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Omotic numerals

Dedicated to the memory of Andrzej Zaborski (1942–2014)

Abstract

More than 30 years ago Andrzej Zaborski (1983; 1987 {1983}) collected and analyzed all Cushitic and Omotic numerals, which were described in his time, and tried to analyze their internal structure. His two pioneering studies stimulated the present attempt to collect all available relevant data about Omotic numerals and to analyze them in both genetic (Afroasiatic) and areal (Cushitic, Ethio-Semitic and Nilo-Saharan) perspectives, all at the contemporary level of our knowledge. With respect to the long mutual interference between various groups of Cushitic and Omotic languages, it is necessary to study the numerals in both the language families together. The presented material is organized in agreement with the genetic classification of these languages. On the basis of concrete forms in individual languages the protoforms in partial groups are reconstructed, if it is possible, and these partial protoforms of numerals in the daughter protolanguages are finally compared to determine the inherited forms. The common cognates are finally compared with parallels in other Afroasiatic branches, if exist, or with counterparts in Ethio-Semitic or Nilo-Saharan languages, if they could be borrowed from or adapted into the Cushitic or Omotic languages.

Keywords

Cushitic, Omotic, Ethio-Semitic, Afroasiatic, Nilo-Saharan, etymology, borrowing.

I. North Omotic

1. Dizoid

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Dizi	<i>k'o:j / k'òy</i>	<i>t'à:gḡ / tà:gn</i>	<i>kà:dū / kàdú</i>	<i>k'ùbḡ / kùbḡ</i>	<i>útfū / úxcú</i>	<i>jàkū / yàkú</i>	<i>tù:sū / tù:sú</i>	<i>ze:d / zyéd</i>	<i>sāgḡ / sàgɪl</i>	<i>tāmū / tāmú</i>
Nayi	<i>jisḡ</i>	<i>t'a:gḡ</i>	<i>kādú</i>	<i>kubḡ</i>	<i>útf:ú</i>	<i>jākú</i>	<i>tu:su</i>	<i>ziét</i>	<i>sāgḡ</i>	<i>tāmmù</i>
Sheko	<i>k'òy</i>	<i>t'aagḡ</i>	<i>kàdu</i>	<i>kúbḡ</i>	<i>útfú</i>	<i>yakú</i>	<i>tubsu</i>	<i>zeed</i>	<i>sagḡ</i>	<i>təbi</i>

	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	1000
Dizi	<i>t'à:gḡ / tāmū</i>	<i>kà:dū / tāmū</i>	<i>k'ùbḡ / tāmū</i>	<i>útfū / tāmū</i>	<i>jàkū / tāmū</i>	<i>tù:sū / tāmū</i>	<i>ze:d / tāmū</i>	<i>sāgḡ / tāmū</i>	<i>mātū / k'o:j (mātu < Amh.)</i>	<i>fi k'o:j (fi < Amh.)</i>
Nayi	<i>t'à tām</i>	<i>ka tām</i>	<i>kubḡ / tām</i>	<i>útf / tām</i>	<i>jāku / tām</i>	<i>tu:sn / tām</i>	<i>zéd / tām</i>	<i>sāgḡ / tām</i>	<i>bálla</i>	<i>wuma</i>
Sheko	<i>t'aagḡ / tamú</i>	<i>kàdu / tamú</i>	<i>kúbḡ / tamú</i>	<i>útfú / tamú</i>	<i>yakú / tamú</i>	<i>tubsu / tamú</i>	<i>zeed / tamú</i>	<i>sagḡ / tamú</i>	<i>k'oy / bara / tiba k'oy</i>	<i>k'oy fi (fi < Amh.)</i>

2. Yemsa

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<i>ʔis:ɔ:n¹¹ / ʔisa¹¹</i>	<i>hep^{h1} / ʔep^{h1}</i>	<i>'k^he:z²</i>	<i>ʔa¹¹'tʃe:tʃ^ʃ</i>	<i>'ʔo:tʃ^ʃ</i>	<i>ʔl'si:ɔn¹</i>	<i>'na:¹fɔn¹</i>	<i>'naŋ²ri:n¹</i>	<i>'ʔɪz¹gɪn¹</i>	<i>ʔa¹sɪr¹</i>

	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	1000
	<i>hep^{h1} / a¹sɪr¹</i>	<i>'k^he:z² / a¹sɪr¹</i>	<i>ʔa¹¹'tʃe:tʃ^ʃ / a¹sɪr¹</i>	<i>'ʔo:tʃ^ʃ / a¹sɪr¹</i>	<i>ʔl'si:ɔn¹ / a¹sɪr¹</i>	<i>'na:¹fɔn¹ / a¹sɪr¹</i>	<i>'naŋ²ri:n¹ / a¹sɪr¹</i>	<i>'ʔɪz¹gɪn¹ / a¹sɪr¹</i>	<i>ʔl'sa¹ / t^{h1}ja¹</i>	<i>ʔl'sa¹ / k^hɔ²ma²</i>

3. Gimira

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bench	<i>mat¹³</i>	<i>nam⁴</i>	<i>kaz⁴</i>	<i>od⁴</i>	<i>uŋ²</i>	<i>sa²pm³</i>	<i>na²pm³</i>	<i>n²ar²tn³</i>	<i>irs²tn³</i>	<i>tam⁵</i>
She	<i>mātā</i>	<i>nām</i>	<i>kāz</i>	<i>od</i>	<i>uç</i>	<i>sāpḡ</i>	<i>nāpḡ</i>	<i>nyārḡn</i>	<i>yrstn</i>	<i>tām</i>

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Bench	<i>nam³tam²</i>	<i>kaz²tam²</i>	<i>od³tam²</i>	<i>uɿ^ɸn³tam²</i>	<i>sa⁵pm³tam²</i>	<i>na⁵pm³tam²</i>	<i>n^oar⁵tn³tam²</i>	<i>irs⁵tn³tam²</i>	<i>bal²⁻³</i>	<i>nam⁴ wum²⁻³</i>
She	<i>nām-tām</i>	<i>kas-t^ɸm</i>	<i>ot-tām</i>	<i>uçen-tām</i>	<i>sāpm-tām</i>	<i>nāpm-tām</i>	<i>nyārtn-tām</i>	<i>yrstn-tām</i>	<i>bāllō</i>	<i>tam bal</i>

4. Omoto

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Chara	<i>ɸissa</i>	<i>nanta</i>	<i>ke:za</i>	<i>obda</i>	<i>učča</i>	<i>sapma</i>	<i>lapma</i>	<i>nandirsa</i>	<i>bīza</i>	<i>tansá</i>
Dorze	<i>ɸissino ~ ista</i>	<i>nam(?)á</i>	<i>heezá ~ heedzi</i>	<i>ɸoidá</i>	<i>ɸitɸáfa ~ ɸitɸátfa</i>	<i>ɸusúpun ~ ɸusúɸun</i>	<i>láppun ~ láɸun</i>	<i>hóspun ~ hósɸun</i>	<i>ɸudúfun ~ ɸudúɸun</i>	<i>tám(m)i</i>
Zala	<i>ista</i>	<i>na'ā</i>	<i>hezzā</i>	<i>oiddā</i>	<i>iččāsā</i>	<i>usuffunā</i>	<i>lāffunā</i>	<i>hosfunā</i>	<i>udduffunā</i>	<i>támmā</i>
Gofa	<i>ɸistá</i>	<i>nam??á</i>	<i>heedzdzá</i>	<i>ɸoiddá</i>	<i>ɸitɸjáfá</i>	<i>ɸusúppuna</i>	<i>laáppuna</i>	<i>hóspuna</i>	<i>ɸuddúfuna</i>	<i>támma</i>
Malo	<i>ista</i>	<i>nam?a</i>	<i>hedza</i>	<i>oydda</i>	<i>ičeša</i>	<i>usúpuna</i>	<i>lápuna</i>	<i>hospuna</i>	<i>uddupuna</i>	<i>tamma</i>
Dache	<i>ɸissino / ɸistá</i>	<i>nam?á</i>	<i>heedzdzá</i>	<i>ɸoiddá</i>	<i>ɸitɸjáfá</i>	<i>ɸusúppuna</i>	<i>laáppuna</i>	<i>hóspuna</i>	<i>ɸuddúpuna</i>	<i>támma</i>
Gamo	<i>ɸissio (?ista)</i>	<i>nam?a</i>	<i>heedzda</i>	<i>ɸojdda</i>	<i>ɸitɸjáfá</i>	<i>ɸuspuna</i>	<i>laappuna</i>	<i>hospuna</i>	<i>ɸuddupuna</i>	<i>tamma</i>
Wolaitta ₁	<i>ɸistá</i>	<i>naa??á</i>	<i>heezá</i>	<i>ɸoiddá</i>	<i>ɸitɸjáfá</i>	<i>ɸusúppuna</i>	<i>laáppuna</i>	<i>hóspuna</i>	<i>ɸuddúpuna</i>	<i>támma</i>
Wolaitta ₂	<i>ɸistá / ɸisiino</i>	<i>naa??á</i>	<i>heezá</i>	<i>ɸoidsá</i>	<i>ɸiččásá</i>	<i>ɸusúppuna</i>	<i>laáppuna</i>	<i>hóspuna</i>	<i>ɸuddúpuna</i>	<i>támma</i>
Kullo	<i>eso</i>	<i>naha</i>	<i>esa</i>	<i>oída</i>	<i>ičaša</i>	<i>ussupuno</i>	<i>lapuna</i>	<i>uspuna</i>	<i>udupuna</i>	<i>tama</i>
Ganjule ₁	<i>bizzó</i>	<i>naámɸu</i>	<i>háyzí</i>	<i>ɸoyddu</i>	<i>ɸitɸjáfí</i>	<i>ɸizzí(w)pu</i>	<i>láppu</i>	<i>lánkufɸe</i>	<i>tánsinde</i>	<i>támmu</i>
Ganjule ₂	<i>bizu</i>	<i>lam?</i>	<i>haydz</i>	<i>oydu</i>	<i>išič</i>	<i>izúp</i>	<i>lap'ɸ</i>	<i>lanjúk</i>	<i>tantsinde</i>	<i>tam</i>
Gats'ama	<i>bizé</i>	<i>ná:mɸo</i>	<i>há:yzí</i>	<i>ɸó:ídu</i>	<i>ɸišíž</i>	<i>ɸəzú</i>	<i>láp</i>	<i>lanjúk</i>	<i>tansint</i>	<i>támu</i>
Zargulla	<i>bizzó</i>	<i>nám?a</i>	<i>háidts</i>	<i>ɸoidd</i>	<i>ɸišičč</i>	<i>ɸizíp</i>	<i>laáp</i>	<i>lakkúče</i>	<i>tansine</i>	<i>támm</i>
Koorete	<i>'bidz:ò</i>	<i>'lámɸè</i>	<i>'hávdzè</i>	<i>'ɸó:d:è</i>	<i>'ɸitɸjáfè</i>	<i>'ɸiz:úɸè</i>	<i>'lá:pè</i>	<i>há'z:úp:è</i>	<i>ɸó'd:úp:è</i>	<i>'t^hám:è</i>
Zayse	<i>bizzō</i>	<i>nam</i>	<i>hayts</i>	<i>oyt</i>	<i>išič</i>	<i>izup</i>	<i>lāp</i>	<i>lakkúč</i>	<i>tsingō</i>	<i>tām</i>
Basketo	<i>péttán péttí^{modif.}</i>	<i>námɸi</i>	<i>háizí</i>	<i>òiddí</i>	<i>iffín</i>	<i>lèhí</i>	<i>tàbzá</i>	<i>lámáhái / lámákái</i>	<i>sàakàlì / sàakilì</i>	<i>tábbá</i>
Doko	<i>petteni</i>	<i>namɸi</i>	<i>hayzi</i>	<i>oyddi</i>	<i>iššni</i>	<i>lhi</i>	<i>tabzá</i>	<i>lamakoy</i>	<i>sa-kali</i>	<i>taɸba</i>
Dollo	<i>péttán</i>	<i>nām</i>	<i>ayz</i>	<i>oyd</i>	<i>ěššén</i>	<i>leh</i>	<i>tābezā</i>	<i>lāmākāy</i>	<i>sākāl</i>	<i>tā'ba</i>
Oyda	<i>féttó</i>	<i>lamɸi</i>	<i>háiddzi</i>	<i>ɸoiddí</i>	<i>ɸiccin</i>	<i>ɸizíppun</i>	<i>láappun</i>	<i>ɸóspun</i>	<i>ɸiddífun</i>	<i>tábbó</i>
Male	<i>pétte</i>	<i>lamɸo</i>	<i>haitsó</i>	<i>ɸoidó</i>	<i>dóngo</i>	<i>láhhó</i>	<i>lánkayi</i>	<i>sállì</i>	<i>tásuba</i>	<i>tábbó</i>

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Chara	<i>nantansá</i>	<i>ke:ztansá</i>	<i>obda tansá</i>	<i>učča tansá</i>	<i>sapma tansá</i>	<i>lapma tansá</i>	<i>nandirsa tansá</i>	<i>biža tansá</i>	<i>s'e:ta</i>	<i>ʔissa šáʔa</i>
Dorze	<i>nám(?)i tam(m)i ~ laátamma</i>	<i>heézi tam(m)i</i>	<i>ʔoidi tam(m)i</i>	<i>ʔiɣtʃátʃi tam(m)i</i>	<i>ʔusúpún tam(m)i</i>	<i>lápún tam(m)i</i>	<i>hóspun tam(m)i</i>	<i>ʔuddúpún tam(m)i</i>	<i>(ʔissi) ts'eete</i>	<i>ʔissi fije < Amh.</i>
Gofa	<i>namʔu tamma / laátamma</i>	<i>heédzdu tamma / hástama</i>	<i>ʔoiddú tamma / ʔoitama</i>	<i>ʔiɣtʃátʃú tamma / ʔiǰátama</i>	<i>ʔusúppún tamma</i>	<i>laáppún tamma</i>	<i>hóspun tamma</i>	<i>ʔuddúfún tamma</i>	<i>ts'eéta</i>	<i>mukúla / (ǰáʔa) fíʔa < Amh.</i>
Malo	<i>lá-táma</i>	<i>hastama</i>	<i>oytáma</i>	<i>išetama</i>					<i>s'e:ta</i>	
Dache	<i>namʔu tamma</i>	<i>heédzdu tamma</i>	<i>ʔoiddú tamma</i>	<i>ʔiɣtʃátʃú tamma</i>	<i>ʔusúppún tamma</i>	<i>laáppún tamma</i>	<i>hóspun tamma</i>	<i>ʔuddúpún tamma</i>	<i>(ʔissi) ts'eéta</i>	<i>ʔissi fíʔa < Amh.</i>
Gamo	<i>namʔu tamma (laatamma)</i>	<i>heedzdu tamma</i>	<i>ʔojddu tamma</i>	<i>ʔiɣtʃatʃfú tamma</i>	<i>ʔispun tamma</i>	<i>laappun tamma</i>	<i>hospun tamma</i>	<i>ʔuddupun tamma</i>	<i>namʔa s'eeta</i>	<i>ʔissi fíʔa < Amh.</i>
Wolaitta ₁	<i>laátama / nááʔʔú tamma</i>	<i>hástama / heézzú tamma</i>	<i>ʔoitama / ʔoiddú tamma</i>	<i>ǰátama / ʔiɣtʃátʃú tamma</i>	<i>ʔusúppún tamma</i>	<i>laáppún tamma</i>	<i>hóspún tamma</i>	<i>ʔuddúpún tamma</i>	<i>(ʔissi) t'eéta</i>	<i>(ʔissi) fáʔa < Amh.</i>
Wolaitta ₂	<i>laátama</i>	<i>hástama</i>	<i>ʔoitama</i>	<i>iččátama</i>	<i>ʔusúppun tamma</i>	<i>laápun tamma</i>	<i>hóspun tamma</i>	<i>ʔuddúpun tamma</i>	<i>t'eéta</i>	<i>čáʔa < Amh.</i>
Kullo	<i>latama</i>	<i>as-tama</i>	<i>oi-tama</i>	<i>iča-tama</i>	<i>ussupun-tama</i>	<i>lapun-tama</i>	<i>ospun-tama</i>	<i>udupun-tama</i>	<i>teta</i>	<i>šáʂa</i>
Ganjule ₁	<i>námmʔu támmu</i>	<i>háyyzi támmu</i>	<i>ʔoydu támmu</i>	<i>ʔiɣtʃiɣtʃi támmu</i>	<i>ʔizzi(w)pu támmu</i>	<i>láppu támmu</i>	<i>lánkufʃe támmu</i>	<i>tánsinde támmu</i>	<i>s'eét</i>	<i>fí < Amh.</i>
Ganjule ₂	<i>lamʔu tom</i>	<i>haydzi tom</i>	<i>oydi tom</i>	<i>išittam</i>	<i>izup tom</i>	<i>lap^otom</i>	<i>laykuče tom</i>	<i>tantsinde tom</i>	<i>ts'e-ti</i>	<i>bizi ts'its'</i>
Zargulla	<i>namʔú támm</i>	<i>haidtsú támm</i>	<i>ʔoidd támm</i>	<i>ʔišičč támm</i>	<i>ʔizíp támm</i>	<i>laáp támm</i>	<i>lakkúče támm</i>	<i>tansine támm</i>	<i>s'eét</i>	<i>šíya < Amh.</i>
Koorete	<i>lám 'tʰám.è</i>	<i>há'dzi-'tʰám.è</i>	<i>ʔʂ'ǰi-'tʰám.è</i>	<i>ʔi'ɣtʃi-'tʰám.è</i>	<i>ʔi'z:úφ-'tʰám.è / ʔi'z:úpp-'tʰám.è</i>	<i>lá:p-'tʰám.è</i>	<i>há'z:úφ-'tʰám.è</i>	<i>ʔʂ'd:úφ-'tʰám.è</i>	<i>'ts'í:tsè</i>	<i>(ʰbidz-) 'kúma < Or. / (bidz'-) fíʔè < Amh.</i>
Zayse	<i>lamtam</i>	<i>haystam</i>	<i>oyttam</i>	<i>iččaštam</i>	<i>izuptām</i>	<i>lāptam</i>	<i>lakkučtam</i>	<i>tsingtam</i>	<i>tsietā</i>	

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Basketo	<i>lám-tám</i>	<i>hàizzí tábbá</i>	<i>òiddí tábbá</i>	<i>ijfin tábbá</i>	<i>lèhi tábbá</i>	<i>tàbzá tábbá</i>	<i>lámáhái tábbá</i>	<i>sàakáli tábbá</i>	<i>ts'èetà / gábbá</i>	<i>mùkùlâ / mùkùlâ</i>
Doko	<i>lam tam</i>	<i>aydzi tabba</i>							<i>ts'e-ta</i>	
Dollo	<i>lām-dāmmo</i>	<i>lām-tām tā'bo (2x10) +10</i>	<i>lāmi gābā 2x20</i>	<i>lāmi gābā tā' bā</i>	<i>oydi gābo 40+20</i>	<i>òšonās gābā 50+20</i>	<i>lèhē-sa gābā 60+20</i>	<i>tabezā-zā gab'ā 70+20</i>	<i>lāmākā-sā gab'ā 80+20</i>	
Oyda	<i>lam? tám</i>	<i>haas tám</i>	<i>ʔoidd tám, ʔoitám</i>	<i>ʔiccín tam</i>	<i>ʔizippun tam</i>	<i>lápappun tam</i>	<i>ʔòspun tam</i>	<i>ʔiddifun tam</i>	<i>(fétí) ts'et</i>	<i>mikul</i>
Male	<i>lamá-támmi</i>	<i>haytsi-támmi</i>	<i>ʔoidí-támmi</i>	<i>dóngi-támmi</i>	<i>láhhi-támmi</i>	<i>lánkayi-támmi</i>	<i>sállitámmi</i>	<i>tásubi-támmi</i>	<i>s'ééta</i>	<i>fíya < Amh. fih</i>

5. Gonga

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Anfillo	<i>ikkó</i>	<i>guttó</i>	<i>kedzó</i>	<i>auddó</i>	<i>amittó</i>	<i>firtó</i>	<i>fabattó</i>	<i>fimittó</i>	<i>yiringó</i>	<i>afiró</i>
B(w)oro ₁	<i>ikka</i>	<i>gittá</i>	<i>ke.zá</i>	<i>áwddá</i>	<i>u.sá</i>	<i>šerita</i>	<i>šawáta</i>	<i>šimíta</i>	<i>ʔye.riyá</i>	<i>tása</i>
B(w)oro ₂	<i>ikkà</i>	<i>gittà</i>	<i>keezá</i>	<i>áwdà</i>	<i>uttsá</i>	<i>širr²tà</i>	<i>šawaatà</i>	<i>šəmmatà</i>	<i>jeediya</i>	<i>tattsá</i>
B(w)oro ₃	<i>ikka</i>	<i>gitta</i>	<i>kéga</i>	<i>áuda</i>	<i>húča</i>	<i>širta</i>	<i>šábata</i>	<i>seminta</i>	<i>géta</i>	<i>táča</i>
Kafa	<i>ʔikkóó</i>	<i>guttóó</i>	<i>kèémó</i>	<i>áwúddó</i>	<i>ʔúuttʔóó</i>	<i>fírittóó</i>	<i>fábáattóó</i>	<i>fímittóó</i>	<i>ʔit'ijóó</i>	<i>ààfiróó</i>
Shekkacho	<i>ikka</i>	<i>guttaa</i>	<i>keejjaa</i>	<i>awuddaa</i>	<i>uucčaa</i>	<i>širittaa</i>	<i>šabaattaa</i>	<i>šimittaa</i>	<i>yit'yiaa</i>	<i>aširaa</i>

	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	1000
Anfillo	<i>hiyó / hiʔó</i>	<i>fáfó</i>	<i>aribó</i>	<i>amifó</i>	<i>fírfó</i>	<i>fabó</i>	<i>fínnó</i>	<i>yirió</i>	<i>(ikke-) balló</i>	<i>humó</i>
B(w)oro ₁	<i>hi.yá</i>	<i>ša.šá</i>	<i>habá</i>	<i>ballé kása</i>	<i>ja támá</i>	<i>torba támá</i>	<i>sade:t támá</i>	<i>ságal támá</i>	<i>balla</i>	<i>kumá</i>
B(w)oro ₂	<i>hiyyá</i>	<i>šaašá</i>	<i>habbá</i>	<i>baal-k'ats² = half-100</i>	<i>bel-k'ats²-tatts^e</i>	<i>bel-k'ats²-hiyy^e</i>	<i>bel-k'ats²-šaaš^e</i>	<i>bel-k'ats²-habb²</i>	<i>baallá</i>	<i>(ikkò-) kumá</i>
B(w)oro ₃	<i>héwo</i>	<i>sáāso</i>	<i>habbo</i>	<i>ballikáčo</i>	<i>síso</i>	<i>šábbo</i>	<i>šimno</i>	<i>zítana</i>	<i>báallo</i>	<i>šío</i>
Kafa	<i>hijóó</i>	<i>fááfóó</i>	<i>ààbbòó</i>	<i>ààttʔóó</i>	<i>fíttʔóó</i>	<i>fábòó</i>	<i>fínnòó</i>	<i>ʔit'enòó</i>	<i>bállò</i>	<i>hùmó</i>
Shekkacho	<i>hiyaa</i>	<i>šaašaa</i>	<i>aabbaa</i>	<i>aččaa</i>	<i>šiččaa</i>	<i>šabaa</i>	<i>šinnaa</i>	<i>yit'ana</i>	<i>ballo</i>	<i>umoo</i>

6. Mao

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bambassi	<i>hiški</i>	<i>numbo</i>	<i>teezè</i>	<i>meše</i>	<i>kwíssi</i>	<i>kyaansè</i>	<i>kúlumbò</i>	<i>kúteezé</i>	<i>kúsméše</i>	<i>kiúúú</i>
Ganza	<i>ʔiškúwéén</i>	<i>mámbug?</i>	<i>tíizí?</i>	<i>máşşı?</i>	<i>kwíssi?</i>	<i>ʔiškípín</i>	<i>mámpín</i>	<i>wóp'ò</i>	<i>şélé?</i>	<i>kónsobàà?</i>
Hozo ₁ Bender / Wedekind	<i>on:a / onna</i>	<i>dombo / dombo</i>	<i>sia:si / siyazi</i>	<i>betsi: / betşi</i>	<i>kwítsi / kwitsi</i>	<i>keni: / ota-onna</i>	<i>ʔɔ:ta / ota- dombo</i>	<i>ʔɔ:tá / ota-siyazi</i>	<i>ʔɔ:ti / ota-be:tsi</i>	<i>pó:ši / po:ši</i>
Hozo ₂	<i>ʔónnà</i>	<i>dòmbó</i>	<i>sijázi</i>	<i>bétşi</i>	<i>kwítşi</i>	<i>kwítşi ʔóttá ʔónnà</i>	<i>kwítşi ʔóttá dòmbó</i>	<i>kwítşi ʔóttá sijázi</i>	<i>kwítşi ʔóttá bétşi</i>	<i>póši</i>
Seze ₁ Bender / Wedekind	<i>işile / işile</i>	<i>nòmbé / no:mbe</i>	<i>si:zi / si:ze</i>	<i>bèşé / betşe</i>	<i>kúsé / kússe</i>	<i>dʒa:j / ot-şile</i>	<i>ʔɔ:t nòmbé / ot-nombe</i>	<i>ʔɔ:t si:zi / ota-si:ze</i>	<i>ʔɔ:t bè:şé / ota-be:şe</i>	<i>kó:sè / ku:se; cf. kuse hand</i>
Seze ₂	<i>ʔişilè</i>	<i>nòmbé</i>	<i>siüzé</i>	<i>beşşé</i>	<i>kwíssé</i>	<i>kwíssé ʔòòt ʔişilè</i>	<i>kwíssé ʔòòt nòmbé</i>	<i>kwíssé ʔòòt siüzé</i>	<i>kwíssé ʔòòt beşşé</i>	<i>kiúúé cf. kuse hand</i>

	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	1000
Bam- bassi	<i>numbo kuuse / eskele person- body</i>	<i>teezè kuuse</i>	<i>meše kuuse</i>	<i>kwíssi kuuse</i>	<i>kyaansè kuuse</i>	<i>kúlumbò kuuse</i>	<i>kúreezé kuuse</i>	<i>kúsméşe kuuse</i>	<i>kiúúé kuuse</i>	<i>hiški kuusan kiúúé kuusan</i>
Ganza	<i>ʔiş(k) ʔasi kéwò</i>	<i>ʔiş(k) ʔasi kéwò gáşi kónsobàà?</i>	<i>mám ʔasi kéwò?</i>	<i>mám ʔasi kéwò gáşi kónsobàà?</i>	<i>tíiz ʔasi kéwò?</i>	<i>tíiz ʔasi kéwò gáşi kónsobàà?</i>	<i>beşşé màà kwèej</i>	<i>máşş ʔasi kéwò gáşi kónsobàà?</i>	<i>kwíss ʔasi kéwò?</i>	
Hozo ₁ Wed.	<i>onna-mo- kwe</i>	<i>onna-mo- kwe-eb- poşi</i>	<i>dombo mo-kwe</i>						<i>kwitsi- mo-kwe</i>	
Hozo ₂	<i>móʔónnà- ké (ké = body)</i>	<i>móʔónnà- ké ʔóttá póşi</i>	<i>módòmbó- ké</i>	<i>módòmbó- ké ʔóttá póşi</i>	<i>mósijázi- ké</i>	<i>mósijázi- ké ʔóttá póşi</i>	<i>móbétşi- ké</i>	<i>móbétşi- ké ʔóttá póşi</i>	<i>mókwítşi- ké</i>	<i>ʔónnà ʔúwwá sijázi</i>
Seze ₁ Wed.	<i>işil-ma- kwe</i>	<i>işil-ma- kwe-ne- ku:sene</i>	<i>nombe- ma-kwe</i>						<i>kússe- ma-kwe</i>	
Seze ₂	<i>ʔişil màà kwèej</i>	<i>ʔişil màà kwèènè</i>	<i>nòmbé màà kwèej</i>	<i>nòmbé màà kwèènè</i>	<i>siüzé màà kwèej</i>	<i>siüzé màà kwèènè</i>	<i>beşşé màà kwèej</i>	<i>beşşé màà kwèènè</i>	<i>kwíssé màà kwèej</i>	

Cf. Koman numerals (Nilo-Saharan)

language	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Kwama	<i>sóndò / sé:né / sé:şkin</i>	<i>sijá</i>	<i>twásèn</i>	<i>bé:şin</i>	<i>kú.mùt</i>	<i>kúbà-sè:n = takes 1</i>	<i>kúbà-siújá= takes 2</i>	<i>kúbà-twásèn = takes 3</i>	<i>kúb-bé:şin = takes 4</i>	<i>ķú:zi = fingers</i>
Opuuo	<i>difede</i>	<i>fuka / cuka</i>	<i>tufu / tusu</i>	<i>hwan / ŋwan</i>	<i>muta:-kwei = hand</i>	<i>kane-dé</i>	<i>kane-fuka</i>	<i>kane-tūfū</i>	<i>kane-hwān</i>	<i>muta-kweya-fuka-yen</i>
Komo ₁	<i>dē</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>dif</i>	<i>dɔgɔn</i>	<i>büş</i>	<i>káná gı dē</i>	<i>káná á so</i>	<i>káná á dif</i>	<i>káná á dɔgɔn</i>	<i>ķɔf ķɔlɔ = kill hand(s)</i>
Komo ₂	<i>dé?</i>	<i>so?</i>	<i>difin</i>	<i>dɔyɔn</i>	<i>bòs'in</i>	<i>kà:nagídē</i>	<i>kà:nàso?</i>	<i>kà:nàdif</i>	<i>kà:nàdɔgɔn</i>	<i>ķɔfķɔlɔ</i>
Twampa = Uduk	<i>dē?</i>	<i>sú?</i>	<i>kʷārā</i>	<i>dòŋ(g)òn</i>	<i>múqèd</i>	<i>múqèd pé dē?</i>	<i>múqèd pé sú?</i>	<i>múqèd pé pé(ŋ) kʷārā</i>	<i>múqèd pé dòŋ(g)òn</i>	<i>ķímèd</i>

II. South Omotic = Aroid

language	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ari	<i>wól:áq</i>	<i>qast:én</i>	<i>mak:én</i>	<i>ʔoyd:i</i>	<i>dónq:</i>	<i>lá:</i>	<i>tabzá</i>	<i>qast:a'n-tám:ers</i>	<i>wolqá:n-tám:ers</i>	<i>tám:á</i>
Galila	<i>walqa / walaqa</i>	<i>qastan / qaskan</i>	<i>makkan</i>	<i>oyddi</i>	<i>doŋk</i>	<i>la-</i>	<i>tabza</i>	<i>lamakay</i>	<i>ša-kila</i>	<i>tamma</i>
Ubamer	<i>wallaqa</i>	<i>qasten / ʔasten</i>	<i>makkan</i>	<i>oyddi</i>	<i>doŋk / doŋq</i>	<i>la-</i>	<i>tabza</i>	<i>qasten tamars</i>	<i>walqan tamars</i>	<i>tamma</i>
Bakko	<i>ellagà</i>	<i>astèn</i>	<i>makken</i>	<i>oidi</i>	<i>donkh</i>	<i>là</i>	<i>tabza</i>	<i>kastátamez</i>	<i>alkátamez</i>	<i>tommà</i>
Dime ₁	<i>'wəkʰal</i>	<i>'kət'im</i>	<i>'makʰim</i>	<i>ʔod:ɔ</i>	<i>'şən:ə</i>	<i>lah(ə)</i>	<i>'tʰos:om</i>	<i>'kəşnaş</i>	<i>'waklaş</i>	<i>'tʰam:e</i>
Dime ₂	<i>wókkil</i>	<i>qəstin</i>	<i>məkkim</i>	<i>ʔuddu</i>	<i>şinni</i>	<i>láxi</i>	<i>tússum</i>	<i>qəşnáşiš</i>	<i>wókláşiš</i>	<i>təmme</i>
Hamar	<i>kála</i>	<i>lamá</i>	<i>makkán</i>	<i>oidí</i>	<i>dung</i>	<i>lax</i>	<i>toḅbá</i>	<i>lankái</i>	<i>sal</i>	<i>táḅi</i>
Hamar-Banna	<i>kala</i>	<i>lema:</i>	<i>makan</i>	<i>ʔoʷidi / ʔuʷidi</i>	<i>duŋ</i>	<i>lax</i>	<i>taḅa / toḅa</i>	<i>lankaʰ</i>	<i>səl</i>	<i>təḅi</i>
Amare Coche	<i>kalo</i>	<i>lama</i>	<i>makan</i>	<i>oidi</i>	<i>don</i>	<i>läh</i>	<i>tobba</i>	<i>lankai</i>	<i>sal</i>	<i>teppi</i>
Karo	<i>kallà</i>	<i>lammà</i>	<i>makàmm</i>	<i>oydi</i>	<i>dònn</i>	<i>lhā</i>	<i>tsòbà</i>	<i>lonkài</i>	<i>sall</i>	<i>tabi</i>

language	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	1000	
Ari	<i>bondá</i> = full person / <i>ʔé-wól:áq</i> -bab <i>ʔits</i> person-1 father-eat	<i>bondéke</i> <i>tám:á</i> / <i>ʔé-</i> <i>wól:áq-</i> <i>bab ʔitske</i> <i>tám:á</i>	<i>ʔé-</i> <i>qast:én-</i> <i>ba:b ʔits</i>	<i>ʔé-</i> <i>qast:én-</i> <i>ba:b</i> <i>ʔitske</i>	<i>ʔé-</i> <i>mak:én-</i> <i>ba:b</i> <i>ʔits</i>	<i>ʔé-mak:én-</i> <i>ba:b ʔitske</i>	<i>ʔé-ʔoyd:i-</i> <i>ba:b ʔits</i>	<i>ʔé-ʔoyd:i-</i> <i>ba:b</i> <i>ʔitske</i>	<i>ʔé-</i> <i>dóng:-</i> <i>ba:b</i> <i>ʔits</i> person-5 father- eat / <i>máto</i> < Amh.		<i>wól:áq</i> <i>ʃii</i> < Amh.
Galila	<i>bónda</i>	<i>bonda ke</i> <i>tammak</i>	<i>ʃasken</i> <i>ba bond</i>	<i>ʃasken</i> <i>ba</i> <i>bond</i> <i>ke af</i> <i>tammak</i>	<i>makkan</i> <i>ba bond</i>	<i>makkan</i> <i>ba bond</i> <i>ke afi</i> <i>tamma</i>	<i>oyddi ba</i> <i>bond</i>	<i>oyddi ba</i> <i>bond ke</i> <i>af tamma</i>	<i>donka</i> <i>ba bond</i> / <i>donka</i> <i>la bunde</i>		
Ubamer	<i>bonda</i>	<i>bónda ka</i> <i>támma ke</i>	<i>eʃastén</i> <i>ba bónd</i>						<i>meto</i> < Amh.		
Bakko									<i>doneh-</i> <i>babik</i>		
Dime ₁	<i>'wajdo</i>	<i>tʰamti</i> <i>'ma:kʰim</i>	<i>tʰamt</i> <i>ʔod:ɔ</i>	<i>tʰamta</i> <i>ʃən:ə</i>	<i>tʰamta</i> <i>'lah</i>	<i>tʰamta</i> <i>'tʰos:om</i>	<i>tʰamte</i> <i>'ʃašnaš</i>	<i>tʰamta</i> <i>'waklaš</i>	<i>'te ətʰ</i>		
Dime ₂	<i>woidu</i>	<i>təm̩ti</i> <i>məkkim</i>	<i>təm̩ti</i> <i>ʔúddú</i>	<i>təm̩ti</i> <i>ʃinni</i>	<i>təm̩ti</i> <i>láxi</i>	<i>təm̩ti</i> <i>tússum</i>	<i>təm̩ti</i> <i>ʃašnášiš</i>	<i>təm̩ti</i> <i>wóklášiš</i>	<i>šéét</i>	<i>šéét</i> <i>təm̩ti</i>	
Hamar	<i>éedi kála</i> <i>kaisá</i> = one complete man	<i>éedi kála</i> <i>kaisá apó</i> <i>táʔi</i>	<i>éedi</i> <i>lamá</i> <i>kaisá</i>	<i>éedi</i> <i>lamá</i> <i>kaisá</i> <i>apó</i> <i>táʔi</i>	<i>éedi</i> <i>makkán</i> <i>kaisá</i>	<i>éedi</i> <i>makkán</i> <i>kaisá apó</i> <i>táʔi</i>	<i>éedi</i> <i>ʔoʷidi</i> <i>kaisá</i>	<i>ʔe:di</i> <i>ʔoʷidi</i> <i>kaisá</i> <i>apó táʔi</i>	<i>éedi</i> <i>dung</i> <i>kaisá</i>	<i>ʃi kála</i>	
Hamar-Banna	<i>ʔe:di kála</i> <i>ka'sa</i>	<i>ʔe:di kála</i> <i>ka'sa</i> <i>ʌpo</i> <i>təʔi</i>	<i>ʔe:di</i> <i>lema:</i> <i>ka'sa</i>	<i>ʔe:di</i> <i>lema:</i> <i>ka'sa</i> <i>ʌpo</i> <i>təʔi</i>	<i>ʔe:di</i> <i>makan</i> <i>ka'sa</i>	<i>ʔe:di</i> <i>makan</i> <i>ka'sa</i>	<i>ʔe:di</i> <i>ʔoʷidi</i> <i>ka'sa</i>	<i>ʔe:di</i> <i>ʔoʷidi</i> <i>ka'sa</i> <i>ʌpo</i> <i>təʔi</i>	<i>ʔe:di</i> <i>duʃ</i> <i>ka'sa</i>	<i>ʃi kála</i>	
Amare Coche									<i>teppi</i> <i>teppi</i>		

Note: The underlined forms indicate recent, Ethio-semitic, borrowings.

Survey of Omoto numerals

	Čara	Ometo I	Ometo II	Ometo III	p-Ometo
1a	<i>ʔissa</i>	*ʔissi(-na) attr. *ʔis-ta sgl.			*ʔissi(-na) attr. *ʔis-ta sgl.
1b			*biʒʒo		*biʒʒa, cf. Čara bíža ‘9’ = [10-]1
1c				*pett(an)i	*pett(an)i
2	<i>nanta</i>	*namʔa	*lamʔa/i/u	*lamʔi	*lamʔa
3	<i>ke:za</i>	*heeʒʒa	*hayʒʒi	*hayʒʒi	*k ^h ayʒʒa/i
4	<i>obda</i>	*ʔoydda	*ʔoyddu	*ʔoyddi	*ʔowirda (cf. <i>our̄tōntsā</i> ‘40’ by Cerulli)
5a	<i>učča</i>	*ʔiččaša	*ʔišičiči	*ʔiččín	*ʔuččiss(in)a < *ʔučča ‘5’ x *ʔiss(in)a ‘1’
5b				Male <i>dongo</i>	< Aroid
6a	<i>sapma</i>	*ʔusuppuna	*ʔizzi/upu	Oyda *ʔizippun	*ʔis(s)in-puna ‘1 over’
6b				*lehi	< Konsoid *lehi
7a	<i>lapma</i>	*laappuna	*lappu	Oyda *laappun	*lamʔa-puna ‘2 over’
7b				*tabza	
8a		*hospuna	*hazzuppe	Oyda *ʔospun	*k ^h ayʒʒV-puna ‘3 over’
8b	<i>nandirsa</i>				‘2 minus’
8c			*lamkučče	*lamakay	cf. <i>Dirayta lakušeti</i>
9a	<i>bíža</i>				‘1 {minus}’, cf. Ometo II *biʒʒo ‘1’
9b		*ʔuddupuna	*ʔodduppe	Oyda *ʔiddipun	*ʔowirdi-puna ‘4 over’
			*tamsinde		*tam-isin-de ‘10 minus 1’
				*saakali	cf. Elmolo <i>sáákal</i> , Yaaku <i>saakal</i>

	Čara	Ometo I	Ometo II	Ometo III	p-Ometo
10	<i>tansá</i>	* <i>tamma</i>	* <i>tammu</i>	* <i>taḅḅa</i>	* <i>tamma</i>
20	<i>nantansá</i>	* <i>laatamma</i>	* <i>lamʔtamm(V)</i>	* <i>lamʔtam(m)</i>	* <i>lamʔa-tamma</i>
30	<i>ke:ztansá</i>	* <i>hastama</i>	* <i>hayʒʒitamm(V)</i>	* <i>hayʒʒi-taḅḅa / -tamm</i>	* <i>k^hayʒʒi-tamma</i>
40	<i>obda</i> <i>tansá</i> Cerulli: <i>ourtoñtsā</i>	* <i>ʔoydtama</i>	* <i>ʔoydd(V)tamm(V)</i>	* <i>ʔoyddi-taḅḅa / -tamm</i>	* <i>ʔowirdi-tamma</i>
50	<i>učča</i> <i>tansá</i>	* <i>ʔičatama</i>	* <i>ʔišičičitamm(V)</i>	* <i>ʔiččin-taḅḅa / -tam</i>	* <i>ʔučšiss(in)a-tamma</i>
				Male <i>dongi-tammi</i>	
60a	<i>sapma</i> <i>tansá</i>	* <i>ʔisuppuna</i> <i>tamma</i>	* <i>ʔizup(V)tamm(V)</i>	Oyda * <i>ʔizippun tam</i>	* <i>ʔis(s)inpuna-tamma</i>
60b				Bask. <i>lèhí táḅḅá</i> Male <i>láhhí-támmi</i>	
70a	<i>lapma</i> <i>tansá</i>	* <i>laappun</i> <i>tamma</i>	* <i>laapp(V)tamm(V)</i>	Oyda * <i>laappun tam</i>	* <i>lamʔapuna-tamma</i>
70b				Bask. <i>tàbzá táḅḅá</i>	
80a	<i>nandirsa</i> <i>tansá</i>	* <i>hospun tamma</i>	* <i>hazzuptamme</i>	Oyda * <i>ʔospun tam</i>	* <i>k^hayʒʒVpuna-tamma</i>
80b			* <i>lamkučetamm(V)</i>	Bask. <i>làmahái táḅḅá</i>	
90a	<i>bíža</i> <i>tansá</i>				
90b		* <i>ʔuddupun</i> <i>tamma</i>	* <i>ʔodduptamme</i>	Oyda * <i>ʔiddipun tam</i>	* <i>ʔowirdipuna-tamma</i>
90c			* <i>tamsinde-tamm(V)</i>		* <i>tamisinde-tamma</i>
90d				Bask. <i>sàakàlí táḅḅá</i>	
100a	<i>še.ta</i>	* <i>ʔšeeta</i>	* <i>ʔšeetsa</i>	* <i>ʔšeeta</i>	* <i>ʔšeeta</i>
100b				Bask. <i>gábbà</i>	
1000	< Amhara			Oyda <i>mukul</i> Bask. <i>múkìlà/múkùlà</i>	* <i>mukila</i>

Note: Ometo I = Dorze, Zala, Gofa, Malo, Dache, Gamo, Wolaitta, Kullo/Dawro; Ometo II = Koorete, Ganjule, Zergulla, Zayse; Ometo III = Basketo (= Bask.), Doko, Dollo, Oyda, Male.

Survey of Omotic numerals

	Ometo	Gimira	Yemsa	Dizoid	Gonga	Mao	Aroid
1a	*ʒissi(-na) attr. *ʒis-ta sglt.		ʒis:ɔ:n ^h / ʒisa ^h	Nayi yisɨ	*ʒikka < *ʒis/ʒ-ka?	*ʒiʃ-kV/IV-	
1b		*mat			Kafa mittoo sole		
1c				*koy			
1d							*kal(l)a *wakkal(V) ~ *wallaqa
2a	*lamʔa	*nam				*numbo; cf. Bambassi kú-lùmbò '7'	*lamma
2b			hep ^h / ʒep ^h				
2c				*tagɨ			
2d					*gutta / *gitta		
2e							*kastan
3a	*k ^h ayʒa/i	*kaz	'k ^h e:z ²	*kadu	*keeza		
3b						*t/siyazi	
3c							*makkan
4a	*ʒowurda	*ʒod			*ʒawudda		*ʒowiddi
4b			ʒa ^h 'če:č ³				
4c				*kubm			
						*(m)beʒsi	
5a	*ʒuɕiss(in)a < *ʒuɕča 'hand' x *ʒiss(in)a '1'	*ʒuɕ	ʒɔ:č ³	*ʒuxču	*ʒuučča	*kwiɕsi < *kɕtsi	
5b							*donk
6a	*ʒis(s)in-puna	*sapm	ʒi ^h 'si:ɔn ^h				
6b				*yaku			
6c	Ometo III *lehi						*laxi
7a	*lamʔa-puna	*napm	'na:fon ^h				

	Ometo	Gimira	Yemsa	Dizoid	Gonga	Mao	Aroid
7b	Ometo III * <i>tabza</i>			* <i>tubsun</i>			* <i>tabza</i> Dime * <i>tubsum</i>
8a	* <i>kʰayʒʒV-puna</i>						
8b	Chara <i>nandirsa</i>	* <i>nʷartin</i> < * <i>nam-ir-</i> <i>tam</i> 2-10	' <i>naŋʷri:nʷ</i>				
8c				* <i>zyed</i>			
8d	Ometo III * <i>lamakay</i>						* <i>lamkay</i>
8e							* <i>kaʒtan-tam-ars</i>
9a	* <i>ʔowurdi-puna</i>						
9b		* <i>irstn</i> < * <i>ʔis-ir-</i> <i>tam</i> 1-10					
9c	Ometo III * <i>saakali</i>		' <i>ʔɪʒʒimʷ</i>	* <i>sagn</i>		Ganza <i>šéléʔ</i>	* <i>sall</i>
9d							* <i>walkʒan-tam-ars</i>
10a	* <i>tamma</i>	* <i>tam</i>	< EthSem.	* <i>tammu</i>	* <i>taNsa</i>		* <i>tamma</i>
10b						* <i>kuusV</i> = hand(s)	
100a	* <i>ʃeeta</i>		' <i>ʔʷsaʷ tʰʷjaʷ</i>				
100b		* <i>bal</i>		Nayi <i>balla</i>	* <i>balla</i>		
1000a	* <i>mukila</i>						
1000b			' <i>ʔʷsaʷ</i> <i>kʰʷmaʷ</i>	Nayi <i>wuma</i>	* <i>kuma</i>		

Etymological comments

“one”

1.1. Om.: (N) **ʔis-* > Ometo attributive **ʔissi(-na)*, singulative **ʔis-ta* | Yemsa *isa* | Dizoid: Nayi *isn*; Maoid: Seze *išilê*, Mao *iškê*; maybe also Gonga **ʔikka*, if it is derivable from **ʷis-ka* (Ehret 1995, 363, #726: NOm. + ECush. **ʔis-* “self”) ||| Sem. **ʕaʒtay-* “1” ||| Chad.: (C) Mafa *sátá*, Magumaz *sàtáq*, Sulede *stá* (de Colombel) || (E) Mokilko *sò* “1”.

1.2. Ometo **pet(t)-* id. ||| Chad.: (C) Margi 'pʰā.tū' (J12, 262).

1.3. Gimira **maʒ-* id.; cf. Kafa *mittoo* “sole” (Cerulli) ||| or < Cush.: (E) **mat-/mit-* “1” (Sasse 1982, 143) ||| Chad.: (W) Kirfi *modi*, Bolewa *mođi* “1” (J12, 262) ||| (C) Mefele *məətá* “1”. Takács (1996, 136–37) offers a promising hypothesis, assuming the derivation from the appellative of

the type ECush. **math-* “head” (Sasse 1979, 36) || Beja *mat* “(top of) head” || Chad.: (C) Musgu *mada*, Vulum *māt* “head” || Eg. (OK) *mtj* “Vorsteher einer Priestergilde” (Wb. II, 168) || Sem.: Akk. *muttu* “front, forehead”.

1.4. Aroid **wəl(l)ak* vs. Dime *wokkil* id.; cf. NOm.: Koyra *wolakko* “one of two” (Cerulli) < ECush. **wal-lakk-*?

1.5. Aroid: Hamer-Banna-Karo **kala* id. There are NS parallels of the type West Nilotic **kəl* “1”; Central Sudanic **kala* “1”; Taman **kara* “1” etc.

“two”

2.1. Om. **lam-* id. || Cush.: (N) Beja *-raama* with ‘augmentative’ *r* in *asaraama* “7” (Reinisch) || (C) **lāja/lāja* id. (CDA 141) || (E) **lam(m)-* id. (Sasse 1979, 21, 25) || Dahalo *līma* id. || (S) Asa *laam* & *xlam* (Fleming) id. (Dolgopolsky 165-67: Om. + N+E+SCush.; Ehret 1995, 424, #877: Om. + Cush. **la(:)m-* + Sem. **šimaʔal* “left hand”!). Dolgopolsky (1973, 167) thought about relation to the Cushitic designation of one of “fingers”: (N) Beja *lumi* “finger” (Reinisch) || (C) Damot *layetii*, Awngi *layatii* “finger” (Conti Rossini) || (E) Oromo *elema* (Tutschek), *elemtu* (Vitterbo) “forefinger”. There are interesting parallels in NS: Kuliak: So *nebe-c*, Ik *le’be-ts^a* “2” (Lamberti 1988, 124).

2.2. Dizoid **ʔagn* id. There are problematic parallels in Beja *tág^w* & *dág^w*, pl. *tagúug* “20” and Oromo (Tutschek) *diḡetam* = (Gragg) *digdama* “20”, cf. also NS: Nara *dokuta* “2” : *doko* “1” (Blažek 1999, 49).

2.3. Aroid: Ari **kašten*, Dime *kaʔim* id. || ?(N) Gongga: Mocha *qáččo* “half”, Bworo *kač*, Kafa *qaʔ’o* id., cf. also Gurage Wolano *kitto* id. (Leslau 1959, 45).

2.4. Gongga **gutt-/gitt-* id. Perhaps of Ethio-Semitic origin: Gyeto, Gogot *k^wet*, Maskat *x^wet*, Aymellel *kit*, Harari *koʔot*, *kōt* “2” vs. Tigre *kəlʔot* id. (Leslau 1963, 90; Lamberti 1993a, 316).

“three”

3.1. Ometo **hayz(z)-* | Gimira **kaz* | Yemsa *keez* | Gongga **keez(ʒ)-* | Dizoid **ka(:)du* id. (Ehret 1995, 228, #396: NOm. **x₂ayz-* + Chad. **k-n-d*).

3.2. ?Maoid **t/siyaz-* id. - cf. Koman (NS): Kwama *twásèn*, Opuuo *tufu / tusu*, Komo *dif* “3”, besides ECush. **šazḥ-/šizḥ-/šaz(z)ih-* “3” (Sasse 1976, 138).

3.3. Aroid **makkan* ~ **makVm* id. || Chad. (W) South Bauchi: Jimi *mwaikan*, Geji *mekan* id. || (C) Bata *mwakən*, Bachama *mùwá:kún*, Gudu *makən*; Sukur *má:k^hən*; Mafa *màkâr*, Mofu *máákâr*, Gisiga *maakar* with *-r* < **-n-*, although most of the West & Central Chadic cognates are without the prefix **ma-* (Jl₂, 326–27).

“four”

4.1. Ometo **ʔowurd-* | Chara *obdá* | Bench *od* | Gongga **ʔawudd-* id. || Aroid **ʔoydd-i* id. The form Chara *ourtoñtsā* “40” (Cerulli) allows to reconstruct pOm. **ʔaβurd-* “4”, compatible with Beja *fāḍig* (Roper) ~ *farig* (Reinisch), in old records *fardik* (Krockow), *ferdik* (Lucas) < **fard/ḍig* || (E) **ʔaf(f)ar-* ~ **ʔaf(f)ur-* || Chad. **fari-du* or **faru-di* || Eg. *fāw m.*, *fāt f.* “4”, *ifd.t* “Vierheit” < **fdo3wēt* < **fida3wat* < **fidarwat* < **firadwat* (Blažek 1999, 32-36: from AA **far-* “finger”).

4.2. Yemsa *ačeeč* id. – isolated, maybe from Yemsa *očò* “foot, leg” (Lamberti), expressing “four legs” of animals?

4.3. Dizoid **kubm* id. – perhaps connected with ECush. **kub-* “finger” (Sasse 1982, 128–29) and WChad. **kUban-* “finger, fingernail” (Stolbova 1987, 211), cf. a use of this form in Sumray (EChad.) *kubi* “6” and *dénaa gúbii* “8” (Lukas) and Dahalo *kaaba* (Tosco) = *kāβa* (Ehret) “3”.

4.4. Maoid *(*m*)*beṣ-* id. – cf. Koman (NS): Kwama *bé:šin* “4”. The vector of borrowing is not clear.

“five”

5.1. Ometo *ʔičč- | Chara *učá* | Bench *uč* | Gongga *ʔu(:)č(č) | Dizoid *ʔuxču(m) | ? Maoid *kutsi id. || ?Eg. (NK) *qd.t* “hand” = *qīd̪w- > *qīwd̪- > Coptic “P” *kiğ*, Bohairic *ğīğ*, Sahidic *ciğ* id. (Vycichl 1983, 350).

5.2. Ometo: Male *dɔŋgo* || or < Aroid *dɔŋk id. || Chad.: (W) South Bauchi: Boghom *dāwnyi*, but Kir *to:n* id. indicates a probable Bantu origin.

5.3. Aroid.: Dime *šanne* id. < ECush.: Oromo *šan(i)* “5” (cf. Sasse 1975, 249–50).

5.4. Gongga: Anfillo *amitto* id. < HECush.: Burji *umútta* “5”, Sidamo *onte*, Gedeo *onde*, Hadiyya & Kambatta *onto* id. (Sasse 1982, 184).

“six”

6.1. Ometo *ʔis(s)in-puna | Gimira *sapm | Yemsa ʔi^lsi:ɔn^l = “1 + *puna”.

6.2. Dizoid *yaku id.

6.3. Ometo III *lehi || Aroid *laxi < ECush.: Oromoid *lehi id.

“seven”

7.1. Ometo *lamʔa-puna | Gimira *napm; Yemsa 'na:^lfon^l = “2 + *puna”.

7.2. Ometo III *tabza || Aroid *tabza < ECush.: Oromoid *tazba.

7.3. Dizoid *tubsun || Aroid: Dime *tubsum < ECush.: Arbore *tuzba*.

“eight”

8.1. Ometo *k^hayʒʒV-puna = “3 + *puna”.

8.2. Chara *nandirsa* | Gimira *n^ʰartn < *nam-ir-tam | Yemsa 'naɲ^ʰri:n^l “8” = “2 subtracted from 10”.

8.3. Aroid *k^hastan-tam-ars “8” = “2 subtracted from 10”.

8.4. Ometo III *lamakay || Aroid *lamkay* id. = “2 minus”?

8.5. Dizoid *zyed < ECush.: Galaboid: Dasaneč *sièt*, cf. Somaloid *sizy'èèt.

“nine”

9.1. Ometo *ʔowurdi-puna = “4 + *puna”.

9.2. Gimira *irstn < *ʔis-ir-tam “1 subtracted from 10”.

9.3. Aroid *walkan-tam-ars = “1 – 10 – minus”

9.4. Ometo III *saakali | Yemsa ʔiz^lgm^l | Dizoid *sagn < ECush. *sagal(an)- “9”.

9.5. Maoid: Ganza *šéléʔ* || Aroid *sall < ECush.: Galaboid: Dasaneč *sall*.

“ten”

10.1. Ometo *tamma | Gimira *tam | Dizoid *tammu | Gongga *taNsa || Aroid *tamma id. – cf. Cush.: Beja *tamín “10” (by Reinisch also *tamún*) || Agaw *-tāŋən “-ty” (formant of tens) || ECush. *tomman- “10” represent a Cushitic-Omotc isogloss (or a Cushitic loan in Omotic) with suggestive counterparts in NS: Nilotic (South) *taman | (East) *təmən (without Bari) | (West) Lango (Conti Rossini) *tomon* “10” (isolated within WNilotic) || SESurma (Haberland): Yidenit *tómno*, Meqen *tommon*, Bodi *tómno(na)*, Mursi (*a*)*tómmon* || Kuliak: Ik *tomn^a* || Nubian: Nobiin *dimé*, Kenzi *dimin*, Haraza *timinah*, Birgid *tummun*, Meidob *timiz* || Bertha: Fadashi & Mayu (TB) *ma-θuma*, Fazoglo (Tutschek) *ma-doma* || Saharan: Zaghawa (MacMichael) *timm(i)*, all “10”, besides the compounded forms attested in Koman: Fungi (MacMichael) *diman-didin* “9” = “10 – 1”, cf. *didian* “1”, Gule (Seligmann) *dēmadidin* “9” : *dēdin* “1”. The Nilotic, Surmic and Kuliak forms are probable Cushitic loans with respect to presence of other Cushitic borrowings in these branches, including numerals. Koman and Bertha languages also are in contact with the

Cushitic languages. In last two centuries the Nubian languages were at least partially (Nile Nubian) in direct contact with Beja, but earlier probably with other Cushitic branches too (Bechhaus-Gerst). The Nubian forms are derivable from two variants: **timin* & **tammun*, with regard to regressive assimilation **tam(m)in* & **tammun*, both forms attested in Beja dialects. The Zaghawa counterpart *timm(i)* could be mediated by Meidob.

10.2. Maoid **kuusV* = hand(s).

“hundred”

100.1. Ometo **tʃeeta* “100” | Yemsa *ʔl'sa' tʰr'ja'* “1 x 100” – cf. ECush.: Konsoid: Dirayta *tseeta /tʃeeta/*, Muusiye *ʃeeta* “100”.

100.2. Gimira **bal* | Dizoid: Nayi *balla* | Gonga **balla* < ECush. **boqol-* id.

“thousand”

1000.1. Yemsa *ʔl'sa' kʰo'ma²* “1 x 1000” | Dizoid: Nayi *wuma* | Gonga **kuma* “1000” < ECush. **kuma*.

1000.2. Ometo **mukila* “1000”.

Sources of Omotic

(* = <<https://mpi-lingweb.shh.mpg.de/numeral/Afro-Asiatic.htm>>)

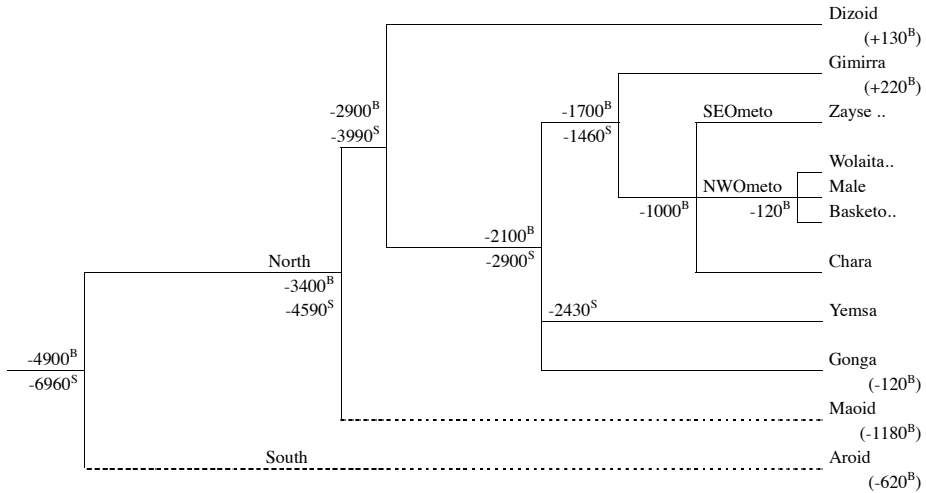
Anfillo = Southern Mao: Amanuel* (2012); **Bambassi** = Northern Mao: Michael Ahland* (2008); **Bakko**: de Trento (1941); **Basketo**: Yvonne Treis* (2013); **Bench**: Mary Breeze* (1995); **B(w)oro₁** = **Shinasha**: Rottland* (1990); **B(w)oro₂** = **Shinasha**: Lamberti* (1993), Plazikowski Brauner (1950); **B(w)oro₃** = **Shinasha**: Beke apud Vinigi Grottanelli (1941); **Chara**: Aklilu Yilma* (2008); **Dache of Gamo**: Sellassie Cheru* (2012); **Dime₁**: Marvin L. Bender* (1989), Ralph Siebert* (2002); **Dime₂**: Mulugeta Seyoum Gebeyaw* (2008); **Dizi**: Marvin Beachy* (2008) / Allan (1976); **Doko**: Harold Fleming (1971); **Dollo**: Carlo Conti Rossini (1927); **Dorze**: Sellassie Cheru* (2012); **Galila**: Harold Fleming (1971); **Gamo**: Samuel Gonderie* (2012); **Ganjule₁**: Fitsum Abate* (2012); **Ganjule₂**: Harold Fleming (1971); **Ganza**: Girma Mengistu Desta* (2012); **Gats'ama** = **Kachama**: Ralph Siebert (1994); **Gofa**: Sellassie Cheru* (2012); **Hamar**: Sara Petrollino* (2014); **Hamar-Banna**: John Chan* (1996); **Hozo₁**: Marvin L. Bender* (1989) / Charlotte Wedekind, Klaus Wedekind & Ralph Siebert* (2002); **Hozo₂**: Getachew Kassa Bahiru* (2012); **Kafa**: Kifle Meshesha* (2012); **Karo** = **Kerre**: Carlo Conti Rossini (1927); **Koorete**: Lydia Hoef* (1996, 2013); **Kullo**: Borelli (1890); **Male**: Azeb Amha* (2007); **Malo**: Harold Fleming (1971); **Nayi** = **Na'o**: Aklilu Yilma* (1995); **Oyda**: Bernhard Köhler* (2012); **Seze₁**: Marvin L. Bender* (1989) / Charlotte Wedekind, Klaus Wedekind & Ralph Siebert* (2002); **Seze₂**: Girma Mengistu Desta* (2012); **She**: Carlo Conti Rossini (1925); **Shekkacho** = **Mocha**: Tolemariam Fufa* (2007); **Sheko**: Aklilu Yilma* (1995); **Ubamer**: Harold Fleming (1971); **Wolaitta₁**: Sellassie Cheru* (2012); **Wolaitta₂**: Azeb Amha* (2007); **Yemsa**: Hans Schaumberger* (1998); **Zala**: Enrico Cerulli (1929); **Zargulla**: Azeb Amha* (2007); **Zayse**: Enrico Cerulli (1938b).

Sources of Nilo-Saharan – Koman

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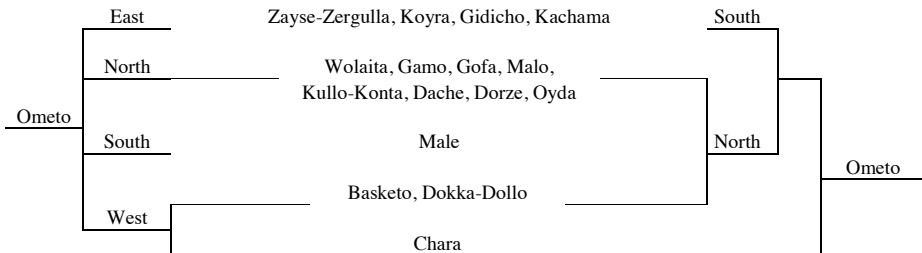
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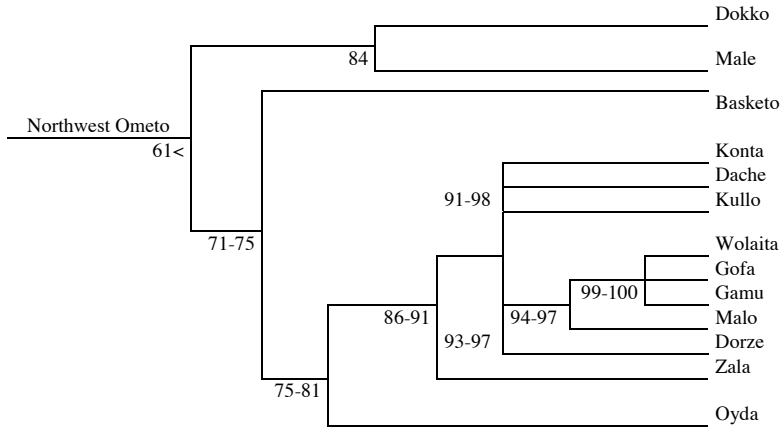
See Václav Blažek, Afroasiatic migrations. In: *The Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration I*, ed. by Immanuel Ness & Peter Bellwood. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013, 125–132. B = Blažek; S = G. Starostin.

In the recent time there were proposed two models of the genetic classification of the Omoto dialect continuum: by Fleming (1976) and by Bender (1988) – here left and right respectively. Their results can be compared as follows (see Hayward, *OLS* xi–xii):

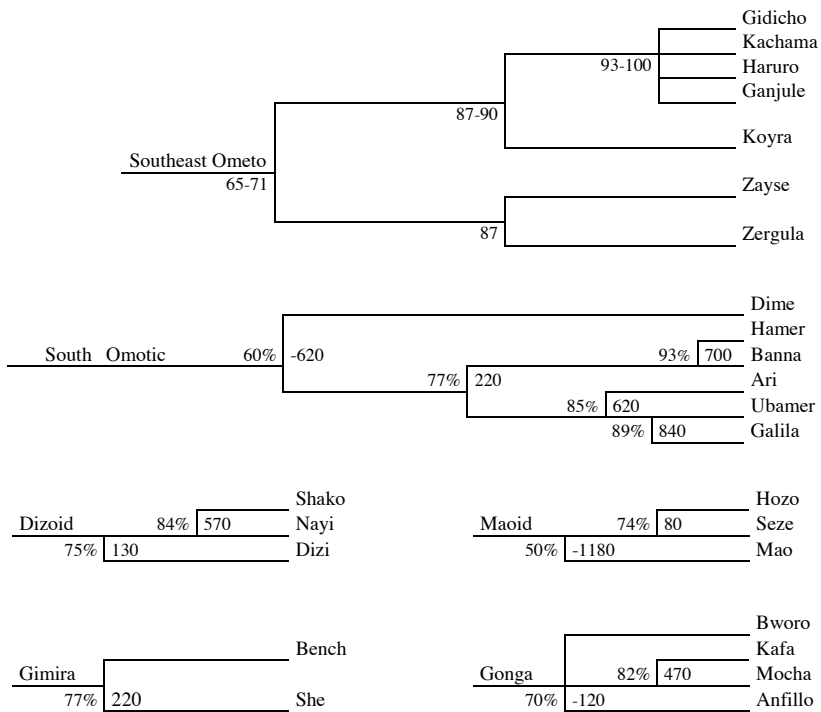


In his monograph Bender (2003) offers more exact results. He divides the Omoto cluster into three parts, Northwest, Southeast and Chara. The internal structure of the Northwest group of Omoto can be constructed on the basis of Bender's figures as follows (p. 51; the figures represent percentages of common cognates):

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The internal classification of the Southeast Omoto (pp. 79–81):



Abbreviations

Akk. Akkadian; Amh. Amhara; Arb Arbore; Bask. Basketo; Bk Bako; Bn Banna; Bu Burji; C Central; Chad. Chadic; Cu(sh) Cushitic; D Dalpena; Dah Dahalo; Dob Dobase; E East; Eg. Egyptian; Eth. Ethio-; Ga Gawwada; Go Gollango; Gu Gumuz; H Highland; Ha Hadiyya; Hm

Hamar; Hrs Harso; J Jinka; Kal Kalenjin; Kmb Kambatta; Ko Konso; Kr Karo; Kw. Kwegu; N North; Nil Nilotic; NS Nilo-Saharan; Nu Nuer; Nub Nubian; Om Omotic; Or Oromo; p- proto-; S South; Sem. Semitic; Sh Saharan; Shil Shilluk; Si Sidamo; Som Somali; Sw. Swahili; Te Teso; Ts Tsamay; W West.

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