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Dear Miss Kober

I am very happy to see the AJA again after half a year's delay, with another of your Minoan articles. I think you have made the case quite clear, - only wonder if possibly these inflected names could be mainland. I note in the relatively small group as you list them two that appear on the mainland: taluto from the "leusis vase, and yoke from a couple of Pylos tablets. The latter from their supposed date would, I imagine, have to be Greek.

With my liking for pronounceable versions (even if only "possible") I naturally transcribe into Roman. I note that the vowel of your first declension is pretty solidly based; all the next-to-last syllables of known or probable value are in i, except two in u, when followed by further endings, while the one Ablaut you cite in this declension is clearly ti vs. to (both among the "certain" syllabics). Also in the two cases where u appears instead of i they are preceded by "certains" or "probables" with the same initial consonant, and i vowel. To me this suggests a cases roughly like Latin on- stems, where unaccented o becomes i but with the further exception that before doubled consonants the process only goes half-way to u. The words are xx-ti-tu-re and ta-pi-pu-re.

I take it that probably po-te-ti-na is the missing case form of pa-te-to, with po written for an unaccented pa

I should like to believe that the suffixed dotted disc is the ya suffix, making an adjective out of a noun.

I tried also to read the article on the aulos in the same number. Can only believe the author is batty. I note first of all he assumes that the holes were evenly spaced, when the photos he publishes show clearly they were not! (especially the second group-photo, showing a long section of one of the auloi with rectangular holes) Measuring on the figure I find that assuming a perfectly possible length for the missing mouth-end it would sound a diatonic scales

By the way, I wonder how your case forms would fit with Bonfante's "Illyrian" hypothesis in the same number. I note they appear to coincide in place and time.

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       certain  
       probable  
       possible