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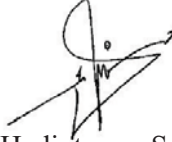
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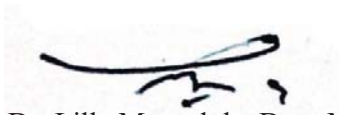
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Abstract**DISCOURSE FUNCTIONS AND STANCE FEATURES OF FIRST-
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Several studies investigated discourse functions of first-person pronouns in research articles. The use of first-person pronouns in research articles lead to the establishment of authors' role. The present study explores how first-person pronouns represent the role of authors in research article. An extended analysis on stance features that involve hedges and boosters was also conducted. Each section of Linguistics research articles published by PLOS ONE was the source of data. The roles of authors were observed by using Tang & John's (1999) theory, i.e., (1) Representative, (2) Guide, (3) Architect, (4) Recounter of The Research Process, (5) Opinion Holder, and (6) Originator. Hyland's (2005) hedges and boosters were also employed for extending the study. AntCorGen was adopted for collecting each section of Linguistics research articles and the concordances of first-person pronouns were found by using AntConc. First-person pronoun *we* is predominantly adopted in all of research articles' sections. The role as Recounter of The Research Process was frequently used in three out of five sections. The role as Recounter of The Research Process is proposed to let the readers know few steps about how to conduct research in corpus of Introduction, to elaborate the research methods in corpus of Material and Method, and to review some specific research processes in corpus of Results and Discussion. The role as Architect is the most frequently used in corpus of Abstract because it represents the research plan. The role as Opinion Holder is the most predominantly employed in corpus of Conclusion in order to clarify the research questions. Acting verbs were commonly employed in *we*-hedges and *we*-boosters. The verbs *find* and *found* were often adopted in the data.

Keywords: *discourse function, first-person pronoun, Recounter of The Research Process, Architect, Opinion Holder*

Abstrak

FUNGSI WACANA DAN FITUR *STANCE* DARI KATA GANTI ORANG PERTAMA PADA ARTIKEL PENELITIAN LINGUISTIK YANG DITERBITKAN OLEH PLOS ONE

Beberapa penelitian meneliti fungsi wacana dari kata ganti orang pertama dalam artikel-artikel penelitian. Penggunaan kata ganti orang pertama dalam artikel penelitian menuntun pada pembentukan peran penulis. Penelitian ini mengeksplorasi bagaimana kata ganti orang pertama mewakili peran penulis dalam artikel penelitian. Analisis tambahan juga dilakukan pada fitur-fitur *stance* yang meliputi *hedges* dan *boosters*. Setiap bagian dari artikel penelitian dalam bidang Linguistik yang dipublikasikan oleh PLOS ONE dipilih menjadi sumber data. Peran-peran penulis diamati menggunakan teori dari Tang dan John (1999), yaitu (1) *Representative*, (2) *Guide*, (3) *Architect*, (4) *Recounter of The Research Process*, (5) *Opinion Holder*, dan (6) *Originator*. Teori *hedges* dan *boosters* dari Hyland (2005) juga digunakan untuk memperluas penelitian. AntCorGen digunakan untuk mengumpulkan setiap bagian dari artikel penelitian di bidang Linguistik dan *concordances* dari kata ganti orang pertama didapatkan dengan menggunakan AntConc. Kata ganti orang pertama *we* dominan digunakan dalam semua bagian dari artikel penelitian. Peran *Recounter of The Research Process* sering digunakan di tiga dari lima bagian. Peran *Recounter of The Research Process* diusulkan untuk membiarkan pembaca mengetahui beberapa langkah tentang bagaimana mengadakan penelitian di korpus *Introduction*, untuk menjelaskan metode penelitian di korpus *Material and Method*, dan untuk meninjau beberapa proses penelitian yang spesifik di korpus *Results and Discussion*. Peran sebagai *Architect* sering digunakan di korpus *Abstract* karena mewakili rencana penelitian. Peran *Opinion Holder* sering digunakan dalam korpus *Conclusion* untuk menjelaskan pertanyaan penelitian. Kata kerja aktif biasa digunakan dalam *we-hedges* dan *we-boosters*. Kata kerja *find* dan *found* sering digunakan dalam data.

Kata kunci: *fungsi wacana, kata ganti orang pertama, Recounter of The Research Process, Architect, Opinion Holder*

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