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***Sounds, words and sentence structure in language contact:
trying to get the complete picture for endangered minority languages***

Some aspects of grammar experience more contact-induced language change than others. This paper examines the case of German endangered minority languages in the Northeast of Italy which are in close contact with Italian dialects since centuries. Pieces from numerous single-case studies conducted in recent years by the author's research group are put together with the aim of creating an overall picture of what is happening in the grammatical sub-domains in contact: phonetics/phonology, morphology and syntax. The results enable a well-grounded discussion of the question whether the sub-domains form a hierarchy of likeliness of being subject to contact-induced language change or not.