The Typology of Applicative/Causative Marking in Tapus
a Traditional Malayic Language of Central Sumatra

Underdescribed and endangered languages can display patterns that are important for language typology and linguistic theory. This paper deals shows the implications of the syntactic patterns manifested by sentences with applicative/causative morphology in Tapus, a Malayic language spoken in a rural village in Sumatra, for both the typology of Austonesian languages and for theories of causatives and applicative generally.