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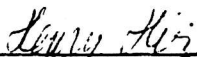
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ABSTRACT

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The thesis provides a definition of cross-reference and tests its adequacy in a description of referential relations within a research article in cellular immunology. Various of these cross-referential relations are examined to test and extend results obtained in the study of a scientific sublanguage. Chapters 1 and 2 consider in detail the concepts of cross-reference and scientific sublanguage, respectively. The first chapter introduces a number of concepts employed in the description, e.g., zero-referential, referential-classifier, and contrasts the present approach with those adopted in other work. Chapter 2 presents the methods of discourse- and sublanguage analysis used to establish a grammar for a subfield of cellular immunology and surveys the results pertinent to the present effort. In chapter 3, the text to be analyzed is introduced and preliminary results presented concerning referential classifiers for particular word-classes of the sublanguage grammar. Chapter 4 provides a description of cross-references within the article -- the recording of

these cross-references is made by a notation described in section 1; the notes to the description corroborate the adequacy of the definition and discuss various details. The fifth chapter discusses some of the results of the previous chapter. The adequacy of the definition of cross-reference is reviewed and emendations suggested. The third section surveys the wide range of referential classifiers for sentence-types of the sublanguage grammar; the fourth the various patterns of epiphoric cross-reference in the article. Other sections examine the status of various hypotheses designed to test results obtained for the sublanguage. Section 2 examines regularization of sublanguage sentence-types by reconstruction of zero-referentials. Section 5 considers the status of 'procedure'-related sentences to the sublanguage and notes in what way cross-reference is related to the organization of the text. The concept of scientific sublanguage is itself examined by noting whether sentence-types of the sublanguage are closed under resolution of cross-references. The largely positive results corroborate the status of the sublanguage as an integral part of discourses within this field of science.