

Verb Movement in Bosnian: Overt or Covert?

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we take a closer look at two verb movement operations that have been recognized in the literature, i.e. V-T movement (previously termed V-I movement) and T-C movement (previously termed I-C movement), and their covert (post-Spell-out, LF) or overt (pre-Spell-out) application in the Bosnian language. We apply Pollock's tests (1989) to determine whether there is V-T movement in this language, focusing primarily on the position of main verbs with respect to adverbs (manner and sentential) and negative particle *ne* in declarative sentences. In addition, we use Izvorski's tests (1993) to show that T-C movement might not be an option in Bosnian, basing our discussion on the position of main verbs with respect to subjects and adverbs in *wh*-questions. However, we briefly discuss the problem which this claim may raise for yes-no questions in this language.