Kim et al. (2023) argue that both hierarchy and linearity conspire to affect agreement via an experimental study of honorific agreement between verbal si and coordinate subjects in Korean. Given that Korean allows a word-order variation such as right-dislocation, this article further explores whether hierarchy and linearity still affect honorific agreement, using the experimental data from Korean right-dislocation. Consequently, we maintain Kim et al.’s argument that Korean allows Last Conjunct Agreement but not First Conjunct Agreement, unlike South Slavic gender agreement. Specifically, the findings reveal that honorific agreement in right-dislocated coordinates occurs only when the honorific verbal si is present. Additionally, the acceptability of constructions decreases significantly when the last conjunct of right-dislocated coordinates does not match honorification with an honorific verb. Based on these results, it is argued that honorific agreement in right-dislocated (OVS) Korean is still influenced by linear order, similar to honorific agreement in canonical word-order (SOV) Korean.

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