On low(er) wh-positions in Trevigiano and the in situ-ex situ alternation

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Finally, I posit the existence of an IP-internal landing site for partial wh-movement, little whP, and of a low-left peripheral WhP (as in Rizzi 2004, Rizzi&Bocci 2016) targeted by wh-movement in indirect clauses.

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