

RQ2: Operator Rankings with Statistical Significance

Metric	Operator	Mean	Rank	Sig. Diff?	K-W p-value
Elite Hit Rate (%)	InformedEvolutionOperator	9.72	1	No	0.001260 (Yes)
Elite Hit Rate (%)	POSAwareAntonymReplacement	7.25	2	No	0.001260 (Yes)
Elite Hit Rate (%)	LLM_POSAwareSynonymReplacement	6.77	3	No	0.001260 (Yes)
Elite Hit Rate (%)	MLM	5.84	4	No	0.001260 (Yes)
Elite Hit Rate (%)	NegationOperator	4.93	5	No	0.001260 (Yes)
Elite Hit Rate (%)	LLMBackTranslation_HI	4.70	6	No	0.001260 (Yes)
Elite Hit Rate (%)	ConceptAdditionOperator	4.53	7	No	0.001260 (Yes)
Elite Hit Rate (%)	TypographicalErrorsOperator	3.52	8	No	0.001260 (Yes)
Elite Hit Rate (%)	LLMBasedParaphrasing	3.49	9	No	0.001260 (Yes)
Elite Hit Rate (%)	StylisticMutator	2.83	10	No	0.001260 (Yes)
Elite Hit Rate (%)	SemanticFusionCrossover	2.63	11	No	0.001260 (Yes)
Elite Hit Rate (%)	SemanticSimilarityCrossover	2.26	12	No	0.001260 (Yes)
Conditional Elite Hit Rate (%)	InformedEvolutionOperator	16.60	1	No	0.162128 (No)
Conditional Elite Hit Rate (%)	SemanticSimilarityCrossover	9.98	2	No	0.162128 (No)
Conditional Elite Hit Rate (%)	MLM	8.66	3	No	0.162128 (No)
Conditional Elite Hit Rate (%)	LLM_POSAwareSynonymReplacement	8.05	4	No	0.162128 (No)
Conditional Elite Hit Rate (%)	POSAwareAntonymReplacement	7.79	5	No	0.162128 (No)
Conditional Elite Hit Rate (%)	ConceptAdditionOperator	7.44	6	No	0.162128 (No)
Conditional Elite Hit Rate (%)	TypographicalErrorsOperator	7.43	7	No	0.162128 (No)
Conditional Elite Hit Rate (%)	NegationOperator	6.40	8	No	0.162128 (No)
Conditional Elite Hit Rate (%)	LLMBasedParaphrasing	6.02	9	No	0.162128 (No)
Conditional Elite Hit Rate (%)	LLMBackTranslation_HI	5.93	10	No	0.162128 (No)
Conditional Elite Hit Rate (%)	SemanticFusionCrossover	5.86	11	No	0.162128 (No)
Conditional Elite Hit Rate (%)	StylisticMutator	4.67	12	No	0.162128 (No)
Invalid Rate (%)	SemanticSimilarityCrossover	0.00	1	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Invalid Rate (%)	POSAwareAntonymReplacement	5.00	2	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Invalid Rate (%)	LLM_POSAwareSynonymReplacement	13.15	3	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Invalid Rate (%)	NegationOperator	18.81	4	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Invalid Rate (%)	LLMBackTranslation_HI	21.07	5	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Invalid Rate (%)	MLM	26.48	6	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Invalid Rate (%)	ConceptAdditionOperator	38.52	7	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Invalid Rate (%)	StylisticMutator	39.40	8	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Invalid Rate (%)	InformedEvolutionOperator	40.06	9	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Invalid Rate (%)	LLMBasedParaphrasing	40.95	10	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Invalid Rate (%)	TypographicalErrorsOperator	53.26	11	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Invalid Rate (%)	SemanticFusionCrossover	56.02	12	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Non-Elite Percentage (%)	SemanticSimilarityCrossover	21.87	1	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Non-Elite Percentage (%)	SemanticFusionCrossover	39.74	2	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Non-Elite Percentage (%)	TypographicalErrorsOperator	41.68	3	Yes	0.000000 (Yes)
Non-Elite Percentage (%)	InformedEvolutionOperator	49.16	4	No	0.000000 (Yes)
Non-Elite Percentage (%)	LLMBasedParaphrasing	54.81	5	Yes	0.000000 (Yes)
Non-Elite Percentage (%)	ConceptAdditionOperator	55.71	6	Yes	0.000000 (Yes)
Non-Elite Percentage (%)	StylisticMutator	56.68	7	Yes	0.000000 (Yes)
Non-Elite Percentage (%)	MLM	60.65	8	Yes	0.000000 (Yes)
Non-Elite Percentage (%)	LLMBackTranslation_HI	71.03	9	Yes	0.000000 (Yes)
Non-Elite Percentage (%)	NegationOperator	71.47	10	Yes	0.000000 (Yes)
Non-Elite Percentage (%)	LLM_POSAwareSynonymReplacement	75.90	11	Yes	0.000000 (Yes)
Non-Elite Percentage (%)	POSAwareAntonymReplacement	83.96	12	Yes	0.000000 (Yes)
Mean Delta Score	InformedEvolutionOperator	-0.17	1	No	0.006552 (Yes)
Mean Delta Score	LLMBackTranslation_HI	-0.07	2	No	0.006552 (Yes)
Mean Delta Score	StylisticMutator	-0.07	3	No	0.006552 (Yes)
Mean Delta Score	NegationOperator	-0.06	4	No	0.006552 (Yes)
Mean Delta Score	TypographicalErrorsOperator	-0.06	5	No	0.006552 (Yes)
Mean Delta Score	LLMBasedParaphrasing	-0.06	6	No	0.006552 (Yes)
Mean Delta Score	POSAwareAntonymReplacement	-0.06	7	No	0.006552 (Yes)
Mean Delta Score	LLM_POSAwareSynonymReplacement	-0.05	8	No	0.006552 (Yes)
Mean Delta Score	SemanticFusionCrossover	-0.05	9	No	0.006552 (Yes)
Mean Delta Score	ConceptAdditionOperator	-0.05	10	No	0.006552 (Yes)
Mean Delta Score	MLM	-0.05	11	No	0.006552 (Yes)
Mean Delta Score	SemanticSimilarityCrossover	-0.05	12	No	0.006552 (Yes)
Delta Score Std Dev	SemanticFusionCrossover	0.09	1	No	0.002755 (Yes)
Delta Score Std Dev	SemanticSimilarityCrossover	0.09	2	No	0.002755 (Yes)
Delta Score Std Dev	InformedEvolutionOperator	0.11	3	No	0.002755 (Yes)
Delta Score Std Dev	LLM_POSAwareSynonymReplacement	0.11	4	No	0.002755 (Yes)
Delta Score Std Dev	MLM	0.12	5	No	0.002755 (Yes)
Delta Score Std Dev	TypographicalErrorsOperator	0.12	6	No	0.002755 (Yes)
Delta Score Std Dev	LLMBasedParaphrasing	0.12	7	No	0.002755 (Yes)
Delta Score Std Dev	POSAwareAntonymReplacement	0.12	8	No	0.002755 (Yes)
Delta Score Std Dev	StylisticMutator	0.12	9	No	0.002755 (Yes)
Delta Score Std Dev	NegationOperator	0.12	10	No	0.002755 (Yes)
Delta Score Std Dev	LLMBackTranslation_HI	0.12	11	No	0.002755 (Yes)
Delta Score Std Dev	ConceptAdditionOperator	0.13	12	No	0.002755 (Yes)