

Phonotactic constraints on vowels of bimoraic “roots” in G|ui

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Like other Khoisan languages, G|ui exhibits cross-linguistically uncommon phonotactic constraints in bimoraic roots of the structure C1V2C2V2, C1V1V2, C1V1N. This paper focuses on V1 and V2, and proposes a new interpretation that systematically, V1 involves only [\pm round, \pm pharyngeal] and V2 involves only [\pm high, \pm low, \pm back, \pm nasal]. This study also examines whether this proposal can be applicable to other Khoisan languages. In addition, new findings of my preliminary investigation of G|ui phonotactics by means of “language game” are also discussed.