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**Abstract****Development of CP Structure in Old English with  
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In Old English (OE) syntax there are two types of verb-second (V2) word order, the complementizer phrase (CP) type and the tense phrase (TP) type. The verb of the former is sited in the CP as in German languages generally, while the verb of the latter, which is characteristic to OE, has been shown by recent research to be sited in the TP.

This study compares the ratio of these two types of V2 in the Old English version of *Orosius* supplying the data for early OE with Ælfrich's *the Lives of the Saints* supplying the data for late OE. It is revealed that the CP type V2 increased through time, although the data is limited. Moreover, the V2 in the *Vercelli Homilies*, the date of which is not precisely known, represents a midpoint of the change over time of V2 in OE.

It has been pointed that the *Vercelli Homilies* demonstrate the verb-first (V1) word order. The decline of V1 can be explained by Feature Economy belonging to the third factors (Chomsky 2005). It can be assumed that the change affected the primary linguistic data of the OE acquirers and weakened the evidence of the TP type V2 in OE.