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Acoustic correlates of stressed vowels in Spanish spoken in Colombia

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Abstract

The primary objective of this study is to identify the most salient prosodic features at the sentence level in Colombian Spanish. Data were collected from the country's major cities, and the study examines the intensity, duration, and pitch (F0) of vowels in pre-stressed, stressed, and post-stressed syllables within both statements and questions. Stressed vowels were compared to adjacent unstressed vowels to determine the most significant features for identifying vowel prominence. The results indicate that duration is the most consistent acoustic cue of stress, reliably distinguishing stressed vowels from adjacent unstressed vowels. In contrast, intensity predicts stress only in relation to post-stressed vowels, and F0 plays a limited role, distinguishing stressed from post-stressed vowels in specific contexts. An important contribution of this study is the demonstration that the stressed versus unstressed distinction in Spanish is primarily explained by duration, rather than F0. These findings challenge traditional classifications of Spanish as a syllable-timed language by showing that rhythmic grouping, previously thought to be exclusive to stress-timed languages, is also present in syllable-timed languages.

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Highlights

- Intensity and duration influence the stressed vowel, while F0 does not.
- Duration predicts stressed vowels relative to adjacent vowels (pre-stressed and post-stressed).
- Intensity predicts stressed vowels only relative to post-stressed vowels.
- Duration is the most reliable predictor of stressed vowels.

I. Introduction

Speech production is composed of segmental and suprasegmental levels that exchange acoustic features within each level. The fundamental acoustic features are frequency (F0),

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duration, and intensity. Specifically, F0 is defined as the average number of oscillations per second (Erbe et al., 2022) and its unit of measurement is Hertz (Hz). Duration is defined as the time taken to utter any part of the speech signal (Fox, 2000), such as a phoneme, a word, a pause, or, in the case of this study, a syllable. Its unit of measurement is the millisecond (ms). Intensity is defined as the acoustic power that is transmitted through a surface and its unit of measurement is the decibel (dB) (Quilis, 1981, p. 49).

The difference between the levels relates to the extension of the feature. At the segmental level, the features form a cluster recognizable as a linguistic sound by inspection of the segment itself; but at the suprasegmental level, the features are established by comparison between the segments in a sequence (Lehiste, 1976). In this sense, Quilis (1981) indicates that stress is a prosodic feature that emphasizes linguistic units larger than the phoneme, such as syllables, morphemes, words, phrases or sentences. Thus, stress is manifested in utterances as a contrast between stressed and unstressed language units.

Stress typology

The use of acoustic parameters is very specific to each language. Lexical stress divides languages between fixed-stress and free-stress. Spanish, English and Portuguese belong to the free-stress group because stress can be located in different places in the word; while in languages with a fixed stress, such as French or Hungarian, stress falls systematically on the same syllable. Cutler, Dahan and Van Donselaar (1997) highlight that the difference between both types lies in their functionality, given that in languages with free stress it contributes to understanding meaning, while, in the other type, stress contributes more to determining the limits of words.

Specifically, Spanish has three stress typologies: (1) oxytone words, where the stress is placed on the last syllable of a word, as in *bandolín* ('bandolin'); (2) paroxytone words, where the stress falls on the penultimate syllable, as in *guitarra* ('guitar'); and (3) proparoxytone words, where the stress is placed on the antepenultimate syllable, as in *máquina* ('machine'). Furthermore, the placement of the stress, which is visually conveyed by the stress mark, can be related to changes in meaning, as in the case of the word *número* (number, noun), *numero* (number, verb), *numeró* (numbered, verb). In very rare cases, it can fall on the fourth-last syllable in compound words such as *analógicamente* (analogically).

Acoustic parameters

In relation to the acoustic parameters (F0, duration, and intensity), the essential question is: which of these features correlates most with stress? One of the first studies addressing this topic was carried out by Fry (1955) in the context of American English. Fry's work aimed to investigate the influence of acoustic cues on stress perception. To do this, he used minimal pairs of words that had identical segments but differed in stress. These differences were observed to produce changes in both the meaning and grammatical category of the words, as exemplified by obJECT (verb) versus OBject (noun). Fry gradually modified the duration and intensity of each syllable of each word. As part of the experiment, he asked participants to listen to a word pair, then to observe the written words and underline the syllables that they identified as stressed. The results indicated that for words in which duration and intensity operated in the same direction, there was excellent agreement between subjects. However, when intensity and duration were studied separately, it was found that the duration ratio had a greater influence on stress judgment than intensity. This contradicts some studies that had indicated that in English, there is a stronger link between intensity and the differentiation of stress. Subsequent studies conducted on American English have shown that F0 is the main perceptual parameter for lexical stress; in addition, the effect of duration is also significant, although the effect of amplitude is insignificant (Cutler, 2005, p. 265).

The contribution of duration in defining the stressed segment of words varies across linguistic contexts to a large extent. In French, for example (cf. Dupoux et al., 2008), F0, duration and intensity collectively play a role in the realization of stress patterns. In contrast, in Hungarian, duration is, in itself, an intrinsic segmental cue, which implies that it is constrained to how much it can contribute to syllabic stress (Garami et al., 2017). Similarly, in Brazilian Portuguese, studies have shown that the primary acoustic correlate of stress is the longer duration of the stressed syllable (Madureira et al. 1999).

A review study conducted by Gordon and Roettger (2017) highlighted the growing importance of the study of prosodic prominence in recent years. The review synthesized results from 110 studies of 75 languages related to the acoustic correlates of word stress (Gordon and Roettger, 2017). The main findings, based on a statistical analysis of the features used, indicated duration as the most reliable cue for stress across languages, although each of the measured parameters was able to differentiate stress in the majority of languages evaluated.

Spanish stressed and unstressed syllables: Earlier Studies

Specifically, studies related to the Spanish language showed that the influence of the parameters differs at the phrase and word levels. Most researchers seem to agree that word stress is conditioned by the prosody of the sentence (Martínez Celdrán and Fernández Planas, 2013, p. 199). It is precisely within this framework that that the present work is situated.

At the word level, some authors pinpoint intensity as the primary correlate of stress (Cuervo, 1954; Navarro Tomás, 1963), while others advocate for duration (Canellada and Madsen, 1987), and still others argue for F0 (Bolinger and Hodapp, 1961; Quilis, 1981). Furthermore, some authors emphasize the importance of a hierarchical approach to the different parameters for determining stress. For instance, Contreras (1963), prioritizes F0 as the prominent marker, followed by intensity, and duration is ranked third. Cabrera (1995) agrees on the ranking of F0, but reverses the order of the other two parameters, suggesting that duration comes second in importance, and intensity third.

At the level of words embedded in phrases, which is the focus of this work, various proposals have been made. For example, Garrido et al. (1995) conducted a study that aimed to observe the behavior of prosodic parameters in stressed and unstressed syllables. The study involved five male speakers of Peninsular Spanish who read 15-syllable sentences in two different scenarios: isolated, and contextualized at the beginning, middle and end of a paragraph. One of the results showed that duration is an important correlate of stress because stressed syllables are significantly longer than the adjacent syllables. Additionally, a Pearson correlation analysis indicated that there is no linear relationship between duration and F0.

Unlike the previously mentioned study, Candia et al. (2006) suggest that F0, duration, and intensity are all relevant in the prosodic configuration of sentences. The authors carried out an experiment in which four university students from northern Spain (two women and two men) read 72 unconnected declarative statements to each other. The objective of the study was to measure the values of four acoustic variables: pitch, amplitude, vowel duration, and syllable duration. Additionally, the stress condition of the syllable (lexically stressed, pre-stressed, or post-stressed) was included as a variable to explore whether the stressed syllable was the parameter with the greatest intensity, pitch, or duration within the lexical sequence in which it appeared. To do this, they performed partial correlation and multiple regression statistical analyses that showed a high correlation and interaction among the three parameters.

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Méndez (2010) carried out a study about Andean Venezuelan speech in which the relationship between the acoustic parameters of fundamental frequency (F0) and duration was shown. In this study, the fixed corpus of declarative and interrogative sentences from the AMPER-VE3 project was used. The participants were four women without higher education, two from urban areas and two from rural areas. A descriptive analysis of each of the variables was carried out and the author concluded that there is an inverse relationship between the tonal field and the durative field. That is, in declarative sentences, a smaller tonal field interacts with a larger durative field, the reverse pattern occurring in interrogative sentences.

Interestingly, Ortega-Llebaria and Prieto (2011) compared Spanish and Catalan, measuring duration, overall intensity, and spectral tilt. In this experiment, 10 native speakers of Castilian Spanish and 10 native speakers of Central Catalan participated. They answered 30 questions using declarative and reporting sentences. The ANOVA (Analysis of Variance) results point to duration as a consistent stress correlate in all vowels in both languages and also show that stress-related formant frequency differences between corresponding vowels amplify the duration cues to the stress contrast. On the other hand, the speakers' use of intensity was not as pervasive as that of duration. This result is interesting because, according to Ortega-Llebaria (2006), both pitch and duration are features that commonly correlate with lexical and sentential prominence, playing a significant role in signaling stress.

Specifically, regarding Colombian speech, there are some studies that can be mentioned. Muñetón-Ayala (2016), within the framework of the AMPER-Col project, conducted an investigation that aimed to analyze the behavior of fundamental frequency, duration and intensity in sentences without expansion, with expansion in the subject, with expansion in the object, and in the interrogative modality. The speech analyzed was that of an urban man without studies from Medellin. She based the analysis on the Pearson correlation model, taking the absolute data of the three variables. The results revealed that in comparison to the adjacent pre-stressed and post-stressed syllables, the stressed vowel has a longer duration. The three variables correlate to stress prominence in the following way: duration correlates negatively with F0 and intensity, while these last two variables do so positively. The data allowed her to infer that the longer the duration, the lower the F0 and the lower the intensity.

The following year, Muñetón-Ayala (2017) analyzed the voice of a woman without formal education from the urban area of Medellín. The primary aim was to show the pattern of correlations between the three parameters and, additionally, to explore whether these patterns differed between the declarative and the interrogative modalities, as in the previous year. This research employed a corpus of 378 sentences (189 declarative and 189 interrogative). The general results show that the highest F0 index is synchronized with the post-stressed syllable, the second highest with the pre-stressed syllable, and the lowest with the stressed syllable. Regarding duration, the longest duration always falls on the stressed syllables. In line with the 2016 article, this study confirmed that there is a pattern of association, and, furthermore, concluding that it is mediated by sentence modality. Specifically, this conclusion stems from the observed association between F0 and duration: in the declarative modality this association occurs in stressed syllables, while in the interrogative modality both parameters co-occur when the F0 of the pre-stressed syllable is greater than that of the stressed syllable. At the same time, the stressed syllable has a perceptually longer duration than the pre-stressed one.

In Bogota, the speech of a woman and a man without higher education residing in the urban area, was analyzed (Muñetón-Ayala and Dorta, 2021). Data was collected using 108 sentences without expansion (adjective) from the experimental corpus: 54 declarative and 54 interrogative sentences. In relation to F0, the maximum peak of both participants coincides with an unstressed syllable and with a syntagmatic border. However, concerning

duration, the stressed vowel is characterized by having a greater length than adjacent ones, regardless of gender or sentence modality. Nevertheless, it is interesting to note that in general terms, the results show that F0, duration and intensity are higher in a female voice than in a male voice. Finally, in declarative sentences the greatest intensity can fall on the prestressed or stressed syllable, while in interrogative sentences it falls only on the stressed syllable.

In line with the above, a study carried out in four main Colombian cities (Bogotá, Medellín, Cali and Barranquilla) showed that the F0 of the nuclear tonal accent tends to convert to a post-stressed syllable rather than aligning with the stressed syllable. This result coincides with results obtained for Spanish in general (Garrido et al., 1993, 1995; Hualde and Kim, 2015; Llisterri et al., 2002, 2003; Prieto et al., 1995; Xu, 1999).

The present study

While earlier studies have progressed in identifying the major prosodic features in speech production at the sentence level, there are crucial differences in approach between the current research and those mentioned above, meaning that certain gaps remain unaddressed. This study focuses on Colombian Spanish, given its specific linguistic features and limited prior research that explicitly addresses these factors. The following are the factors that set this investigation apart from others:

- 1. Most of the studies mentioned in the literature review of this article have concentrated primarily on the acoustic correlate in declarative sentences, except for two; one that analyzed interrogative sentences, and another that analyzed the contrast between both modalities.
- 2. In general, the studies did not control for the influence that each of the Spanish stress typologies (oxytone, paroxytone and proparoxytone) may have on acoustic correlates.
- 3. The studies rarely contrasted the different word positions within a sentence. In general, short sentences have been used.
- 4. Due to the complexity of data processing and analysis, previous studies have generally included a small number of participants, ranging from one to 10. This study expanded the participant pool to 36 subjects.

These key differences give rise to the following research questions:

- 1. Which of the acoustic parameters (F0, duration and intensity) mark lexical stress in Colombian speech?
- 2. Does this parameter vary depending on the linguistic variables of modality (declarative and interrogative), sentence structure (without expansion, with expansion in the subject, and with expansion in the object) or stress typology?

Based on these research questions, the following hypotheses are proposed:

- 1. The Spanish spoken in Colombia will show an acoustic correlate that differentiates stressed vowels from adjacent ones in both types of vowel contrasts: pre- stressed versus stressed and stressed versus post-stressed.
- 2. The acoustic correlate will remain unaffected by linguistic variables such as modality, sentence structure and stress typology. From this point of view, if a feature serves as the correlate of the stressed vowel, it remains consistent throughout speech, because the brain requires rapid identification of the stressed syllable to comprehend meaning.

The acoustic correlate must be identified based on quantitative measures. It is likely that the correlate of the stressed vowel will emerge as the feature that most significantly predicts stress across different clauses, stress typologies and sentence structures. To achieve our purpose, we applied a multinomial regression analysis in order to determine the relative contribution of F0, duration and intensity to distinguish between the stressed-unstressed (pre-stressed versus stressed versus post-stressed). The analysis was carried out within each of the clauses in order to control for the possible influence that the use of vowels could have within the study.

We also present a brief exploratory analysis using repeated measures ANOVA, where vowels (pre-stressed, stressed, and post-stressed) are treated as within-subject factors to assess whether Colombian Spanish speakers use prosodic parameters such as intensity, duration or F0 to mark the stressed vowel.

2. Method

The present study was developed as part of the international project: Multimedia Atlas of Prosody of the Romance Language Space (AMPER_Col), specifically regarding the Spanish spoken in Colombia (Muñetón-Ayala et al., 2023). Different countries participated in this project and applied the same methodology. One of the main goals of this project is to evaluate the relative contribution of the fundamental prosody parameters of intensity, duration and F0. To extract this information, the AMPER project used different experimental and spontaneous corpora. As we will explain in the Section 2.2, we used the AMPER_Col project experimental corpus.

2.1 Participants

The participants were selected from six major cities in Colombia – Bogotá, Medellín, Cali, Barranquilla, Ibagué, and Pasto – to reflect the country's linguistic diversity (see Figure 1). These cities are representative of the regional dialectal variations present across Colombia. Participants (six from each city, three female and three male) were aged between 25 and 55 and were all long-term native residents of their respective cities. They were considered authentic, representative speakers of their regional variety of Spanish because they have all lived in their respective cities from birth, creating a diverse and representative participant pool.

2.2 Corpus

This is an experimental corpus obtained through textual elicitation, consisting of nine sentences with SVO_structure (subject+verb+object), nine with expansion in the subject with S+E+VO_structure (subject+expansion+verb+object), and nine with expansion in the object with SVO+E_ structure (subject+verb+object+expansion). Each speaker repeated every sentence three times in both declarative and interrogative modalities. This procedure allowed the average production of each speaker to be established. Consequently, each participant produced a total of 162 sentences, resulting in a corpus of 972 sentences.

The subject and the object consist of a trisyllable noun and belong to different stress typologies such as oxytone, paroxytone and proparoxytone. The verb clause is the same for all data samples; it is paroxytone (see the Appendix for a full list of all 27 sentences). The following are examples, the stressed vowels highlighted in boldface:



Figure 1. Cities that participated in the study: Bogotá, Medellín, Barranquilla, Cali, Ibagué and Pasto.

- (1) sentence without expansion with paroxytone stress in the noun clause and oxytone stress in the prepositional clause
 La guitarra se toca con emoción (The guitar is played with feeling)
- (2) sentence with expansion in the subject with oxytone stress in the noun clause: subject and expansion; and paroxytone stress in the prepositional clause

- El bando**lín** espa**ñol** se toca con pa**cien**cia (The Spanish mandolin is played with patience)
- (3) sentence with expansion in the object with paroxytone stress in the noun clause and proparoxytone stress in the prepositional clause: object and expansion La guitarra se toca con pánico práctico (The guitar is played frenetically)

In this way, all of the sentences have the same number of interstress syllables and each sentence is uttered in declarative and interrogative modality.

2.3 Data coding

First, we extracted the measurement of each feature (intensity, duration and F0) in each vocal segment from the sentences. The unit of measurement for intensity is the decibel (dB), for fundamental frequency, the hertz (Hz); and for duration, the time measured in milliseconds (ms). Routines created in Matlab made it possible to obtain three values for intensity and F0: at the beginning, middle and end of the vowel. For these two parameters, we used the middle value. The intensity, duration or F0 across the three repetitions of each sentence were averaged. This method of analysis is common to all of the investigations carried out in the AMPER Project.

Second, the data of the sentences were labeled based on clause type: noun, verb and prepositional. Sentences with expansion have two parts: a noun and the its corresponding expansion (adjective). Clause measurements were averaged across words with the same stress typology. All data were organized according to stress typology and the declarative and interrogative modalities.

Third, each vowel was labeled as pre-stressed, stressed or post-stressed based on normal or syntactic phonetics. For example, in the text "el bandolín se toca", the stressed syllable is "lín", thus the post-stressed syllable is "se". The sentences without expansion contained three stressed syllables, while the other types had one more stressed syllable.

3. Results

In this section we present two sets of analysis. The first one is an exploratory analysis of means related to the three main prosodic features: intensity, duration and F0. The second is a multinomial regression in order to determine the feature that significantly predicts the stressed vowel.

3.1 Exploratory analyses

We performed a repeated ANOVA on syllable intensity, duration and F0 to compare the means of the three vowels: pre-stressed versus stressed versus post-stressed in each modality. Also, given that F0 is conditioned by gender because of anatomical factors, we conducted repeated analyses of the measurements to observe its influence on the utterance of the vowels. The descriptive statistics of intensity (Table 1), duration (Table 2) and F0 (Table 3) are in the Appendix.

Results about intensity, as shown in Figure 2, indicate that there are significant differences between the vowels in the declarative (f(2,34)=86.45; p<.000, η_p^2 =.81) and interrogative modalities (f(2,34)=42.62; p<.000, η_p^2 =.55). Stressed syllables exhibited higher intensity levels than pre-stressed syllables (p<.000; p<.028, respectively) and post-stressed syllables (p<.000; p<.000, respectively).

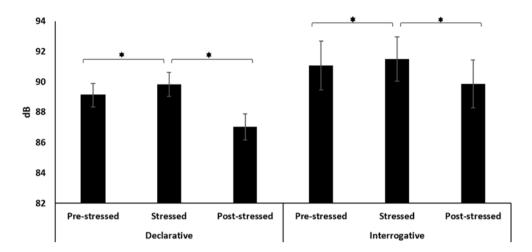


Figure 2. Mean average contrasts for pre-stressed versus stressed and stressed versus post-stressed context in the declarative and interrogative modalities, based on the intensity cue. Asterisks indicate statistical significance (p < 0.05).

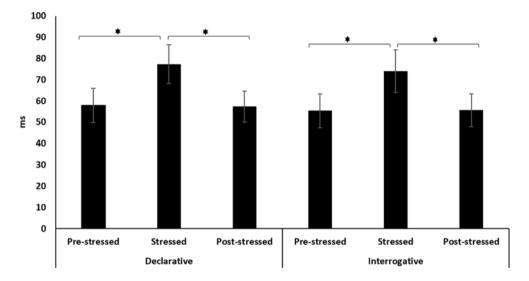


Figure 3. Means contrasts for pre-stressed versus stressed and stressed versus post-stressed contexts in the declarative and interrogative modalities, based on the duration cue. Asterisks indicate statistical significance (p < 0.05).

Figure 3 represents the results of duration cue measurements. Results indicate that there are significant differences between the vowels in the declarative (f(2,34)=115,08; p<.000, η_p^2 =.81) and interrogative modalities (f(2,34)=145,64; p<.000, η_p^2 =.84). Stressed syllables had longer duration than pre-stressed syllables (p<.000; p<.000, respectively) and also than post-stressed syllables (p<.000; p<.000, respectively).

Figure 4 (female voice) and Figure 5 (male voice) show the results regarding F0. In general, there is significant interaction between the vowels and gender in the declarative (f(2,33)=58.89; p<.001, η_p^2 =.66) and interrogative modalities (f(2,33)=7.88; p<.002, η_p^2 =.30). In female voices (f(2,33)=50.30; p<.000, η_p^2 =.75; f(2,33)=15.81; p<.000, η_p^2 =.49,

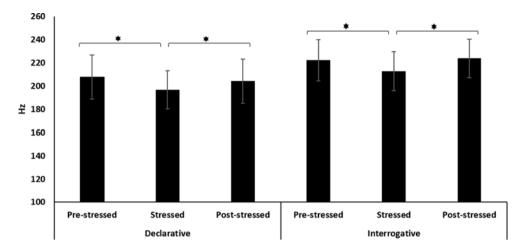


Figure 4. Mean contrasts of the female voice for pre-stressed versus stressed and stressed versus post-stressed contexts in the declarative and interrogative modalities based on the F0 cue. Asterisks indicate statistical significance (p < 0.05).

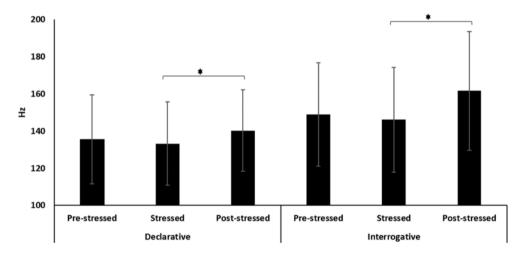


Figure 5. Mean contrasts of the male voice for pre-stressed versus stressed and stressed versus post-stressed contexts in declarative and interrogative modality based on the F0 cue. Asterisks indicate statistical significance (p < 0.05).

respectively), the stressed syllable had lower F0 than pre-stressed syllables (p<.000; p<.000, respectively) and also than post-stressed syllables (p<.000; p<.000, respectively), whereas, in male voices (f(2,33)=17.56; p<.000, η_p^2 =.52; f(2,33)=24.05; p<.000, η_p^2 =.59, respectively), the stressed syllables had lower F0 than post-stressed syllables (p<.000; p<.000, respectively).

3.2 Acoustic predictors of stressed vowels

We performed a multinomial analysis to observe which acoustic parameter (intensity, duration or F0) could be the correlate of the stressed vowel. We used vowels in pre-stressed, stressed and post-stressed positions. The stressed level was chosen as the reference

category. The regression model evaluated whether stress could be predicted using five independent variables: gender, modality, intensity, duration, and F0. This analysis was conducted for each stress typology: oxytone, paroxytone, and proparoxytone, and for each clause in each syntactic structure (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E). Thus, first, we present the results related to oxytone stress, then to paroxytone stress and, finally, results related to the proparoxytone stress.

In order to better interpret the data, in Figures 6, 7 and 8 we have presented the values of the odds ratios (see Tables 4, 5 and 6 in the Appendix) that have reached statistical significance (p < .05). We present the value of the odds ratio because it indicates the strength of the prediction of the acoustic parameters on the syllables. This means that if a significant odds value is found in the intensity (white bars), duration (black bars) or F0 (gray bars), this acoustic parameter predicts the vowels in which it is located.

3.2.1 Oxytone stress

The corresponding outcome of the multinomial logistic regression for oxytone stress is presented in Table 4 (Appendix) and the values of odds ratios for each sentence structure are represented in the Figures 6A (SVO), 6B (S+E+VO) and 6C (SVO+E). In general, the Pseudo R-Squares indicated relatively high effect sizes. There were no significant interactions between the predictors and gender or modality, significant main effects were observed for duration, intensity and F0.

As we can see in Figures 6A, 6B and 6C, the significant results of the odds ratios of the duration parameter (black bars) are located in stressed vowels relative to pre-stressed and post-stressed vowel; that means that duration predicts stressed vowels in this data set. Intensity (white bars) does not show a defined pattern: in some cases, it predicts stressed vowels and in others unstressed vowels. The results of F0 (gray bars) are different; they were found to be concentrated only on unstressed vowels (pre- and post-stressed).

Specifically, the figures presenting the values of the odds ratios show that intensity (white bars) predicts stressed vowels relative to pre-stressed vowels in verb clauses in SVO and SVO+E sentences. They also predict stressed vowels relative to post-stressed vowels in prepositional clauses in SVO+E sentences. Furthermore, they predict pre-stressed vowels in the noun clause across the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E).

Duration (black bars) predicts stressed vowels relative to pre-stressed vowels in noun clauses of S+E+VO sentences; in verb clauses across the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E); in prepositional clauses of SVO and SVO+E sentences; and in the expansion of S+E+VO and SVO+E sentences. Similarly, it predicts stressed vowels relative to post-stressed vowels in noun clauses across the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E); in verb clauses within SVO+E sentences; and in the expansion of S+E+VO sentences.

F0 (gray bars) predicts unstressed (pre-stressed, post-stressed) vowels relative to stressed vowels. This result was observed for pre-stressed vowels in verb clauses in the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E); and in the expansion clauses of S+E+VO sentences. It was also observed in post-stressed vowels, in noun clauses across the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E), in expansion clauses of S+E+VO, and in prepositional clauses of SVO. Only in noun clauses of SVO+E sentences did F0 predict stressed vowels relative to pre-stressed vowels.

In summary, duration is a feature that predicts the stressed vowel throughout the majority of the different vowel contrasts (pre-stressed versus stressed; stressed versus post-stressed), clauses and sentence structures. In some cases, although rare, intensity and duration are shown to be features that predict the stressed vowel simultaneously. Unlike the two previously mentioned parameters, F0 is a predictor of unstressed vowels.

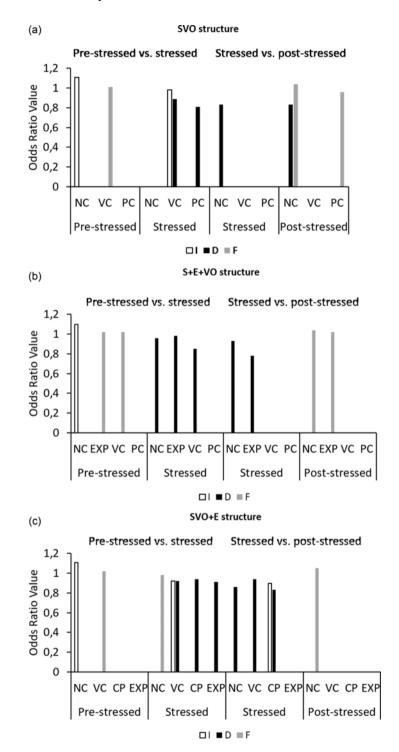


Figure 6. Representation of the odds ratio in statistically significant data (p < .05) according to different sentence structure clauses and vowel contrasts (pre-stressed versus stressed and stressed versus post-stressed) in oxytone typology.

Abbreviations: D=Duration; EXP= Expansion; F= Fundamental frequency (F0); I=Intensity; NC= Noun clause; PC= Prepositional clause; VC= Verb clause. Figure 6A presents sentences with SVO structure, Figure 6B presents sentences with S+E+VO structure and Figure 6C presents sentences with SVO+E structure.

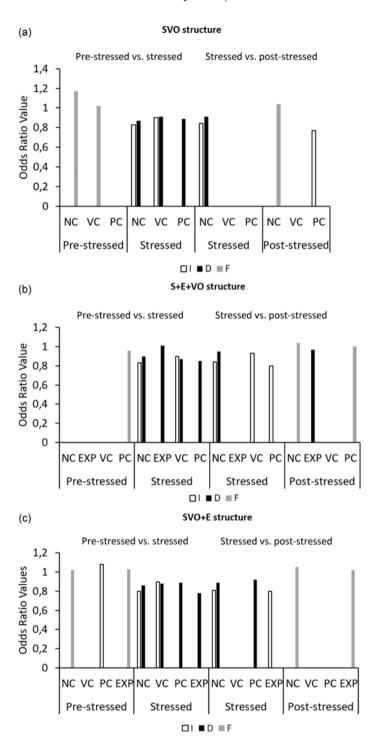


Figure 7. Representation of the odds ratio in statistically significant data (p < .05) according to different sentence structures, clauses and vowel contrasts (pre-stressed versus stressed and stressed versus post-stressed) in paroxytone typology.

Abbreviations: D=Duration; EXP= Expansion; F= Fundamental frequency (F0); I=Intensity; NC= Noun clause; PC= Prepositional clause; VC= Verb clause. Figure 7A represents sentences with SVO structure, Figure 7B represents sentences with S+E+VO structure and Figure 7C represents sentences with SVO+E structure.

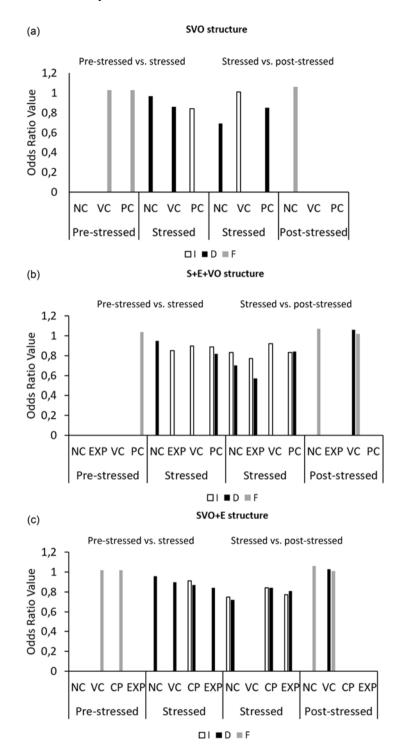


Figure 8. Representation of the odds ratio in statistically significant data (p < .05) according to different sentence structures, clauses and vowel contrasts (pre-stressed versus stressed and stressed versus post-stressed) in proparoxytone typology.

Abbreviations: D=Duration; EXP= Expansion; F= Fundamental frequency (F0); I=Intensity; NC= Noun clause; PC= Prepositional clause; VC= Verb clause. Figure 8A represents sentences with SVO structure, Figure 8B represents sentences with S+E+VO structure and Figure 8C represents sentences with SVO+E structure.

3.2.2 Paroxytone stress

The corresponding outcome of the multinomial logistic regression for paroxytone stress is presented in Table 5 (Appendix) and the values of odds ratios for each sentence structure are represented in Figures 7A (SVO), 7B (S+E+VO) and 7C (SVO+E). In general, the Pseudo R-Squares indicated relatively high effect sizes. Some significant interactions were observed between the predictors and gender or modality, but no systematic pattern emerged, so these occurrences were not further explored.

As we can see in Figures 7A, 7B and 7C, the significant values of the odds ratios for the duration parameter (black bars) are found in stressed vowels compared to pre- and post-stressed vowels; with a higher number observed in the contrast with the pre-stressed vowels than in the post-stress context. In terms of intensity (white bars), the majority of the significative values are found in stressed vowels. Thus, similar to the results above, duration predicts stressed vowels in this data set, but so does intensity. Again, the values of FO (gray bars) are concentrated on unstressed vowels (pre-stressed and post-stressed) as in the oxytone stress.

Specifically, for the paroxytone stress typology, intensity (white bars) predicts stressed vowels relative to pre-stressed vowels in the noun and verb clauses across the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E), as well as in prepositional clauses in SVO+E sentences. Intensity also predicts stressed vowels relative to post-stressed vowels in noun clauses in the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E), in verb clauses in S+EVO sentences, in prepositional clauses in SVO and S+EVO sentences, and in expansion of SVO+E sentences. Only on one occasion did the odds ratio reach statistical significance in the prepositional clause with a pre-stressed vowel.

Duration (black bars) predicts stressed vowels relative to pre-stressed vowels in noun, verb and prepositional clauses within the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E) and in the expansion of SVO+E sentences. Also, duration predicts stressed vowels relative to post-stressed vowels in noun clauses within the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E); in prepositional clauses in SVO+E sentences; and in the expansion of S+E+VO sentences.

Similar to the abovementioned oxytone results, F0 predicts unstressed vowels relative to stressed vowels. This result is observed for pre-stressed vowels in noun clauses of SVO and SVO+E sentences, in verb clauses of SVO sentences, in prepositional clauses of S+EVO sentences, and in the expansion of SVO+E sentences. It was also observed for post-stressed vowels in noun clauses across the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E) and in the expansion of SVO+E sentences.

In sum, similar to the oxytone typology, in paroxytone stress typology duration and intensity are features that predict the stressed vowel simultaneously in some cases, or individually in others. However, duration is a feature that showed a structured pattern through the majority of the different vowel contrasts (pre-stressed versus stressed; versus post-stressed), clauses and sentence structures while intensity did not.

3.2.3 Proparoxytone stress

Results for proparoxytone stress are presented in Table 6 (Appendix) and odds ratios values for each sentence structure are represented in Figures 8A (SVO), 8B (S+E+VO) and 8C (SVO+E). In general, the Pseudo R-Squares indicated relatively high effect sizes. There were no significant interactions between the predictors and gender or modality, but significant main effects of duration, intensity and F0 were observed.

Figures 8A, 8B and 8C show us that intensity predicts stressed vowels relative to prestressed vowels in noun and verb clauses within the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E) and in prepositional clauses of SVO+E sentences. Intensity also predicts stressed vowels relative to post-stressed vowels in noun clauses across the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E); in verb clauses of S+EVO sentences; in prepositional clauses in SVO and S+EVO sentences and, finally, in the expansion of SVO+E sentences.

Duration predicts stressed vowels relative to pre-stressed vowels in noun, verb, and prepositional clauses and in the expansion of SVO, S+EVO and SVO+E sentences. In a similar manner, duration predicts stressed vowels relative to post-stressed vowels in noun clauses across the three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E), as well as in prepositional clauses of SVO+E sentences and in the expansion of S+EVO sentences.

Similar to the results described for oxytone and paroxytone stress, F0 increases the odds ratios for unstressed vowels relative to stressed vowels. This result is observed in pre-stressed vowels in noun clauses of SVO and SVO+E sentences, in verb clauses in SVO sentences, in prepositional clauses of S+EVO sentences, and in the expansion of SVO+E sentences; in post-stressed vowels of noun clauses in all three syntactic structures (SVO, S+E+VO and SVO+E); and in the expansion of SVO+E sentences.

In general, Figures 6 (A, B, C), 7 (A, B, C) and 8 (A, B, C) showed that duration and intensity are features that predict stressed vowels throughout different vowel contrasts, clauses and sentence structures. Nevertheless, duration is the strongest predictor, as it is the prosodic parameter that most consistently signals the stressed vowel.

3.2.4 General model

The compilation of the data presented suggests that while the intensity and duration of a syllable can predict the stressed vowel simultaneously in some cases, duration is more systematic than intensity across the stress typologies and syntactic structures. Every time there is an increase in intensity and duration, the odds for stressed vowels relative to prestressed or post-stressed vowels increase. On the other hand, an increase in F0 raises the odds ratios for unstressed (pre-stressed or post-stressed) vowels relative to stressed vowels. Based on these results, a general regression analysis was conducted in order to generate a simplified model.

The corresponding results for the general multinomial logistic regression are presented in Table 7. Interestingly, an increase in duration increases the odds ratios for stressed vowels relative to pre- and post-stressed vowels. Again, intensity contributes to predicting stressed vowels but only relative to post-stressed vowels. In general, the Pseudo R-Squares indicated relatively high effect sizes. There were no significant interactions between the predictors and gender or modality. Thus, this analysis confirmed that duration is the dominant acoustic cue for predicting the stressed vowel in this corpus.

4. Discussion

The main objective of this research project was to identify the most salient feature among prosody parameters in speech production at the sentence level. To this end, participants uttered sentences with different stress typologies, syntactical structures, and modalities. We analyzed the prosodic features of the pre-stressed, stressed and post-stressed vowels.

In short, the statistical significances from both the means comparison and the multinomial results align, affirming that intensity and duration are key predictive features of stressed vowels. Furthermore, in line with the rationale of this study, the statistical data – especially those obtained from the multinomial regression model – support our hypothesis that duration is the primary correlate of stressed vowels, as it remained the major predictor of stressed vowels in relation to adjacent vowels (pre- and post-stressed), across the different stress typologies, syntactical structures, and modalities.

The results of the first analysis show that F0 has little influence in marking the stressed vowel, while both duration and intensity are significantly higher in stressed vowels than in their adjacent counterparts, indicating that these two parameters are reliable predictors of stress. These findings are interesting as they present a nuanced contrast to Ortega-Llebaria's (2006) conclusions, which suggested that although duration is the most consistent correlate for lexical and phrasal prominence, intensity has little effect on word-level stress.

As mentioned in the results section, this paper shows the relevant characteristics of different models based on stress typology, syntactical structure, and clause. The purpose was to observe whether each prosodic feature behaves in the same manner across these categories when contrasting pre-stressed versus stressed and stressed versus post-stressed vowels. To summarize the main findings, the data showed that when significant, the odds ratios for intensity and duration predicting stressed vowels relative to adjacent unstressed vowels were consistent across stress typologies, syntactic structures, and clause types. In the rare cases where intensity was significant, the odds ratios for intensity were always higher than those for duration. However, the results related to duration were the most prominent throughout the different categories. Thus, this outcome identifies duration as the most reliable predictor of stressed vowels.

So far, we can assume that duration is the cue that predicts stressed vowels in the majority of cases. This result is observed more often in the pre-stressed versus stressed contrast than in the stressed versus post-stressed contrast. These results make sense because in order to convey the correct message during speech production, the stressed syllable must be marked quickly.

Based on the results of our first set of statistical analysis in which we used the multinomial regression, we decided to combine the different categories by merging the data of the three levels of vowels: pre-stressed, stressed and post-stressed, but we separated them by modality and gender in order to observe their influence on the predictive variable. The findings revealed that duration is potentially a cue to differentiate stressed and adjacent unstressed vowels. However, it appears that pre-stressed versus stressed vowels and stressed versus post-stressed vowels differ in intensity. Stress related to pre-stressed had higher duration values and stress related to post-stressed had higher intensity and duration, with duration being a better predictor than intensity. The F0 cue is a good predictor for unstressed vowels.

Specifically, for the F0 cue, pitch accents can only be aligned with a stressed syllable (Silverman, 1990), and intonation arises from the F0 variation to convey information beyond the word level (Vaissière, 2005). For example, some studies reveal a general tendency for a peak alignment between post-tonic vowels and with the syntagmatic border in the contexts of Canarian and Colombia Speech (Muñetón-Ayala, 2017). In this sense, it is important to highlight that in our results, the F0 systematically predicts the posttonic vowels of the noun clause. This result makes sense, because in Colombian speech, the pitch accents shows peak displacement in which maximum peaks align with a vowel after the tonic [L>H*] is presented in Colombian speech (Muñetón-Ayala and Dorta, 2018). Similar results have also been obtained for Spanish in general (Garrido et al., 1993, 1995; Hualde and Kim, 2015; Llisterri et al., 2002, 2003; Prieto et al., 1995; Xu, 1999).

Thus, it appears that this use of intensity, duration, and F0 to distinguish between stressed and unstressed vowels, may be duration-specific. This finding is in line with prior evidence from Spanish (Méndez et al., 2008; Méndez, 2010; Ortega-Llebaria and Prieto, 2011; Garrido et al. 1995; Muñetón 2016) and other languages (Gordon and Roettger 2017). For example, Gordon and Roettger (2017) developed a cross-linguistic survey with 75 different

languages or language varieties to observe the correlate of word stress commonality. The participants were adult speakers with no reported speech impairments. Researchers compared the three fundamental prosodic parameters, and duration was the most consistent correlate of word stress.

It is interesting to note that the stress differences between languages do not in principle influence the determination of the parameter that correlates with the stressed vowel. For example, Hungarian and French are fixed stress languages; however, they align with free stress languages such as Portuguese and Spanish, in which duration can be the main acoustic correlate of lexical stress.

We believe that an important contribution of the present study is that it shows that the stressed versus unstressed distinction is explained by duration; but not by F0. This result is remarkable because of the fact that Spanish, along with French and Italian, has been classified as a syllable-timed language, unlike English, Dutch, or Arabic, which have been classified as stress-timed languages. The difference between both categories is that syllable-timed languages tend to have a stable duration; while the others tend to have a stable duration for the inter-stress interval. The current results support those provided by Dauer, who, in a cross-linguistic study (English, Thai, Spanish, Italian and Greek), demonstrated that rhythmic grouping is not exclusive to stress-timed languages like English, but also occurs in syllable-timed languages such as Spanish.

Conclusions

Although both male and female voices were evaluated, gender did not significantly affect the results, as no systematic patterns emerged distinguishing the two groups. Additionally, the inclusion of participants from diverse urban centers provided a large and varied pool of individuals, representing a wide range of socio-political and economic backgrounds. While this aspect was not the primary focus of the study, it highlights potential avenues for future research to explore how these factors may influence acoustic features in speech.

In brief, our findings support the idea that the duration parameter contributes to differentiation between the stressed and adjacent unstressed vowels in Spanish spoken in Colombia. From a practical perspective, according to our findings, this feature may be more helpful than the traditional cues such as F0 for language learning, particularly in perception.

Moreover, by linking these results to previous studies on speech perception in Spanish speakers (Muñetón-Ayala et al., 2022; Muñetón-Ayala, 2020), the results suggest that duration is a salient feature in the perception and production of speech acts. For example, Muñetón-Ayala et al. (2022) examined the neural dynamics underlying the duration cues and the semantic dimension in the perception of Spanish sentences through an experimental electrophysiological design. They used sentences ending with a trisyllable noun, with stress on the penultimate syllable. The pre-stressed syllable was manipulated in the duration feature (correct and incorrect) and the words were manipulated in the semantic dimension (predictable and unpredictable).

The main findings of study reveal a strong association between vowel duration and semantic processes at the perceptual level alongside evidence of automatic processing of the duration feature. These results underscore the role of temporal cues in Spanish and align with prior research in French (Magne et al., 2007) which used a similar experimental design. Notably, this study builds on earlier work by Muñetón-Ayala (2020), who demonstrated that vowel duration can distinguish declarative from interrogative sentences in Spanish, during the production and perception of speech. This study also aligns with Muñiz Cachón (2017), who observed similar patterns in speech productions tasks.

However, it is important to highlight that conducting a perceptual study in Colombian Spanish that analyzes prosodic cues as a function of dialect would be highly relevant, with the aim of contrasting the results obtained in the present study. Whilst it is true that each language has specific prosodic features, it is worth mentioning a study conducted in German that evaluated the influence of 17 linguistic variables on the perception of prominence. The overall results are particularly significant, as they show that all the variables analyzed – including both discrete and continuous prosodic factors, as well as non-prosodic variables – have a considerable impact on prominence perception.

Limitations

The present study is based on experimental data; thus, it would be interesting to investigate the correlate of the stressed or unstressed vowel in spontaneous and interactive speech. In this manner, we can contrast results and better understand the process. Additionally, while this research explored diverse participants, further studies could examine how sociocultural factors specifically influence acoustic features, providing deeper insights into the interplay between linguistic behavior and social dynamics.

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Appendix

Without e	xpansion (WE)
El bandolín se toca con emoción.	The mandolin is played with feeling.
El bandolín se toca con paciencia.	The mandolin is played with patience.
El bandolín se toca con pánico.	The mandolin is played frenetically.
La guitarra se toca con emoción.	The guitar is played with feeling.
La guitarra se toca con paciencia.	The guitar is played with patience.
La guitarra se toca con pánico.	The mandolin is played frenetically.
La máquina se toca con emoción.	The guitar is played with feeling.
La máquina se toca con paciencia.	The machine is played with patience.
La máquina se toca con pánico.	The machine is played frenetically.
With expansion	n in the subject (ES)
El bandolín español se toca con emoción.	The Spanish mandolin is played with feeling.
El bandolín español se toca con paciencia.	The Spanish mandolin is played with patience

El bandolín español se toca con pánico.	The Spanish mandolin is played frenetically.
La guitarra española se toca con emoción.	The Spanish guitar is played with feeling.
La guitarra española se toca con paciencia.	The Spanish guitar is played with patience.
La guitarra española se toca con pánico.	The Spanish guitar is played frenetically.
La máquina clásica se toca con emoción.	The classical guitar is played with feeling.
La máquina clásica se toca con paciencia.	The classical machine is played with patience
La máquina clásica se toca con pánico.	The classical machine is played frenetically.
With expansion i	in the object (EO)
El bandolín se toca con emoción y con amor.	The mandolin is played with feeling and love.
El bandolín se toca con paciencia finita.	The mandolin is played with finite patience.
El bandolín se toca con pánico práctico.	The mandolin is played frenetically.
La guitarra se toca con emoción.	The guitar is played with feeling.
La guitarra se toca con paciencia.	The guitar is played with patience.
La guitarra se toca con pánico.	The guitar is played frenetically.
La máquina se toca con emoción.	The machine is played with feeling.
La máquina se toca con paciencia.	The machine is played with patience.
La máquina se toca con pánico.	The machine is played frenetically.

Table 1. Means and standard deviations (in parentheses) of intensity, calculated separately for declarative and interrogative modalities in each clause of sentences with and without expansion for both women and men based on the stress typology¹

				Dec	larative					Inter	rogative		
			Femal	e		Male			Femal	e		Male	
Oxyto	one	Pret.	Str.	Post.	Pret.	Ton.	Post.	Pret.	Ton.	Post.	Pret.	Ton.	Post.
WE	NC	91.06 (5.82)	88.44 (6.39)	88.39 (8.13)	93.67 (5.16)	92.28 (5.04)	91.72 (5.15)	92.83 (5.64)	90.11 (6.27)	91.00 (6.40)	95.00 (4.61)	93.28 (4.13)	92.44 (3.90)
	VC	88.39 (8.13)	90.17 (5.64)	88.50 (6.22)	91.72 (5.15)	92.06 (4.24)	91.44 (4.50)	91.00 (6.40)	92.22 (5.57)	90.50 (5.44)	92.44 (3.90)	94.50 (3.33)	92.72 (4.79)
	PC	85.33 (6.46)	85.61 (6.49)		87.94 (5.14)	89.17 (4.50)		87.28 (5.96)	88.67 (5.55)		90.61 (5.10)	91.56 (4.16)	
ES	NC	90.17 (5.37)	87.56 (5.89)	87.78 (5.24)	93.39 (5.04)	91.56 (4.67)	91.28 (4.56)	93.28 (5.60)	90.72 (6.32)	90.83 (6.14)	95.06 (4.44)	93.39 (4.10)	92.78 (4.25)

 $^{^1}$ Abbreviations: EO = with expansion in the object; ES=with expansion in the subject; Exp = expansion; NC=noun clause; Post.=post-stressed; Pret.=pre-stressed; Str.= stressed; PS=prepositional clause; VS=verbal clause; WE = without expansion.

Table I. Continued

				Dec	larative					Inter	rogative		
			Female	е		Male			Femal	e		Male	
Oxyto	one	Pret.	Str.	Post.	Pret.	Ton.	Post.	Pret.	Ton.	Post.	Pret.	Ton.	Post.
	Ехр	88.28 (4.96)	87.72 (6.25)	86.28 (9.17)	91.94 (3.65)	91.28 (4.88)	88.28 (4.57)	92.06 (5.27)	90.00 (6.07)	89.94 (6.85)	93.83 (2.77)	92.78 (4.37)	91.83 (5.27)
	VC	86.28 (9.17)	88.11 (6.46)	86.94 (6.41)	88.28 (4.57)	90.56 (5.20)	89.94 (5.07)	89.94 (6.85)	91.78 (5.64)	90.17 (5.25)	91.83 (5.27)	93.11 (4.11)	91.89 (5.36)
	PC	84.44 (6.31)	84.33 (6.98)		87.22 (4.68)	88.17 (4.88)		87.50 (5.59)	88.89 (5.49)		90.06 (5.18)	90.22 (4.39)	
EO	NC	90.33 (4.95)	87.61 (5.63)	89.11 (6.34)	93.39 (5.47)	91.89 (5.02)	91.17 (6.4)	92.67 (5.60)	90.00 (6.31)	90.78 (6.76)	94.61 (5.49)	93.00 (4.54)	92.89 (4.68)
	VC	89.11 (6.34)	89.39 (5.61)	88.06 (5.81)	91.17 (6.40)	92.22 (4.08)	91.67 (5.21)	88.06 (5.81)	91.61 (5.61)	90.72 (5.97)	91.67 (5.21)	94.39 (4.91)	92.33 (4.89)
	PC	85.39 (5.6)	87.33 (6.45)	86.39 (6.09)	88.17 (4.97)	90.11 (4.92)	89.11 (4.69)	88.83 (6.00)	88.39 (6.34)	87.28 (6.37)	91.33 (4.86)	91.83 (4.69)	90.89 (5.47)
	Ехр	85.11 (5.57)	84.11 (6.62)		87.56 (4.72)	87.50 (5.32)		87.89 (5.42)	89.28 (5.81)		90.72 (4.86)	90.28 (4.90)	
Paro	kytone												
WE	NC	88.39 (3.87)	91.56 (3.57)	88.94 (4.93)	88.83 (4.91)	93.17 (6.49)	91.72 (5.43)	89.39 (5.28)	92.83 (4.79)	89.94 (6.33)	89.67 (4.63)	93.33 (4.80)	92.00 (5.37)
	VV	88.39 (4.50)	88.89 (3.89)	87.5 (3.71)	89.06 (4.78)	90.22 (5.52)	89.11 (5.65)	88.50 (6.43)	90.22 (5.01)	88.44 (5.15)	89.17 (5.03)	90.72 (5.19)	90.17 (5.64)
	PC	85.50 (4.25)	86.28 (4.32)	73.67 (7.77)	88.39 (5.41)	88.89 (5.47)	72.94 (10.05)	87.83 (5.16)	88.11 (5.40)	84.22 (5.28)	90.06 (5.55)	89.67 (4.80)	83.28 (6.68)
ES	NC	88.83 (4.73)	91.44 (4.54)	88.72 (6.06)	89.33 (4.37)	92.94 (4.93)	91.28 (4.32)	90.06 (5.09)	92.11 (5.61)	89.72 (6.05)	91.61 (4.17)	94.89 (4.69)	92.78 (4.60)
	Exp	89.39 (4.15)	88.28 (5.20)	88.78 (5.47)	91.94 (4.12)	90.72 (5.18)	91.94 (5.09)	91.17 (4.68)	89.44 (5.22)	89.67 (5.41)	93.56 (3.93)	91.83 (4.13)	93.61 (4.47)
	VC	87.56 (6.06)	88.72 (4.88)	86.67 (4.56)	88.22 (4.40)	89.67 (5.19)	88.89 (5.18)	88.39 (7.16)	90.00 (4.83)	87.94 (5.33)	90.17 (4.53)	91.56 (4.72)	90.67 (4.96)
	PC	85.89 (4.42)	86.28 (4.57)	73.72 (9.13)	88.06 (5.55)	88.44 (5.14)	72.17 (8.83)	88.00 (5.51)	87.89 (5.35)	84.33 (5.86)	91.28 (4.99)	90.00 (5.64)	84.50 (6.40)
EO	NC	89.33 (5.32)	91.61 (4.82)	89.33 (6.27)	89.39 (5.04)	93.67 (5.08)	92.39 (4.51)	89.33 (5.13)	91.17 (4.68)	89.11 (5.54)	91.89 (3.76)	94.72 (4.00)	93.5 (4.36)
	VC	88.89 (6.73)	90.67 (5.39)	89.06 (5.79)	89.33 (4.64)	91.11 (4.89)	90.56 (5.56)	88.94 (5.76)	90.00 (5.01)	88.17 (5.68)	91.06 (4.18)	93.00 (4.04)	92.06 (4.73)
	PC	87.67 (5.62)	86.22 (5.29)	86.94 (5.56)	89.83 (5.11)	89.44 (5.07)	89.17 (5.01)	88.44 (4.88)	86.56 (5.46)	87.5 (5.01)	92.50 (4.69)	90.78 (3.81)	91.72 (4.70)
	Exp	87.17 (5.79)	87.11 (6.03)	74.56 (9.21)	88.61 (4.72)	89.28 (4.66)	75.56 (8.58)	87.94 (5.37)	87.39 (5.67)	84.11 (5.59)	90.67 (3.60)	90.39 (3.33)	84.39 (6.51)
Prop	aroxyto	one											
WE	NC	91.78 (4.81)	91.11 (4.60)	89.94 (6.28)	90.72 (5.70)	92.17 (5.38)	91.06 (5.03)	93.56 (5.09)	92.5 (5.33)	91.33 (6.38)	93.22 (4.98)	93.72 (4.55)	92.5 (4.18)
	VC	88.06 (8.14)	89.72 (5.12)	88.61 (5.59)	89.39 (4.46)	90.44 (5.02)	89.83 (5.52)	90.17 (8.23)	91.39 (5.68)	90.44 (6.06)	91.44 (4.80)	93.17 (4.67)	92.44 (4.73)

Table I. Continued

				Dec	larative					Inter	rogative		
			Femal	е		Male			Female	e		Male	
Oxyt	one	Pret.	Str.	Post.	Pret.	Ton.	Post.	Pret.	Ton.	Post.	Pret.	Ton.	Post.
	PC	89.44 (5.32)	89.56 (5.27)	84.28 (5.67)	89.83 (5.55)	91.39 (5.45)	85.94 (5.57)	91.61 (5.63)	90.67 (4.89)	89.33 (5.52)	92.56 (4.87)	93.28 (4.55)	89.94 (4.39)
ES	NC	90.44 (5.53)	89.89 (5.03)	89.44 (6.67)	91.17 (5.39)	92.56 (4.93)	91.72 (4.55)	93.61 (5.29)	92.72 (5.60)	91.11 (8.30)	92.61 (5.19)	93.22 (4.82)	92.61 (4.55)
	Ехр	89.56 (5.06)	90.61 (5.50)	85.06 (7.34)	92.00 (4.14)	94.50 (4.46)	87.17 (5.17)	91.61 (5.27)	92.61 (6.11)	87.11 (6.95)	93 (3.93)	94.56 (4.22)	89.28 (5.42)
	VC	87.33 (6.73)	88.33 (5.48)	86.78 (5.86)	88.50 (5.69)	90.00 (4.77)	89.94 (5.12)	89.78 (6.71)	90.44 (6.14)	89.39 (6.26)	91.11 (5.47)	91.78 (4.80)	90.83 (5.24)
	PC	87.44 (5.63)	88.28 (5.23)	84.28 (6.34)	89.78 (5.48)	91.5 (4.78)	86 (4.63)	90.83 (6.25)	90.44 (5.72)	88.67 (5.77)	91.94 (5.32)	92.56 (5.04)	89.39 (5.36)
EO	NC	90.72 (4.75)	90.39 (4.59)	89.39 (5.72)	91.33 (4.98)	92.83 (4.71)	92.28 (4.71)	93.50 (5.32)	92.94 (5.22)	91.83 (6.73)	92.72 (4.99)	93.22 (5.01)	92.56 (4.59)
	VC	88.83 (6.46)	89.78 (5.61)	89.33 (5.41)	90.17 (4.54)	91.89 (4.66)	91.06 (5.13)	91.28 (6.45)	91.78 (6.27)	90.61 (5.81)	91.17 (3.60)	92.39 (4.07)	91.5 (4.30)
	PC	89.06 (5.43)	88.50 (5.28)	85.67 (5.12)	90.22 (4.31)	91.89 (4.70)	89.39 (4.82)	91.89 (6.15)	91.22 (5.46)	88.50 (5.88)	91.78 (4.67)	93.00 (4.55)	90.44 (4.42)
	Ехр	88.00 (6.15)	88.44 (5.53)	77.28 (8.74)	90.72 (4.70)	91.44 (4.15)	77.22 (8.57)	91.11 (5.81)	91.06 (4.98)	85.17 (5.80)	92.39 (4.90)	92.44 (4.87)	84.61 (5.91)

Table 2. Mean values and standard deviations (in parentheses) of duration, calculated separately for declarative and interrogative modalities, for each clause in sentences with and without expansion based on the stress typology for both women and men

				Decla	rative					Interro	ogative		
			Female			Male			Female			Male	
Оху	tone	Pret	ton	Post									
WE	NC	69.83 (12.68)	80.06 (19.27)	50.72 (11.36)	64.33 (15.44)	69.33 (19.95)	45.56 (7.65)	66.67 (13.36)	71.44 (19.77)	47.61 (9.11)	56.89 (13.38)	58.28 (13.51)	42.61 (8.51)
	VC	50.72 (11.36)	60.50 (13.48)	60.44 (9.67)	45.56 (7.65)	52.67 (10.72)	57.11 (8.86)	47.61 (9.11)	57.83 (9.29)	56.11 (8.09)	42.61 (8.51)	54.67 (13.16)	52.78 (10.17)
	PC	67.78 (12.42)	146.39 (35.41)		62.56 (12.53)	111.06 (24.01)		64.06 (10.87)	125.78 (31.4)		59.5 (10.12)	108.17 (27.35)	
ES	NC	64.17 (13.52)	73.56 (17.09)	61.72 (8.82)	59.28 (11.64)	66.67 (16.78)	57.28 (12.44)	63.72 (14.79)	71.67 (15.86)	62.89 (10.69)	58.56 (12.18)	62.22 (14.29)	53.44 (12.23)
	Ехр	72.44 (10.84)	80.72 (25.57)	45.72 (11.34)	62.61 (13.5)	68.5 (18.93)	42.06 (7.16)	66.11 (11.18)	73.89 (22.55)	43.50 (6.24)	57.67 (11.65)	62.44 (21.03)	41.94 (7.63)
	VC	45.72 (11.34)	57.89 (9.74)	61.56 (8.98)	42.06 (7.16)	53.33 (12.17)	57.33 (10.02)	43.5 (6.24)	55.33 (6.80)	56.89 (7.45)	41.94 (7.63)	52.89 (13.76)	52.17 (9.39)
	PC	64.94 (9.78)	140.39 (28.32)		60.61 (8.53)	116.33 (22.45)		64.78 (9.81)	125.17 (31.62)		60.78 (7.83)	104.33 (24.07)	
EO	NC	67.89 (11.86)	72.67 (21.69)	49.61 (8.13)	62.44 (16.04)	62.28 (14.69)	47.00 (10.52)	66(13.5)		50.56 (10.18)	57.44 (12.86)	59.17 (15.34)	43.11 (6.64)

Table 2. Continued

				Decla	rative					Interro	ogative		
			Female			Male			Female			Male	
Oxyt	one	Pret	ton	Post									
	VC	49.61 (8.13)	59.44 (9.50)	60.33 (8.93)	47.00 (10.52)	52.50 (12.59)	57.78 (10.17)	50.56 (10.18)	58.83 (12.03)	61.33 (11.31)	43.11 (6.64)	52.11 (12.81)	51.83 (10.65)
	PC	65.61 (10.67)	83.39 (21.44)	51.5 (11.3)	60.72 (8.23)	73.94 (15.67)	45.78 (9.32)	66.78 (9.12)	73.33 (15.69)	51.00 (13.56)	59.33 (10.83)	68.17 (13.69)	46.50 (8.84)
	Ехр	75.00 (10.04)	101.39 (20.99)		66.17 (10.78)	88.50 (25.96)		73.50 (12.23)	108.50 (24.24)		64.00 (13.00)	89.33 (30.40)	
Paro	xyton	ie											
WE	NC	58.56 (8.08)	58.06 (8.39)	90.28 (14.75)	56.28 (8.68)	53.72 (9.02)	86.94 (22.08)	55.06 (9.97)	89.06 (27.8)	64.33 (18.12)	50.56 (8.07)	77.11 (19.21)	53.06 (12.89)
	VC	69.50 (16.18)	46.78 (8.26)	59.11 (9.69)	60.17 (14.49)	46.56 (7.85)	57.44 (13.81)	45.72 (10.2)	56.17 (12.65)	55.00 (9.19)	41.56 (8.60)	49.67 (11.00)	54.11 (9.11)
	PC	73.22 (12.45)	129.94 (25.15)	87.94 (23.93)	67.33 (13.85)	106.22 (25.04)	84.28 (27.55)	69.94 (11.3)	119.50 (19.49)	103.22 (16.56)	64.39 (11.44)	91.67 (16.50)	87.72 (19.74)
ES	NC	209.39 (18.19)	200.33 (17.83)	211.61 (21.71)	128.72 (25.99)	134.50 (27.07)	148.44 (27.72)	220.67 (17.51)	212.78 (17.05)	227.78 (21.60)	137.28 (27.45)	146.33 (29.79)	161.39 (29.95)
	Ехр	226.56 (25.35)	209.78 (20.62)	213.89 (28.23)	148.22 (30.65)	138.44 (30.80)		241.72 (19.25)		210.67 (15.57)	166.50 (35.40)	145.17 (33.68)	151.61 (37.76)
	VC	222.83 (25.84)	192.39 (14.25)	192.33 (12.00)	144.44 (28.20)	129.94 (25.47)	131.28 (21.90)	232.00 (22.19)	208.72 (19.83)	206.33 (15.15)	155.11 (29.20)	140.33 (28.47)	147.61 (30.94)
	PC	70.06 (10.59)	122.00 (19.86)	85.22 (23.25)	69.56 (11.17)	104.78 (22.61)	88.22 (25.16)	71.67 (11.58)	120.44 (24.31)	101.44 (16.23)	64.78 (12.19)	91.94 (17.23)	92.56 (23.73)
EO	NC	57.72 (8.68)	90.11 (23.58)	71.06 (18.64)	53.00 (8.23)	80.56 (26.08)	55.22 (14.16)	54.22 (12.18)	80.50 (17.84)	63.67 (15.21)	49.89 (9.16)	69.94 (18.80)	53.11 (12.47)
	VC	48.50 (8.84)	63.39 (14.54)	60.44 (10.08)	45.11 (11.04)	58.33 (18.97)	56.28 (6.75)	46.44 (8.58)	55.78 (10.08)	58.22 (8.72)	41.39 (8.58)	54.50 (14.52)	56.61 (8.96)
	PC	66.00 (9.42)	88.39 (14.50)	70.28 (14.80)	63.22 (10.36)	83.50 (18.58)	67.00 (11.00)	66.44 (11.72)	81.67 (15.02)	66.33 (11.79)	60.72 (10.83)	75.94 (14.80)	63.67 (13.51)
	Ехр	54.28 (9.10)	91.5 (16.06)	70.39 (19.75)	51.00 (10.81)	75.22 (8.87)	65.50 (20.05)	54.11 (7.55)	83.72 (16.03)	84.22 (17.46)	48.11 (10.29)	74.00 (14.17)	70.39 (19.64)
Prop	aroxy	tone											
WE	NC	68.50 (22.51)	83.78 (16.10)	38.94 (8.49)	60.00 (17.19)	75.56 (19.25)	36.67 (7.99)	66.67 (15.02)	80.89 (14.81)	36.11 (7.61)	58.28 (13.78)	69.72 (16.94)	34.61 (6.80)
	VC	45.22 (9.83)	56.11 (10.71)	60.89 (8.52)	43.50 (10.19)	51.44 (10.69)	56.44 (10.62)	46.61 (9.51)	53.61 (9.38)	62.00 (9.79)	42.00 (7.29)	52.22 (12.82)	54.94 (11.07)
	PC		102.17 (13.97)						91.06 (14.81)		49.94 (8.59)	75.33 (18.10)	
ES	NC	64.06 (15.30)	80.67 (17.29)	37.39 (8.60)	57.39 (18.28)	71.89 (17.48)	35.89 (8.19)	70.17 (18.39)	80.11 (20.93)	37.39 (8.9)	57.72 (15.28)	67.44 (12.87)	33.56 (8.25)
	Ехр	72.17 (10.58)	81.78 (16.53)	37.94 (10.14)	65.11 (13.07)	69.61 (18.69)	38.83 (7.39)	69.72 (7.77)	80.61 (14.41)	39.50 (11.43)	65.44 (10.46)	65.17 (14.29)	37.61 (6.70)
	VC	48.50 (9.53)	51.56 (12.83)	59.67 (11.10)	46.50 (9.9)	49.78 (13.47)	54.83 (9.94)	50.89 (10.79)	53.61 (10.32)	60.28 (10.42)	45.22 (8.78)	49.17 (9.87)	52.94 (7.51)

Table 2. Continued

				Decla	rative					Interre	ogative		
			Female			Male			Female			Male	
Оху	tone	Pret	ton	Post	Pret	ton	Post	Pret	ton	Post	Pret	ton	Post
	PC	53.00 (13.35)	96.61 (16.28)	56.17 (11.04)	51.78 (9.45)	79.72 (11.83)	50.78 (9.32)	54.22 (13.12)	88.72 (16.53)	56.56 (12.89)	48.61 (8.15)	73.33 (14.54)	50.83 (8.96)
EO	NC	70.89 (28.31)	81.06 (17.47)	38.11 (8.83)	59.06 (17.15)	76.50 (19.1)	37.72 (9.47)	68.44 (18.8)	83.00 (21.17)	37.72 (10.65)	59.56 (17.33)	72.67 (19.50)	35.94 (6.58)
	VC	50.89 (7.63)	61.00 (12.16)	61.94 (9.13)	46.17 (10.20)	56.22 (16.98)	58.33 (12.55)	47.39 (10.17)	57.00 (10.92)	63.39 (8.90)	42.50 (8.65)	51.78 (14.33)	56.72 (8.64)
	PC	54.67 (14.86)	79.06 (10.61)	50.39 (9.60)	52.00 (10.07)	73.00 (17.92)	47.17 (8.11)	54.50 (14.56)	75.72 (12.38)	49.94 (10.78)	50.11 (8.16)	68.33 (13.12)	47.11 (9.44)
	Ехр	46.11 (10.62)	85.89 (18.41)	37.83 (7.52)	44.06 (9.61)	70.50 (17.70)	38.11 (9.54)	47.17 (13.40)	79.06 (12.53)	41.44 (9.10)	43.11 (7.65)	66.61 (18.50)	40.39 (7.26)

Table 3. Means values and standard deviations (in parentheses) of F0, calculated separately for declarative and interrogative modalities, for each clause in sentences with and without expansion, based on the stress typology for both women and men

				Decla	rative					Interre	ogative		
			Female			Male			Female			Male	
Oxyt	one	Pret	ton	Post									
WE	NC	196.17 (38.82)	203.94 (40.21)	220.44 (46.45)	130.94 (30.14)	139.78 (25.43)	153.89 (28.80)	208.00 (18.41)	206.67 (17.85)	232.50 (29.31)	135.61 (21.37)	143.28 (27.36)	171.50 (37.62)
	VC	220.44 (46.45)	200.11 (30.19)	199.89 (28.94)	153.89 (28.80)	142.83 (24.08)	143.28 (22.94)	232.50 (29.31)	229.11 (20.70)	231.22 (18.67)	171.50 (37.62)	171.06 (35.13)	172.44 (36.24)
	PC	176.33 (26.94)	176.67 (27.19)		119.11 (22.69)	124.56 (31.28)		197.11 (21.88)	222.78 (38.12)		131.56 (25.98)	152.00 (40.99)	
ES	NC	203.11 (17.24)	199.00 (19.28)	211.78 (21.18)	133.22 (32.08)	138.11 (30.18)	153.72 (30.78)	209.89 (17.09)	206.56 (17.49)	220.39 (26.05)	135.56 (23.46)	140.94 (27.56)	162.17 (36.27)
	Ехр	223.17 (18.83)	214.11 (25.53)	225.78 (33.78)	153.11 (27.26)	145.33 (28.66)	151.06 (33.38)	238.44 (25.7)	211.11 (21.11)	222.56 (19.56)	164.39 (36.53)	145.83 (34.38)	160.11 (38.25)
	VC		201.61 (18.36)	197.56 (13.16)	151.06 (33.38)	136.06 (21.93)	134.11 (20.70)	222.56 (19.56)	218.61 (16.99)	219.67 (15.94)	160.11 (38.25)	160.39 (31.70)	161.83 (32.58)
	PC		181.44 (16.43)		120.61 (24.73)	124.28 (32.19)		195.17 (19.59)	224.56 (36.16)			149.00 (39.82)	
EO	NC	204.39 (21.93)	207.44 (23.30)	226.44 (27.33)	129.83 (22.95)	141.83 (31.62)	158.06 (35.40)	210.72 (16.58)	208.39 (19.48)	233.22 (28.78)	136.28 (22.81)	142.89 (29.09)	172.22 (39.66)
	VC	226.44 (27.33)		214.11 (16.63)	158.06 (35.40)	146.78 (22.05)	149.00 (21.10)	233.22 (28.78)	229.44 (22.97)	231.89 (21.59)	172.22 (39.66)	167.11 (34.81)	172.06 (34.27)
	PC	189.00 (17.78)	208.11 (24.25)	216.44 (38.41)	120.83 (18.67)	136.83 (24.46)	146.78 (28.63)	202.83 (19.81)	204.78 (19.86)	202.83 (19.12)	135.61 (24.12)	144.00 (30.47)	155.00 (34.57)
	Ехр	186.61 (14.39)	176.78 (13.16)		118.39 (20.94)	113.39 (18.79)		204.89 (18.51)	219.50 (32.49)			145.61 (40.77)	
Paro	xytor	ie											
WE	NC	199.61 (33.71)	200.06 (35.77)	212.89 (44.98)	127 (20.96)	135.00 (25.15)	149.44 (26.36)		207.94 (17.19)		131.61 (22.75)	139.11 (27.70)	160.11 (42.05)

Table 3. Continued

				Decla	rative					Interre	ogative		
			Female			Male			Female			Male	
Оху	tone	Pret	ton	Post									
	VC	221.00 (42.6)	189.61 (33.06)	191.39 (30.15)	146.44 (25.91)	131.06 (25.21)	133.67 (23.12)	242.94 (21.74)		211.72 (18.13)	166.17 (37.03)	147.56 (35.33)	154.17 (37.7)
	PC	181.72 (30.60)	185.17 (30.58)	170.00 (29.39)	120.22 (23.23)	125.78 (19.83)	113.61 (17.58)	206.61 (20.15)	208.22 (27.29)		135.61 (28.88)	138.11 (33.67)	156.67 (42.78)
ES	NC	54.72 (9.54)	79.28 (16.92)	68.78 (28.05)	50.22 (7.06)	70.33 (17.00)	57.78 (14.29)	56.78 (12.37)	82.67 (26.8)	66.44 (26.69)	47.72 (10.79)	67.44 (21.61)	52.06 (14.72)
	Ехр	65.94 (10.67)	80.94 (31.64)	70.67 (19.68)	59.5 (8.38)	64.61 (24.30)	56.33 (10.04)	62.44 (11.23)	76.28 (27.82)	65.22 (12.86)	52.83 (10.22)	60.50 (28.44)	54.39 (9.93)
	VC	45.44 (6.59)	55.11 (11.63)	59.33 (9.99)	44.61 (8.73)	52.78 (7.80)	55.56 (6.98)	45.28 (7.95)	54.33 (10.19)	56.72 (7.71)	40.33 (7.67)	52.72 (11.38)	53.33 (6.60)
	PC	187.44 (17.41)	187.56 (20.50)	170.17 (24.01)	119.83 (22.4)	125.67 (24.17)	114.89 (21.34)	207.33 (21.51)	207.50 (25.58)	244.61 (46.55)	132.56 (31.26)	135.11 (33.06)	159.39 (47.84)
EO	NC	209.39 (24.16)	201.72 (21.12)	221.50 (34.40)	130.94 (33.21)	137.61 (26.55)		219.39 (19.78)	209.89 (19.58)	224.11 (27.10)	135.72 (26.35)	143.33 (29.99)	166.06 (38.25)
	VC	226.83 (27.97)	200.89 (18.82)	208.06 (19.63)	151.56 (26.46)	140.33 (26.05)			215.44 (24.00)	211.72 (18.12)	170.72 (38.43)	152.83 (38.50)	158.28 (38.71)
	PC	196.17 (15.77)	189.44 (13.36)	195.17 (10.59)	125.56 (24.80)	126.67 (22.52)		212.78 (19.79)		209.00 (17.07)	140.61 (28.89)	139.39 (31.51)	157.61 (35.07)
	Ехр	203.17 (12.11)	188.06 (21.11)	175.78 (16.46)	132.22 (26.20)				202.22 (23.47)		150.39 (32.67)	137.67 (35.17)	161.00 (51.49)
Prop	aroxy	tone											
WE	NC	197.94 (29.61)		231.33 (46.50)	123.67 (20.55)	135.61 (26.58)			211.39 (21.76)	241.61 (29.30)	131.78 (20.13)	144.28 (26.18)	176.06 (38.30)
	VC	220.67 (43.82)	189.67 (30.52)	193.28 (31.85)	144.44 (32.53)	129.89 (19.72)	133.61 (18.00)		208.44 (17.32)		161.67 (34.12)	151.28 (32.41)	165.28 (35.98)
	PC	202.78 (32.63)	186.33 (27.80)	172.00 (25.51)	135.83 (24.47)	128.17 (18.99)	119.17 (17.23)	225.11 (19.54)	208.89 (22.47)	216.11 (28.51)	164.67 (33.68)	144.17 (31.43)	149.89 (38.68)
ES	NC	204.22 (15.59)	200.44 (18.82)	231.00 (24.68)	126.00 (18.76)	133.67 (23.58)	157.17 (28.93)			242.22 (32.25)	131.28 (21.48)	141.33 (25.65)	177.17 (38.13)
	Ехр	227.5 (22.20)	214.78 (23.72)	235.44 (29.54)	152.72 (26.22)	149.44 (28.48)			214.72 (20.09)	230.06 (22.85)	170.83 (36.71)	154.17 (34.95)	167.22 (36.49)
	VC	224.56 (28.48)	193.44 (15.95)	194.11 (16.46)	142.06 (29.98)	125.22 (19.20)	129.89 (18.92)		202.72 (19.69)		150.72 (29.33)	136.56 (30.69)	154.39 (31.37)
	PC			176.61 (17.79)	134.56 (24.6)				206.78 (25.90)		157.89 (34.41)	138.5 (34.85)	145.06 (38.72)
EO	NC				125.89 (21.81)								
	VC				146.89 (28.74)								
	PC				141.72 (27.60)								152.28 (35.79)
	Ехр				138.06 (24.08)								

Table 4. Multinomial logistic regression with vowel transition type as the dependent variable (stressed as reference category), and intensity, duration and F0 as independent variables and modality and gender as covariates, for noun, verb and prepositional clauses in SVO, S+EVO and SVO+E sentence structures with oxytone stress

	WE	: SVO sent	ences			
Noun clause	Vowel contrast		B(SE)	95%	CI for Odds I	Ratio
	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	-7.09(3.17)*	Lower	Odds Ratio	Uppe
		Intensity	0.1(0.04)**	1.03	1.11	1.19
		Duration	-0.02(0.01)	0.96	0.98	1.00
		F0	-0.01(0.01)	0.98	0.99	1.00
	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	5.32(4.39)			
		Intensity	-0.03(0.05)	0.88	0.97	1.08
		Duration	-0.18(0.03)***	0.79	0.83	0.88
		F0	0.04(0.01)***	1.02	1.04	1.06
Note: R2 = 0.51 (Co	x & Snell), 0.57 (Nagelkerke). I	Model gl(10)	=153.94, p <.000			
Verb clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	4.98(3.41)			
		Intensity	-0.02(0.04)*	0.91	0.98	1.06
		Duration	-0.11(0.02)***	0.85	0.89	0.93
		F0	0.01(0.01)**	1.00	1.01	1.03
	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	5.32(3.14)			
		Intensity	-0.07(0.04)	0.87	0.93	1.00
		Duration	0.01(0.02)	0.98	1.01	1.04
		F0	0.01(0.01)	0.99	1.01	1.02
Note: R2 = 0.22 (Co	x & Snell), 0.25 (Nagelkerke). I	Model gl(10)	=54.93, p <.000			
Prepositional clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	20.77(8.81)			
		Intensity	0(0.08)	0.85	1.00	1.16
		Duration	-0.21(0.05)***	0.74	0.81	0.89
		F0	-0.04(0.02)*	0.93	0.96	1.00
Note: R2 = 0.66 (Co	x & Snell), 0.88 (Nagelkerke). I	Model gl(5) =	156.72, p <.000			
	ES:	S+EVO sen	tences			
Noun clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	-6.28(3.28)*			
		Intensity	0.1(0.04)**	1.03	1.10	1.19
		Duration	-0.04(0.01)**	0.94	0.96	0.99
		F0	-0.01(0.01)	0.98	0.99	1.01
	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	5.53(3.61)			
		Intensity	-0.08(0.04)	0.86	0.93	1.00
		Duration	-0.07(0.02)***	0.91	0.93	0.96
		F0	0.04(0.01)***	1.02	1.04	1.06
Note: R2 = 0.26 (Co	x & Snell), 0.29 (Nagelkerke). I	Model gl(10)	=64.73, p <.000			
Expansion	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	-I.8(3.42)			
		Intensity	0(0.04)	0.93	1.00	1.08
		Duration	-0.02(0.01)*	0.96	0.98	1.00

Table 4. Continued

	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	14.53(5.16)**			
		Intensity	-0.06(0.05)	0.84	0.94	1.04
		Duration	-0.25(0.03)***	0.73	0.78	0.84
		F0	0.02(0.01)**	1.00	1.02	1.04
Note: R2 = 0.53 (Cox	& Snell), 0.6 (Nagelkerke). Mod	el gl(10) = 165.	.05, p <.000			
Verb clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	9.93(3.64)**			
		Intensity	-0.06(0.04)	0.88	0.94	1.02
		Duration	-0.16(0.03)***	0.81	0.85	0.90
		F0	0.02(0.01)*	1.00	1.02	1.03
	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	2.57(2.94)			
		Intensity	-0.05(0.03)	0.90	0.96	1.02
		Duration	0.02(0.02)	0.99	1.02	1.06
		F0	0(0.01)	0.99	1.00	1.02
Note: R2 = 0.34 (Cox	& Snell), 0.38 (Nagelkerke). Mo	del gl(10) =89.	.08, p <.000			
Prepositional clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	21.4(10.97)			
		Intensity	0.03(0.1)	0.86	1.03	1.24
		Duration	-0.27(0.07)	0.67	0.77	0.88
		F0	-0.03(0.02)	0.94	0.97	1.00
Note: R2 = 0.68 (Cox	& Snell), 0.91 (Nagelkerke). Mo	del gl(5) = 165.	.13, p <.000			
	EO: SV	O+E sentend	ces			
Noun clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	-6.77(3.14)*			
Noun clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept Intensity	-6.77(3.14)* 0.1(0.04)**	1.03	1.11	1.19
Noun clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	•	• • •	1.03 0.97	1.11 0.99	
Noun clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intensity	0.1(0.04)**			1.01
Noun clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intensity Duration	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01)	0.97	0.99	1.01
Noun clause		Intensity Duration F0	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01) -0.02(0.01)	0.97	0.99	1.01
Noun clause		Intensity Duration F0 Intercept	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01) -0.02(0.01) 4.96(4.08)	0.97 0.97	0.99 0.98	1.01 1.00 1.05
Noun clause		Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01) -0.02(0.01) 4.96(4.08) -0.05(0.05)	0.97 0.97 0.87	0.99 0.98 0.95	1.19 1.01 1.00 1.05 0.90 1.07
		Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01) -0.02(0.01) 4.96(4.08) -0.05(0.05) -0.16(0.03)*** 0.05(0.01)***	0.97 0.97 0.87 0.81	0.99 0.98 0.95 0.86	1.01 1.00 1.05 0.90
	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01) -0.02(0.01) 4.96(4.08) -0.05(0.05) -0.16(0.03)*** 0.05(0.01)***	0.97 0.97 0.87 0.81	0.99 0.98 0.95 0.86	1.01 1.00 1.05 0.90
Note: R2 = 0.47 (Cox	Stressed vs. post-stressed * & Snell), 0.53 (Nagelkerke). Mo	Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 del gl(10) = 138	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01) -0.02(0.01) 4.96(4.08) -0.05(0.05) -0.16(0.03)*** 0.05(0.01)***	0.97 0.97 0.87 0.81	0.99 0.98 0.95 0.86	1.01 1.00 1.05 0.90 1.07
Note: R2 = 0.47 (Cox	Stressed vs. post-stressed * & Snell), 0.53 (Nagelkerke). Mo	Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 del gl(10) = 138	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01) -0.02(0.01) 4.96(4.08) -0.05(0.05) -0.16(0.03)*** 0.05(0.01)*** 8.71, p <.000	0.97 0.97 0.87 0.81 1.03	0.99 0.98 0.95 0.86 1.05	1.01 1.00 1.05 0.90 1.07
Note: R2 = 0.47 (Cox	Stressed vs. post-stressed * & Snell), 0.53 (Nagelkerke). Mo	Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 del gl(10) = 138 Intercept Intensity	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01) -0.02(0.01) 4.96(4.08) -0.05(0.05) -0.16(0.03)*** 0.05(0.01)*** 8.71, p <.000 8.07(3.23)** -0.08(0.04)**	0.97 0.97 0.87 0.81 1.03	0.99 0.98 0.95 0.86 1.05	1.01 1.00 1.05 0.90 1.07 0.99
Note: R2 = 0.47 (Cox	Stressed vs. post-stressed * & Snell), 0.53 (Nagelkerke). Mo	Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 del gl(10) = 138 Intercept Intensity Duration	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01) -0.02(0.01) 4.96(4.08) -0.05(0.05) -0.16(0.03)*** 0.05(0.01)*** 8.71, p <.000 8.07(3.23)** -0.08(0.04)** -0.08(0.02)***	0.97 0.97 0.87 0.81 1.03	0.99 0.98 0.95 0.86 1.05	1.01 1.00 1.05 0.90 1.07 0.99
Note: R2 = 0.47 (Cox	Stressed vs. post-stressed & Snell), 0.53 (Nagelkerke). Mo Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 del gl(10) = 138 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 F0 F0 FF Intensity Duration F0	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01) -0.02(0.01) 4.96(4.08) -0.05(0.05) -0.16(0.03)*** 0.05(0.01)*** 8.71, p <.000 8.07(3.23)** -0.08(0.04)** -0.08(0.02)*** 0.02(0.01)**	0.97 0.97 0.87 0.81 1.03	0.99 0.98 0.95 0.86 1.05	1.01 1.00 1.05 0.90 1.07 0.99 0.96 1.04
Note: R2 = 0.47 (Cox	Stressed vs. post-stressed & Snell), 0.53 (Nagelkerke). Mo Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 del gl(10) = 138 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01) -0.02(0.01) 4.96(4.08) -0.05(0.05) -0.16(0.03)*** 0.05(0.01)*** 8.71, p <.000 8.07(3.23)** -0.08(0.04)** -0.08(0.02)*** 0.02(0.01)** 7.98(3.61)*	0.97 0.97 0.87 0.81 1.03 0.85 0.89 1.01	0.99 0.98 0.95 0.86 1.05	1.01 1.00 1.05 0.90 1.07 0.99 0.96 1.04
Note: R2 = 0.47 (Cox	Stressed vs. post-stressed & Snell), 0.53 (Nagelkerke). Mo Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 del gl(10) = 138 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intercept	0.1(0.04)** -0.01(0.01) -0.02(0.01) 4.96(4.08) -0.05(0.05) -0.16(0.03)*** 0.05(0.01)*** 8.71, p <.000 8.07(3.23)** -0.08(0.04)** -0.08(0.02)*** 0.02(0.01)** 7.98(3.61)* -0.02(0.04)	0.97 0.97 0.87 0.81 1.03 0.85 0.89 1.01	0.99 0.98 0.95 0.86 1.05 0.92 0.92 1.02	1.01 1.00 1.05 0.90

Table 4. Continued

	B	1	7.00/2.41)*			
Prepositional clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	7.98(3.61)*			
		Intensity	-0.02(0.04)	0.91	0.98	1.05
		Duration	-0.06(0.02) ***	0.91	0.94	0.97
		F0	-0.01(0.01)	0.97	0.99	1.00
	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	17.14(4.64)***			
		Intensity	-0.II(0.05)*	18.0	0.90	0.99
		Duration	-0.18(0.02)***	0.79	0.83	0.87
		F0	0.02(0.01)*	1.00	1.02	1.04
Note: $R2 = 0.48$ (Cox	& Snell), 0.54 (Nagelkerke). Mo	del gl(10) = 142	2.18, p <.000			
Expansion	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	-0.16(3.73)			
		Intensity	0.08(0.04)	0.99	1.08	1.18
		Duration	-0.09(0.02)***	0.88	0.91	0.94
		F0	0(0.01)	0.98	1.00	1.02
Note: $R2 = 0.37$ (Cox	& Snell), 0.49 (Nagelkerke). Mo	del gl(5) =66. l	2, p <.000			

^{*} p < .05, ** p < .01, *** p < .001

Table 5. Multinomial logistic regression with vowel transition type as the dependent variable (stressed as the reference category), and intensity, duration and F0 as independent variables and modality and gender as covariates, for noun, verb and prepositional clauses in SVO, S+EVO and SVO+E sentence structures with paroxytone stress

		WE: SVO sentenc	es			
	Vowel transition		B(SE)	95%	CI for Odds	Ratio
Noun	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	22.30(4.4)***	Lower	OddsRatio	Upper
clause		Intensity	-I9 (.05)***	.76	.83	.90
		Duration	I4 (.03)***	.82	.87	.92
		F0	.02 (.01)*	1.02	1.02	1.05
		Modality*duration	.16 (.04)***	1.08	1.17	1.27
		Modality*F0	-02 (.01)*	.96	.98	1.00
	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	22.30(4.4)***			
		Intensity	-16 (.05)***	.76	.84	.93
		Duration	09 (.02)***	.87	.91	.95
		F0	.04 (.01)*	1.02	1.04	1.07
		Modality*duration	.30 (.05)***	1.22	1.36	1.49
		Modality*F0	-04 (.01)**	.93	.96	.98
Note: $R^2 = .$	54 (Cox & Snell), .61 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(14) = 170.	15, p < .001.			
Verb	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	8.93 (3.98)*			
clause		Intensity	I0 (.04)*	.83	.90	.97
		Duration	08 (.03)**	.86	.91	.97
		F0	.03 (.01)**	1.01	1.02	1.04
		Gender*F0	.03 (.02)*	1.00	1.03	1.06
		Modality*duration	.26 (.05)***	1.18	1.29	1.42

Table 5. Continued

Note: $R^2 = .37$ (Cox & Sne Prepositional Pre-stre clause Stressed	ssed vs. stressed	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Modality*duration Modality*F0 e). Model gl(14) = 99.9 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Gender*duration Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Gender*duration F0 Gender*duration F0 Gender*duration	3.17(3.48)06 (.04) .02 (.02) .01 (.01) .12 (.04)**001 (.01) 9.12 (6.23) .003 (.07) -11 (.02)***003 (.009)08 (.04) 19.26 (5.41)*** .26 (.06)*** .001 (.01) .02 (.008)	.87 .97 .99 1.04 .97 .85 .97 .84	.94 1.02 1.00 1.12 .99 1.00 .89 .99 .92	
Note: R ² = .69 (Cox & Sne	ssed vs. stressed	Duration F0 Modality*duration Modality*F0 s). Model gl(14) = 99.9 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Gender*duration Intercept Intensity Duration F0	.02 (.02) .01 (.01) .12 (.04)**001 (.01) 9.12 (6.23) .003 (.07) -11 (.02)***003 (.009)08 (.04) 19.26 (5.41)*** .26 (.06)*** .001 (.01)	.97 .99 1.04 .97 .87 .85 .97 .84	1.02 1.00 1.12 .99 1.00 .89 .99	1.06 1.02 1.22 1.02 1.15 .93 1.01
Prepositional Pre-stre clause Stressed Note: $R^2 = .69$ (Cox & Sne	ssed vs. stressed	F0 Modality*duration Modality*F0 e). Model gl(14) = 99.9 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Gender*duration Intercept Intensity Duration F0	.01 (.01) .12 (.04)** 001 (.01) .05, p < .001. 9.12 (6.23) .003 (.07) -11 (.02)*** 003 (.009) 08 (.04) 19.26 (5.41)*** .26 (.06)***	.99 1.04 .97 .87 .85 .97 .84	1.00 1.12 .99 1.00 .89 .99	1.02 1.22 1.02 1.15 .93 1.01
Prepositional Pre-stre clause Stressed Note: $R^2 = .69$ (Cox & Sne	ssed vs. stressed	Modality*duration Modality*F0 a). Model gl(14) = 99.9 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Gender*duration Intercept Intensity Duration F0 F0 F0 F0 F0 F0 F0 F0 F0	.12 (.04)**001 (.01) 95, p < .001. 9.12 (6.23) .003 (.07) -11 (.02)***003 (.009)08 (.04) 19.26 (5.41)*** .26 (.06)*** .001 (.01)	.87 .85 .97 .84	1.12 .99 1.00 .89 .99	1.22 1.02 1.15 .93 1.01
Prepositional Pre-stre clause Stressed Note: $R^2 = .69$ (Cox & Sne	ssed vs. stressed	Modality*F0 a). Model gl(14) = 99.9 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Gender*duration Intercept Intensity Duration F0 F0 F0 F0 F0 F0	001 (.01) 9.12 (6.23) .003 (.07) -11 (.02)***003 (.009)08 (.04) 19.26 (5.41)*** .26 (.06)***	.97 .87 .85 .97 .84	.99 1.00 .89 .99 .92	1.02 1.15 .93 1.01 .99
Prepositional Pre-stre clause Stressed Note: $R^2 = .69$ (Cox & Sne	ssed vs. stressed	lntercept Intensity Duration F0 Gender*duration Intercept Intensity Duration F7 Duration F8 Duration F9 Duration F9 Duration F9	9.12 (6.23) .003 (.07) -11 (.02)*** 003 (.009) 08 (.04) 19.26 (5.41)*** .26 (.06)***	.87 .85 .97 .84	1.00 .89 .99 .92	.93 1.01 .99
Prepositional Pre-stre clause Stressed Note: $R^2 = .69$ (Cox & Sne	ssed vs. stressed	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Gender*duration Intercept Intensity Duration F0	9.12 (6.23) .003 (.07) -11 (.02)*** 003 (.009) 08 (.04) 19.26 (5.41)*** .26 (.06)***	.85 .97 .84	.89 .99 .92	1.01 .99
Stressed Note: $R^2 = .69$ (Cox & Sne Noun Pre-stre clause	l vs. post-stressed	Intensity Duration F0 Gender*duration Intercept Intensity Duration F0	.003 (.07) -11 (.02)***003 (.009)08 (.04) 19.26 (5.41)*** .26 (.06)***	.85 .97 .84	.89 .99 .92	.93 1.01 .99
Stressed Note: $R^2 = .69$ (Cox & Sne Noun Pre-stre clause	·	Duration F0 Gender*duration Intercept Intensity Duration F0	-11 (.02)***003 (.009)08 (.04) 19.26 (5.41)*** .26 (.06)***	.85 .97 .84	.89 .99 .92	.93 1.01 .99
Note: $R^2 = .69$ (Cox & Sne Noun Pre-stre clause	·	F0 Gender*duration Intercept Intensity Duration F0	003 (.009) 08 (.04) 19.26 (5.41)*** .26 (.06)*** .001 (.01)	.97 .84 .68	.99 .92	1.01 .99
Note: $R^2 = .69$ (Cox & Sne Noun Pre-stre clause	·	Gender*duration Intercept Intensity Duration F0	08 (.04) 19.26 (5.41)*** .26 (.06)*** .001 (.01)	.84	.92	.99
Note: $R^2 = .69$ (Cox & Sne Noun Pre-stre clause	·	Intercept Intensity Duration F0	19.26 (5.41)*** .26 (.06)*** .001 (.01)	.68		
Note: $R^2=.69$ (Cox & Sne Noun Pre-stre clause	·	Intensity Duration F0	.26 (.06)***		.77	87
Noun Pre-stre clause	ell), .78 (Nagelkerke	Duration F0	.001 (.01)		.77	.87
Noun Pre-stre clause	ell), .78 (Nagelkerke	F0	` ,	.96		
Noun Pre-stre clause	ell), .78 (Nagelkerke		.02 (.008)		1.00	1.03
Noun Pre-stre clause	ell), .78 (Nagelkerke	Gender*duration	()	1.00	1.02	1.03
Noun Pre-stre clause	ell), .78 (Nagelkerke		08(.02)**	.87	.92	.97
clause		e). Model gl(14) = 256	.53, p < .001.			
clause		ES: S+EVO senten	ices			
	ssed vs. stressed	Intercept	22.30(4.4)***	Lower	Odd Ratio	Upper
Stressed		Intensity	19 (.05)***	.76	.83	.91
Stressed		Duration	I0 (.02)***	.87	.90	.93
Stressed		F0	.02 (.01)	1.02	1.00	1.03
	l vs. post-stressed	Intercept	12.80(3.88)***			
		Intensity	-18 (.04)***	.76	.84	.91
		Duration	04 (.01)***	.93	.95	.97
		F0	.04 (.01)***	1.02	1.04	1.06
Note: $R^2 = .36$ (Cox & Sne	ell), .41 (Nagelkerke	e). Model gl(10) = 97.5	51, p < .001.			
Expansion Pre-stre	ssed vs. stressed	Intercept	-4.08 3.69)			
		Intensity	.04 (.04)	.96	1.04	1.13
		Duration	04 (.01)***	.94	1.01	.98
		F0	.01 (.01)	1.01	1.02	1.03
		Gender*F0	.03 (.02)*	1.00	1.03	1.06
Stressed	l vs. post-stressed	Intercept	-4.19(3.46)			
		Intensity	05 (.04)	.97	1.05	1.13
		Duration	.03 (.01)**	.99	.97	1.02
		F0	.01 (.01)	.99	1.00	1.02
		Gender*F0	005 (.01)	.99	1.12	1.02

Table 5. Continued

Verb clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	11.87 (4.25)**	02	00	00
		Intensity	10 (.04)*	.82	.90	.98
		Duration	14 (.03)***	.82	.87	.92
		F0	.03 (.01)	1.00	1.02	1.04
	C	Gender*F0	.05 (.02)	1.01	1.05	1.10
	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	3.20 (3.40)	97	02	00
		Intensity	08 (.03)*	.86	.93	.99
		Duration	.03 (.02)	.99	1.03	1.07
N	(C 9 Co. II) 44 (No II	F0	.01 (.01)	.99	1.01	1.03
Note: K ² = .39	(Cox & Snell), .44 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(12) = 106	5.83, p < .001.			
Prepositional clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	4.68 (6.97)			
Clause		Intensity	13 (.08)	.96	1.14	1.35
		Duration	16 (.03)***	.79	.85	.91
		F0	.03 (.01)*	.93	.96	.99
		Gender*F0	.09 (.02)***	1.04	1.09	1.14
		Gender*intensity	52 (.I 7)**	.42	.59	.83
		Gender*duration	I2(.06)	.78	.88	1.00
	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	13.41 (6.34)**			
		Intensity	22 (.08)**	.68	.80	.94
		Duration	.03 (.02)	.99	1.02	1.06
		F0	.02 (.01)*	1.02	1.00	1.03
		Gender*F0	.03 (.02)	.99	1.04	1.08
		Gender*intensity	24 (.16)	.56	.78	1.08
		Gender*duration	I7(.04)***	.77	.84	.91
Note: $R^2 = .73$	(Cox & Snell), .82 (Nagelkerke). Model $gl(12) = 283$	3.37, p < .001.			
	I	EO: SVO+E sente	nces			
Noun	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	25.44(5.01)***	Lower	Odd Ratio	Uppe
clause		Intensity	22 (.05)***	.72	.80	.88
		Duration	I4 (.02)***	.83	.86	.90
		F0	.02 (.01)*	1.00	1.02	1.04
	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	17.36(4.63)***			
		Intensity	20 (.05)***	.73	.81	.90
		Duration	08 (.0I)***	.89	.92	.95
		F0	.05 (.01)***	1.03	1.05	1.07
Note: R ² = .46	(Cox & Snell), .52 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10) = 135	5.35, p < .001.			
Verb	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	9.86(3.67)**			
clause		Intensity	09 (.04)*	.84	.90	.98
		Duration	I2 (.02)***	.85	.88	.92

Table 5. Continued

	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	4.43(3.11)			
		Intensity	06 (.03)	.88	.94	1.01
		Duration	.002 (.01)	.97	1.00	1.03
		F0	.01 (.01)	.99	1.00	1.02
Note: $R^2 = .32$ (Cox & Snell), .36 (Nagelkerke). I	Model gl(10) = 82.11, μ	o < .001.			
Prepositional	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	53 (3.68)			
lause		Intensity	.08 (.04)*	1.00	1.08	1.18
		Duration	11 (.01)***	.87	.89	.93
		F0	.001 (100.)	.98	1.00	1.01
	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	.55 (3.56)			
		Intensity	.03 (.04)	.95	1.03	1.11
		Duration	08 (I0I)***	.89	.92	.95
		F0	.02 (.01)	.99	1.01	1.03
Note: $R^2 = .30$ (Cox & Snell), .33 (Nagelkerke). I	Model gl(12) = 75.82, μ	o < .001.			
Expansion	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	5.30 (9.41)			
		Intensity	.05 (.10)	.84	1.05	1.31
		Duration	24 (.03)***	.74	.78	.84
		F0	.03 (.01)***	1.01	1.03	1.05
		Gender*intensity	I4 (.I2)	.68	87	1.11
	Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	33.31 (9.07)***			
		Intensity	40 (.01)***	.68	.80	.94
		Duration	.02 (.01)	.95	.97	1.00
		F0	.02 (.01)***	1.01	1.02	1.04
		Gender*intensity	.23 (.11)*	1.02	1.26	1.57
Note: $R^2 = .70$ (Cox & Snell), .79 (Nagelkerke). I	Model gl(14) = 259.28,	p < .001.			

^{*} p < .05, ** p < .01, *** p < .001

Table 6. Multinomial logistic regression with vowel transition type as the dependent variable (stressed as the reference category), and intensity, duration and F0 as independent variables and modality and gender as covariates, for noun, verb and prepositional clauses, in SVO, S+EVO and SVO+E sentence structures with proparoxytone stress

WE: SVO sentences							
	Vowel transition		B(SE)	95% CI for Odds Ratio			
Noun	Pre-stressed vs.	Intercept	2.13(3.49)				
clause	stressed	Intensity	0.02(0.04)	0.94	1.02	1.10	
		Duration	-0.05(0.01)***	0.93	0.95	0.97	
		F0	0(0.01)	0.98	1.00	1.01	
	Stressed vs.	Intercept	21.91(8.2)**				
	post-stressed	Intensity	-0.15(0.09)	0.73	0.86	1.02	

Table 6. Continued

		Duration	-0.37(0.06)***	0.61	0.69	0.79
		F0	0.06(0.02)***	1.02	1.06	1.0
Note: R2 = 0	.69 (Cox & Snell), 0.77	(Nagelkerke). Model gl(10	0) =250.22, p <.000			
Verb	Pre-stressed vs.	Intercept	4.31(3.47)			
clause	stressed	Intensity	-0.04(0.04)	0.89	0.96	1.0
		Duration	-0.11(0.02)***	0.86	0.90	0.9
		F0	0.03(0.01)***	1.02	1.03	1.0
	Stressed vs.	Intercept	5.32(3.14)			
post-stressed	post-stressed	Intensity	-0.07(0.04)	0.87	0.93	1.0
		Duration	0.01(0.02)**	0.98	1.01	1.0
		F0	0.01(0.01)	0.99	1.01	1.0
Note: R2 = 0	.34 (Cox & Snell), 0.38	(Nagelkerke). Model gl(10	0) =90.42, p <.000			
Prepositional	Pre-stressed vs.	Intercept	3.66(5.12)			
clause	stressed	Intensity	0.03(0.06)	0.92	1.03	1.1
		Duration	-0.18(0.03)***	0.79	0.84	0.8
		F0	0.03(0.01)**	1.01	1.03	1.0
	Stressed vs.	Intercept	16.58(5.04)***			
	post-stressed	Intensity	-0.09(0.06)	0.82	0.92	1.0
		Duration	-0.17(0.03)***	0.80	0.85	0.8
		F0	0.01(0.01)	0.99	1.01	1.0
Note: R2 = 0	.61 (Cox & Snell), 0.68	(Nagelkerke). Model gl(10	0) =202.37, p <.000			
		ES: S+EVO se	entences			
Noun	Pre-stressed vs.					
	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	ES: S+EVO se	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04)	0.94	1.01	1.09
		Intercept	2.66(3.19)	0.94 0.93	1.01	
		Intercept Intensity	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04)			0.98
		Intercept Intensity Duration F0	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01)	0.93	0.95	0.98
	stressed	Intercept Intensity Duration	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)***	0.93	0.95	0.98 1.0
	stressed Stressed vs.	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 22.38(6.73)***	0.93 0.98	0.95 0.99	0.98 1.0 0.96
	stressed Stressed vs.	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 22.38(6.73)*** -0.18(0.07)**	0.93 0.98 0.72	0.95 0.99 0.83	1.0° 0.98 1.0 0.96 0.7°
clause	stressed Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 22.38(6.73)*** -0.18(0.07)** -0.36(0.06)*** 0.07(0.02)***	0.93 0.98 0.72 0.62	0.95 0.99 0.83 0.70	0.98 1.0 0.96 0.79
Note: R2 = 0	stressed Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 22.38(6.73)*** -0.18(0.07)** -0.36(0.06)*** 0.07(0.02)*** 0) =236.92, p <.000	0.93 0.98 0.72 0.62	0.95 0.99 0.83 0.70	0.98 1.0 0.96 0.79
Note: R2 = 0	Stressed vs. post-stressed 67 (Cox & Snell), 0.75	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 22.38(6.73)*** -0.18(0.07)** -0.36(0.06)*** 0.07(0.02)***	0.93 0.98 0.72 0.62	0.95 0.99 0.83 0.70	0.96 1.0 0.96 0.76
Note: R2 = 0	Stressed vs. post-stressed .67 (Cox & Snell), 0.75 Pre-stressed vs.	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 22.38(6.73)*** -0.18(0.07)** -0.36(0.06)*** 0.07(0.02)*** 0) =236.92, p <.000 13.11(4.47)** -0.16(0.05)***	0.93 0.98 0.72 0.62 1.03	0.95 0.99 0.83 0.70 1.07	0.99 1.0 0.99 0.7' 1.11'
Note: R2 = 0	Stressed vs. post-stressed .67 (Cox & Snell), 0.75 Pre-stressed vs.	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 Intercept Intensity	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 22.38(6.73)*** -0.18(0.07)** -0.36(0.06)*** 0.07(0.02)*** 0) =236.92, p <.000 13.11(4.47)** -0.16(0.05)***	0.93 0.98 0.72 0.62 1.03	0.95 0.99 0.83 0.70 1.07	0.96 1.0 0.96 0.76 1.11
Note: R2 = 0	Stressed vs. post-stressed .67 (Cox & Snell), 0.75 Pre-stressed vs.	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 Intercept Intensity Duration FO Intercept Intensity Duration F0	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 22.38(6.73)*** -0.18(0.07)** -0.36(0.06)*** 0.07(0.02)*** 0) =236.92, p <.000 13.11(4.47)** -0.16(0.05)*** 0(0.02) 0.01(0.01)	0.93 0.98 0.72 0.62 1.03 0.77 0.96 1.00	0.95 0.99 0.83 0.70 1.07	0.96 1.0 0.97 1.11 0.9 1.00
Note: R2 = 0	Stressed vs. post-stressed .67 (Cox & Snell), 0.75 Pre-stressed vs.	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 Intercept Intensity	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 22.38(6.73)*** -0.18(0.07)** -0.36(0.06)*** 0.07(0.02)*** 0) =236.92, p <.000 13.11(4.47)** -0.16(0.05)*** 0(0.02) 0.01(0.01) 0.05(0.02)**	0.93 0.98 0.72 0.62 1.03 0.77 0.96 1.00	0.95 0.99 0.83 0.70 1.07 0.85 1.00 1.01	0.96 1.0 0.97 1.11 0.99 1.00
Note: R2 = 0	Stressed vs. post-stressed .67 (Cox & Snell), 0.75 Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Gender*F0 Gender*duration	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 22.38(6.73)*** -0.18(0.07)** -0.36(0.06)*** 0.07(0.02)*** 0) =236.92, p <.000 13.11(4.47)** -0.16(0.05)*** 0(0.02) 0.01(0.01) 0.05(0.02)** -0.08(0.03)**	0.93 0.98 0.72 0.62 1.03 0.77 0.96 1.00	0.95 0.99 0.83 0.70 1.07	0.96 1.0 0.97 1.11 0.99 1.00
Note: R2 = 0	Stressed vs. post-stressed .67 (Cox & Snell), 0.75 Pre-stressed vs.	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Gender*F0 Gender*duration Intercept	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 22.38(6.73)*** -0.18(0.07)** -0.36(0.06)*** 0.07(0.02)*** 0) =236.92, p <.000 13.11(4.47)** -0.16(0.05)*** 0(0.02) 0.01(0.01) 0.05(0.02)** -0.08(0.03)** 47.53(12.53)	0.93 0.98 0.72 0.62 1.03 0.77 0.96 1.00 1.01 0.87	0.95 0.99 0.83 0.70 1.07 0.85 1.00 1.01 1.05 0.93	0.96 0.96 0.76 1.12 0.91 1.02 0.99
Noun clause Note: R2 = 0 Expansion	Stressed vs. post-stressed 67 (Cox & Snell), 0.75 Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Gender*F0 Gender*duration	2.66(3.19) 0.01(0.04) -0.05(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 22.38(6.73)*** -0.18(0.07)** -0.36(0.06)*** 0.07(0.02)*** 0) =236.92, p <.000 13.11(4.47)** -0.16(0.05)*** 0(0.02) 0.01(0.01) 0.05(0.02)** -0.08(0.03)**	0.93 0.98 0.72 0.62 1.03 0.77 0.96 1.00	0.95 0.99 0.83 0.70 1.07 0.85 1.00 1.01	0.98 1.0 0.96 0.79

Table 6. Continued

		Gender*F0	0.08(0.04)	0.99	1.08	1.18
		Gender*duration	0.15(0.2)	0.78	1.16	1.73
Note: R2 = 0.7	72 (Cox & Snell), 0.81	(Nagelkerke). Model gl(I	4) =272.95, p <.000			
Verb	Pre-stressed vs.	Intercept	6.74(3.51)			
clause	stressed	Intensity	-0.I(0.04)**	0.83	0.90	0.97
		Duration	-0.03(0.02)	0.93	0.97	1.00
		F0	0.03(0.01)**	1.01	1.03	1.05
		Gender*F0	0.05(0.02)	1.02	1.05	1.09
	Stressed vs.	Intercept	1.43(3.21)			
	post-stressed	Intensity	-0.08(0.04)*	0.86	0.92	0.99
		Duration	0.06(0.02)***	1.02	1.06	1.09
		F0	0.02(0.01)*	1.00	1.02	1.04
		Gender*F0	0(0.02)	0.97	1.00	1.04
Note: R2 = 0.2	29 (Cox & Snell), 0.33	(Nagelkerke). Model gl(I	2) =74.26, p <.000			
Prepositional	Pre-stressed vs.	Intercept	16.42(5.64)**			
Stı	stressed	Intensity	-0.12(0.06)*	0.79	0.89	0.99
		Duration	-0.19(0.03)***	0.78	0.82	0.87
		F0	0.04(0.01)***	1.02	1.04	1.07
	Stressed vs.	Intercept	25.24(5.57)**			
	post-stressed	Intensity	-0.19(0.06)***	0.74	0.83	0.92
		Duration	-0.17(0.03)***	0.80	0.84	0.89
		F0	0.02(0.01)	1.00	1.02	1.04
Note: R2 = 0.6	6 (Cox & Snell), 0.68 (I	F0 Nagelkerke). Model gl(10	` '	1.00	1.02	1.04
Note: R2 = 0.6	6 (Cox & Snell), 0.68 (I) =198.99, p <.000	1.00	1.02	1.04
Note: R2 = 0.6	6 (Cox & Snell), 0.68 (I	Nagelkerke). Model gl(10) = 198.99, p <.000 sentences	1.00	1.02	1.04
Noun		Nagelkerke). Model gl(10) =198.99, p <.000	0.92	1.02	
Noun	Pre-stressed vs.	Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 EO: SVO+E:	entences 4.19(3.51)			1.07
Noun	Pre-stressed vs.	Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 EO: SVO+E: Intercept Intensity	entences 4.19(3.51) 0(0.04)	0.92	1.00	1.07 0.98
Noun	Pre-stressed vs.	Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 EO: SVO+E statement Intercept Intensity Duration F0	1) = 198.99, p <.000 sentences 4.19(3.51) 0(0.04) -0.04(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01)	0.92 0.94	1.00 0.96	1.07 0.98
Noun	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	EO: SVO+E : Intercept Intensity Duration	1) = 198.99, p <.000 sentences 4.19(3.51) 0(0.04) -0.04(0.01)***	0.92 0.94	1.00 0.96	1.07 0.98 1.01
Noun	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 EO: SVO+E: Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept	1) = 198.99, p <.000 sentences 4.19(3.51) 0(0.04) -0.04(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 32.99(8.72)***	0.92 0.94 0.98	1.00 0.96 0.99	1.07 0.98 1.01
Noun	Pre-stressed vs. stressed	EO: SVO+E: Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity	1) = 198.99, p <.000 sentences 4.19(3.51) 0(0.04) -0.04(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 32.99(8.72)*** -0.29(0.09)**	0.92 0.94 0.98	1.00 0.96 0.99	1.07 0.98 1.01 0.90 0.81
Noun clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed Stressed vs. post-stressed	Ragelkerke). Model gl(10 EO: SVO+E statement of the stat	1) = 198.99, p <.000 sentences 4.19(3.51) 0(0.04) -0.04(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 32.99(8.72)*** -0.29(0.09)** -0.33(0.06)*** 0.06(0.02)***	0.92 0.94 0.98 0.63 0.64	1.00 0.96 0.99 0.75 0.72	1.07 0.98 1.01 0.90 0.81
Noun clause Note: R2 = 0.6	Pre-stressed vs. stressed Stressed vs. post-stressed	Roselkerke). Model gl(10 EO: SVO+E statement of the stat	1) = 198.99, p <.000 sentences 4.19(3.51) 0(0.04) -0.04(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 32.99(8.72)*** -0.29(0.09)** -0.33(0.06)*** 0.06(0.02)***	0.92 0.94 0.98 0.63 0.64	1.00 0.96 0.99 0.75 0.72	1.07 0.98 1.01 0.90 0.81
Noun clause Note: R2 = 0.6 Verb	Pre-stressed vs. stressed Stressed vs. post-stressed	Roselkerke). Model gl(10 EO: SVO+E: Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10	1) = 198.99, p <.000 sentences 4.19(3.51) 0(0.04) -0.04(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 32.99(8.72)*** -0.29(0.09)** -0.33(0.06)*** 0.06(0.02)*** 0) = 234.75, p <.000	0.92 0.94 0.98 0.63 0.64	1.00 0.96 0.99 0.75 0.72	1.07 0.98 1.01 0.90 0.81
Noun clause Note: R2 = 0.6 Verb	Pre-stressed vs. stressed Stressed vs. post-stressed 66 (Cox & Snell), 0.75 Pre-stressed vs.	Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 EO: SVO+E: Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 Intercept	1) = 198.99, p <.000 sentences 4.19(3.51) 0(0.04) -0.04(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 32.99(8.72)*** -0.29(0.09)** -0.33(0.06)*** 0.06(0.02)*** 0) = 234.75, p <.000 5.68(3.57)	0.92 0.94 0.98 0.63 0.64 1.03	1.00 0.96 0.99 0.75 0.72 1.06	1.07 0.98 1.01 0.90 0.81 1.10
Noun clause Note: R2 = 0.6 Verb	Pre-stressed vs. stressed Stressed vs. post-stressed 66 (Cox & Snell), 0.75 Pre-stressed vs.	Ragelkerke). Model gl(10 EO: SVO+E: Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 Intercept Intercept Intensity	1) = 198.99, p <.000 sentences 4.19(3.51) 0(0.04) -0.04(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 32.99(8.72)*** -0.29(0.09)** -0.33(0.06)*** 0.06(0.02)*** 0) = 234.75, p <.000 5.68(3.57) -0.04(0.04)	0.92 0.94 0.98 0.63 0.64 1.03	1.00 0.96 0.99 0.75 0.72 1.06	1.07 0.98 1.01 0.90 0.81 1.10
Noun clause	Pre-stressed vs. stressed Stressed vs. post-stressed 66 (Cox & Snell), 0.75 Pre-stressed vs.	Ragelkerke). Model gl(10 EO: SVO+E: Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration F0 (Nagelkerke). Model gl(10 Intercept Intensity Duration FO Unagelkerke). Model gl(10 Intercept Intensity Duration	1) = 198.99, p <.000 sentences 4.19(3.51) 0(0.04) -0.04(0.01)*** -0.01(0.01) 32.99(8.72)*** -0.29(0.09)** -0.33(0.06)*** 0.06(0.02)*** 0) = 234.75, p <.000 5.68(3.57) -0.04(0.04) -0.11(0.02)***	0.92 0.94 0.98 0.63 0.64 1.03	1.00 0.96 0.99 0.75 0.72 1.06	1.04 1.07 0.98 1.01 0.90 0.81 1.10

Table 6. Continued

F0 , 0.32 (Nagelkerke). Model d vs. Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity Duration Duration	0.01(0.01)** 1 gl(10) =72.44, p <.000 13.59(4.71)** -0.1(0.05)* -0.13(0.02)*** 0.02(0.01)** 25.53(5.14)*** -0.18(0.05)*** -0.18(0.02)***	0.83 0.84 1.01 0.75	0.91 0.87 1.02	1.00 0.91 1.04
Intercept Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity	13.59(4.71)** -0.1(0.05)* -0.13(0.02)*** 0.02(0.01)** 25.53(5.14)*** -0.18(0.05)***	0.84 1.01 0.75	0.87 1.02	0.91
Intensity Duration F0 Intercept Intensity	-0.1(0.05)* -0.13(0.02)*** 0.02(0.01)** 25.53(5.14)*** -0.18(0.05)***	0.84 1.01 0.75	0.87 1.02	0.91
Duration F0 Intercept Intensity	-0.13(0.02)*** 0.02(0.01)** 25.53(5.14)*** -0.18(0.05)***	0.84 1.01 0.75	0.87 1.02	0.91
F0 Intercept ed Intensity	0.02(0.01)** 25.53(5.14)*** -0.18(0.05)***	0.75	1.02	1.04
Intercept ed Intensity	25.53(5.14)*** -0.18(0.05)***	0.75		
ed Intensity	-0.18(0.05)***		0.84	0.93
intensity	` /		0.84	0.93
Duration	-0.18(0.02)***	0.80		0.73
		0.00	0.84	0.88
F0	0.01(0.01)	0.99	1.01	1.02
, 0.58 (Nagelkerke). Mode	Igl(10) = 154.71, p < .000			
d vs. Intercept	4.53(4.83)			
Intensity	0.02(0.05)	0.92	1.02	1.13
Duration	-0.17(0.03)***	0.80	0.84	0.89
F0	0.02(0.01)	1.00	1.02	1.04
Intercept	31.72(5.95)***			
ed Intensity	-0.26(0.06)***	0.68	0.77	0.87
Duration	-0.21(0.04)***	0.75	0.81	0.87
	0.01(0.01)	0.99	1.01	1.04
	F0 Intercept Intensity	F0 0.02(0.01) Intercept 31.72(5.95)*** Intensity -0.26(0.06)*** Duration -0.21(0.04)***	F0 0.02(0.01) 1.00 Intercept 31.72(5.95)*** Intensity -0.26(0.06)*** 0.68 Duration -0.21(0.04)*** 0.75	F0 0.02(0.01) 1.00 1.02 Intercept 31.72(5.95)*** Intensity -0.26(0.06)*** 0.68 0.77 Duration -0.21(0.04)*** 0.75 0.81

^{*} p < .05, ** p < .01, *** p < .001

Table 7. Multinomial logistic regression model with vowel transition type as the dependent variable (stressed as reference category); intensity, duration and F0 as independent variables and modality and gender as covariates

General model							
Vowel contrast		B(SE)	95%	CI for Odds I	Ratio		
Pre-stressed vs. stressed	Intercept	15,04(5,35)**					
	Intensity	-0,07(0,06)	0,83	0,93	1,04		
	Duration	-0,21(0,03)***	0,76	0,81	0,86		
	F0	0,03(0,01)	1,01	1,03	1,05		
Stressed vs. post-stressed	Intercept	21,9(5,53)***					
	Intensity	-0,17(0,06)**	0,75	0,85	0,95		
	Duration	-0,22(0,03)***	0,76	0,81	0,86		
	F0	0,04(0,01)***	1,02	1,04	1,07		
Note: $R2 = 0.51$ (Cox & Snell),	0,57 (Nagelkerke). I	Model gl(10) = 153,63, p <.	.000				

^{*} p < .05, ** p < .01, *** p < .001

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