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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

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Dear Dr. Keresa Kumera,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your careful reading of my dissertation and for your detailed and constructive evaluation. Your comments on the empirical scope of the study, the alignment between the research objectives and the MLF and 4-M models, and the contribution to the underexplored area of Afaan Oromoo–English code-switching are greatly appreciated.

I am particularly encouraged by your positive remarks on the revisions made to the conceptual framing of informal interaction and the clarification of sociolinguistic variables such as age, gender, educational background, language proficiency, and interactional context. These aspects were central to my attempt to strengthen the methodological rigor of the work, and I am pleased that they now provide a clearer contextualization of the data.

Your observation that the revised version offers a clearer distinction between code-switching and borrowing is also very valuable to me. I found this issue theoretically and methodologically challenging, and I am grateful that the revised account now better reflects the transparency and consistency required for classifying English-derived elements in the corpus.

I also appreciate your recognition of the improvements in the organization of the dissertation, the expansion and restructuring of the literature review and methodology chapters, and the enhancement of referencing and editorial precision. Your acknowledgement that the analysis is robust, logically developed, and broadly consistent with established academic conventions is highly encouraging.



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Finally, I am honoured by your conclusion that the dissertation is methodologically sound, well structured, and makes a meaningful contribution to the study of code-switching, and that it is suitable for final defense. Your feedback has been invaluable throughout the revision process, and I will take your comments into account in future publications arising from this research.

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With best regards,

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