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# Strategies to Convey Signer Certainty in Turkish Sign Language (TİD)

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## Abstract

This study investigates how signer certainty is marked with manuals (hands) and non-manuals (face and body movements). Although signer certainty is marked via modulations of nonmanuals as squint or head nods, it is also expected for signers to convey it based on their choice of structures following Grice's maxim of quantity and Horn scales. Then, can manuals and nonmanuals be used interchangeably? Or does one form the basis like manuals and does other increase or decrease the effect of the basis like nonmanuals? Results show that nonmanuals, sentences, and their interaction significantly affect the certainty where manuals form the basis.

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