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| Stages | Function |
| Introduction (I) | Definition of work  Justification of work  Description of work |
| Method (M) | Description of data  Description of procedure |
| Results (R) | Report of results |
| Discussion (D) | Comment on results |
| Conclusion (C) | Summary of contribution |

**Table 1.** IMRD-C structure in scientific articles.

**Graph 1.** Modal verbs in introductions.

**Graph 2.** Modal verbs in conclusions*.*

**Graph 3.** Modal verbs in introductions and conclusions (normalised figures).

**Graph 4.** Modal verbs in introductions and conclusions (normalised figures).

**Graph 5.** Epistemic modality verbs in introductions and conclusions (normalised figures).