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Abstract

**Commentary on the paper “A field method course of
Saudi Arabian Sign Language”**

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Having summarized the main points of the paper on Saudi Arabian Sign Language (SASL), this commentary compares the two main properties of SASL—oscillation and weak hand drop—with the phonological properties of spoken language. In addition, it points out several interesting insights and new research topics that can emerge from the comparison of sign language research with that of spoken language, particularly with the phonological work by Roman Jakobson.