

Reconstruction and Sub-grouping of Batak Languages

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Abstract: This article contains a report of research into reconstruction and sub-grouping of Batak languages (BLs) composed of Toba language (TL), Simalungun language (SL), Pakpak Dairi language (PDL), Angkola language (AL), Karo language (KL), and Mandailing language (ML) spoken in North Sumatera, Indonesia. The research problems cover the sound correspondences, proto-phonemes, and sub-grouping of BLs. The data are the utterances of the native speakers of BLs being recorded in IPA Kiel transcription and are analysed with comparative method. The analysis shows that sound correspondence sets in BLs are of two types, namely the sets resulted from linear inheritance and the sets from sound innovation. Based on the correspondence sets, proto-phonemes are reconstructed and BLs are sub-grouped. The analysis also shows that BLs can be classified into three sub-groups, namely TL-AL-ML, PDL-KL, and SL.

Keywords: Batak languages, sound correspondences, proto-phonemes, reconstruction, sub-grouping.

I. Introduction

Languages keep changing. The changes of languages occur regularly and recognizably and can be seen in genetically related languages called sister languages. Schleicher (1871) in McManiset al. (1987:265) proposed the Family Tree Theory assuming that languages change in regular, recognizable ways (the Regularity Hypothesis) and that because of this, similarities between languages are due to genetic relationship between those languages (the Relatedness Hypothesis).

Batak languages (BLs) comprising Toba language (TL), Simalungun language (SL), Pakpak Dairi language (PDL), Angkola language (AL), Karo language (KL), and Mandailing language (ML) spoken in six neighboring areas in North Sumatera, Indonesia are genetically-related languages. Crowley (1992:90) states that languages that have genetic relationships are descended from the same proto-language. BLs are descended from a proto-language p(BLs), for they are genetically-related and have similarities between them which are regular and recognizable as shown by sound correspondence sets. The correspondence sets are the basis of the reconstruction of proto-phonemes and BLs' sub-grouping.

In the following table, the correspondence sets are shown.

Table 1

Glos	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
bamboo	'bulu	'buluh	'buluh	'bulu	'buluh	'bulu

The correspondence sets for *bamboo* are /b-b-b-b-b/, /u-u-u-u-u/, /l-l-l-l-l/, /u-u-u-u-u/, and /φ-h-φ-h-φ/. Based on the correspondence sets, the proto-phonemes of BLs can be reconstructed. The proto-phoneme for the first set is /*b/, for the second set is /*u/, for the third set is /*l/, for the fourth set is /*u/, and for the fifth set is /*h/. The reason for the reconstruction of /*b/, /*u/, and /*l/ is the fact that those phonemes are inherited linearly by all of the sister languages, TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML from the proto-language p(BLs). The reason for the reconstruction of /*h/ as the proto-phoneme of the fifth set is the phenomenon that in languages, /h/ is commonly lost.

The proto-phoneme /*h/ develops into /φ/ in SL, PDL, and KL undergoes retention in TL, AL, and ML. By comparing the proto-phoneme and its reflexes, sound change can be formulated. The rule of the sound change in the correspondence set /φ-h-φ-h-φ/ is /*h/ changes into /φ/ in TL, AL, and ML at the final position before vowel (h → φ/ ___#).

On the basis of the sound change of BLs, the languages can be sub-grouped into TL-AL-ML and SL-PDL-ML. However, when additional data are available, the sub-grouping separates SL from the latter as shown below and places it in a position that does not belong to the former or to the latter.

Table 2

Glos	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
die	'mate	'matei	'mate	'mate	'mate	'mate

In the table, sound correspondence /ε-ei-ε-ε-ε-ε/ isolates SL from TL-PDL-AL-KL-ML because it is the only language that has /ei/ in the final position. Since SL is isolated, the sub-grouping is TL-AL-ML, PDL-KL, and SL. In rigorous data as shown in the following part of the article, such sub-grouping is clear.

In conjunction with what is stated previously, the research questions deal with sound correspondence sets, proto-phonemes, sound changes, and sub-grouping of BLs.

II. The Method of Research

Following this is the method of approaching the research questions.

1. Data Gathering

The data are gathered using a list of BLs' basic vocabulary. Each of the words in the data gathering instrument matches a word in each of TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. The sources of the data are the utterances of the native speakers of each of the languages. Their utterances are recorded in phonetic symbols using IPA Kiel. The data to be analysed are only free-morphemes, meaning that bound morphemes are excluded.

2. Sound Correspondence Sets

The data having been gathered are examined by using comparative method to discover sound correspondence sets, namely the phonemes in BLs that are similar or share retention and those that share innovation.

3. Reconstruction of Proto-phonemes

The reconstruction of a proto-phoneme is conducted by looking into every sound in a sound correspondence set. The sounds that are similar in comparable sets in all of BLs are the reflexes of a single proto-phoneme similar to them. The reconstruction of phonemes that undergo innovation is based on what sounds have the largest distributions and what sound changes are the most plausible.

4. Rule of Sound Change

Following the discovery of proto-phonemes, the rules of sound change from proto-phonemes into their reflexes may be formulated by examining the regularity of the sound changes.

5. Sub-grouping

The sub-grouping is conducted by grouping BLs in accordance with shared innovation occurring in BLs. The languages with shared innovation are placed in one group.

III. Linear Sound Correspondence Sets

3.1 Linear Sound Correspondence Sets

3.1.1 Sound Correspondence Set /ʌ-ʌ-ʌ-ʌ-ʌ-ʌ/ in Initial and Middle Positions

Sound correspondence set /ʌ-ʌ-ʌ-ʌ-ʌ-ʌ/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial and middle positions as seen below:

Initial Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
dust	'ʌbu	'ʌbu	'ʌbu	'ʌbu	'ʌbu	'ʌbu
afternoon	ʌ'riʌn	-	-	ʌ'riʌn	-	ʌ'riʌn

Middle Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
stone	'bʌtu	'bʌtu	'bʌtu	'bʌtu	'bʌtu	'bʌtu
lie	'gʌbus	-	'gʌbus	-	-	'gʌbus
moon	'bulʌn	'bulʌn	'bulʌn	'bulʌn	'bulʌn	'bulʌn
fly	'hʌbʌŋ	'hʌbʌŋ	'kʌbʌŋ	'hʌbʌŋ	'kʌbʌŋ	'hʌbʌŋ

Langacker (1972:334) and Crowley (1992:96) state that the choice of proto-segment to underlie a correspondence is straight forward when its reflex is the same in all daughter languages. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /ʌ-ʌ-ʌ-ʌ-ʌ-ʌ/ in initial and middle positions are the same, namely /ʌ/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the proto-phoneme is conducted by choosing /*ʌ/ as the proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /ʌ/ is as follows:



3.1.2 Sound Correspondence Set /a-a-a-a-a-a/ in Initial, Middle, and Final Positions

Initial Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>I</i>	'au	'au	'aku	'au	'aku	'au
<i>child</i>	'anak	-	-	-	'anak	'anak
<i>wind</i>	'aŋin	-	'aŋin	'aŋin	'aŋin	'aŋin
<i>what</i>	'aha	'aha	-	'aha	-	'aha
<i>fire</i>	'api	'api	'api	'api	'api	'api

Middle Positions

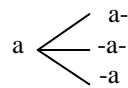
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>roof</i>	'tarup	'tayup	'tarup	'tarup	'tarup	'tarup
<i>dark</i>	'golap	'golap	'ŋgelap	'golap	'gelap	'golap
<i>father</i>	'bapa	'bapa	'bapa	'bapa	'bapa	'bapa
<i>we</i>	'hami	'hami	'hami	'hami	'kami	'hami
<i>return</i>	'mulak	'mulak	'mulak	'mulak	'mulak	'mulak

Final Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>five</i>	'lima	'lima	'lima	'lima	'lima	'lima
<i>flower</i>	'buŋa	'buŋa	'buŋa	'buŋa	'buŋa	'buŋa
<i>forget</i>	'lupa	'lupa	'lupa	'lupa	'lupa	'lupa
<i>salt</i>	'sira	'sira	'sira	'sira	'sira	'sira
<i>eye</i>	'mata	'mata	'mata	'mata	'mata	'mata

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /a-a-a-a-a-a/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /a-a-a-a-a-a/ in initial, middle, and final positions are the same, namely /a/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*a/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /a/ is as follows:



3.1.3 Sound Correspondence Set /u-u-u-u-u-u/ in Initial, Middle, and Final Positions

Sound correspondence set /u-u-u-u-u-u/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial, middle, and final positions as shown below:

Initial Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>rain</i>	'udʌn	'udʌn	'udʌn	'udʌn	'udʌn	'udʌn
<i>don't</i>	'unaŋ	'ulaŋ	'ulaŋ	'unaŋ	ulaŋ	'unaŋ
<i>snake</i>	'ulək	'ulək	-	'ulək	-	'ulək

Middle Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>take</i>	'buət	'buʌt	'buat	'buat	'buʌt	'buat
<i>smoke</i>	'timus	'timus	-	'timus	-	'timus
<i>chicken</i>	'manuk	-	'manuk	'manuk	'manuk	'manuk
<i>burn</i>	'tutuŋ	'tutuŋ	'tutuŋ	'tutuŋ	'tutuŋ	'tutuŋ
<i>bamboo</i>	'bulu	'buluh	'buluh	'bulu	'buluh	'bulu

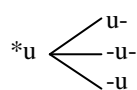
Final Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>I</i>	'au	'au	'aku	'au	'aku	'au
<i>thousand</i>	'ribu	'ribu	'ribu	'ribu	'ribu	'ribu
<i>three</i>	'tolu	'tolu	te'lu	'tolu	te'lu	'tolu
<i>seven</i>	'pitu	'pitu	'pitu	'pitu	'pitu	'pitu

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /u-u-u-u-u-u/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /u-u-u-u-u-u/ in initial, middle, and final positions are the same, namely /u/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly

inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /**u*/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /*u*/ is as follows:



3.1.4 Sound Correspondence Set /i-i-i-i-i-i/

Sound correspondence set /i-i-i-i-i-i/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial, middle, and final positions as shown below:

Initial Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>chin</i>	'isaŋ	-	'isaŋ	'isaŋ	'isaŋ	'isaŋ
<i>tooth</i>	'ipɔn	'ipɔn	-	'ipɔn	'ipɛn	'ipɔn
<i>nose</i>	'iguŋ	'iguŋ	'eguŋ	'iguŋ	'iguŋ	'iguŋ
<i>remember'</i>	'iŋɔt	'iŋat	-	'iŋɔt	'iŋɛt	'iŋɔt
<i>who</i>	'ise	'ise	'ise	'ise	'ise	'ise

Middle Positions

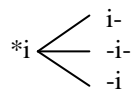
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>calf</i>	'bitis	'bitis	'bitis	'bitis	'bites	'bitis
<i>lips</i>	'bibir	'bibir	'bibir	'bibir	'biber	'bibir
<i>wash</i>	'buri	burih	bu'rih	-	bu'rih	-
<i>lick</i>	'dilɔt	'dilɔt	'ndilɔt	'dilɔt	'dilɔt	'dilɔt
<i>cat</i>	'hutiŋ	'hutiŋ	-	'hutiŋ	-	'hutiŋ
<i>sky</i>	'laŋit	'laŋit	'laŋit	'laŋit	'laŋit	'laŋit

Final Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>day</i>	'ari	'ari	'ari	'ari	'wari	-
<i>bath</i>	'idi	'idi	'idi	'idi	'idi	'idi
<i>sweet</i>	tɔŋ'gi	-	teŋ'gi	teŋ'gi	-	-
<i>string</i>	'tali	'tali	'tali	'tali	'nali	'tali
<i>bone</i>	'holi	'holi	-	'hɔli	-	'hɔli

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /i-i-i-i-i-i/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /i-i-i-i-i-i/ in initial, middle, and final positions are the same, namely /i/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /**i*/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /*i*/ is as follows:



3.1.5 Sound Correspondence Set /b-b-b-b-b-b/ in Initial and Middle Positions

Sound correspondence set /b-b-b-b-b-b/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial and middle positions as shown below:

Initial Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>take</i>	buɛt	buɔt	buɔt	buɔt	buɔt	buɔt
<i>dog</i>	'biɔŋ	bɔ'liɔŋ	'biɔŋ	-	'biɔŋ	-
<i>stale</i>	'bɔri	'bɔsi	-	'bɔri	'mali	'bɔri
<i>stone</i>	'bɔtu	'bɔtu	'bɔtu	'bɔtu	'bɔtu	'bɔtu
<i>split</i>	'bola	'bolah	-	'bola	-	'bola
<i>heavy</i>	bɔ'rat	bɔ'rat	'berat	bɔ'rat	'berat	bɔ'rat

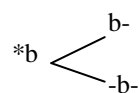
Middle Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>fur</i>	ib'bulu	am'bulu	-	im'bulu	-	-
<i>coconut</i>	ha'rabbir	ha'lambir	-	ha'rambir	-	ha'rambir

more 'lobi - 'lebih 'lobi 'lebih 'lobi

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /b-b-b-b-b-b/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /b-b-b-b-b-b/ in initial and middle positions are the same, namely /b/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*b/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /b/ is as follows:



3.1.6 Sound Correspondence Set /t-t-t-t-t-t/

Sound correspondence set /t-t-t-t-t-t/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial, middle, and final positions as shown below:

Initial Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
smoke	'timus	'timus	-	'timus	-	'timus
knock	'tuktuk	'tuktuk	'tuktuk	'təkək	'tuktuk	'təkək
sharp	ta'jəm	-	'tajem	ta'jəm	-	ta'jəm
string	'tali	'tali	'tali	'tali	'nali	'tali
earth	'tanə	'tanəh	'tanəh	'tanə	'tanəh	'tanə
hand	'taŋan	'taŋan	'taŋan	'taŋan	'taŋan	'taŋan

Middle Positions

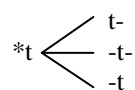
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
calf	'bitis	'bitis	'bitis	'bitis	'bites	'bitis
star	'bittan	'bittan	'bintan	'bintan	'bintan	'bintan
stupid	'ətə	-	'mətə	'ətə	'mətu	'ətə
sap	'gəta	'gətah	'getah	'gəta	-	'gəta
heart	'ate	'ate	'ate	'ate	'ate	'ate

Final Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
four	'əpat	'əpat	em'pat	'əpat	em'pat	'əpat
remember	'iŋət	'iŋat	'eŋet	'iŋət	'iget	'iŋət
lick	'dilət	'dilət	'ndilat	'dilət	'dilət	'dilət
shock	'səŋgət	'səŋgət	'seŋget	səŋgət	'seŋget	'səŋgət
stingy	hə'lit	hə'lit	kə'lit	hə'lit	-	hə'lit
sky	'ləŋit	'ləŋit	'ləŋit	'ləŋit	'ləŋit	'ləŋit

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /t-t-t-t-t-t/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /t-t-t-t-t-t/ in initial, middle, and final positions are the same, namely /t/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*t/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /t/ is as follows:



3.1.7 Sound Correspondence Set /j-j-j-j-j-j/

Sound correspondence set /j-j-j-j-j-j/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial and middle positions as shown below:

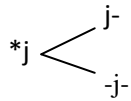
Initial Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
pretty	je'ges	je'ŋes	-	je'ges	-	je'ges
stand	'jəŋjəŋ	'jəŋjəŋ	-	'jəŋjəŋ	-	'jəŋjəŋ
corn	'jaŋ	'jaŋgul	'jaŋ	'jaŋ	'jaŋ	'jeŋaŋ
beard	'jaŋgut	-	'jaŋgut	'jaŋgut	'jaŋgut	'jaŋgut

<i>finger</i>	ʃari	ʃari	ʃari	ʃari	ʃari	ʃari
<i>meet</i>	ʃumpa	ʃuppaŋ	ʃuppah	ʃumpa	-	ʃumpa
Middle Positions						
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>stand</i>	ʃoŋʃoŋ	ʃoŋʃoŋ	-	ʃoŋʃoŋ	-	ʃoŋʃoŋ
<i>tired</i>	ʃoʃa	ʃoʃa	leʃa	ʃoʃa	-	ʃoʃa
<i>spit</i>	ʃijur	ʃujur	-	ʃijur	-	-
<i>sharp</i>	taʃom	-	ʃajem	taʃom	-	taʃom

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /j-j-j-j-j-j/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /j-j-j-j-j-j/ in initial and middle positions are the same, namely /j/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*j/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distributions of /j/ is as follows:



3.1.8 Sound Correspondence set /r-r-r-r-r-r/

Sound correspondence set /r-r-r-r-r-r/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial, middle, and final positions as shown below:

Initial Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>mosfly</i>	ʃoŋit	ʃoŋit	-	ʃoŋit	ʃeŋit	ʃoŋit
<i>sing</i>	ʃedde	-	ʃendde	ʃedde	ʃendde	-
<i>deligent</i>	riŋʃas	riŋʃas	-	riŋʃas	-	riŋʃas
<i>hundred</i>	ʃatus	ʃatus	ʃatus	ʃatus	ʃatus	ʃatus
<i>thousand</i>	ʃribu	ʃribu	ʃribu	ʃribu	ʃribu	ʃribu

Middle Positions

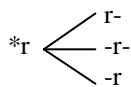
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>dry</i>	-	ʃoʃrah	keʃrah	-	keʃrah	ʃoʃriŋ
<i>night</i>	ʃoʃriŋin	ʃoʃriŋin	ʃberŋin	ʃoʃriŋin	ʃberŋin	ʃoʃriŋin
<i>pasir</i>	-	ʃoʃsik	-	ʃoʃsik	keʃsik	ʃoʃsik
<i>pull</i>	ʃtarik	-	ʃtarik	ʃtarik	ʃtarik	ʃtarik
<i>bright</i>	ʃtoʃrang	ʃterang	-	ʃtoʃrang	ʃterang	ʃtoʃrang

Final Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>swollen</i>	-	-	-	ʃoʃsar	ʃbesar	ʃoʃsar
<i>full</i>	ʃoʃsur	ʃoʃsur	ʃoʃsur	ʃbesur	-	ʃoʃsur
<i>dirty</i>	ʃkotoʃ	-	ʃkotoʃ	ʃkotoʃ	-	ʃkotoʃ
<i>straight</i>	ʃtiʃgoʃ	-	ʃteger	ʃtiʃgoʃ	-	-
<i>white</i>	ʃotoʃtar	-	ʃmbentar	ʃotoʃtar	ʃbentar	ʃoʃntar

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /r-r-r-r-r-r/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /r-r-r-r-r-r/ in initial, middle, and final positions are the same, namely /r/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*r/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /r/ is as follows:



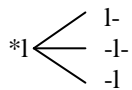
3.1.9 Sound Correspondence Set /l-l-l-l-l-l/

Sound correspondence set /l-l-l-l-l-l/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial, middle, and positions as shown below:

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>run</i>	'lojoŋ	-	'lojaŋ	'ləjəŋ	-	'ləjəŋ
<i>escape</i>	'luʌ	'luʌh	'luah	'luʌ	-	'luʌ
<i>forget</i>	'lupa	'lupa	'lupa	'lupa	'lupa	'lupa
<i>tired</i>	'lojʌ	'lojʌ	le'ja	'lojʌ	-	'lojʌ
<i>slippery</i>	lan'ddit	lan'dit	'ndalit	lan'dit	'dalit	lan'dit
Middle Positions						
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>induce</i>	'elek	'elek	-	'elek	-	'elek
<i>hill</i>	'dolok	'dolok	de'leŋ	-	de'leŋ	'dolok
<i>moon</i>	'bulʌn	'bulʌn	'bulʌn	'bulʌn	'bulʌn	'bulʌn
<i>eight</i>	u'ʌlu	'wʌluh	'waluh	-	'waluh	-
<i>walk</i>	'dʌʌn	'dʌʌn	'dalan	'dalan	'dalan	'dalan
<i>three</i>	'tolu	'tolu	te'lu	'tolu	te'lu	'tolu
Final Positions						
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>duduk</i>	'huddul	'hundul	'kundul	-	'kundul	-
<i>difficult</i>	ma'ɔl	ma'ɔl	-	ma'ɔl	-	ma'ɔl
<i>thickl</i>	ha'pal	-	'kapal	ha'pal	'kapal	ha'pal
<i>ear</i>	'piŋgol	'piŋgol	-	'piŋgol	-	-
<i>deaf</i>	ne'ŋeɭ	ne'ŋeɭ	-	'iŋɔl	-	'iŋɔl

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /l-1-1-1-1-1/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /l-1-1-1-1-1/ in initial, middle, and final positions are the same, namely /l/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*l/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all the six sister languages.

The distribution of /l/ is as follows:



3.1.10 Sound Correspondence Set /ŋ-ŋ-ŋ-ŋ-ŋ-ŋ/

Sound correspondence set /ŋ-ŋ-ŋ-ŋ-ŋ-ŋ/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in middle and final positions as shown below:

Middle Positions

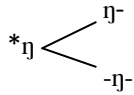
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>beard</i>	'jaŋgut	-	'jaŋgut	'jaŋgut	'jaŋgut	'jaŋgut
<i>eat</i>	'maŋan	'maŋan	'maŋan	'maŋan	'man	'maŋan
<i>back</i>	taŋ'guruŋ	taŋ'guruŋ	-	taŋ'goru	'goru	taŋ'goru
<i>stick</i>	'tukkat	'tukkat	'təŋket	'tukkat	'təŋkat	'tuŋkat
<i>ear</i>	'piŋgol	'piŋgol	-	'piŋgol	-	-

Final Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>dog</i>	'biʌŋ	bʌ'liʌŋ	'biʌŋ	-	'biʌŋ	-
<i>meat</i>	'dʌgiŋ	-	'dʌgiŋ	-	'dʌgiŋ	-
<i>berak</i>	'mitiŋ	-	'miciŋ	'mitiŋ	-	'mitiŋ
<i>star</i>	'bittaŋ	'bittaŋ	'bintaŋ	'bintaŋ	'bintaŋ	'bintaŋ
<i>blind</i>	'piʌŋ	'piʌŋ	'piʌŋ	'petuŋ	-	-
<i>leaf</i>	'buluŋ	'buluŋ	'buluŋ	'buluŋ	'buluŋ	'buluŋ

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /ŋ-ŋ-ŋ-ŋ-ŋ-ŋ/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /ŋ-ŋ-ŋ-ŋ-ŋ-ŋ/ middle and final positions are the same, namely /ŋ/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*ŋ/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /ŋ/ is as follows:



3.1.11 Sound Correspondence Set /p-p-p-p-p-p/

Sound correspondence set /p-p-p-p-p-p/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial, middle, and final positions as shown below:

Initial Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>young</i>	pɔ'sɔ	pɔ'sɔ	-	pɔ'sɔ	-	pɔ'sɔ
<i>bitter</i>	pə'et	pə'et	'pagit	pə'et	'pagit	pə'et
<i>shorth</i>	-	'pɔndɔk	'pendek	'pendek	-	'pɔn'dɔk
<i>navel</i>	'pusək	'pusək	-	'pucət	'pusuŋ	'pusət
<i>egg</i>	'pira	-	-	'pira	pi'laru	'pira

Middle Positions

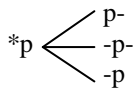
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>four</i>	'ɔpat	'ɔpat	em'pat	'ɔpat	em'pat	'ɔpat
<i>cotton</i>	'hapas	'hapas	'kapas	'hapas	'kapas	'hapas
<i>hut</i>	'səpɔ	'səpɔ	'sapɔ	'səpɔ	'sapɔ	'səpɔ
<i>narrow</i>	səp'pit	səp'pit	-	səp'pit	-	səm'pit
<i>thin</i>	ni'pis	rap'pis	'tipis	'tipis	'tipis	'tipis
<i>whistle</i>	-	'səppul	'sumpul	-	sem'pul	-

Final Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>dark</i>	-	'golap	'ŋgelap	gɔ'lap	ge'lap	gɔ'lap
<i>suck</i>	'ɔssəp	'ɔssəp	'isap	'iccəp	-	'incəp
<i>hold</i>	'tiop	-	-	'tiop	-	'tiop
<i>catch</i>	'takkup	'takkap	'taŋkup	'takkup	'taŋkap	'taŋkup

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /p-p-p-p-p-p/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /p-p-p-p-p-p/ in initial, middle, and final positions are the same, namely /p/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*p/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /p/ is as follows:



3.1.12 Sound Correspondence Set /g-g-g-g-g-g/

Sound correspondence set /g-g-g-g-g-g/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial and middle positions as shown below:

Initial Positions

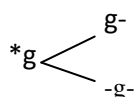
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>lie</i>	'gɔbus	-	'gɔbus	-	-	'gɔbus
<i>sap</i>	'gɔta	'gɔtah	'gɛtah	'gɔta	-	'gɔta
<i>strong</i>	gɔ'go	gɔ'goh	-	gɔ'gɔ	'gəgəh	gɔ'gɔ
<i>yellow</i>	-	gɔr'siŋ	-	gɔr'siŋ	'gersiŋ	gɔr'siŋ

Middle Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>disgusted</i>	gigi	'gigi	-	'gigi	-	-
<i>if</i>	'aŋgɔ	'aŋgɔ	'aŋgɔ	-	'aŋgɔ	-
<i>when</i>	ɔd'diɡan	an'digan	'ndiɡan	an'digan	'diɡan	an'digan
<i>sweet</i>	təŋ'gi	-	teŋ'gi	təŋ'gi	-	-
<i>house</i>	'bɔɡas	-	'bages	'bagas	-	'bagas

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /g-g-g-g-g-g/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /g-g-g-g-g-g/ in initial and middle positions are the same, namely /g/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*g/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /g/ is as follows:



3.13 Sound Correspondence Set /d-d-d-d-d-d/

Sound correspondence set /d-d-d-d-d-d/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial and middle positions as shown below:

Initial Positions

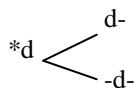
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>lake</i>	-	-	'danau	dɑ'nɔ	'danau	'danau
<i>near</i>	-	dɔ'hɔr	-	dɔ'nɔk	'deher	dɔ'nɔk
<i>world</i>	-	du'nia	du'nia	du'nia	'dɔni	du'nia
<i>torn</i>	-	-	'dori	-	'duri	'duri
<i>fall</i>	dɑ'bu	dɑ'bu	-	dɑ'bu	dabuh	dɑ'bu

Middle Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>rice</i>	id'dahan	in'dɑhɑn	-	in'dahan	-	in'dahan
<i>sing</i>	'edde	-	'endɛ	'edde	en'de	-
<i>one</i>	'sɑdɑ	'sɑdɑ	'sada	'sada	'sada	'sɑdɑ
<i>horn</i>	'tad'duk	'tanduk	'tanduk	'tanduk	tandɔk	'tanduk

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /d-d-d-d-d-d/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /d-d-d-d-d-d/ in initial and middle positions are the same, namely /d/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*d/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /d/ is as follows:



3.14 Sound Correspondence Set /m-m-m-m-m-m/

Sound correspondence set /m-m-m-m-m-m/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial, middle, and final positions as shown below:

Initial Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>shy</i>	mɑ'ilɑ	'mela	'mela	mɑ'ilɑ	'mela	mɑ'ilɑ
<i>die</i>	'mate	'matei	'mate	'mate	'mate	'mate
<i>win</i>	'mɔnaŋ	'mɔnaŋ	me'naŋ	'mɔnaŋ	me'naŋ	'mɔnaŋ
<i>drink</i>	'minum	'minum	'minum	'minum	'minum	'minum
<i>vomit</i>	'mutɑ	'mutah	'mutah	'muta	'mutah	'muta

Middle Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>fat</i>	mɔk'mɔk	-	ŋgɔmɔk	-	mɔk'mɔk	mɔk'mɔk
<i>right</i>	siɑmun	si'hamun	ka'muhen	-	ka'muhen	-
<i>incense</i>	hɑ'mijjɔn	hɑ'mɔnan	keme'nyen	hɑ'mɔnyan	keme'nyen	-
<i>moustache</i>	'kumi	'gɔmis	'kumis	'kumis	'kumis	'kumis
<i>whistle</i>	-	-	'sumpul	'ɔmbus	sem'pul	'ɔmbus

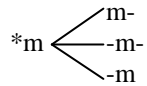
Final Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>cheek</i>	'hurum	'huyum	-	-	'kurum	-
<i>recover</i>	'malum	'malum	'malum	'malum	'malem	-

<i>well</i>	'sumur	'sumur	'sumur	'sumur	'sumur	'sumur
<i>bury</i>	-	-	'tanem	'tanom	-	'tanom
<i>sleep</i>	'modom	'modom	me'dem	'modom	me'dem	me'dem

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /m-m-m-m-m-m/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /m-m-m-m-m-m/ in initial and middle positions are the same, namely /m/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*m/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /m/ is as follows:



3.15 Sound Correspondence Set /s-s-s-s-s-s/

Sound correspondence set /s-s-s-s-s-s/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial, middle, and final positions as shown below:

Initial Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>bite</i>	-	-	'sarut	sargut	-	sargut
<i>nail</i>	si'silon	si'silon	si'selu	si'silon	si'lusilu	sa'silon
<i>damage</i>	'segΛ	'sedΛ	'ceda	'segɔ	'ceda	'segΛ
<i>nine</i>	'siΛ	'siΛh	'sibah	-	si'wah	-
<i>narrow</i>	sɔp'pit	sɔp'pit	-	sɔp'pit	-	-
<i>glad</i>	'sɔnaŋ	-	se'naŋ	'sɔnaŋ	'sɔnaŋ	'sɔnaŋ

Middle Positions

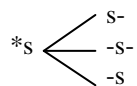
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>dumb</i>	-	-	-	'bisu	'bisu	'bisu
<i>chilly</i>	lΛ'siak	lΛ'sinΛ	-	la'siak	-	la'siak
<i>breath</i>	'hɔsa	'hɔsah	ke'sah	'hɔsa	ke'sah	'hɔsa
<i>who</i>	'ise	'ise	'ise	'ise	'ise	'ise

Final Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>smoke</i>	'timus	'timus	-	'timus	-	'timus
<i>rice</i>	'bɔras	'bɔras	'beras	-	'beras	-
<i>pretty</i>	jɛ'ges	jɛ'ŋɛs	-	'jɛges	-	'jɛges
<i>languish</i>	'malɔs	'melus	'melus	malɔs	'melus	malɔs
<i>hot</i>	'las	mi'las	-	mi'las	me'las	mi'las

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /s-s-s-s-s-s/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /s-s-s-s-s-s/ in initial and middle positions are the same namely /s/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same, sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*s/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /s/ is as follows:



3.16 Sound Correspondence Set /n-n-n-n-n-n/

Sound correspondence set /n-n-n-n-n-n/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in middle and final positions as shown below:

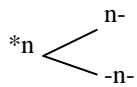
Middle Positions

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>child</i>	'anak	-	-	'anak	'anak	'anak
<i>ayam</i>	'manuk	-	'manuk	'manuk	'manuk	'manuk
<i>brave</i>	'ba'rani	-	be'rani	-	-	be'rani
<i>hang</i>	-	-	'gantunŋ	-	-	'gantunŋ

<i>mother</i>	'inoŋ	'inaŋ	'inaŋ	-	-	-
Final Positions						
Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>wind</i>	'aŋin	-	'aŋin	'aŋin	'aŋin	'aŋin
<i>moon</i>	'bulʌn	'bulʌn	'bulʌn	'bulʌn	'bulʌn	'bulʌn
<i>fish</i>	-	'ikʌn	'ikan	'ikʌn	-	'ikʌn
<i>year</i>	'taɔn	'tahun	'tahun	'taɔn	'tahun	'tahun
<i>hand</i>	'taŋan	'taŋan	'taŋan	'taŋan	'tan	'taŋan
<i>place</i>	iŋanan	'ianan	-	iŋanan	iŋan	-

The method of reconstruction applied above is used to reconstruct the proto-phoneme of /n-n-n-n-n-/. In the above data, the sounds in correspondence set /n-n-n-n-n-/ in middle and final positions are the same, namely /n/ in TL, SL, PDL, AL, KL, and ML. In other words, it can be stated that the sounds are linearly inherited from the same sound. On the basis of the fact, the reconstruction of the sound correspondence set is conducted by choosing /*n/ as its proto-phoneme since its reflex is the same in all six sister languages.

The distribution of /n/ is as follows:



3.2 Innovation-based SoundCorresponde Sets

3.2.1 Sound Correspondence Set /ɔ-ɔ-e-ɔ-e-ɔ/

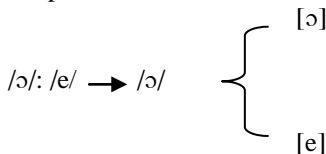
Sound correspondence set /ɔ-ɔ-e-ɔ-e-ɔ/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in middle positions as shown below:

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>come</i>	'rɔ	'rɔh	'reh	'rɔ	'reh	'rɔ
<i>cold</i>	'bɔrgɔ	'bɔrgɔh	'mbergɔh	-	'bergeh	-
<i>four</i>	'ɔpat	'ɔpat	'empat	'ɔpat	'empat	'ɔpat
<i>tooth</i>	'ipɔn	'epen	'ipɔn	'ipɔn	'ipen	'ipɔn
<i>surprised</i>	'sɔŋgɔt	'seŋget	'sɔŋgɔt	'sɔŋgɔt	'seŋgɔt	'sɔŋgɔt

According to Keraf (1991:61) and Crowley (1992:101), the sound that has the widest distribution in a correspondence set is reconstructed as the proto-phoneme. In *The Comparative Method and Linguistic Reconstruction*, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparative method](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparative_method), the widest distribution refers to *majority wins* principle.

In the sound correspondence set /ɔ-ɔ-e-ɔ-e-ɔ/, /ɔ/ has the widest distribution in comparison to /e/ or abides by *majority wins* principle. On the basis of the fact, the proto-phoneme of /ɔ-ɔ-e-ɔ-e-ɔ/ is reconstructed as /*ɔ/.

The innovation of proto-phoneme /*ɔ/ into /ɔ/ and /e/ does not result in difference of meaning since the two reflexes in the sister languages are not distinctive. The varieties are not phonemic rather subphonemic or allophonic. The innovation can be shown in the following diagram:



The rule of the sound change is /ɔ/ changes into /e/ in PDL and KL due to the lenition or weakening of rounded back central /ɔ/ to become unrounded central low /e/ between two consonants.

*ɔ → e/C__C in PDL and KL

3.2.2 Sound Correspondence Set /o-o-e-o-e-o/

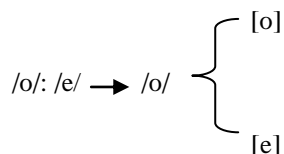
Sound correspondence set /o-o-e-o-e-o/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in middle positions as shown below:

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>bile</i>	pogu	pogu	peggu	pogu	pegu	pogu
<i>dark</i>	-	golap	ŋgelap	golap	gelap	golap
<i>lebih</i>	'lobi	-	'lebih	'lobi	-	'lobi

three 'tolu 'tolu te'lu 'tolu te'lu 'tolu

In the sound correspondence set /o-o-e-o-e-o/, /o/ has the widest distribution in comparison to /e/ or abides by *majority wins* principle. On the basis of the fact, the proto-phoneme of /o-o-e-o-e-o/ is reconstructed as /*o/.

The innovation of proto-phoneme /*o/ into /o/ and /e/ does not result in difference of meaning since the two reflexes in the sister languages are not distinctive. The varieties are not phonemic rather subphonemic or allophonic. The innovation can be shown in the following diagram:



The rule of the sound change is /o/ changes into /e/ in PDL and KL due to the lenition or weakening of rounded back central /o/ to become unrounded central low /e/ between two consonants.

*o → e/C__C in PDL and KL

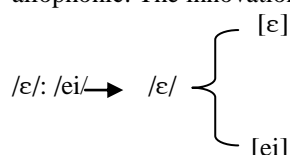
3.2.3 Sound Correspondence Set /ε-ei-ε-ε-ε-ε/

Sound correspondence set /ε-ei-ε-ε-ε-ε/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in final positions as shown below:

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
die	'mate	'matei	'mate	'mate	'mate	'mate
corpse	bakke	bakkei	baŋke	-	-	-
foot	-	nahei	neh	-	nahe	-
paddy	εme	omei	-	εme	-	εme

In the sound correspondence set /ε-ei-ε-ε-ε-ε/, /ε/ has the widest distribution in comparison to /ei/ or abides by *majority wins* principle. On the basis of the fact, the proto-phoneme of /ε-ei-ε-ε-ε-ε/ is reconstructed as /*ε/.

The innovation of proto-phoneme /*ε/ into /ε/ and /ei/ does not result in difference of meaning since the two reflexes in the sister languages are not distinctive. The varieties are not phonemic rather subphonemic or allophonic. The innovation can be shown in the following diagram:



The rule of the sound change is /ε/ changes into /ei/ in SL due to the vowel breaking (typically, *off glide*) process in which unrounded /i/ is added to /ε/ after which /ε/ weakens to become /e/, resulting in diphthong /ei/ in the final positions.

*ε → ei /__# in SL

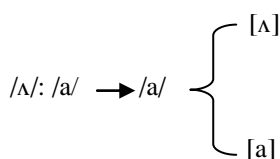
3.2.4 Sound Correspondence Set /Λ-Λ-a-Λ-a-Λ/

Sound correspondence set /Λ-Λ-a-Λ-a-Λ/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in middle positions as shown below:

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
stale	bΛri	basi	mbari	bΛri	mali	bΛri
deep	bΛgas	bΛgas	mbages	bΛgas	bages	bΛgas
far	dΛo	dΛo	ndaoh	dΛo	dΛoh	dΛo

In the sound correspondence set /Λ-Λ-a-Λ-a-Λ/, /Λ/ has the widest distribution in comparison to /a/ or abides by *majority wins* principle. On the basis of the fact, the proto-phoneme of /Λ-Λ-a-Λ-a-Λ/ is reconstructed as /*Λ/.

The innovation of proto-phoneme /* Λ */ into / Λ / and /a/ does not result in difference of meaning since the two reflexes in the sister languages are not distinctive. The varieties are not phonemic rather subphonemic or allophonic. The innovation can be shown in the following diagram:



The rule of the sound change is / Λ / changes into /a/ in PDL and KL due to the lenition or weakening of unrounded central back / Λ / to become unrounded low back in middle positions between two consonants and between consonant and vowel.

* Λ \rightarrow a/C__C in PDL and KL
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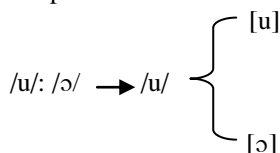
3.2.5 Sound Correspondence Set /u-u-ɔ-u-u-u/

Sound correspondence set /u-u-ɔ-u-u-u/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in middle positions as shown below:

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>moustache</i>	'kumis	gumis	'gɔmis	'kumis	'kumis	'kumis
<i>curcuma</i>	hunik	huniŋ	hɔniŋ	hunik	kuniŋ	hunik
<i>cat</i>	hutiŋ	hutiŋ	kɔciŋ	hutiŋ	kuciŋ	hutiŋ

In sound correspondence set /u-u-ɔ-u-u-u/, /u/ has the widest distribution in comparison to /ɔ/ or abides by *majority wins* principle. On the basis of the fact, the proto-phoneme of /u-u-ɔ-u-u-u/ is reconstructed as /*u/.

The innovation of proto-phoneme /*u/ into /u/ and /ɔ/ does not result in difference of meaning since the two reflexes in the sister languages are not distinctive. The varieties are not phonemic rather subphonemic or allophonic. The innovation can be shown in the following diagram:



The rule of the sound change is /*u/ changes into /ɔ/ in PDL due to the lenition or weakening of rounded high back /u/ to become rounded low back /ɔ/ in middle positions between two consonants.

*u \rightarrow ɔ/C__C in PDL

3.2.6 Sound Correspondence Set /i-i-i-i-e-i/

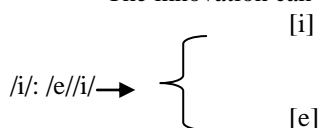
Sound correspondence set /i-i-i-i-e-i/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in middle positions as shown below:

Glos	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>calf</i>	'bitis	'bitis	bitis	bitis	bites	bitis
<i>lips</i>	'bibir	bibir	bibir	bibir	biber	bibir

In the sound correspondence set /i-i-i-i-e-i/, /i/ has the widest distribution in comparison to /i/ or abides by *majority wins* principle. On the basis of the fact, the proto-phoneme of /i-i-i-i-e-i/ is reconstructed as /*i/.

The innovation of proto-phoneme /*i/ into /i/ and /e/ does not result in difference of meaning since the two reflexes in the sister languages are not distinctive. The varieties are not phonemic rather subphonemic or allophonic.

The innovation can be shown in the following diagram:



The rule of the sound change is **/i/* changes into */e/* in KL due to the lenition or weakening of unrounded high front */i/* to become unrounded central front */e/* in middle positions between two consonants.
**i* → *e/C* ___ Cin KL

3.2.7 Sound Correspondence Set */ϕ-h-h-ϕ-h-ϕ/*

Sound correspondence set */ϕ-h-h-ϕ-h-ϕ/* in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in final positions as shown below:

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>bamboo</i>	bulu	buluh	buluh	bulu	buluh	bulu
<i>half</i>	bolΛ	-	bolΛh	bolΛ	-	bolΛ
<i>wash</i>	huri	hurih	huri	-	hurih	huri
<i>come</i>	rɔ	rɔh	rɔh	rɔ	rɔh	rɔ
<i>cold</i>	bɔrgɔ	bɔrgɔh	mbergɔh	bɔrgɔ	bergeh	bɔrgɔ
<i>fall</i>	dΛbu	dΛbuh	dΛbuh	dΛbu	dΛbuh	dΛbu

In reconstructing the proto-phoneme of */ϕ-h-h-ϕ-h-ϕ/*, the widest distribution or *majority wins* principle does not apply, for none of */ϕ/* and */h/* has the widest distribution. The occurrences of the two sounds are equal, three times. The solution to it is to refer to what Crowley (1992:100) states that */ʔ/* and */h/* are sounds that are very commonly lost in languages. In BLs, the phenomenon exists. In Proto-Austronesian (PAN) descending BLs, the equivalents of *rain* retain sound */h/* as in **/hud'an/* in Wurm *et al.*(1978:164), **/hud'an/* (Dempwolf, 1938), **/huDan/* (Lopez,n.d.), **/hujan/* (Brandstetter and Dempwolf, 1943), and **/hud'an/* (Capell, 1943). In BLs, **/h/* is lost to become *udΛn/in* TL, SL,PDL, AL, KL, and ML. Besides, in final position, there is **/h/* in the equivalent of *bamboo* **/buluh/* (Urm and Wilson, 1978:12).The sound is lost in TL, SL, AL, and ML to become */bulu/*.

As of the loss of **/h/*, in regressive assimilation, */h/* is lost after changing into */k/* in TL as in */duŋ/* 'after+ */hɔ/* 'you' → */dukʔkɔ/* 'after you'. Based on it, it can be inferred that */h/* is lost from TL, AL, and ML. Consequently, */h/* can be reconstructed as the proto-phoneme of */-ϕ,-h,-h,-ϕ,-h,-ϕ/*.

The status of **/h/* as proto-phoneme of */-ϕ,-h,-h,-ϕ,-h,-ϕ/* is strengthened by the presence of the sound in initial position of the equivalent of *come* in Alas language (AL), the language which is very close to BLs as seen in the following:

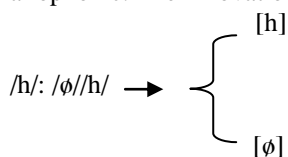
TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML	AL
'rɔ	'rɔh	'rɔh	'rɔ	'reh	'rɔ	'rɔh

The rule of the sound change is **/h/* changes into */ϕ/* in TL, SL, and ML due to the loss of the sound after vowel in the final position

**h* → *ϕ/___#* in TL,SL, and ML

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The innovation of proto-phoneme **/h/* into */h/* and */ϕ/* does not result in difference of meaning since the two reflexes in the sister languages are not distinctive. The varieties are not phonemic rather subphonemic or allophonic. The innovation can be shown in the following diagram:



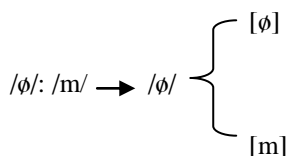
3.2.8 Sound Correspondence Set */ϕ-ϕ-m-ϕ-ϕ-ϕ/*

Sound correspondence set */ϕ-ϕ-m-ϕ-ϕ-ϕ/* in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial positions as shown below:

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>stale</i>	bΛri	bΛsi	mbari	bΛri	mali	bΛri
<i>swollen</i>	-	-	mbesar	bɔsar	besar	bɔsar
<i>clean</i>	-	bɔrsih	mbersih	-	bersih	-
<i>big</i>	bΛlgΛ	bΛggΛl	mbełgΛh	-	-	-
<i>afraid</i>	bιΛr	bιΛr	mbiar	biar	biar	biar

In the sound correspondence set / ϕ - ϕ -m- ϕ - ϕ -, / ϕ / has the widest distribution in comparison to /m/ or abides by *majority wins* principle. On the basis of the fact, the proto-phoneme of / ϕ - ϕ -m- ϕ - ϕ -/ is reconstructed as /* ϕ /.

The innovation of proto-phoneme /* ϕ / into /* ϕ / and /m/ does not result in difference of meaning since the two reflexes in the sister languages are not distinctive. The varieties are not phonemic rather subphonemic or allophonic. The innovation can be shown in the following diagram:



The rule of the sound change is /* ϕ / changes into /m/ in PDL due to the addition (prothesis) of /m/ before voiced stop bilabial /*b/ in initial position.

* ϕ → m/___C in PDL

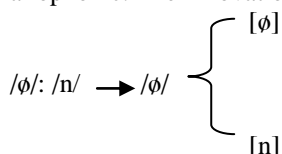
3.2.9 Sound Correspondence Set / ϕ - ϕ -n- ϕ - ϕ -/

Sound correspondence set / ϕ - ϕ -n- ϕ - ϕ -/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial positions as shown below:

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>fall</i>	dʌ'bu	'dʌbu	'ndabuh	'dabu	'dabu	'dabu
<i>far</i>	dʌ'o	'dʌo	'ndaɔh	dʌ'o	'dʌɔh	dʌ'o
<i>lick</i>	'dilʌt	'dilʌt	'ndilʌt	'dilʌt	'dilʌt	'dilʌt
<i>long</i>	-	'dɔkah	nde'kah	-	de'kah	-
<i>bright</i>	-	-	nte'raŋ	tɔ'raŋ	tɔ'raŋ	tɔ'raŋ

In the sound correspondence set / ϕ - ϕ -n- ϕ - ϕ -, / ϕ / has the widest distribution in comparison to /n/ or abides by *majority wins* principle. On the basis of the fact, the proto-phoneme of / ϕ - ϕ -n- ϕ - ϕ -/ is reconstructed as /* ϕ /.

The innovation of proto-phoneme /* ϕ / into /* ϕ / and /n/ does not result in difference of meaning since the two reflexes in the sister languages are not distinctive. The varieties are not phonemic rather subphonemic or allophonic. The innovation can be shown in the following diagram:



The rule of the sound change is /* ϕ / changes into /n/ in PDL due to the addition (prothesis) of /n/ before voiced stop alveolar /*t/ and voiceless stop alveolar in initial positions.

* ϕ → n/___C in PDL

3.2.10 Sound Correspondence Set / ϕ - ϕ -ŋ- ϕ - ϕ -/

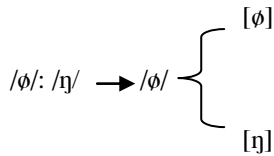
Sound correspondence set / ϕ - ϕ -ŋ- ϕ - ϕ -/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial positions as shown below:

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>strong</i>	gɔ'go	gɔ'go	'ŋgego	gɔ'go	'gege	gɔ'go
<i>dark</i>	-	'golap	ŋgelap	'golap	'gelap	'golap
<i>yellow</i>	-	'gɔrsiŋ	'ŋgersiŋ	'gɔrsiŋ	'gersiŋ	'gɔrsiŋ
<i>long</i>	gʌŋ'jʌŋ	gʌŋ'jʌŋ	'ŋgenan	gin'jan	'gedan	gin'jan

In the sound correspondence set / ϕ - ϕ -ŋ- ϕ - ϕ -, / ϕ / has the widest distribution in comparison to /ŋ/ or abides by *majority wins* principle. On the basis of the fact, the proto-phoneme of / ϕ - ϕ -ŋ- ϕ - ϕ -/ is reconstructed as /* ϕ /.

The innovation of proto-phoneme */*ϕ/* into */*ϕ/* and */ŋ/* does not result in difference of meaning since the two reflexes in the sister languages are not distinctive. The varieties are not phonemic rather subphonemic or allophonic.

The innovation can be shown in the following diagram:



The rule of the sound change is */*ϕ/* changes into */ŋ/* in PDL due to the addition (prothesis) of */ŋ/* before voiced stop velar */*g/* in initial positions.

**ϕ* → ŋ/___C in PDL

3.2.11 Sound Correspondence Set /h-h-k-h-k-h/

Sound correspondence set */h-h-k-h-k-h/* in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in initial positions as shown below:

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>cotton</i>	'hapas	'hapas	'kupas	'hapas	'kupas	'hapas
<i>cat</i>	'hutiŋ	'hutiŋ	'kociŋ	'hutiŋ	'kuciŋ	'hutiŋ
<i>lice</i>	'hutu	'hutu	'kutu	'hutu	'kutu	'hutu
<i>breath</i>	'hosa	'hosa	'kesah	'hosa	'kesah	'hosa
<i>fly</i>	'hʌbʌŋ	'hʌbʌŋ	'kʌbʌŋ	'hʌbʌŋ	'kʌbʌŋ	'hʌbʌŋ

In accordance with the *majority wins* principle, the proto-phoneme of */h-h-k-h-k-h/* must be */*h/* for it has the widest distribution, in initial positions of TL, SL, AL, and ML in comparison to */k/* of which distribution is only in PDL and KL. However, the reconstruction does not apply in the reconstruction of proto-phoneme of */h-h-k-h-k-h/* because */h/* has been reconstructed as proto-phoneme of */*h-h-ϕ-h-ϕ/*.

Because of it, the data of BLs should be extended by including the data of AL and Bahasa Indonesia (BI). According to Panggabean (1994:178), the equivalent of *cotton* in AL is */kupas/* and according to Sugono *et. al* (2008:621), the equivalent of the word in BI is */kupas/*. Provided that AL and BI data for the equivalent of *cotton* are included, there will be new correspondence set */h-h-k-h-k-h-k-k/* as seen below:

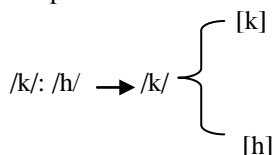
TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML	AL	BI
'hapas	'hapas	'kupas	'hapas	'kupas	'hapas	'kupas	'kupas

However, the data extension cannot bring about the proto-phoneme of */h-h-k-h-k-h/* since */h/* and */k/* respectively occur four times and none of them has the widest distribution. Thanks to it, the datum of the language in the higher level, PAN, needs to be referred to.

According to (Wurm and Wilson, 1978), the equivalent of the word *cotton* is */kupas/* in Lopez (n.d.) and */kapes/* in Charles (1973).

Following the inclusion of the data of AL, BI, and PAN, the distribution of */k/* is dominant. Consequently, */*k/* is reconstructed as proto-phoneme of */h-h-k-h-k-h/*. The innovation of */*k/* to become */h/* is summed up with the assumption that */*k/* changes into */h/* (*/*k/ > /h/*) in TL, SL, AL, and ML and undergoes retention in PDL and KL.

The innovation of proto-phoneme */*k/* into */*k/* and */h/* does not result in difference of meaning since the two reflexes in the sister languages are not distinctive. The varieties are not phonemic rather subphonemic or allophonic. The innovation can be shown in the following diagram:



The rule of the sound change is */*k/* changes into */h/* in TL, AL, and ML before vowel in initial position.

**k* → h/#___V in TL, AL, and ML

3.2.12 Sound Correspondence Set /k-k-ŋ-k-ŋ-k/

Sound correspondence set /k-k-ŋ-k-ŋ-k/ in BLs occurs regularly and recurrently in middle positions as shown below:

Glossary	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
<i>catch</i>	'takkup	'takkap	'taŋkap	'takkap	'taŋkap	'takkup
<i>round</i>	tik'kɔ	-	'ntenjɔ	-	-	-
<i>corpse</i>	'bakke	bak'kei	'baŋke	-	-	-
<i>stick</i>	'tukkɔt	'tukkɔt	'tuŋkɔt	'tukkɔt	'tuŋkɔt	'tukkɔt

Like in the reconstruction of /ϕ-h-h-ϕ-h-ϕ/, in the reconstruction of /k-k-ŋ-k-ŋ-k/, the widest distribution or *majority wins* principle does not apply.

To reconstruct the proto-phoneme of the correspondence set, we refer to the principle stated by Crowley (1992:96), "Any reconstruction should involve sound changes that are plausible." He says that lenition is more likely to take place than fortition by giving example that /*k/ becomes /*ʔ/ (/*k/> /*ʔ/ is more likely to take place than /*ʔ/ becomes /k/ (/*ʔ/> /k/).

However the example does not cover the question which one is more likely to take place /*ŋ/ becomes /k/ (/*ŋ/> /k/) than /*k/ becomes /ŋ/ (/*k/> /ŋ/) since both of them have the same point of articulation namely, dorsavelar. Despite it, the plausibility of sound change principle can be implemented in finding out the solution to the problem whether /*ŋ/ becomes /k/ (/*ŋ/> /k/) or /*k/ becomes /ŋ/ (/*k/> /ŋ/).

Based on the plausibility, it can be singled out that /*ŋ/ changes into /k/ (/*ŋ/> /k/) instead of /*k/ changes into /ŋ/ (/*k/> /ŋ/).

There are two premises that can be put forward to prove it. Firstly, in written forms of all BLs, cluster phoneme /ŋk/ is used to record spoken form /kk/. For instance, the equivalent of the word *cup* are written orthographically as *mangkuk* /maŋkuk/ in all BLs but it is pronounced in two different ways, /maŋkuk/ in PDL, KL, and ML and /makkuk/ in TL, SL, and ML. On the basis of it, there is a strong ground to say that /*ŋ/ changes into /k/ (/*ŋ/> /k/) instead of /*k/ changes into /ŋ/ (/*k/> /ŋ/).

Secondly, in assimilation process in TL, /ŋ/ tends to be conditioned sound instead of conditioning sound. Concerning the tendency that sound tends to be modified by its environment, (Pike,1968:58) may be referred to. The change of /ŋ/ into /k/ in the assimilation is shown below:

1. /ŋ/ changes into /k/ when followed by the word with initial sound /p/ as in /daŋ/ 'not'+ /pɔrlu/ 'necessary' → /dakpɔrlu/ 'not necessary'.
2. /ŋ/ changes into /k/ when followed by the word with initial sound /h/ as in /duŋ/ 'after' + /hɔ/ 'you' → /dukkɔ/ 'after you'.
3. /ŋ/ changes into /k/ when followed by the word with initial sound /s/ as in /daŋ/ 'not'+ /saut/ 'happen' → /daksaut/ 'not happen'.
4. /ŋ/ changes into /k/ when followed by the word with initial sound /t/ as in /manaŋ/ 'or' + /tuak¹/ → /manaktuak/ 'or tuak'.

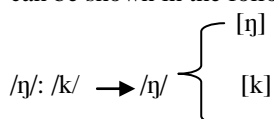
Sound /ŋ/ is also conditioned by the other sounds in assimilation. According to (Sibarani:1997) in (Marice, 2010:211), /ŋ/ changes into /k/ when followed by the word with initial phoneme /p/ (/ŋ + p/ → /kp/), into /k/ when followed by the word with initial phoneme /s/ (/ŋ + s/ → /ks/), and into /k/ when followed by the word with initial phoneme /t/ (/ŋ + t/ → /kt/).

For this reason, it can be presumed that in the history of development of BLS, /ŋ/ changes into /k/ in TL. Following the change of /ŋ/ into /k/ in TL, correspondence set /k-k-ŋ-k-ŋ-k/ becomes /ŋ-k-ŋ-k-ŋ-k/.

To support the plausibility of the change of /ŋ/ into /k/, the AL's datum is referred to. In the language, the equivalent of the word *stick* is /tɔŋkat/ and the equivalent of the word *catch* is /taŋkap/ (See Panggabean 1994:125). The distributions of /ŋ/ and /k/ after the change of /ŋ/ into /k/ in TL and the inclusion of AL is shown below:

TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML	AL
'tuŋkɔt	'tukkɔt	'tɔŋket	'tukkɔt	'tɔŋkat	'tukkɔt	'tuŋkɔt
'taŋkup	'taŋkap	'takkap	'takkap	'taŋkap	'takkup	'taŋkup

Based on the data /*ŋ/ can be reconstructed as proto-phoneme of /k-k-ŋ-k-ŋ-k/. The innovation of proto-phoneme /*ŋ/ into /*ŋ/ and /k/ does not result in difference of meaning since the two reflexes in the sister languages are not distinctive. The varieties are not phonemic rather subphonemic or allophonic. The innovation can be shown in the following diagram:



¹ tuak is traditional strong drink of Batak people

The rule of the sound change is $/*\eta/$ changes into $/k/$ in TL, SL, AL, and ML in middle positions before vowels.

$*\phi \rightarrow \eta/ ___ V$ in TL, SL, AL, and ML

III. The Sub-grouping of BLs

Crowley (1992:164-165) and Langacker (1992:339) say that shared innovation is used to establish the sub-grouping of sister languages. To carry out BLs' sub-grouping, the innovation-based correspondence sets of BLs are shown again below:

	TL	SL	PDL	AL	KL	ML
1	ϕ	h	h	ϕ	h	ϕ
2	ϕ	ϕ	m	ϕ	ϕ	ϕ
3	ϕ	ϕ	n	ϕ	ϕ	ϕ
4	ϕ	ϕ	η	ϕ	ϕ	ϕ
5	h	h	k	h	k	h
6	k	k	η	k	η	k
7	ɔ	ɔ	e	ɔ	e	ɔ
8	o	o	e	o	e	o
9	ϵ	ei	ϵ	ϵ	ϵ	ϵ
10	Λ	Λ	a	Λ	a	Λ
11	u	u	ɔ	u	u	u
12	i	i	i	i	e	i

Based on the above chart, it is revealed that in TL, AL, and ML in number 1 $/*h/$ is lost in final position or $h \rightarrow \phi / ___ \#$ and in number 6 $/*\eta/$ changes into $/*k/$ or $\eta \rightarrow k / ___ \#$. Such innovations do not occur in SL, PDL, and KL. Based on the shared innovation, TL, AL, and ML belong to one group.

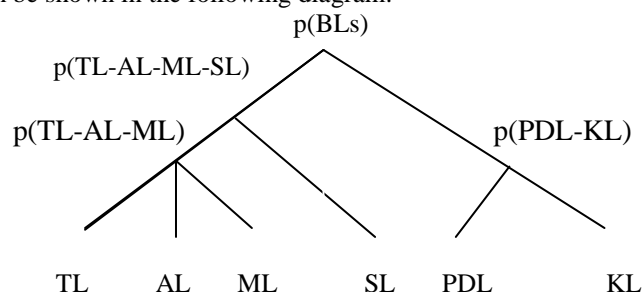
In addition to the shared innovation, the three sister languages show closeness as seen in number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Meanwhile, in PDL and bK, in number 7 $/*\text{ɔ}/$ changes into $/e/$ in middle position or $\text{ɔ} \rightarrow e / ___ \#$, in number 8 $/*o/$ changes into $/e/$ in middle position or $o \rightarrow e / ___ \#$, and in number 10, $/*\Lambda/$ changes into $/*a/$ or $\Lambda \rightarrow a / ___ \#$. Such innovations do not occur in TL, SL, AL, and KL. Based on the shared innovation, PDL and KL belong to one group.

In addition to the shared innovation, the two sister languages show closeness as seen in number 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11.

In SL, $/*\epsilon/$ changes into $/*ei/$ in final position or $\epsilon \rightarrow ei / ___ \#$. Such innovation does not occur in the first group (TL-AL-ML) and in the second group (PDL-KL). Only SL does have diphthong. SL has another diphthong, namely $/\text{ɔ}u/$ in the equivalent of *hut*, $/s\text{ɔ}p\text{ɔ}u/$. Although SL shares similarities with TL-AL-ML as in number 5,6,7,8,10,11, and 12 leading to the possibility that it belongs to the group, it shares similarity with PDL-KL as in number 1. That means, sound innovation in SL is not consistent. Based on the inconsistency and the presence of diphthong in SL, this language is unique. Because of its unique characteristic, SL does not belong to TL-AL-ML and PDL-KL sub-groups.

Although SL is separated from TL-AL-ML and PDL-KL, it is closer to TL-AL-ML than to PDL-KL. The sub-grouping of BLs can be shown in the following diagram:



The diagram shows that TL-AL-ML has proto-nuclear, namely p(TL-AL-ML), TL-AL-ML along with SL has proto-nuclear, namely p(TL-AL-ML-SL), and PDL-KL has proto-nuclear, namely p(PDL-KL) before they are connected to proto-Batak Languages, p(BLs).

IV. Conclusion

According to the data analysis above, the sound correspondence sets with linear reflexes in BLs are as follows: / Λ - Λ - Λ - Λ - Λ - Λ / with proto-phoneme /* Λ /, /a-a-a-a-a-a/ in initial, middle, and final positions with proto-phoneme /*a/, /u-u-u-u-u-u/ in initial, middle, and final positions with proto-phoneme /*u/, /i-i-i-i-i-i/ in initial, middle, and final positions with proto-phoneme /*i/, /b-b-b-b-b-b/ in initial and middle positions with proto-phoneme /*b/, /t-t-t-t-t-t/ in initial, middle and final positions with proto-phoneme /*t/, /j-j-j-j-j-j/ in initial and middle positions with proto-phoneme /*j/, /r-r-r-r-r-r/ in initial, middle, and final positions with proto-phoneme /*r/, /l-l-l-l-l-l/ in initial, middle, and final positions with proto-phoneme /*l/, / η - η - η - η - η - η / in initial, middle, and final positions with proto-phoneme /* η /, /p-p-p-p-p-p/ in initial, middle, and final positions with proto-phoneme /*p/, /g-g-g-g-g-g/ in initial and middle positions with proto-phoneme /*g/, /d-d-d-d-d-d/ in initial and middle positions with proto-phoneme /*d/, /m-m-m-m-m-m/ in initial, middle, and final positions with proto-phoneme /*m/, /s-s-s-s-s-s/ in initial, middle, and final positions with proto-phoneme /*s/, and /n-n-n-n-n-n/ in initial, middle, and final positions with proto-phoneme /*n/.

Meanwhile, the innovation-based sound correspondence sets in BLs are / υ - υ -e- υ -e- υ / in middle position, with proto-phoneme /* υ /, /o-o-e-o-e-o/ in middle position with proto-phoneme /*o/, / ϵ -ei- ϵ - ϵ - ϵ - ϵ / in final position with proto-phoneme /* ϵ /, / Λ - Λ -a- Λ -a- Λ - Λ / in middle position with proto-phoneme /* Λ /, /u-u- υ -u-u-u/ in middle position with proto-phoneme /*u/, /i-i-i-i-e-i/ in middle position with proto-phoneme /*i/, / ϕ -h-h- ϕ -h- ϕ / in final position with proto-phoneme /*h/, / ϕ - ϕ -m- ϕ - ϕ - ϕ / in initial position with proto-phoneme /* ϕ /, / ϕ - ϕ -n- ϕ - ϕ - ϕ / in initial position with proto-phoneme /* ϕ /, / ϕ - ϕ - η - ϕ - ϕ - ϕ / in initial position with proto-phoneme /* ϕ /, /h-h-k-h-k-h/ in initial position with proto-phoneme /*k/, and /k-k- η -k- η -k/ in middle position with proto-phoneme /* η /.

BLs consist of three language sub-groups, namely TL-AL-ML, PDL-KL, and SL.

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