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A study on code-switching between Afaan Oromoo and English in an informal context

Author's Response to Reviewer on PhD Dissertation

Reviewer 1: Ihász Petra, PhD

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Dear Dr. Ihász Petra,

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your thorough and insightful review of my doctoral dissertation and for the very positive evaluation you have provided. Your summary of the aims, theoretical orientation, and empirical scope of the study, including the size and composition of the dataset and the central findings regarding the role of Afaan Oromoo as the Matrix Language, confirms that the work has achieved its intended focus.

I am particularly encouraged by your assessment of the dissertation's empirical contribution, especially given the relatively limited amount of prior research on Afaan Oromoo–English code-switching and the importance of informal, naturally occurring conversation for testing structural predictions in context. Your recognition of the fit between the research questions and the MLF and 4-M models, as well as your appreciation of the attention paid to typological factors such as the agglutinative nature of the Matrix Language, is greatly appreciated.

Your comments on the improvements made in the revised version are especially valuable to me. I am pleased that the reframing of the study, the clearer definition of informal conversation, and the more explicit treatment of sociolinguistic variables such as age, gender, education, proficiency, and interactional setting have strengthened the methodological positioning of the dissertation. I am also grateful for your acknowledgement that the revised treatment of the distinction between code-



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switching and borrowing has made the analytical procedure more transparent and has clarified the classification of English-origin items in the corpus.

I very much appreciate your positive remarks on the enhanced organization of the dissertation, including the more developed literature review, the more clearly structured methodological chapter, and the separate discussion of corpus design and the selection of the analyzed subset. Your observation that the referencing has been checked more carefully and that the final version gives a more polished impression is highly encouraging, as I devoted particular attention to these aspects during revision.

Finally, I am honoured by your conclusion that the dissertation is well organized, logically structured, written in an appropriately academic style, and that it makes a meaningful empirical and analytical contribution to the study of code-switching. Your recommendation that the dissertation be accepted for the final defense is deeply appreciated, and your feedback will be an important point of reference for future work and publications based on this research.

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With best regards,

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