This research provides a morphosyntactic analysis of double object constructions (DOC) in Town Nyanja by extending the verb with argument-structure-changing morphemes, and documenting their effects on transitivity, semantics, and syntactic constituency.

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AO = applied object
DO = direct object

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- **Location of Argument Markers**
  - **OM**: Object marker
  - **RECIP**: Reciprocal marker
  - **CAUS**: Causative marker

- **The benefactive object, like in IAV, must appear as the CAUS of ITA, even if the CAUS is elided in the verb.**
- **The asymmetry is thus hierarchical.**

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