Table 1. A classification of rhetorical moves in articles abstracts (Hyland, 2000, p. 67)

Hyland’s (2000) model was obtained from 800 abstracts across 8 disciplines, philosophy, sociology, applied linguistics, marketing, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, physics, and biology, 100 each

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| Move | Function |
| Introduction | Establishes context of the paper and motives the research or discussion. |
| Purpose | Indicate purpose, thesis or hypothesis, outlines the intention behind the paper. |
| Method | Provides information on design, procedures, assumption, approach, data, etc. |
| Product | States main findings or results, the argument, or what was accomplished. |
| Conclusion | Interprets or extends results beyond scope of paper, draws inferences, points to applications or wider implications |

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