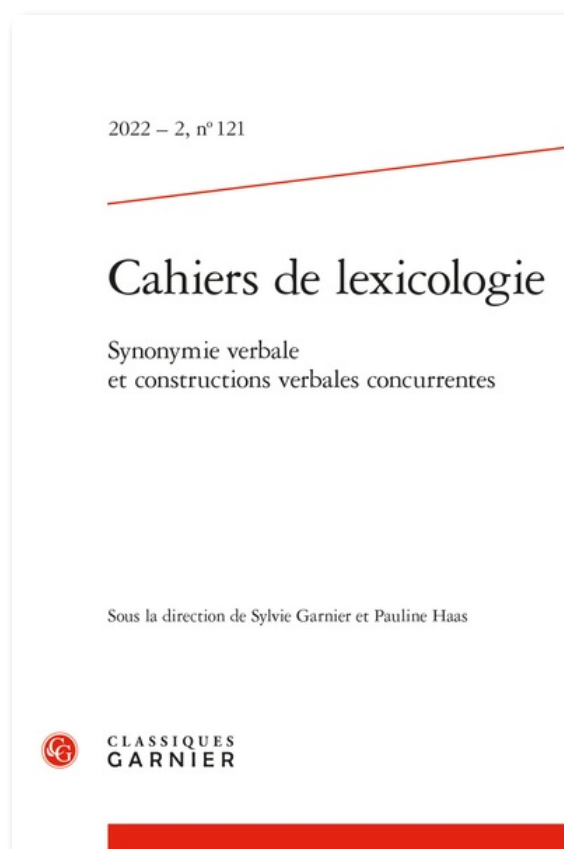




The event structure of two synonyms in French, *savoir* and *connaître*: stative or eventive predicate?

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