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- ☐ Multimodality and Language Grounding to Vision, Robotics and Beyond
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- ☐ NLP Applications
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A2 Potential Risks *

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- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A

A2 Elaboration

[COMPULSORY IF YES/NO] For yes, provide a section number. For no, justify why not.

B Use Or Create Scientific Artifacts *

Did you use or create scientific artifacts? (e.g. code, datasets, models)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

B4 Data Contains Personally Identifying Info Or Offensive Content *

Did you discuss the steps taken to check whether the data that was collected/used contains any information that names or uniquely identifies individual people or offensive content, and the steps taken to protect/anonymize it?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A

B4 Elaboration

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B6 Statistics For Data *

Did you report relevant statistics like the number of examples, details of train/test/dev splits, etc. for the data that you used/created?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A

B6 Elaboration

[COMPULSORY IF YES/NO] For yes, provide a section number. For no, justify why not.

C Computational Experiments *

Did you run computational experiments?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

C2 Experimental Setup And Hyperparameters *

Did you discuss the experimental setup, including hyperparameter search and best-found hyperparameter values?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A

C2 Elaboration

[COMPULSORY IF YES/NO] For yes, provide a section number. For no, justify why not.

C3 Descriptive Statistics *

Did you report descriptive statistics about your results (e.g., error bars around results, summary statistics from sets of experiments), and is it transparent whether you are reporting the max, mean, etc. or just a single run?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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C3 Elaboration

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D Human Subjects Including Annotators *

Did you use human annotators (e.g., crowdworkers) or research with human subjects?

☐ Yes

☐ No

D1 Instructions Given To Participants *

Did you report the full text of instructions given to participants, including e.g., screenshots, disclaimers of any risks to participants or annotators, etc.?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

D1 Elaboration

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D2 Recruitment And Payment *

Did you report information about how you recruited (e.g., crowdsourcing platform, students) and paid participants, and discuss if such payment is adequate given the participants' demographic (e.g., country of residence)?

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☐ No

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D2 Elaboration

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D3 Data Consent *

Did you discuss whether and how consent was obtained from people whose data you're using/curating (e.g., did your instructions explain how the data would be used)?

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☐ No

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D3 Elaboration

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
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D4 Elaboration

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

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- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ N/A

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