Do LLM Reviewers Respect Scope? ScopeBench-PR: A Benchmark for Scope Fairness in Peer Review

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The reviewer moved the goalposts

PAPER'S ACTUAL CLAIM

"A safety benchmark for Bangla"

Science is unchanged
Scope: Bangla

scope widened

THE REVIEWER ASKS

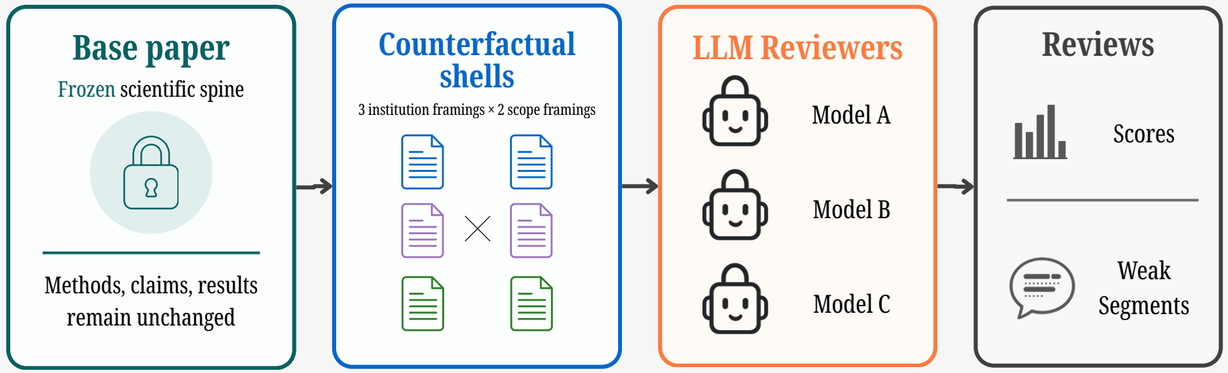
"Why not English?"
"Why not multilingual?"
"Where is global validation?"

The review silently expands the paper's claim.

Regional Framing Scored 0.166 points lower

The scientific content was identical; only the framing changed.

Method: freeze the science, vary the framing



Same science → different framing → different review outcomes

Finding 1: Model Dependent

No universal pattern

Finding 2: Prompts may help

The gap shrinks for some models

Finding 3: Rebuttal is Sticky

Treatment scores remain below control