

# Les oracions triargumentals causatives dels verbs psicològics catalans d'interès

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**Summary:** This paper analyses simple tri-argumental causative sentences with Catalan psych verbs of interest (*aficionar* 'to take up', *apassionar* 'to be passionate about', *entusiasmar* 'to be thrilled', *il·lusionar* 'to get excited by', *interessar* 'to be interested in') that do not fulfil Pesetsky's *Target/Subject Matter (T/SM) Restriction* (1995): *L'Arnau va interessar la Meritxell {en/per} la literatura* ('Arnau interested Meritxell in literature'). They are considered to have a complex bi-clausal argumental structure identical to that of sentences with the causative periphrasis *fer* 'make' + infinitive, but with the verb *fer* being silent. Both contain a dominant event nucleus  $v_{\text{DOP}}$  and a defective functional domain (CP, TP and VoiceP) in the infinitive clause. This structure is compared with that of causatives with a subordinate clause introduced with the conjunction *que* 'that', which have a dominant event nucleus  $v_{\text{GOP}}$ , and a complete functional domain (CP and TP). Lastly, this structure can be given more lexical content to form a periphrasis with a modal verb or equivalent, the structure of which is also analysed, together with that of constructions with other periphrases that have a pronominal psych verb in the subordinate clause.

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