Review of: "Grammatical Aspects of Feminatives Through the Ukrainian Prism"

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Remarks on the Paper entitled: “Grammatical Aspects of Feminatives Through the Ukrainian Prism”

This paper discusses an interesting and contemporary issue in grammar of Ukrainian language. The author demonstrates knowledge of the subject-matter where grammar of the language is affected by some social aspects of the language. Both grammatical and social aspects of the phenomenon are illustrated. However, the following are observed as some areas where the paper needs to be improved:

1. The introduction should discuss briefly, the problem under investigation as well as the organization of the paper. The research gap should be clearly articulated here.

2. Most of the materials in the introduction section should be given a different heading as relevant section.

3. For the author to discuss the results of the study, first, there is need to tell the reader how the research was conducted to elicit the data and the procedure that was followed to obtain the results, i.e., methodology section.

4. It seems that the paper is not based on any theoretical framework, if so, then the author should clearly state that it is a descriptive paper that does not adopt any theory. Otherwise, the theoretical framework should be properly stated in a simple paragraph under the methodology section.

5. There is need to organize the paper into sections. In many journals the sections are numbered.

6. Under the discussion of the results, the author ought to present the data first as relevant examples (clauses or phrases), more preferably, in three term levels:

Ukrainian data (clause)
one on one glossing
‘Translation of the clause.’

7. The results ought to be classified according to the various aspects such as syntactic, morphological, phonological (grammatical) and social. Each can be discussed under a different sub-heading.

8. Some of the above suggestions should be reflected in the abstract. E.g., the methodology and the theoretical framework.

9. The author needs to read through the lines of the article to correct all typographical and mechanical errors.

10. If these observations are considered, the substance of the paper will be more meaningful and relevant as contribution in its domain.