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Scope and general policies of the journal

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 barbecue-INTR DET Strang DET fish
 'Strang barbecues the fish.'
 (Wiltschko 2006: 202)

- (2) a. *bawiä lagahk loä.*
 I.saw SELF me
 'I saw myself.'
 (Gast and Siemund 2006: 355)
- b. *lagahk Juan kayuhn-ni rolíhdz-ní.*
 SELF Juan is.building-3SG house-3SG.POSS
 'Juan himself is building his house.'
 (Gast and Siemund 2006: 355)
- c. *Juan ensílaani kayuhn-ni rolíhdz-ní.*
 Juan SELF.AO is.building-3SG house-3SG.POSS
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