or non-restrictive (i.e. headed by either a proper name (34b) or a pronoun (34c)), with no restrictions on the definiteness of the RC head, the nature of the relativizer, or the embedded verb, as in Scandinavian. The data in (34) showcase the possibility of topicalization out of both types of RCs.¹² *Wh*-movement (and focus movement more generally) is also possible out of both restrictive and non-restrictive relative clauses in the language.

- (34) a. á pò: ní mǎ jì mìn [juó í-jíyèn __ nǎ]
 EXPL TOP machete 1.SG know.PRS person.SG REL 3.SG-see.PST1 REL.PRT
 ‘As for the machete, I know the person that saw (it).’
- b. á pò: ní mǎ jì Músá nsà [juó í-jíyèn __ nǎ]
 EXPL TOP machete 1.SG know.PRS Musa tall REL 3.SG-see.PST1 REL.PRT
 ‘As for the machete, I know Musa, who is tall, who saw (it).’
- c. á pò: ní mǎ jì ɲú [juó ú-jíyèn __ nǎ]
 EXPL TOP machete 1.SG know.PRS 2.SG REL 2.SG-see.PST1 REL.PRT
 ‘As for the machete, I know you, who saw (it).’

¹¹ Apparent cases of extraction out of restrictive RCs are also observed in Romance languages (Cinque 2010) and beyond (see Sichel 2018 and Cinque 2020 for an overview). It is not clear, however, that extractable RCs in Scandinavian and these other languages have a complex NP/DP structure, as opposed to CP/weak island syntax (Grosu 1994, Sichel 2014, Cinque 2020). Thus, the non-island character of restrictive RCs in these languages may in fact be an illusion.

¹² An anonymous reviewer asks if the peripheral/moved DP elements in (34) can be analyzed as base-generated hanging topic left dislocated constituents. They cannot. Space limitations preclude a detailed defense of this claim, but see Schurr et al. 2022, where the argument for A-bar movement is made on the basis of the following facts: the moved element triggers crossover effects within the RC; extraction licenses parasitic gaps within the RC; and Condition A-based reconstruction effects within the RC obtain.

The connection between clausal integration and the ability to extract follows if both RC types in Shupamem belong to the domain of Sentence Grammar, as outlined in the introduction. We have thus identified another property diagnosing the clausal integration of an RC that transcends restrictive vs. non-restrictive categorization. Once again, Shupamem non-restrictive relatives behave as though they are clausally integrated.

5. CONCLUSION

In this article, we have argued that Shupamem non-restrictive relatives are clausally integrated. According to Cinque (2020), only *wh*- relative pronouns can build non-integrated non-restrictive RCs due to their demonstrative-like nature and related usage as E-type pronouns. Given that Shupamem lacks *wh*- relative pronouns, it is perhaps not surprising that it also lacks non-integrated non-restrictive RCs, making use exclusively of the integrated RC variety. This, of course, raises the interesting theoretical question of how the semantics of non-restrictive RCs in the language can be related to its clausally integrated syntactic structure. Although beyond the scope of this article, we invite the reader to consider the analysis in Cinque 2020, where it is proposed that integrated non-restrictive relative clauses are merged as CPs in the specifiers of nominal projections dominating DP (i.e. outside the scope of definite determiners or demonstratives) and involve double-headed ‘matching’ derivations in which the external head moves to the specifier of a functional projection dominating the RC CP, licensing the deletion of the internal head or its replacement by a proform (both of which are possible in Shupamem RCs). We believe that a similar analysis can be successfully applied to Shupamem’s integrated non-restrictive RCs, but leave this for future work.

Although research on the syntax of relative clauses has advanced in many areas, one aspect that remains under-investigated is the integration status of non-restrictive RCs cross-linguistically. Typologically speaking, how prevalent are the integrated and non-integrated varieties? As Cinque (2020: 163) remarks “an in-depth typological study of non-restrictives is not available. The few observations that are found in the literature are sketchy and do not even always converge”. Despite this dearth of research, Cinque’s (2020) theory of non-restrictive RCs gives us a prediction about the typological landscape. If it is true that non-integrated RCs require a *wh*- relative pronoun, then the cross-linguistic rarity of such relativizers (Comrie 1998) means that of the two varieties of non-restrictive relatives, it is likely the case that it is the non-integrated (i.e. English) type that is rare. Comrie’s (1998) claim, also made in other publications by him, is that the RC strategy employing *wh*- relative pronouns is virtually limited to European languages and a few others often in contact with them. If this is true, then languages like Shupamem that exclusively employ integrated non-restrictive RCs might turn out to represent the typologically unmarked case, once more non-restrictive RCs are investigated with clausal integration status in mind. At present, however, our catalog of languages manifesting integrated non-restrictive RCs includes a few entries, mostly of European stock surprisingly. Cinque (2020) claims that both integrated and non-integrated non-restrictive RCs exist in Italian, French, Spanish, Catalan, European Portuguese, the Germanic languages (except for Nyorsk, modern Faroese, Icelandic, and some varieties of Swedish), Maltese, and Albanian. Not all of these categorizations, however, are based on rigorous empirical analysis. Citing considerably less evidence, Cinque (2020) claims that northern Italian dialects, Basque, Japanese, and Yoruba are languages whose non-restrictive RCs are exclusively integrated. In addition to Mandarin Chinese

(Del Gobbo 2015, Lin & Tsai 2015), Shupamem belongs to this latter group. The language thus furnishes additional support for Cinque's proposal that integrated non-restrictive RCs exist and represents a new non-European language that manifests the exclusively integrated non-restrictive RC structure.

Despite the fact that relativization in Bantu is fairly well-studied in the syntax literature, non-restrictive relativization (in particular, whether such RCs are clausally integrated or not) has not been systematically investigated in the language family, to the best of our knowledge. We hope that this article catalyzes future research into the integration status of non-restrictive RCs in Bantu so that it can be determined whether Shupamem's exclusively integrated non-restrictive relative clause formation strategy is either typologically representative or exotic within Bantu.

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