

World-Wide Assessment of AJSP-families

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A "D-family" is defined as:

- a **set of languages** (possibly a one-member set)
- with at least one **sufficiently attested** member language
- that has been **demonstrated in publication**
- to **stem from a common ancestor**
- by **orthodox comparative methodology** (Campbell and Poser 2008).
- for which there are **no** convincing published attempts to demonstrate **a wider affiliation**

The present author elaborated a complete list of the world's D-families. We will compare these (only the membership, not the subclassification) to the classification of ASJP. We will attempt to trace the reason for an ASJP membership which is not in the corresponding D-family and vice versa (e.g., wordlist not in ASJP, D-family classification does not depend on lexicon, D-family is thought to be justified, but on closer inspection is not, etc).

References

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