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A NOTE ON LONG VOWEL PRETERITS

Yoko Yamazaki states (2019, 37²) that I subscribe to the “reduplication theory” of long vowel preterits. Nothing could be farther from the truth. In fact, I maintain that the long vowel preterits originated from monosyllabic lengthening (e.g. Kortlandt 2004; 2015), a theory that Yamazaki does not even mention. She evidently never read the article to which she refers. Instead, she proposes a theory on the basis of Narten presents and Larsson’s rule, neither of which can be maintained (cf. Kortlandt 2012; 2017; 2018a; 2018b, with references). It must be regretted that her article has been published without any comment on her disregard of previous scholarship.

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