

## Responsible NLP Checklist

Paper title: *Beyond Local vs. External: A Game-Theoretic Framework for Trustworthy Knowledge Acquisition*

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How to read the checklist symbols:

- the authors responded 'yes'
- the authors responded 'no'
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### A. Questions mandatory for all submissions.

A1. Did you describe the limitations of your work?  
*This paper has a Limitations section.*

A2. Did you discuss any potential risks of your work?  
*Ethical Statement*

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

B4. 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?  
*4.1 Dataset and Ethical Statement*

B6. Did you report relevant statistics like the number of examples, details of train/test/dev splits, etc. for the data that you used/created?  
*4.1 Dataset*

### C. Did you run computational experiments?

C2. Did you discuss the experimental setup, including hyperparameter search and best-found hyperparameter values?  
*4.3 Experimental Settings*

C3. 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?  
*4.4 Experimental Results*

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

D1. Did you report the full text of instructions given to participants, including e.g., screenshots, disclaimers of any risks to participants or annotators, etc.?  
*4.2 Evaluation Metrics and Ethical Statement*

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- D2. 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)?

*4.2 Evaluation Metrics and Ethical Statement*

- D3. 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)?

*4.2 Evaluation Metrics and Ethical Statement*

- D4. Was the data collection protocol approved (or determined exempt) by an ethics review board?  
*Formal ethics review board approval was not sought as the study primarily relies on publicly available datasets. Human involvement was strictly limited to the evaluation of model outputs, a standard linguistic task with minimal risk. All evaluators were recruited voluntarily, provided with informed consent, and compensated fairly (above the local minimum wage). Their anonymity has been strictly preserved.*

**E. Did you use AI assistants (e.g., ChatGPT, Copilot) in your research, coding, or writing?**

- E1. If you used AI assistants, did you include information about their use?  
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