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Rhetorical Organizations of English Research Articles Written by Japanese Researchers

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Abstract

This paper examines what characterizes English research articles written by Japanese researchers, with the reference to a comparative study on rhetorical characteristics of research articles written in English by Anglo-American researchers and those written in English by Finnish researchers. In their introduction section, Japanese researchers follow the universally accepted standard of placing the main point at the end or toward the end of the section. In the conclusion section, however, they place the main point of the section not at the beginning, but at or toward the end of the section, which is different from the standard, or Anglo-American, rhetorical organization: placing the main point at the outset of the section.
