

# Abstract of 'Subgroups in Kiranti'

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The Kiranti languages are members of the Bodic branch of the Tibeto-Burman language family. On the basis of sound laws and what is known from grammar and morphology, van Driem (2001: 615) proposes four main groups and ten subgroups of Kiranti languages. Today I will discuss the major criteria which enable the identification of subgroups in Kiranti, viz. phonological developments and shared lexical isoglosses.

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