Literature Review

Read the following excerpt from a literature review. Underline the parts which indicate the writer’s voice.

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NB: Technically emphatic expressions, attitude markers and relational markers are also hedging expressions, but they are described here in terms of their primary function.

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