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Dear Colleague,

We are glad to inform you that your submission titled On the mirative semantic feature of Udmurt evidentiality has been accepted for poster presentation at SOUL2017.

You will find the reviewers' comments on your abstract below.

Due to the large number of high quality abstracts submitted, we are organizing a poster session as part of the conference.

We would be delighted to have your presentation in this session.

We would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance before *1 May* by sending an email to soul.conf@gmail.com

Registration information will be posted within a few days on the conference website: www.nytud.hu/soul2017/

If you have any questions, please do get in touch with us.

Looking forward to seeing you in Budapest.

Best regards,
SOUL Organizers

----- REVIEW 1 -----

PAPER: 4

TITLE: On the mirative semantic feature of Udmurt evidentiality

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----- Overall evaluation -----

The abstract N4 presents a research on evidential forms in Udmurt; the author has a solid original material from blogs, i.e. representing a written variety very close to the spoken language. S/he selects one of the three main functions, the mirative one. The author's data shows two subtypes of mirative uses, new information and deferred realization, which s/he interprets also as a possible semantic path for the emergence of mirative reading.

My comments: it would be nice to have the numbers here – the rate of evidential uses to all finite forms and the distribution of the three main functions – is it 33% reportative, 33% inferential, 33% mirative? And what about the functions of non-volitionality and „token of genre“ mentioned in the conclusion – are they functions 4 and 5 or subfunctions of – what?

Concerning inferential: it is listed among main functions on the page 1, but on the page 2 the author writes:

„However in my opinion the evidential verb form primarily does not express inferential processes, but the feeling of being 'distanced' from the described situation (i.e. Slobin & Askú)“ (> Aksu). So what to believe?

I would add to the reading list Aikhenvald 2012 ‚The essence of mirativity‘ (LT 435-85) and DeLancey 2001 ‚The mirative and evidentiality‘ (Journal of pragmatics 33: 369-82), maybe it will help to make a more detailed analysis of the data.

----- REVIEW 2 -----

PAPER: 4

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----- Overall evaluation -----

Generally a good abstract discussing an interesting topic. The abstract could have been more precise on the goals of the paper.