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I feel truly honored to be able to receive the ELSJ Junior Researcher Award 2018 for my paper titled “Radical Free Merger.” This paper attempts to account for asymmetric behaviors regarding A/A-bar movement between the indirect object and the direct object in the Double Object Construction in English.

I have been interested in this topic since I was writing the bachelor thesis. In my master thesis, I adopted Chomsky’s (2001) framework, and in my doctoral dissertation, Chomsky’s (2008) framework (and partly Chomsky’s (2013) framework), to explicate the mysterious status of the two objects in the English Double Object Construction, although many problems remained unsolved. In this paper, based on Chomsky’s (2015) framework, I believe that I was able to attain an at least better conclusion, though still I left many things for my future research.

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