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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*   *rolihdz-ni.*

SELF   Juan   is.building-3SG   house-3SG.POSS

'Juan himself is building his house.'

(Gast and Siemund 2006: 355)

c) *Juan*   *ensilaani*   *kayuhn-ni*   *rolihdz-ni.*

Juan   SELF.AO   is.building-3SG   house-3SG.POSS

'Juan is building his house himself.'

(Gast and Siemund 2006: 355)   4

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