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**FOR THE STRUCTURE
OF THE NOUN *ĀANAR***

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ABSTRACT

According to the factual material of the Kartvelian, Abkhazian, Ossetian, Armenian, Greek, and Arabic languages, it is possible to reconstruct the common Georgian ethnic term **ĉen-*, which was historically one of the Kartvelian ethnic groups, whose residence was called *ĉane / ĉania*, and the community from there was referred to as *ĉanar-*. It was the people who settled mainly in the territory of the modern Kazbegi-Tianeti region, whose traces of life in the Mtskheta-Tianeti region also were to be confirmed by the Georgian surnames formed with the suffixes *-ish / -sh-* of the Laz-Megrelian kinship, cf. *Kai-sh-aur-i*, *Ghudu-sh-aur-i*, *Ghan-ish-ashvil-i* and many others. In the ancient historical period, we see the unmistakable traces of occurrence of the Georgian term *ĉan-ar-* used to denote Georgian in the Dagestanian language data as well, where the ethnic term **ĉonor-* was equal to Georgian man and which chronologically precedes the *Gurji / Gurzhi* allomorphs of modern and oriental origin.

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