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**Research Title: Conjunctive Formations in Old English and Modern English:
A Comparative Study**

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Abstract of the research:

This paper discusses the principles that underlie the formation and ordering of the constituents in reduplicative and conjunctive formations in Old English (OE) and Modern English (ME). The aim of this paper is to map out the main similarities and differences regarding conjunctive relation in OE and ME. The conjunctive formations follow several different patterns in both eras. According to Haeberli (2002), Baker (2012) the conjunctive relations in OE affect the word order of the sentences, while Ringe and Taylor (2015) argue that the conjunctive relations in OE are formed in a similar manner to ME. Thus, this paper elaborates on the paradigm of correspondences between OE and ME conjunctive relations in selected OE prose (with translation into ME) and ME newspapers to find out the key feature of conjunctive formations in OE and ME. For the OE data, we have relied on the extensive statistical work of Cichosz, A (2021). As far as the ME data is concerned, we have collected news pieces from the leading English online newspapers. Preliminary results of the comparison show that cultural, social and linguistic features have key impact on the conjunctive formations in OE and ME.

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