Case in 'ECM' Resultatives

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Park, Myung-Kwan. 2011. Case in 'ECM' Resultatives. Linguistic Research 28(1), 1-18. This paper investigates into the so-called fake or 'ECM' type of resultatives in Korean. We note that in English, an intransitive verb takes a small clause complement in the formation of the ECM type of resultatives, but this ECM type is entirely lacking in Korean. Rather, Korean employs an adjunct clause corresponding to the small clause complement for this ECM type of resultatives in English. We show that Case marking of the subject of the resultative clause provides reliable evidence for determining this ECM type of resultative clause in Korean, but neither the distribution of NPI nor cancellability of the proposition expressed by the resultative clause can. We suggest that Korean and English differ in the availability of fake resultatives, because only the latter language has a functional feature [RESULT] which enables the intransitive matrix verb to select a resultative small clause as its complement. (Dongguk University)

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