Reporting Verbs and Stock Phrases with Lexical Substitutions*

Varela (2009)
states
notes
mentions
comments

This researcher
describes XXX to show that . . .
explains XXX to demonstrate
presents XXX to emphasize

Rice’s study
suggests that
shows that
indicates that

Montoya
challenges the claim that
offers an alternative to
explains the position that

These researchers
further write that
additionally state that
goes on to claim that

The analysis of XXX suggests that
The investigation of XXX demonstrates that

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