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The following revision is taken from an Abstract by a Thai-speaking postgraduate student of chemical engineering:

Original	Revision
In conclusion, this study is a useful first step in the development of biodegradation techniques.	In conclusion, it is hoped that this study may be a useful contribution to the development of biodegradation techniques.

Two principles of Academic Modesty are broken by the original drafting:

1. **Do not praise your own work.** As an academic writer, you may describe the work of other people as valuable, useful, interesting etc.: however, you may not describe your **own** work as valuable, useful, interesting etc. The closest you may come to such a statement is to express the **hope** that the work is valuable, useful, interesting, etc. (i.e. the judgement is for others to make, not you).
2. **Show that you understand the limitations of your work.** In the present case, even I, a non-expert, know that previous work has been done on biodegradation techniques: so clearly this cannot be a "first step" for science (though it was, clearly, a first step for the student).