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(f) | peel-pfv-fsg |  |
|  | A | **P** |  |  |
|  | ‘The boy peeled the bark [lit. whitened] off the stick.’ (PHL-Val-NH:033) | | | |

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| b. | pʰaj | oːstoːz-a | tʰe | naqɕeː | paɕawoː-l-**a** |
|  | girl | teacher-obl | to | picture(m).pl | show-pfv-mpl |
|  | A |  |  | **P** |  |
|  | ‘The girls showed the pictures to the teacher.’ (PHL-Val-NH:035) | | | | |

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| c. | pʰaj | gileːsi | weː | wiː | puːr-il-**o** |
|  | girl | glass-obl | into | water(m) | fill-pfv-msg |
|  | A |  |  | **P** |  |
|  | ‘The girl filled the glass with water.’ (PHL-Val-NH: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 | 32 | 54 |
| Indeterminate | 1 | 2 |