DP STRUCTURE AND CONCORD IN Mèdémbà

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Abstract

This article investigates the Mèdémbà DP and proposes an account of the DP-internal agreement phenomenon. In Mèdémbà multiple modifiers agree with the head noun in the same DP. Following the logic of Pollock's (1989) Split IP hypothesis, many instances of agreement logically call for the projection of numerous AgrPs. The paper argues however, that despite the presence of so many instances of agreement in the Mèdémbà DP, we do not need to project an AgrP in the Determiner Phrase. Independently motivated projections provide the checking configurations for handling agreement in the Mèdémbà DP.