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Preface

Our interest in the mysteries of subjunctive started some time ago, with discussions around the (other puzzling) phenomenon of *wh*-extractions in French. It was quickly fueled by exchanges with a number of our colleagues and led us to envisage launching into a cross-linguistic examination of what subjunctive was actually about. The subsequent years of research were supported by Swiss National Science Foundation grants # 100015_126861 and # 145313 for which we are particularly grateful.

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