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## Aspect and tense attrition in Russian-German bilingual speakers

Verb morphology and aspect distinctions, in particular, have been shown to be vulnerable in the situation of L1 attrition (Montrul, 2002). The aim of the present study was to investigate the attrition of aspectual and tense opposition knowledge in L1 (Russian) under the influence of L2 (German), which is characterized by a developed tense system, but no grammaticalized aspectual distinctions. We tested Russian-German bilingual participants with early and late bilingualism onset and with different amount of exposure to L1. The obtained results demonstrate that the tested grammatical categories in L1 are subject to attrition, and the earlier the age of bilingualism onset and the less the exposure to the sociolinguistically subdominant L1 are, the more affected the adult L1 system is. The impact of attrition is particularly strong for the L1 category of aspect expressed by the means of a different linguistic inventory in L2.