README file for the table containing examples of non-canonical possessive-marked constructions found in Negidal (Northern Tungusic)

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The table uploaded here was compiled in order to investigate the functions of two cognate suffixes in Negidal, namely $-\eta(i)$ (previously considered a marker of alienable possession) and $-\eta i$. These are analysed in the article "Non-canonical possessive constructions in Negidal and other Tungusic languages: a new analysis of the so-called 'alienable possession' suffix" (Aralova & Pakendorf 2023) and is intended primarily for use as a data file accompanying that article. The table contains two sheets with all the examples of these suffixes found in a corpus of annotated Negidal texts (Pakendorf & Aralova 2017) as of 23 August 2021. The sheet POSSESSEE contains all the examples of the suffix $-\eta(i)$, and the sheet POSSESSOR contains all the examples of the suffix $-\eta i$, which marks the possessor in constructions with ellipted head noun.

For each example, we provide the Negidal original, an English translation, and the Russian translation. For reasons of space we do not provide any glosses – these can be found in the Negidal collection (Pakendorf & Aralova 2017) via the example ID. Please note that the translations in the coding sheet are those taken from the collection; in the article, we occasionally modified some translations (and glosses) for clarity, so that there may be mismatches. In the coding sheet, we added missing morphemes (which in the collection are found in the morpheme line, but not in the text line) in brackets to the example line.

In our explorations of the data, we took into account various potential motivating factors for the occurrence of the suffixes $-\eta(i)$ and $-\eta i$, such as the broad class of lexeme they occur on (column 'host'), the actual meaning of the lexeme (column 'lexeme'), whether there were further derivational suffixes (the plural suffix was included here, even though that is

inflectional), case marking, or possessive marking (columns 'further deriv?', 'case?', and 'poss?', respectively), the rough context of use, and the syntactic position of the item carrying these suffixes. Although most of these factors turned out to be irrelevant, we retained them in the table for completeness' sake. Where there were no further suffixes this is coded by 0, and n/a ('not applicable') in the syntactic position column was entered for utterances consisting of single phrases. In the column 'comments' we give some information on the context (especially for associative possessive contexts) as well as pointing out potential issues with the data.

Abbreviations used in the table are as follows:

abl ablative

acc accusative

all allative

arch archaic

com comitative

dat dative

dest destinative

dir.object direct object

ex exclusive

in inclusive

indf.acc indefinite accusative

indir.object indirect object

ins instrumental

n/a not applicable

nom.pred nominal predicate

pers.name personal name

pl plural

prfl reflexive possessive

prol prolative

prop proprietive

px possessive suffix

sg singular

vr verbalizer

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