

# A Corpus-Based Study Of Move Analysis And Lexical Bundles Of Chemical Engineering Research Article Introductions

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## Abstract

Move analysis and lexical bundles of Chemical Engineering Research Article Introductions (CERAI) were investigated in this research. To create the CERAI Corpus, 90 CERAI were chosen randomly from three prestigious journals: Chemical Engineering Journal, Chemistry of Materials, and Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research (30 RA introductions from each journal published between 2020 and 2022). In the first phase, 30 CERAI were chosen at random for move analysis. Then, lexical bundles in all CERAI were identified by Antconc program, which were then evaluated for structural and functional patterns. Finally, the relationship between move structure and lexical bundles was studied by analyzing the specific lexical bundles in each move. The findings revealed that CERAI have three conventional moves, namely Move 1: Establishing a territory, Move 2: Establishing a niche, and Move 3: Occupying the niche. Pattern 1: (M1-M2)n-M3, Pattern 2: (M1-M2)n-(M1-M3)m, and Pattern 3: M1-M2-(M1-M3)n-(M1-M2)m-M3 were the three primary move patterns discovered in the CERAI. The structural and functional pattern analysis was performed on 42 lexical bundles after conducting the exclusion criteria. The most common lexical bundles' structures observed in the CERAI were noun phrase and prepositional phrase fragments, while the most common functional pattern was research-oriented function. Based on the analysis of lexical bundles frequently found in each move, the specific lexical bundles were discovered in each of the CERAI's three moves to highlight the move's unique characteristics. For students, professors, and novice researchers in chemical engineering, the findings can be used as a guideline for effectively writing research article introductions.

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## 1. Introduction

Recently, there has been wide interest in move analysis and lexical bundles in writing academic research articles. One of the most crucial abilities of a researcher is to create a good research article. Brod & Hazelwood-Smith (2014) stated that "even with high-quality data, you can jeopardize your chances of publication if you don't have a high-quality paper". The research article introduction is one of the most significant parts that researchers should pay attention to when writing a research article in academic genres. According to Swales (1990), the introduction is the most difficult section to write among the many sections of a research article applying the standard Introduction-Method-

Results-Discussion (IMRD) structure. The introduction can help the reader understand an overview of the study's background, research gaps, objectives, significance and some findings. As a result, research article introductions have become popular topics for both move analysis and lexical bundles analysis.

However, many researchers have had difficulty writing research articles in English in recent years. Not only are they doubtful of how to prioritize the move structure in research articles but they are also having trouble selecting proper lexical bundles. Previous studies in numerous fields have delved into move analysis (e.g., Samraj, 2002; Kanoksilapatham, 2005; Stoller & Robinson, 2013; La-o-vorakiat & Singhasiri, 2021) and lexical

bundles (e.g., Salazar, 2011; Kwary et al., 2017; Lee & Lee, 2018; Panthong & Poonpon, 2020); however, there is little research in chemical engineering.

The main aim of this study is to examine the moves and lexical bundles identified in the Chemical Engineering Research Article Introduction (hereafter CERAI) during the period 2020-2022. The findings will greatly assist new researchers in their use of move analysis and lexical bundles. It can guide the researcher in recognizing move patterns in research article introductions and common lexical bundles for further chemical engineering research. In order to bridge the gap between lexical bundles and the language used in this discipline, this study aims to evaluate and analyze both structural and functional patterns of lexical bundles in chemical engineering research article introductions. Furthermore, the specific lexical bundles detected in each move are presented in this study to further clarify the characteristics of lexical bundles in each move.

## 2. Theoretical Background

Corpus-based studies have been widely applied in a variety of areas, including language acquisition, analysis, and teaching. Sinclair (2005, p.16) defines a corpus as “a collection of pieces of language text in electronic form, selected according to external criteria to represent, as far as possible, a language or language variety as a source of data for linguistic research”. A corpus can be used to study the linguistic patterns that contribute to lexis and grammar. It can present evidence of language use throughout a large set of data for analyzing structural patterns and functional patterns. This study is focused on using a corpus to analyze the frequency of lexical bundles and their structural patterns. Four research questions in this study are:

1. What are the moves found in CERAIIs?
2. What are the most frequent lexical bundles found in CERAIIs?
3. What are the structural and functional patterns of the most frequent lexical bundles found in CERAIIs?
4. What are the lexical bundles specific to each move in CERAIIs?

### A. Move Analysis

Swales (1990) was the first to investigate rhetorical moves in the research genre. He examined the introduction parts of research articles and create the CARS (Creating A Research Space) model with a three-move structure. This model has been applied

to a wide range of writings in the academic, professional, and research genres. The CARS model is divided into the following three moves and eleven steps:

- Move 1: Establishing a territory
  - Step 1: Claiming centrality, and/or;
  - Step 2: Making topic generalization(s), and/or;
  - Step 3: Reviewing items of previous research
- Move 2: Establishing a niche
  - Step 1A: Counter-claiming, or;
  - Step 1B: Indicating a gap, or;
  - Step 1C: Question-raising, or;
  - Step 1D: Continuing a tradition
- Move 3: Occupying the niche
  - Step 1A: Outlining purposes, or;
  - Step 1B: Announcing present research findings
  - Step 2: Announcing principal findings
  - Step 3: Indicating RA structure

Many researchers have studied Swales' (1990) CARS model for their move analysis. Swales' CARS model was used by Samraj (2002) to examine 12 research article introductions from two related fields, wildlife behavior and conservation biology. There were some move structure differences between the two subfields, and it seems that the presence of literature reviews can be found in both Move 1 and Move 2. Following Swales' (1990) move analysis, Kanoksilapatham (2005) studied move analysis on 60 biochemistry research articles to establish their whole rhetorical structures. Three moves have been identified for the introduction. Some variations from Swales' CARS model have been discovered, including cyclical configuration patterns between Moves 1, 2, and 3; besides, Move 2 may not be included in the biochemistry discipline; lastly, Swales' step 3 of Move 3: Indicating RA structure was not explicitly found in biochemistry research articles. After conducting genre analysis in chemistry journal articles, Stoller & Robinson (2013) compared their findings with Kanoksilapatham (2005) and discovered that neither the chemistry nor the biochemistry introductions end with indicating research article structure in Move 3. A move analysis on chemical biology research article introductions was explored by La-o-vorakiat & Singhasiri (2021). According to the results, all of the introductions use the same three moves with other fields: Move 1: introducing the research area; Move 2: pointing out the need(s); and Move 3: presenting the current research. The majority of submoves in

these three Moves are considered conventional; however, only two submoves are regarded as optional, i.e., Submove 2 of Move 2: Presenting positive justification, and Submove 1 of Move 3: Announcing current research.

## B. Lexical bundles

Lexical bundles are collections of words with no clear semantic or pragmatic meaning. Lexical bundles, according to Biber & Conrad (1999, p. 183), are “the most frequent recurring lexical sequences, which can be regarded as extended collocations: sequences of three or more words that show a statistical tendency co-occur”. In this study, four-word lexical bundles were chosen since the longer the bundle, the lower the frequency. However, three-word lexical bundles can be part of four or more-word lexical bundles since its small fragment. On the other hand, five- or more word lexical bundles are too long and rarely occur (Biber et al., 1999). As a result, four-word lexical bundles

are the most capable of analyzing their frequency and structural patterns. Biber et al. (1999) used a frequency cut-off of at least ten times per million words to specify lexical bundles; however, Biber et al. (2004) used a more pragmatic approach, claiming that frequent lexical bundles should be determined with a cut-off point of forty times per million words because it can indicate the validity of lexical bundles. Thus, the actual size of the CERAI Corpus in this study applied normalized frequency.

## I. Structural Classification

Biber et al. (2004) studied a corpus of university registrations, including classroom teaching and textbooks, and came up with the structural taxonomy indicated in Table 1. The structural taxonomy proposed by Biber et al. (2004) was used to examine the structural patterns of four-word lexical bundles in this study.

**Table 1** Biber et al.'s (2004) Structural Taxonomy

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### 1. Lexical bundles that incorporate verb phrase fragments

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- 1a. (connector+) 1st/2nd person pronoun + VP fragment:
- 1b. (connector+) 3rd person pronoun + VP fragment:
- 1c. Discourse marker + VP fragment
- 1d. Verb phrase (with non-passive verb)
- 1e. Verb phrase with passive verb
- 1f. Yes-no question fragments
- 1g. WH-question fragments

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### 2. Lexical bundles that incorporate dependent clause fragments

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- 2a. 1st/2nd person pronoun + dependent clause fragment
- 2b. WH-clause fragments
- 2c. If-clause fragments
- 2d. (verb/adjective +) to-clause fragment
- 2e. That-clause fragments

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### 3. Lexical bundles that incorporate noun phrase and prepositional phrase fragments

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- 3a. (connector+) Noun phrase with of-phrase fragment
  - 3b. Noun phrase with other post-modifier fragment
  - 3c. Other noun phrase expressions
  - 3d. Prepositional phrase expressions
  - 3e. Comparative expressions
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## 2. Functional Classification

Functional patterns are vital to determine how lexical bundles are employed to refer to their meaning (Biber et al., 1999; 2004). Hyland's (2008a) classification approach was utilized to find four-word lexical bundles in this study. The following are the three main categories:

**1. Research-oriented:** enhance authors in guiding their work and real-world experiences, as follows:

(1) Location: Time and place is indicated (e.g., in the present study).

(2) Procedure: The objective or methodology is described (e.g., the operation of the).

(3) Quantification: The number is reported (e.g., one of the most).

(4) Description: The qualities and properties of materials are specified (e.g., the structure of the).

(5) Topic: The relevant field of research is identified (e.g., in the Hong Kong).

**2. Text-oriented:** focused in the text's structure and meaning as a message or argument as follows:

(1) Transition signals: establishing additive or contrastive links between elements (e.g., in contrast to the).

(2) Resultative signals: mark inferential or causative relations between elements (e.g., these results suggest that).

(3) Structuring signals: text-reflexive markers that organize discourse stretches or lead the reader elsewhere in the text (e.g., as shown in figure).

(4) Framing signals: Limiting conditions are specified to show arguments. (e.g., with the exception of).

**3. Participant-oriented:** these are centered on the writer or reader of the article (Hyland,2005) as follows:

(1) Stance features: express the writer's attitudes and evaluations (e.g., it is possible that).

(2) Engagement features: address readers directly (e.g., as can be seen).

### 3. Corpus Compilation and Method

The CERAI Corpus was used to investigate both move analysis and lexical bundles in this study. To build the CERAI Corpus, 90 Chemical Engineering Research Article Introductions (CERAI) were collected from three notable English Chemical Engineering journals which are Chemical Engineering Journal, Chemistry of Materials, and Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research. These three journals were chosen based on their well-established reputations, relevance to the

Chemical Engineering subject, and SCImago Journal & Country Rank website rankings. They also have the highest H Index and Q index is Q1. In the subject of chemical engineering, research articles are primarily separated into two categories: experiments and equations. In this study, the chosen research articles were controlled in experiment category only. Thirty articles from each of the three journals published between 2020 and 2022 were chosen at random and combined to the CERAI Corpus. Finally, there are a total of 105,499 words in the CERAI corpus.

This research study was divided into three stages. The move structure of CERAI was examined in the first phase by referring to theoretical frameworks from Swales' Create a Research Space (CARS) model. Then, lexical bundles were identified by using the Antconc 4.0.2 software program in the second phase, and the structural and functional patterns of the frequent lexical bundles were analysed using the theoretical frameworks of Biber et al. (2004) and Hyland (2008a), respectively. In the third phase, a sub-corpus of the three moves in CERAI was created to identify specific lexical bundles in each move.

#### A. Move Analysis

Move analysis was performed on thirty RA introductions chosen from Chemical Engineering Journal, Chemistry of Materials, and Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research (10 RA introductions from each journal). Swales' Create a Research Space (CARS) model was used to investigate the move analysis of the RA introductions as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2** Swales' Create a Research Space (CARS) Model

Move	Step
1) Establishing a territory	Step 1: Claiming centrality, and/or; Step 2: Making topic generalization(s), and/or; Step 3: Reviewing items of previous research
2) Establishing a niche	Step 1A: Counter-claiming, or; Step 1B: Indicating a gap, or; Step 1C: Question-raising, or; Step 1D: Continuing a tradition
3) Occupying the niche	Step 1A: Outlining purposes, or; Step 1B: Announcing present research Step 2: Announcing principal findings Step 3: Indicating RA structure

**B.**

**Lexical bundles**

By using an Antconc software, the most frequent lexical bundles in the CERAI corpus were explored. The criteria for selecting the lexical bundles were established. Since four-word lexical bundles can present the most significance in terms of evaluating frequency and structural patterns, the length of bundles is set to four. Due to the normalized frequency of the corpus size, the cut-off frequency is set to 4 times. Finally, the distribution threshold or range is set to 5 in order to vary the number of research articles. The lexical bundles

were examined after the aforementioned criteria were established. Then, the structural and functional patterns of the selected lexical bundles were then examined. Finally, the specific lexical bundles discovered in each CERAI's move were investigated.

**1. Analysis of lexical bundles' structural patterns**

Structural taxonomy (Biber et al., 2004) was used as a theoretical framework in this study to investigate structural patterns. The three main types of structural patterns are shown in Table 3.

**Table 3** The Three Main Types of Structural Patterns and their Sub-types

No.	Structural pattern	Number of sub-types	Example
1	Verb phrase fragments	7	is going to be
2	Dependent clause fragments	5	what I want to
3	Noun phrase and prepositional phrase fragments	5	one of the things, the way in which

**2. Analysis of lexical bundles' functional patterns**

This step demonstrates how lexical bundles are used in discourse to refer to their meanings (Biber et al.,

1999; 2004). The functional patterns of lexical bundles were identified using Hyland's (2008a) framework as shown in Table 4.

**Table 4** The Three Main Types of Functional Patterns and their Sub-types

No.	Functional patterns	Sub-types
1	Research-oriented	Location; Procedure; Quantification; Description; Topic
2	Text-oriented	Transition signals; Resultative signals; Structuring signals; Framing signals
3	Participant-oriented	Stance features; Engagement features

**3. Analysis of lexical bundles in each move**

Three move sub-corpora for 30 CERAI's were created to investigate lexical bundles in each move. Lexical bundles can be retrieved automatically from each move sub-corpus using the AntConc program's N-gram function. The relationship between move structure and lexical bundles was determined in order to demonstrate the specific lexical bundles present in each CERAI's move.

word lexical bundles for lexical bundles identification.

The percentage agreement was obtained using the equation below to verify inter-coder reliability:

$$\text{Percentage agreement} = \frac{\text{Agreed coded units}}{\text{Total coded units}} \times 100$$

The percentage agreement of move analysis was 97.12 percent, while the percentage agreement of lexical bundle was 90%.

**C. Inter-Coder Reliability**

Inter-coder reliability was incorporated to confirm the reliability of the findings. An expert was asked to be the coder in this study. He has a doctorate in English language teaching and teaches English at the university level, as well as conducting research on lexical bundles and move analysis. The coder was assigned to code 9 CERAI's for move analysis, which accounts for 30% of 30 CERAI's analyzed by the researcher. Moreover, the coder also coded 20 lexical bundles, which accounts for 30% of 66 four-

**4. Results and Discussion**

The findings of move structure are firstly discussed in this section, followed by the most frequent lexical bundles found in CERAI's and their structural and functional patterns, and the lexical bundles specific to each move in CERAI's, respectively.

**A. Move Structure in the CERAI Corpus**

Based on Kanoksilapatham's (2005) criteria, a cut-off frequency of 60% was chosen as the measure of move frequency for every move and step proposed in this study. A move or step is defined as conventional move when the occurrence is 60 percent or above. It's considered an optional move if it happens less than 60%. The findings revealed that

three moves discovered in the CERAI's are Move 1: Establishing a territory, Move 2: Establishing a niche, and Move 3: Occupying the niche. Although each move is deemed conventional, several steps in each move were determined to be optional, as seen in Table 5.

**Table 5** The Occurrence of Moves and Steps in the CERAI's

Move/Step	Frequency (N=30)	Percentage
<b>Move 1: Establishing a territory</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100</b>
Step 1: Claiming centrality, and/or;	30	100
Step 2: Making topic generalization(s), and/or;	19	63
Step 3: Reviewing items of previous research	30	100
<b>Move 2: Establishing a niche</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100</b>
Step 1A: Counter-claiming, or;	0	0
Step 1B: Indicating a gap, or;	30	100
Step 1C: Question-raising, or;	0	0
Step 1D: Continuing a tradition	7	23
<b>Move 3: Occupying the niche</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100</b>
Step 1A: Outlining purposes, or;	19	63
Step 1B: Announcing present research	29	97
Step 2: Announcing principal findings	14	47
Step 3: Indicating RA structure	0	0

### Move 1: Establishing a territory

The role of Move 1 is to offer the reader with background information about the study area and present research field. The introduction is basically started with this move.

#### a. Move 1, Step 1: Claiming centrality

According to Swales (1990), "Centrality claims are appeals to the discourse community whereby members are asked to accept that the research about to be reported is part of a lively, significant or well-established research area" (p.144). Claiming centrality is shown in all 30 CERAI's in this study, and over 60% of CERAI's start their introduction with this step. This step seems to claim the importance and the popularity of the research area; however, some current issues are also mentioned in this step. Half of the CERAI's contains a single sentence of centrality claims; on the other hand, 11 CERAI's contain two sentences of centrality claims, and 4 CERAI's contain three sentences of centrality claims. Moreover, 5 out of 30 CERAI's showed claiming centrality twice in a research article. Example of this step is shown as follows:

Water desalination therefore **plays an important role** in solving the problem of freshwater scarcity. Membrane distillation (MD), which was invented in the late 1960s through integrating membrane

technology with distillation, has gained a great attention as a promising technology of desalination. (CERAI No.68)

#### b. Move 1, Step 2: Making topic generalization(s)

Step 2 is a more generalized explanation of the research topic that is used to provide the knowledge or explain phenomena. This step is discovered in 19 CERAI's and is considered as a conventional move in this study. It has been discovered that step 2 frequently occurs concurrently with step 3, making it difficult to differentiate between the two steps. Example of this step is shown as follows:

Electrochemical energy storage (EES) devices **have traditionally been manufactured** as layered composites with a two-dimensional (2D) architecture, but the achievement of a three-dimensional (3D) nanoarchitecture in an energy-storage device vastly increases areal power density. (CERAI No.45)

#### c. Move 1, Step 3: Reviewing items of previous research

The final step in establishing a territory is to review previous studies. It is necessary to provide the related findings from previous research and show the significant information before giving the reader the gap in the following move. To state the citation, some reporting verbs were found in this step, e.g., found that, suggested that, and reported.

All 30 CERAI were found this step and most of them account for a large portion of the introduction part; however, the result found that this step not only found in Move 1, but also found in Move 2 and 3 as well to refer to the vital data from previous studies. Example of this step is shown as follows:

Zhang et al. (35) **investigated** the effect of the amount of deposited SiO<sub>2</sub> for the MTA reaction by varying the cycles of CLD treatment and **found** the Zn/P/Si/ZSM-5 catalyst coated with a 8% SiO<sub>2</sub> layer showed 89.6% selectivity for PX in X.

(CERAI No.63)

In conclusion, Move 1 is essential in establishing the significance and relevance of the research topic. The findings are similar to Swales' (1990) and Kanoksilapatham's (2005) frameworks. Move 1 begins with claiming centrality (Step 1), followed by topic generalizations (Step 2), and reviewing previous studies (Step 3). In CERAI, step 1 and 3 occur 100 %, while Step 2 only occurs 63 %.

## Move 2: Establishing a niche

The purpose of Move 2 is to show the gap from the previous study. It shows the connection between Moves 1 and 3. After providing the research area and relevant information, Move 2 highlights what has been overlooked in previous studies before moving on to the information for the current study in Move 3. As a result, this move was regarded as a conventional move that occurred 100 percent in CERAI. The findings revealed that only Step 1B: Indicating a gap was considered a conventional step, whereas Step 1D: Continuing a tradition was considered optional. Moreover, Step 1A: Counter-claiming and Step 1C: Question-raising were not discovered in CERAI.

### a. Move 2, Step 1A: Counter-claiming

Counter-claiming 's purpose is to suggest that something might be wrong; however, it was not discovered in CERAI.

### b. Move 2, Step 1B: Indicating a gap

The importance of this step is to describe the research area's inadequacy. It identifies what has been missing from previous research in order to prepare the reader for what will be provided in this study. This step was discovered in all 30 CERAI, thus, it can be concluded that indicating a gap is regarded as conventional in this field. The linguistic indicators or signal word, for example, Yet, Although, Despite, However, are often used to begin this step. Example of this step is shown as follows:

**Although** the outlet flow rate was monitored in this work, its fluctuation and the coupled flow instability were not analyzed and explained.

(CERAI No.18)

### c. Move 2, Step 1C: Question-raising

Step 1C: Question-raising is not discovered from this study in comparison to Swales' (1990) CARS model. As a result, it is probable that CERAI will not identify a niche or issue in terms of question raising. In CERAI, on the other hand, the niche will be indicated in an affirmative or negative sentence.

### d. Move 2, Step 1D: Continuing a tradition

Only three CERAI showed continuing a tradition. Its purpose is to elaborate the literature review with additional information on the required action for further research, especially, interests, needs, and desires can all be expressed. "It is necessary to, it is important to" are some of the lexical bundles discovered in this step. Example of this step is shown as follows:

To control the production flow rate of hydrogen, **it is necessary to** understand the kinetic behind the vanadium-mediated process for HER.

(CERAI No.25)

According to Swales (1990), if a weak challenge is shown in previous studies, continuing a tradition will be found as a part of indicating a gap. Similarly, Move 2 Step 1D appears to be found together with Move 2 Step 1B in CERAI. The sentence connective "therefore" found in the context is evidence to support this claim.

Furthermore, we discovered a Positive Justification, which is Step 2 of Move 2 in Samraj's (2002) framework. It appears only once in CERAI No.61 to explain the reason why the research is vital. Example of this step is shown as follows:

**For this reason**, the influence of temperature on NCO for photocatalytic **degradation is a significant area of investigation.**

(CERAI No.61)

In summary, Move 2's function is mostly concerned with stating the gap. As a result, Move 2 can indicate the gap by gathering all of the information together in one move. It is not necessary to divide it into several steps.

## Move 3: Occupying the niche

The final move is to give information from the current study to fill in the gaps left by Move 2. The first two sub-steps of Step 1, outlining purposes and announcing present research, are both conventional. In contrast to Swales (1990), Step 2: Announcing

principal findings is considered as optional. On the other hand, Step 3: Indicating RA structure is not seen in CERAI. In the discipline of chemical engineering, it appears that there is no need to illustrate the structure of a research article.

a. Move 3, Step 1A: Outline purposes

The objective of the study is explained in this step. It's usually only found in a couple of sentences. Despite the fact that this step is found in 63% in CERAI and is considered a conventional move, many RAs have discarded it and focus on the present research and findings instead. In this step, the lexical bundles used to signal the objective are including "with the aim of", "this work aims to", "the objective of this work", and "the purpose of this study". Example of this step is shown as follows:

**In this paper, we present** a new, copolymer-based additive approach for improving the thermal stability of MAPI perovskite and PSCs and **propose** a new mechanism to **explain** the observed stability enhancement.

(CERAI No.48)

b. Move 3, Step 1B: Announcing present research

This step is required to be reported in the present study, with a frequency of 97 % in CERAI. Only one RA omits this step because it focuses on the purpose instead. Nonetheless, it appears to recognize that this step is necessary to explain how the study was conducted to fill the gap in Move 2. In this step, the lexical bundles used to signal the present study are including "In this study, we investigate", "Herein, we report", "in this work we attempt", "we will present", "to this extent". Example of this step is shown as follows:

**To this extent, we will present** the properties (acid uptake, conductivity, vanadium ion permeability,

mechanical properties, and crystallinity) of PBI membranes after SA pre-treatment for several doping temperatures and concentrations. Also, the flow battery performance of optimized membranes **will be shown in this paper.**

(CERAI No.2)

c. Move 3, Step 2: Announcing principal findings

The results of the study are normally revealed in Step 2 of Move 3. This step was regarded as optional in CERAI because it only appeared in 14 CERAI, which is accounted for 47%. Lexical bundles found in this step, e.g., "results demonstrated that", "we show that", "we reveal that", and "the obtained result". Example of this step is shown as follows:

Overall, **the results show** feasible ASD of PEDOT on nanoscale-patterned surfaces, thereby expanding the range of materials available for advanced deposition-based patterning

(CERAI No.41)

Additionally, the findings of this study suggest that predicting results announcing step in Samraj (2002) was detected once in the last paragraph of CERAI No. 22. The purpose of this step is to highlight the study hypotheses. Lexical bundles found in this step, e.g., "we predicted that", "can be expected to", "this would further promote", and "we hypothesized that".

**We hypothesized that** by using these high turbulence intensities, the initially immiscible phases would be well dispersed in each other leading to a homogenous emulsion mixture with improved reaction rates.

(CERAI No.22)

According to the above findings, the refined move structure of CERAI is proposed in Figure 1.



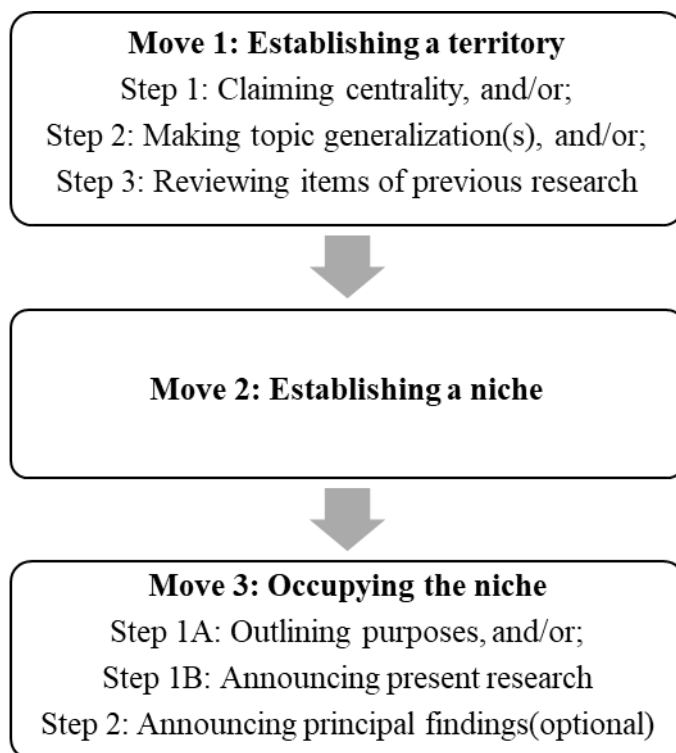


Figure 1 Move Structure of Chemical Engineering Research Article Introductions

#### Move and Step Sequence

The move analysis of this study revealed that moves and steps can occur in a cyclical pattern in CERAI

and do not have to follow the M1-M2-M3 priority pattern. Move and step sequences are shown in Table 6.

**Table 6** Sequence of Move-Step in Chemical Engineering Research Article Introductions

No.	Move and Step Sequence
1	M1S1, M2S1B, M1S2, M2S1B, M1S2, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1B
2	M1S1, M1S2, M2S1D, M1S3, M3S1A, M1S3, M3S2, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1A, M3S1B, M3S2, M3S1B, M3S2
3	M1S1, M1S2, M2S1B, M1S3, M1S2, M2S1B, M1S3, M1S1, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1A, M3S1B, M3S2
4	M1S3, M1S1, M1S3, M1S2, M2S1D, M1S3, M1S1, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1A, M3S1B
5	M1S1, M1S3, M1S2, M1S3, M3S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1A, M3S1B
6	M1S3, M1S1, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1A, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1A, M3S1B
7	M1S1, M1S2, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1A, M3S1B, M3S2
8	M1S3, M3S1A, M1S3, M1S1, M1S3, M3S1B, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1A, M3S1B, M1S3, <b>M3S2B (Samraj)</b>
9	M1S1, M1S2, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1B, M1S3, M3S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M2S1D, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1B
10	M1S1, M1S3, M1S2, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1A, M3S1B
11	M1S1, M2S1B, M1S2, M1S1, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1D, M1S3, M2S1D, M1S3, M3S1B, M3S2
12	M1S3, M2S1B, M1S1, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1A, M3S1B, M3S2
13	M1S3, M1S1, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1B, M2S1B, M3S1B, M1S3, M3S1B, M3S2
14	M1S3, M1S1, M1S2, M2S1B, M1S1, M1S3, M3S1B, M3S2

15	M1S1, M1S2, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1B, M1S3, M3S1A, M3S1B, M1S3, M3S1B, M3S2
16	M1S1, M1S2, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1A, M3S1B, M2S1B, M3S2
17	M1S1, M2S1B, M1S2, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1A, M3S1B
18	M1S1, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S2, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1A, M3S1B, M3S2
19	M1S3, M1S1, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1B, M3S2
20	M1S3, M1S1, M1S2, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1D, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1B, M3S2
21	M1S3, M1S1, M1S3, M1S1, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M1S1, M1S3, <b>M2S2(Samraj)</b> , M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1A, M3S1B
22	M1S3, M2S1B, M1S2, M1S3, M1S1, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M2S1D, M3S1B
23	M1S1, M1S2, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1B
24	M1S1, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1B, M2S1B, M3S1A, M3S2
25	M1S1, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1A
26	M1S3, M2S1B, M1S1, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1B
27	M1S1, M1S2, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S1, M1S2, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1A, M3S1B
28	M1S1, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1D, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M3S1A, M3S1B, M3S2
29	M1S1, M1S2, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1A, M3S1B
30	M1S1, M2S1B, M1S2, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S1, M1S2, M1S3, M2S1B, M1S1, M1S2, M1S3, M2S1B, M3S1B, M1S3, M3S1B, M1S3, M3S1B

According to the findings, all CERAI s begin with Move 1, establishing a territory. It seems that starting with Move 1 is significant in emphasizing the relevance of the research area and previous studies. Moreover, moves and steps are found occurring in cyclical patterns; however, move levels tend to be found as cyclicity more than step levels. Lastly, all CERAI s closed the introduction part with Move 3.

### Move patterns

The move pattern in CERAI s is shown in Table 7. Pattern 1: (M1-M2)<sub>n</sub>-M3 is mostly found in CERAI s with 37% occurrence; followed by pattern 2: (M1-M2)<sub>n</sub>-(M1-M3)<sub>m</sub> with 33% occurrence; followed by pattern 3: M1-M2-(M1-M3)<sub>n</sub>-(M1-M2)<sub>m</sub>-M3 with 7% occurrence. Other patterns were also found once of each pattern; thus, it cannot be recognized as a significant pattern.

**Table 7** Move Pattern in Chemical Engineering Research Article Introductions

Pattern	Move pattern	No. of CERAI	%
<b>Pattern 1</b>	(M1-M2) <sub>n</sub> -M3	11	37
<b>Pattern 2</b>	(M1-M2) <sub>n</sub> -(M1-M3) <sub>m</sub>	10	33
<b>Pattern 3</b>	M1-M2-(M1-M3) <sub>n</sub> -(M1-M2) <sub>m</sub> -M3	2	7
<b>Other patterns</b>	M1-M3-M1-M2-M1-M3	1	3
	M1-M2-M1-M3-(M2-M1) <sub>n</sub> -M2-M3	1	3
	(M1-M3) <sub>n</sub> -(M2-M1) <sub>m</sub> -M3-M1-M3	1	3
	(M1-M2) <sub>n</sub> -M1-M3-M2-M3-M1-M3	1	3
	M1-(M2-M3) <sub>n</sub>	1	3
	(M1-M2) <sub>n</sub> -(M3-M1) <sub>m</sub> -M3	1	3
	(M1-M2) <sub>n</sub> -(M1-M3) <sub>m</sub> -M2-M3	1	3

Note. n, m = a counting number

In summary, three moves are conventional in CERAI s. Three steps in Move 1 are identified to be conventional, whereas only step 1B is regarded as conventional in Move 2, and only steps 1A and 1B

are conventional in Move 3. Furthermore, CERAI s are likely to occur in cyclical patterns. The most common move pattern in CERAI s is (M1-M2)<sub>n</sub>-M3. Moreover, Move 1 is used to begin the CERAI s, and Move 3 is used to close it.

**B. Lexical bundles in the CERAI Corpus**

The detailed results of lexical bundles are presented in the following part.

66 types of four-word lexical bundles occur at least 4 times and in a minimum of 5 ranges were found in CERAI Corpus as shown in Table 8.

**I. Frequent Lexical Bundles in the CERAI Corpus****Table 8** Full List of Four-word Lexical Bundles in CERAI Corpus

No.	Type	Rank	Freq	Range
1	in the presence of	1	26	15
2	on the other hand	2	24	17
3	one of the most	3	22	18
4	is one of the	4	16	15
5	best of our knowledge	5	14	13
6	for the production of	5	14	9
7	the best of our	5	14	13
8	to the best of	5	14	13
9	as well as the	9	13	12
10	for the first time	9	13	12
11	in the case of	9	13	9
12	in this work we	9	13	12
13	in the present work	13	12	10
14	on the surface of	13	12	9
15	a wide range of	15	11	10
16	et al investigated the	15	11	8
17	et al reported the	17	10	9
18	the effect of the	17	10	9
19	an increase in the	19	9	8
20	can be used to	19	9	8
21	density functional theory dft	19	9	9
22	in the aqueous phase	19	9	5
23	in the field of	19	9	8
24	x ray photoelectron spectroscopy	19	9	9
25	as a function of	25	8	8
26	et al reported a	25	8	7
27	in the range of	25	8	8
28	in this study we	25	8	7
29	it is necessary to	25	8	7
30	ray photoelectron spectroscopy xps	25	8	8
31	the performance of the	25	8	5
32	a large number of	32	7	7
33	as one of the	32	7	6
34	at the same time	32	7	5
35	in this paper we	32	7	6
36	it is possible to	32	7	7
37	metal organic frameworks mofs	32	7	6
38	the kinetics of the	32	7	5
39	the surface of the	32	7	5
40	to the formation of	32	7	7
41	as a result the	41	6	6
42	for the synthesis of	41	6	5

43	is based on the	41	6	6
44	on the basis of	41	6	6
45	the formation of a	41	6	6
46	to the development of	41	6	6
47	to the presence of	41	6	6
48	a large amount of	48	5	5
49	as a result of	48	5	5
50	for the development of	48	5	5
51	functional theory dft calculations	48	5	5
52	have been used to	48	5	5
53	in addition to the	48	5	5
54	in comparison to the	48	5	5
55	in terms of the	48	5	5
56	in the form of	48	5	5
57	in the production of	48	5	5
58	of the most promising	48	5	5
59	photoelectron spectroscopy xps and	48	5	5
60	reported in the literature	48	5	5
61	the formation of the	48	5	5
62	the nature of the	48	5	5
63	the presence of the	48	5	5
64	the relationship between the	48	5	5
65	this is the first	48	5	5
66	to be the most	48	5	5

The most frequently occurring lexical bundle in this corpus is "in the presence of", which appeared 26 times in 15 different research articles.

The exclusion criteria in Table 9 were designed to eliminate those lexical bundles that could not be included due to some of their features, in order to study the structural and functional patterns of each lexical bundle.

**2. Result of lexical bundles’ structural patterns and functional patterns analysis**

**Table 9** Exclusion Criteria

Criteria	Example of Excluded Lexical Bundle
Fragments of other bundles	the other hand the, to the presence of
Temperature, volume and length bundles	at c for h, at c for min
Random section titles	fig a and b, in fig a and, results and discussion article
Meaningless bundles	shown in table the
Topic-specific bundles	x ray diffraction xrd, scanning electron microscopy sem

After applying the exclusion criteria, 24 of the 66 types of four-word lexical bundles were eliminated. As a result, the structural patterns and functional

patterns of 42 types of four-word lexical bundles were investigated as shown in Table 10.

**Table 10** The Four-word Lexical Bundles in the CERAI Corpus and their Structural and Functional Patterns

No.	Type	Structural patterns	Functional patterns	
			Functional patterns	Sub-types
1	in the presence of	Prepositional phrase fragments	Text-oriented	Framing signals
2	on the other hand	Prepositional phrase	Text-oriented	Transition signals

		fragments		
3	one of the most	Noun phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Quantification
4	is one of the	Verb phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Quantification
5	for the production of	Prepositional phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Procedure
6	as well as the	Prepositional phrase fragments	Text-oriented	Transition signals
7	for the first time	Prepositional phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Location
8	in the case of	Prepositional phrase fragments	Text-oriented	Framing signals
9	in the present work	Prepositional phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Location
10	on the surface of	Prepositional phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Location
11	a wide range of	Noun phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Quantification
12	the effect of the	Noun phrase fragments	Text-oriented	Resultative signals
13	an increase in the	Noun phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Quantification
14	can be used to	Verb phrase fragments	Participant-oriented	Stance features
15	in the aqueous phase	Prepositional phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Description
16	in the field of	Prepositional phrase fragments	Text-oriented	Framing signals
17	as a function of	Prepositional phrase fragments	Text-oriented	Framing signals
18	in the range of	Prepositional phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Quantification
19	it is necessary to	Verb phrase fragments	Participant-oriented	Stance features
20	the performance of the	Noun phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Description
21	a large number of	Noun phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Quantification
22	as one of the	Prepositional phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Quantification
23	at the same time	Prepositional phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Location
24	it is possible to	Verb phrase fragments	Participant-oriented	Stance features
25	the kinetics of the	Noun phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Description
26	the surface of the	Noun phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Description
27	for the synthesis of	Prepositional phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Procedure
28	is based on the	Verb phrase fragments	Text-oriented	Framing signals
29	on the basis of	Prepositional phrase fragments	Text-oriented	Framing signals
30	the formation of a	Noun phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Procedure
31	a large amount of	Noun phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Quantification
32	as a result of	Prepositional phrase fragments	Text-oriented	Resultative signals
33	have been used to	Verb phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Procedure
34	in addition to the	Prepositional phrase fragments	Text-oriented	Transition signals
35	in comparison to the	Prepositional phrase	Text-oriented	Transition signals

fragments				
36	in terms of the	Prepositional phrase fragments	Text-oriented	Framing signals
37	in the form of	Prepositional phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Description
38	in the production of	Prepositional phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Procedure
39	the formation of the	Noun phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Procedure
40	the nature of the	Noun phrase fragments	Research-oriented	Description
41	the relationship between the	Noun phrase fragments	Text-oriented	Resultative signals
42	this is the first	Dependent clause fragments	Research-oriented	Location

Regarding structural patterns analysis, three types of structural patterns, according to Biber et al., (2004)'s structural taxonomy framework, were observed. Prepositional phrase fragments are the most common structural patterns in the CERAI Corpus, with 22 different types of four-word lexical bundles

detected in this structural pattern; followed by Noun phrase fragments 13 types, Verb phrase fragments 6 types, and Dependent clause fragments 1 type respectively. The percentage of structural patterns found in CERAI is shown in Table 11.

**Table 11** Structural Patterns Classification of Four-word Lexical Bundles in CERAI Corpus

No.	Structural pattern	No. of Types	%
1	Prepositional phrase fragments	22	52.38
2	Noun phrase fragments	13	30.95
3	Verb phrase fragments	6	14.29
4	Dependent clause fragments	1	2.38
Total		42	100.0

Noun phrases fragments and prepositional phrases fragments were divided into two patterns because the researcher wanted to confirm which of these two patterns was discovered more frequently than the other. The result revealed that prepositional phrase fragment structure is mostly prevalent in this CERAI corpus. Then noun phrases fragment structure is the second most frequent structural pattern. Thus, it can be assumed that Noun phrase and prepositional phrase fragments are the most frequent structural patterns in CERAI.

Related to functional patterns analysis, the most frequent lexical bundles found in CERAI have three functional patterns including research-oriented patterns (59.52%), text-oriented patterns (33.33%), and participant-oriented patterns (7.14%). The findings are consistent with findings in science-related corpora research (Hyland, 2008a) and the medical research article corpus study (Mdoj-Diop, 2016). Table 12 shows the frequency of each sub-type of functional pattern.

**Table 12** Functional Patterns Classification of Four-word Lexical Bundles in CERAI Corpus

Functional patterns	Number of Bundles	%
<b>Research-oriented</b>		
Location	5	11.90
Procedure	6	14.29
Quantification	8	19.05
Description	6	14.29
Topic	0	0
Sum	<b>25</b>	<b>59.52</b>
<b>Text-oriented</b>		
Transition signals	4	9.52
Resultative signals	3	7.14
Structuring signals	0	0

Framing signals	7	16.67
Sum	<b>14</b>	<b>33.33</b>
<b>Participant-oriented</b>		
Stance features	3	7.14
Engagement features	0	0
Sum	<b>3</b>	<b>7.14</b>

### C. Lexical bundles in each move in CERAI

Table 13 presents the findings of lexical bundles in each move to show the connection between lexical bundles and move.

**Table 13** List of Lexical Bundles in each Move in CERAI

Move	Lexical Bundles	Key Word in Context (KWIC)
<b>Move 1: Establishing a territory</b>	one of the most	<b>One of the most</b> extensively investigated catalysts is...
	in the presence of	<b>In the presence of</b> moisture, the adsorbent exhibited ...
	is one of the	Polyurethane <b>is one of the most</b> significant materials in our life.
	have been used to	... <b>have been used to</b> overcome these problems.
	in the case of	A similar picture was retrieved <b>in the case of</b> CdSe NCs synthesized...
	a wide range of	For this reason, it involves <b>a wide range of</b> reactions.
	as well as the	..., <b>as well as the</b> reduction temperature...
	for the production of	A new alternative <b>for the production of</b> menthol is...
<b>Move 2: Establishing a niche</b>	on the other hand	<b>On the other hand</b> , inexpensive metals can offer...
	on the surface of	Tetraethoxysilane (TEOS) exists only <b>on the surface of</b> HZSM-5...
	an increase in the	This has led to <b>an increase in the</b> popularity of...
<b>Move 3: Occupying the niche</b>	it is necessary to	Therefore, <b>it is necessary to</b> investigate the high-temperature...
	as well as the	... their cost, <b>as well as the</b> development of the...
	in the field of	...has been utilized <b>in the field of</b> kinetic studies.
<b>Move 3: Occupying the niche</b>	the relationship between the	...to reveal <b>the relationship between the</b> Nusselt number...
	in the present work	<b>In the present work</b> , we propose the development of ionomer...
	on the other hand	<b>On the other hand</b> , our experimental work shows that...
	the effect of the	Particularly, we select to study <b>the effect of the</b> addition of a random copolymer...
	the kinetics of the	<b>The kinetics of the</b> degradation reaction is thoroughly investigated...
	an increase in the	<b>An increase in the</b> average pore size of the ULPCs...
	as a result of	<b>As a result of</b> this thorough characterization, it is realized...
	at the same time	<b>At the same time</b> , photoluminescence measurements can be performed in...
for the first time	In our study, here, we demonstrated <b>for the first time</b> that...	
is based on the	... a regression equation which <b>is based on the</b> experimental data...	

These specific lexical bundles identified in each move were one of the total bundles found in CERAI in Table 8. Depending on their features in each move, they have varied functional patterns. Lexical bundles discovered in Move 1 are more

likely to serve as Quantification such as “one of the most”, since Move 1 is the initial step in emphasizing the significance of the study and demonstrating interest in the research field. “It is necessary to” is the most frequent lexical bundles

identified in Move 2, and is classified as the Stance features to reflect the writer's opinions. It was used to emphasize the needs following the previous indicated gap. As a result, the sentence connector "Therefore" is frequently used to connect the gap with this lexical bundle. However, the functional patterns of lexical bundles in move 3 were varied. The common functional pattern found in Move 3 was Location function such as "in the present work". It is used to lead the reader about what the researcher has done in their study.

## 5. Conclusion

Move analysis and lexical bundles analysis of CERAI has been done in this study. The results show that the refined move structure of CERAI includes Move 1: Establishing a territory; Move 2: Establishing a niche; Move 3: Occupying the niche. Claim centrality, Making topic generalizations, and Review items of previous research are all conventional steps in Move 1. Move 2 was refined by grouping all of the steps into a move to focus on indicating a research gap. Step 1A: Outline purposes and Step 1B: Announcing present research are conventional steps in Move 3, but Step 2: Announcing principal findings is optional. Moreover, 66 most frequent lexical bundles were found in CERAI; however, only 42 bundles were conducted the structural and functional pattern analysis because 24 lexical bundles have been excluded after applying the exclusion criteria. Noun phrase and prepositional phrase fragments are the most lexical bundles' structure found in CERAI, and research-oriented function is the most common functional pattern found in CERAI. Lexical bundles in each move were investigated as well. The result revealed that lexical bundles found in each move can show the significant relationship between move and lexical bundle. As a result of the acquisition of lexical bundles, the reader can better comprehend each move's feature.

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