CCCV Syllable Structure

The occurrence of three consonants before a vowel was investigated. This can, but does not have to, co-occur with the presence of one or more coda consonants. Such sequences of three consonants are exemplified with words from Balti in (1).

1. Balti [bft] (Sino-Tibetan)

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| a. | /strĩːmoː/ | ‘sister’ (BFT-Kin-HS:008) |
| b. | /rdwaː/ | ‘stone’ (BFT-40list-HS:032) |

In the region, CCCV Syllable Structures are with relative certainty found in only a handful of the sample languages, among them the Sino-Tibetan.

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| Feature value | # of varieties displaying it | % |
| Present | 6 | 10 |
| Absent | 53 | 90 |
| Indeterminate | 0 | 0 |