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insightfulness. This work asserts that explanatory factors behind word order variation go beyond the syntactic
