UROLOGY

Writing introductions

There are differences across the disciplines but in many fields, introductions typically follow Swales' (1990) CARS model (Creating a Research Space).

CARS steps (moves):

- Move 1: Establishing a Territory [the situation]
- Move 2: Establishing a Niche [the problem]
- Move 3: Occupying the Niche [the solution]

I.   Move 1 is achieved by making generalizations and claiming the centrality of the field. **What language is used to achieve his aim?**

1. Install AntConc https://www.laurenceanthony.net/software/antconc/ and open it.
2. Open the directory containing introductions to urology papers.
3. In the clusters/ngrams tab put the verb 'is' in the search box.
4. Adjust the search conditions:
   a. 3- and 4-grams
   b. minimum frequency 3, minimum range 3
   c. the search word on the left of the n-gram
5. Press the *Start* button.
6. Study the results. **Which clusters seem to underline the centrality and importance of the field?**
7. Click on selected cluster. You will be taken to the concordance tab.
8. Now click on the Concordance plot button. You should see several horizontal bards running across the screen. They represent individual corpus files, each containing one introduction.
9. The vertical lines represent the locations of the selected cluster in the text (beginning, middle, end).
10. Click on the lines which are located right at or close to the left end of the bars (symbolizing the start of the introduction. Study the sentence containing the target cluster. **Does the sentence express the centrality and importance of the topic?**
11. **Note down interesting examples.**

II.   In move 2 the author identifies a niche (gap) in the field (research area). **What words and clusters may be suitable for this task?** Search for them in the corpus following the same steps as above. **Note down interesting examples.**

KEY

Move 1

is the most	is the most common	is considered to
is one of	is a global	is considered to be
is one of the	is a major	is difficult to
is important to	is considered as	is estimated to be
is a common	is known about	is expected to
is estimated that	is known about the	is the second
is estimated to	is an important	is the second most

Move 2

is not clear	is a lack of	question
is a lack	however	problem