On the Nature of Zero Realization of Arguments: 
A Reply to Lee (2011)

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Ahn, Hee-Don  &  Cho, Sungeun. 2012. On the Nature of Zero Realization of Arguments: A Reply to Lee (2011). *Linguistic Research* 29(1), 1-20. This paper aims to show how well Ahn & Cho’s (2009, 2010, 2011b,c) *pro* analysis accounts for various interpretations the null argument constructions have. By exploring the cases Lee (2011) points out, we show how far the possible interpretation of *pro* is stretched. More specifically, our analysis accounts for polarity mismatch examples without postulating additional device like partial feature copying. We further show that our *pro* analysis is conceptually as well as empirically superior to the DP ellipsis advocated in Lee (2011).

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