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**SEVERAL LEXICAL UNITS
FROM TAO DIALECT**

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ABSTRACT

The language, culture and traditions of the Tao residents are in the closest relationship with the Georgian language, culture and traditions of the inhabitants of the Chorokhi gorge: the Adjarians, Shavshians and Klarjians.

Several lexical items are presented for the analysis and compared with the lexical data of the Georgian language dialects.

The study of the Georgian language of Tao, already referred to as the Tao dialect, actively commenced at the end of the past century and still continues up to the present day. Georgian scholars show overwhelming interest in the country of Tao.

For the analysis, we have used the Tao materials collected in complex field expeditions by the Center for Kartvelology of Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University over the years. These materials clearly show the peculiarities of the speech of the Georgian part of Tao. The focus is on several word forms, their semantics, and similarities with the vocabulary of the Georgian language, such as ḥaviči, čenči, kokri, modena, moterjva, daĵroma, kodva, etc.

The lexical units currently preserved in Tao represent an integral part of the overall Georgian vocabulary.

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