

## Responsible NLP Checklist

Paper title: *ProtoCycle: Reflective Tool-Augmented Planning for Text-Guided Protein Design*

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How to read the checklist symbols:

- the authors responded 'yes'
- the authors responded 'no'
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For background on the checklist and guidance provided to the authors, see the [Responsible NLP Checklist](#) page at ACL Rolling Review.

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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?

*6 Ethics 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?

*This paper does not involve the use of personal data or sensitive content.*

- 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 Design from textual descriptions*

### C. Did you run computational experiments?

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

*E Training Details*

- 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 Experiments*

### 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.?

*B.2 Plan-quality Scoring with DeepSeek-R1*

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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)?

*We did not conduct a formal human-subject study.*

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)?

*This work does not involve human data.*

D4. Was the data collection protocol approved (or determined exempt) by an ethics review board?

*This work does not involve human data collection.*

**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?

*E.1 SFT Trajectory Synthesis*