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ON THE HISTORICAL CHANGE OF COMPONENTS OF SOME COMPOUND WORDS IN MEGRELIAN

1. Compound words of Megrelian dialect are formed by way of duplication of stems - and by joining various stems (I.Kipshidze, V.Topuria, L.Sanikidze). Connectors and components of the second type are of various kinds.

2. Of particular interests are the compounds formed by joining different stems which undergo changes after becoming the component of the compound word, hence becoming the source for parallel forms, as in *šurđinapili//dukhđinapili* ("sinful" - literary, he lost the soul)

3. This type of formation in Megrelian is characterized by the change of the first element.