## On Kazhdan-Lusztig cells in type *B*

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REMARK - It should be possible to remove the hypothesis on b in the previous corollary using work of Pietraho.

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Let  $w \in W_n$  and let  $i \in I_{n-1}^+$  be such that  $b \leq ia$  and  $|w(1)| > |w(2)| > \cdots > |w(i+1)|$ . Then  $w \sim_R wt$ .

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