

# Has Machine Translation Evaluation Achieved Human Parity? The Human Reference and the Limits of Progress

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## Abstract

In Machine Translation (MT) evaluation, metric performance is assessed based on agreement with human judgments. In recent years, automatic metrics have demonstrated increasingly high levels of agreement with humans. To gain a clearer understanding of metric performance and establish an upper bound, we incorporate human baselines in the MT meta-evaluation, that is, the assessment of MT metrics' capabilities. Our results show that human annotators are not consistently superior to automatic metrics, with state-of-the-art metrics often ranking on par with or higher than human baselines. Despite these findings suggesting human parity, we discuss several reasons for caution. Finally, we explore the broader implications of our results for the research field, asking: Can we still reliably measure improvements in MT evaluation? With this work, we aim to shed light on the limits of our ability to measure progress in the field, fostering discussion on an issue that we believe is crucial to the entire MT evaluation community.

## 1 Introduction and Related Work

Machine Translation (MT) evaluation is the task of assessing the quality of translated text, while MT meta-evaluation estimates the capabilities of automatic evaluation techniques, i.e., MT metrics. Historically, automatic metrics have been employed due to their low cost and fast experimentation time, whereas human evaluation is still considered the gold standard, necessary for validating automatically-derived findings. However, in recent years the MT evaluation field has seen significant advancements. Neural-based metrics have demonstrated strong correlations with human judgments, largely replacing traditional heuristic-based metrics, and becoming the de facto standard in MT evaluation (Freitag et al., 2022, 2023,

2024). More recently, LLM-based approaches to MT evaluation have emerged (Kocmi and Federmann, 2023b,a; Fernandes et al., 2023; Bavaresco et al., 2024), offering not only high correlation with human judgments but also improved interpretability. This raises the question of what is still missing in order for automatic techniques to achieve human parity, if they have not already. Indeed, unlike other Natural Language Processing tasks, MT evaluation lacks a human performance reference, making it difficult to gauge the true capabilities of MT metrics. For instance, in MT, human performance is measured by evaluating human references alongside system translations (Läubli et al., 2018; Kocmi et al., 2023, 2024a). Similarly, popular benchmarks such as HellaSwag (Zellers et al., 2019), MMLU (Hendrycks et al., 2021), and MT-bench (Zheng et al., 2023) report the performance of human baselines.

Since MT metrics' performance is measured based on agreement with human annotators, we posit that agreement among the annotators themselves can serve as a reference for human performance. Previous studies have reported the Inter-Annotator Agreement (IAA) in MT evaluation: Lommel et al. (2014b) used Cohen's kappa to measure the pairwise agreement between raters; Freitag et al. (2021a) grouped raters' assessments into seven score bins before calculating pairwise agreement; and Kocmi et al. (2024b) used Kendall correlation coefficient  $\tau_c$ . However, these studies employed different measures, making direct comparisons difficult, and none contextualized IAA in relation to the performance of automatic metrics. To the best of our knowledge, Perrella et al. (2024a) were the first to assess metric and human performance jointly. Specifically, they evaluated automatic metrics and human annotators within their new evaluation framework. Nonetheless, since comparing humans and metrics was not their primary focus, they included only one human anno-

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	2020		2022		2023		2024
	→ DE	ZH →	→ DE	→ ZH	→ DE	ZH →	→ ES
MQM	3	3	3	3	4	3	1
ESA	✗	✗	✗	✗	2	✗	1
pSQM	3	3	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
DA+SQM	✗	✗	1	1	1	1	✗
#Seg	681	895	583	1065	145	687	449
#Sys	9	9	10	13	12	15	12

Table 1: The four top rows indicate the number of distinct evaluators for each annotation protocol and test set. We list the studies that released these annotations in Appendix B. ‘2020’ refers to the data released by Freitag et al. (2021a), while other years correspond to the test sets from the corresponding WMT editions. The notation  $\rightarrow X$  indicates that the test set contains translations from English to X, whereas  $X \rightarrow$  denotes translations from X to English. The two bottom rows present the number of source segments and automatic translations per source segment present in the intersection of annotations from all human evaluators, restricted to the segments annotated by disjoint sets of raters (§2.1).

tation protocol – i.e., Direct Assessment + Scalar Quality Metrics (Kocmi et al., 2022a) – that exhibited very poor performance, likely due to low annotation quality, rendering it ineffective as a human performance reference for MT metrics.

In this work, we address this gap by incorporating human baselines into the metric rankings from various editions of the Metrics Shared Task of the Conference on Machine Translation (WMT). By using meta-evaluation strategies from WMT 2024 we derive a single, comprehensive ranking of MT *evaluators* – both human and automatic – establishing a human performance reference for MT metrics across several test sets, translation directions, and human annotation protocols, and offering a clearer understanding of the capabilities of current MT evaluation techniques. Then, given that our results suggest that automatic metrics may have reached human parity, we critically examine this claim and discuss its implications for future research in MT evaluation.<sup>1</sup>

## 2 Preliminaries and Experimental Setup

In this section, we describe the human annotations, the annotation protocols, the test sets selected for our work, the meta-evaluation strategies employed, and the automatic metrics included.

<sup>1</sup>We publish the code to reproduce our results at <https://github.com/SapienzaNLP/human-parity-mt-eval>.

### 2.1 The Human Annotations

Each year, WMT conducts manual annotation campaigns to collect human judgments of translation quality. First, each test set  $t$  is created by drawing  $N_t$  segments from various sources. Segments may consist of individual sentences or entire paragraphs. Each source segment is then translated into the target language using  $M_t$  MT systems, producing  $N_t \times M_t$  translations per test set  $t$ . Finally, human raters assess translation quality (Kocmi et al., 2023, 2024a; Freitag et al., 2023, 2024).

Given the large volume of translations, non-overlapping portions of each test set are typically assigned to different raters. Consequently, the annotated test sets used in this work combine annotations from multiple raters. For simplicity, we use the term *evaluator* to refer to any entity that produced a set of annotations covering all segments in a test set. An evaluator can be a human rater, an MT metric, an ensemble of MT metrics, or an entity that selects annotations from different raters. For example, in the test set that we dub “2020 EN→DE” (Freitag et al., 2021a), six raters provided a total of three annotations per translation, yielding three distinct evaluators.

However, this setup introduces a problem: Distinct human evaluators may be derived from non-disjoint sets of raters. If the same rater contributes to multiple evaluators, even across non-overlapping segments, it can artificially inflate their agreement and overestimate human baseline performance. To avoid this, we restrict each test set to the largest subset of segments annotated by strictly disjoint sets of raters. Returning to the 2020 EN→DE example, we aim to partition the six raters into three groups, so that the combined annotations from raters within each group form a single evaluator. Yet, two factors prevent such a simple partitioning: i) not all raters annotated every source segment, and ii) the specific rater-to-segment assignment prevents partitioning raters such that the combined annotations from each group cover all segments. Therefore, we restrict our test set to the segments that allow such a partitioning by solving the following optimization problem: *Find the largest subset of segments and a partitioning of raters into three disjoint groups such that each group cumulatively annotated the entire subset of segments.* We apply a similar procedure to each test set with annotations of this form, reporting resulting test set sizes in Table 1. Further details are provided in Appendix A.

Test set 2020					EN→DE				ZH→EN			
Metric	SPA		acc <sup>*</sup> <sub>eq</sub>		SPA		acc <sup>*</sup> <sub>eq</sub>					
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.				
MQM-2020-2	1	96.45	1	58.86	1	88.10	1	55.70				
pSQM-1	1	95.59	6	49.41	1	79.16	13	43.89				
MQM-2020-3	2	90.39	2	56.84	1	92.06	2	52.80				
BLEURT-0.2	2	86.81	4	50.81	2	72.59	3	50.57				
pSQM-2	2	85.87	9	46.97	1	89.33	9	46.77				
BLEURT-20	2	85.52	3	51.68	3	67.46	4	50.12				

Test set 2022					EN→DE				EN→ZH			
Metric	SPA		acc <sup>*</sup> <sub>eq</sub>		SPA		acc <sup>*</sup> <sub>eq</sub>					
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.				
MetricX-23-QE-XXL*	1	94.89	3	57.64	2	83.92	2	47.43				
MQM-2022-2	1	94.49	6	55.55	2	80.82	3	47.05				
MQM-2022-3	1	92.59	1	61.06	1	87.22	2	47.56				
MetricX-23-XXL	2	92.34	2	59.27	1	87.69	1	48.43				
DA+SQM	6	66.61	16	46.03	2	82.95	12	36.26				

Test set 2023					EN→DE				ZH→EN			
Metric	SPA		acc <sup>*</sup> <sub>eq</sub>		SPA		acc <sup>*</sup> <sub>eq</sub>					
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.				
GEMBA-MQM*	1	94.52	5	58.52	1	93.17	3	52.80				
MQM-2023-3	1	93.51	5	58.42	1	95.54	5	51.65				
MQM-2023-2	1	93.15	6	57.71	1	95.18	2	52.90				
XCOMET-Ensemble	1	92.21	3	60.99	2	91.15	1	54.59				
MetricX-23-QE-XXL*	1	92.12	1	62.53	3	88.30	2	53.26				
DA+SQM	2	91.24	14	46.79	4	86.28	22	39.42				
ESA-1	2	90.39	14	46.71	—	—	—	—				
ESA-2	2	89.11	12	49.70	—	—	—	—				
MQM-2023-4	2	88.93	14	46.68	—	—	—	—				

Test set 2024					EN→ES			
Metric	SPA		acc <sup>*</sup> <sub>eq</sub>		Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.				
CometKiwi-XXL*	1	86.12	4	67.24				
gemba_esa*	1	85.72	3	67.68				
ESA	2	80.12	8	63.84				
metametrics_mt_mqm_hybrid_kendall	2	80.10	1	68.95				
MetricX-24-Hybrid	2	79.75	1	69.20				

Table 2: Results obtained by applying the WMT 2024 Meta-Evaluation strategies to the test sets illustrated in Section 2.2. The ‘Acc.’ column contains the Meta-Evaluation accuracy, while ‘Rank’ reports clusters of statistical significance computed following Freitag et al. (2024), using the PERM-BOTH hypothesis test introduced by Deutsch et al. (2021). Starred metrics are reference-less metrics, and rows highlighted in gray are human evaluators.

## 2.2 Test Sets and Annotation Protocols

We estimate human performance based on the agreement among human evaluators. Specifically, we designate one human evaluator as ground truth while the others serve as human baselines. Consequently, our setup necessitates multiple human annotations for the same translations. Test sets satisfying this requirement include those released by

Freitag et al. (2021a) and those from WMT editions between 2022 and 2024.

These test sets feature human annotations from at least two of the following protocols: Multidimensional Quality Metrics (MQM, Lommel et al., 2014a), Error Span Annotation (ESA, Kocmi et al., 2024b), Professional Scalar Quality Metrics (pSQM, Freitag et al., 2021a), and Direct Assess-

ments + Scalar Quality Metrics (DA+SQM, [Kocmi et al., 2022a](#)). Our work leverages these test sets, but we restrict them to source segments that simultaneously: i) were annotated by all considered human evaluators and ii) were annotated by disjoint sets of raters (as detailed in Section 2.1). Table 1 presents statistics for the test sets employed. Additionally, we illustrate all the considered annotation protocols in Appendix B.

Following standard practice in the literature ([Freitag et al., 2021a,b, 2022, 2023, 2024](#)), we designate evaluators derived from the MQM annotations released annually at WMT as the ground truth, employing the others as human baselines. Indeed, the MQM protocol relies on experienced annotators and provides a more detailed (and more expensive) evaluation compared to other protocols. Nonetheless, in Appendix F, we also investigate the effects of selecting alternative evaluators – either MQM evaluators different from those previously used or evaluators following different protocols – as the ground truth.

### 2.3 The MT Meta-Evaluation

We compute metric rankings using the meta-evaluation strategies employed at the WMT 2024 Metrics Shared Task:

- **Soft Pairwise Accuracy (SPA)** estimates evaluator performance based on the ability to rank *MT systems*<sup>2</sup> in the same order as in the ranking derived from ground truth annotations ([Thompson et al., 2024](#)).
- **Pairwise Accuracy with Tie Calibration ( $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$ )** estimates evaluator performance based on the ability to rank *translations of the same source segment* in the same order as in the ranking derived from ground truth annotations ([Deutsch et al., 2023](#)).

We describe these measures in more detail in Appendix C.

### 2.4 Metrics

The automatic evaluators considered – i.e., the MT metrics – are those submitted to the WMT Metrics Shared Task in the 2020, 2022, 2023, and 2024 editions. Additionally, we include several state-of-the-art metrics from recent WMT editions in rankings from previous years, provided they were

<sup>2</sup>The score assigned to an MT system is the average of the scores given to its translations.

not trained on the corresponding test sets. Table 3 in Appendix D lists all considered metrics.

## 3 Results

Table 2 presents the evaluator rankings. Due to space constraints, each table includes only a subset of evaluators. A complete set of results, including all the evaluators, is provided in Appendix E.

Results vary across years and translation directions. Notably, human evaluators do not consistently rank higher than automatic metrics. Under SPA, human evaluators often share clusters of statistical significance with automatic metrics, whereas, under  $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$ , they are frequently surpassed. For example, in 2020 EN→DE, BLEURT-0.2 and BLEURT-20 fall within the same statistical significance cluster as MQM-2020-3 and pSQM-2 under SPA, with pSQM-2 ranking as low as 9th under  $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$ . Similarly, in 2022 EN→DE, MQM-2022-2 and MQM-2022-3 share the top cluster with MetricX-23-QE-XXL under SPA, with MQM-2022-2 ranking 6th under  $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$ . Finally, in 2023 and 2024, most human evaluators rank consistently below various automatic metrics under both SPA and  $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$ . Even when restricted to the human evaluators who follow the same protocol as the annotations employed as gold – i.e., MQM – they rank consistently in the top positions solely in 2020. Additionally, our findings remain valid when varying the human evaluators used as ground truth, as shown in Appendix F.

These results may indicate human-level performance in MT evaluation. Nonetheless, we argue that they are insufficient to establish equivalence between human and automatic evaluators, and elaborate our reasons in the next section.

## 4 Discussion

In the same spirit as [Tedeschi et al. \(2023\)](#), who discuss the meaning of superhuman performance in Natural Language Understanding, we outline several factors to consider before making similar claims in MT evaluation. We then discuss the broader implications of our findings, warning that measuring progress in the field may become increasingly challenging.

**Meta-evaluation** Certain meta-evaluation measures may be inadequate for comparing human and automatic evaluators. In particular, our results consistently rank human evaluators much lower under



$\text{acc}_{eq}^*$  than under SPA. This discrepancy may be related to the findings of [Perrella et al. \(2024b\)](#), who show that  $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$  favors evaluators whose assessments fall within a continuous interval, whereas, as detailed in Appendix B, human evaluators produce discrete assessments.

**Annotation quality** Certain annotation campaigns might have produced low-quality annotations, either due to a lack of clarity in the annotation guidelines or to the ability of the raters involved. This is particularly concerning in the 2023 EN→DE test set, where, even if restricted to SPA, most human evaluators fall within the second cluster of statistical significance, alongside surface-level metrics such as BLEU.<sup>3</sup>

**Benchmarks difficulty** Current test sets might be too easy for the MT systems whose translations are being evaluated. Supporting this hypothesis, we observe that sentinel-cand-mqm, a metric that assesses only translation fluency, ranks on par with the human evaluator ESA under SPA, and even higher under  $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$  (Table 7). This suggests that the evaluated translations may differ only in minor fluency-related nuances. Arguably, to assess whether human parity has been truly achieved, future studies should compare metrics and humans in more demanding contexts. Indeed, previous research has shown that metrics may struggle in unseen domains ([Zouhar et al., 2024](#)) and lack sensitivity to specific translation errors such as incorrect number, gender ([Karpinska et al., 2022](#)), or word sense disambiguation ([Martelli et al., 2025](#)).

#### 4.1 Can We Still Measure Improvements in MT Evaluation?

As discussed, we believe claiming human parity is premature without first addressing the issues outlined above. Nonetheless, with automatic metrics ranking the same as, or higher than, human evaluators in standard benchmarks, our results raise a critical concern about our ability to measure progress in MT evaluation: What does a higher or lower ranking truly mean?

If a metric ranks higher than a human evaluator using a non-MQM protocol, is the metric a better evaluator, or does it merely align more closely with the score distribution of the MQM protocol?

<sup>3</sup>We wish to highlight that our 2023 test set features only 145 segments annotated by all human evaluators (as reported in Table 1), which might have resulted in unreliable estimates of SPA and  $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$ .

More concerningly, if a metric ranks higher than an MQM evaluator, does this suggest superior evaluation capabilities, or does it simply reflect better alignment with the specific raters who produced the gold annotations? Indeed, [Finkelstein et al. \(2024\)](#) achieved an exceptionally high agreement with gold annotations by explicitly optimizing their metric to align with the raters themselves. More generally, we argue that in current benchmarks it is unclear whether a higher ranking – relative to either a human or an automatic evaluator – reflects genuine improvements in evaluation quality or merely closer alignment with a particular annotation protocol or rater style.

To ensure the reliability of meta-evaluation, future research should focus on exploring whether the gap between human and automatic evaluators can be restored. This could be pursued in several ways, including (but not limited to) selecting more challenging test sets, using test sets adversarial to MT metrics (e.g., from domains different from their training data), producing higher-quality human annotations, or designing new annotation protocols that yield stronger inter-annotator agreement. Additionally, greater resources could be allocated to human annotation campaigns – either by collecting multiple annotations per translation to reach a consensus among annotators or by increasing the number of segments in test sets, as suggested by [Riley et al. \(2024\)](#).

## 5 Conclusions

We incorporate human baselines into the metric rankings from previous editions of the WMT Metrics Shared Task. Our results show that MT metrics frequently rank higher than human evaluators, particularly when the latter follow annotation protocols different from MQM – the protocol used as the ground truth. While our findings suggest that metrics may have reached human-level performance, we recommend caution and highlight several issues the research community should address to assess whether human parity has been truly achieved. Finally, we discuss a critical concern arising from our findings: the limits of measuring progress in MT evaluation as automatic metrics approach human baselines. In this respect, we propose research directions to ensure that progress remains measurable or, at the very least, to extend the period during which it can be reliably tracked.

## Limitations

This study required test sets annotated by multiple human evaluators. Consequently, our analysis is limited to seven test sets including four language directions.

Moreover, assessing the agreement between various human evaluators required restricting our analysis to segments annotated by all of them. As a result, some test sets contain only a small number of segments, which might reduce the reliability of the results. To mitigate this issue, our findings are supported by statistical significance analyses.

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## A Fair Extraction of Evaluators from Human Annotations

The human evaluation campaigns conducted by Freitag et al. (2021a), Freitag et al. (2023), and Riley et al. (2024) produced multiple annotations for each translation. As you can see in Table 1, there are many annotations per translation for MQM and pSQM in the test sets 2020, 2022, and 2023. As discussed in Section 2.1, these annotation campaigns distributed the annotation workload among multiple raters.

Since we derive multiple evaluators from these annotations (some used as ground truth and some as human baselines), we prevent artificially inflating their agreement by not allowing the same rater to contribute to two distinct evaluators simultaneously. For example, in the 2020 EN→DE test set, six raters provided a total of three annotations per translation. We extract three human evaluators from these annotations, using one as the ground truth and the other two as human evaluators (MQM-2020-2 and MQM-2020-3 in Table 2). To achieve this, we partition

the six raters into three groups, each forming one evaluator. However, not all raters annotated the entire set of source segments, and the distribution of workload did not allow for a partition that covered all annotated segments. Therefore, to retain the maximum number of segments in our test sets, we solved the following optimization problem: *Find the largest subset of segments and a partitioning of raters into three disjoint groups such that each group cumulatively annotated the entire subset of segments*.

Formally, let us define a test set  $t = \{s_1, \dots, s_{N_t}\}$  as a set of  $N_t$  segments. Each segment was annotated by  $k$  out of  $R$  raters, with  $\mathcal{R} = \{r_1, \dots, r_R\}$  representing the set of raters. Our goal is to determine a partition  $\Pi = \{\mathcal{R}_1, \dots, \mathcal{R}_k\}$  of  $\mathcal{R}$  and a subset  $u \subseteq t$  such that  $u$  is the largest subset in which every segment has been annotated by exactly one rater from each of the  $k$  sets in the partition  $\Pi$ .

To solve this optimization problem, we formulate it as an Integer Linear Programming (ILP) problem and solve it using the PuLP<sup>4</sup> Python library. We applied this procedure to the 2020, 2022, and 2023 test sets.

## B Human Annotations

We briefly illustrate how each annotation protocol considered works:

- Multidimensional Quality Metrics (MQM) requires annotators to identify error spans in the translated text, specifying error category and severity, to be selected among Neutral, Minor, Major, and Critical. A translation quality score is derived by assigning a penalty to each error span depending on severity (Lommel et al., 2014a; Freitag et al., 2021a).
- Error Span Annotation (ESA) requires annotators to identify error spans in the translated text, specify error severity, and later assign a scalar quality score from 0 to 100 to the translation (Kocmi et al., 2024b).
- Scalar Quality Metrics (SQM) requires annotators to assign a scalar quality score from 0 to 6 to the translated text. Following (Freitag et al., 2021a), we use ‘pSQM’ to refer to SQM conducted by professional annotators.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup><https://coin-or.github.io/pulp/>.

<sup>5</sup>In this work, we use only annotations produced by professional annotators or translators. Therefore, we exclude cSQM and Direct Assessments (DA) – which were crowdsourced – from the 2020 test sets.



- Direct Assessments + Scalar Quality Metrics (Kocmi et al., 2022a, DA+SQM) requires raters to assign a scalar quality score from 0 to 100 to the translated text. Raters are presented with seven labeled tick marks describing translation quality levels at various score thresholds, similarly to the SQM protocol.

Here, for each set of annotations employed in this work (i.e., those reported in Table 1), we indicate the reference paper that released them:

- The MQM-based and pSQM-based annotations for the test sets 2020 EN→DE and 2020 ZH→EN have been released by Freitag et al. (2021a).
- The MQM-based annotations for the test sets 2022 EN→DE and 2022 EN→ZH have been released by Freitag et al. (2022) and Riley et al. (2024).
- The DA+SQM-based annotations for the test sets 2022 EN→DE and 2022 EN→ZH have been released by Kocmi et al. (2022a).
- Three sets of MQM-based annotations for the test sets 2023 EN→DE and ZH→EN have been released by Freitag et al. (2023).
- The ESA-based annotations and the last set of MQM-based annotations (MQM-2023-4 in Table 2) for the test set 2023 EN→DE have been released by Kocmi et al. (2024b).
- The ESA-based annotations for the test set 2024 EN→ES have been released by Kocmi et al. (2024a).
- The MQM-based annotations for the test set 2024 EN→ES have been released by Freitag et al. (2024).

## C Meta-Evaluation Measures

In this section, we describe the two meta-evaluation measures used in our work, as listed in Section 2.3.

### C.1 Soft Pairwise Accuracy (SPA)

Thompson et al. (2024) introduced Soft Pairwise Accuracy (SPA) as an extension of Pairwise Accuracy (Kocmi et al., 2021, PA).

Given a test set  $t$ , which consists of  $N_t$  source segments and  $M_t$  translations generated by the respective  $M_t$  MT systems (as described in Section 2.1), PA counts how often an evaluator  $e$  ranks

system pairs in the same order as the ground truth  $g$ . Let  $a_{ij}$  be 1 if evaluator  $e$  ranks systems  $i$  and  $j$  in the same order as the ground truth and 0 otherwise, where  $i, j \in \{0, \dots, M_t\}$ . Then, PA is defined as:

$$PA = \binom{N}{2}^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{M_t} \sum_{j=i+1}^{M_t} a_{ij} \quad (1)$$

SPA extends PA by incorporating the confidence with which an evaluator and the ground truth rank two MT systems. Confidence is represented using statistical  $p$ -values. Specifically,  $p_{ij}^e$  denotes the  $p$ -value associated with the statistical hypothesis that system  $i$  is better than system  $j$  according to evaluator  $e$ , while  $p_{ij}^g$  represents the corresponding  $p$ -value for the ground truth  $g$ . SPA is then defined as follows:

$$SPA = \binom{N}{2}^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{M_t} \sum_{j=i+1}^{M_t} 1 - |p_{ij}^g - p_{ij}^e| \quad (2)$$

Thus, SPA rewards an evaluator for expressing confidence levels similar to those of the ground truth and penalizes deviations.

### C.2 Pairwise Accuracy with Tie Calibration ( $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$ )

Deutsch et al. (2023) introduced  $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$  to account for tied scores in meta-evaluation. Unlike PA and SPA,  $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$  is a segment-level measure, meaning it evaluates a metric’s ability to estimate the quality of individual translations rather than MT systems. Specifically,  $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$  counts how often an evaluator  $e$  ranks pairs of translations of the same source segment in the same order as the ground truth  $g$ , accounting for tied scores.

Let  $C$  be the number of translation pairs ranked in the same order by both the evaluator  $e$  and the ground truth  $g$ . Similarly, let  $D$  denote the pairs ranked in the opposite order. The terms  $T_e$  and  $T_g$  represent pairs tied only in the evaluator’s scores and only in the ground truth, respectively. Lastly,  $T_{eg}$  refers to pairs tied in both the evaluator’s scores and the ground truth.  $\text{acc}_{eq}^*$  is then defined as:

$$\text{acc}_{eq}^* = \frac{C + T_{eg}}{C + D + T_e + T_g + T_{eg}} \quad (3)$$

**Tie Calibration** Many automatic metrics produce assessments on a continuous scale, such as the real numbers in the interval  $[0, 1]$ . As a consequence, these metrics rarely, if ever, produce tied scores, resulting in  $T_e \approx 0$  and  $T_{eg} \approx 0$ . The Tie



Calibration algorithm addresses this issue by estimating a threshold value  $\epsilon_e$  for each evaluator  $e$ , such that two assessments  $e_i$  and  $e_j$  are considered tied if  $|e_i - e_j| \leq \epsilon_e$ .

## D Metrics

Table 3 lists the complete set of automatic evaluators considered in this work.

## E Full Rankings

Tables 4, 5, 6, and 7 present the same rankings of Table 2, but including all tested evaluators.

## F Full Rankings Varying the Ground Truth

In this section, we examine how evaluator rankings vary depending on the choice of human evaluator used as ground truth. Specifically, we use the following evaluators as ground truth:

- pSQM-1 from Table 4.
- DA+SQM from Table 6.
- MQM-2023-2 from Table 6.
- MQM-2023-3 from Table 6.
- ESA from Table 7.

We exclude the ESA-1, ESA-2, and MQM-2023-4 evaluators from the 2023 EN→DE test set, as they annotated only a limited number of segments. This increases the number of segments in the 2023 EN→DE test set from 145 to 376. Therefore, for reference, we also report results on this test set using the same evaluator as in Tables 2 and 6. Results are presented in Tables 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

As we can see, our findings remain valid when varying the evaluator selected as ground truth, with human evaluators consistently ranking the same as or lower than automatic metrics.

Metric	Reference paper	Metric	Reference paper
all-rembert-20	(Mathur et al., 2020)	metametrics_mt_mqm	(Anugraha et al., 2024)
BAQ_dyn	(Mathur et al., 2020)	metametrics_mt_mqm_qe	(Anugraha et al., 2024)
BAQ_static	(Mathur et al., 2020)	MetricX-23-QE-XXL	(Juraska et al., 2023)
BERT-base-L2	(Mathur et al., 2020)	MetricX-23-XXL	(Juraska et al., 2023)
BERT-large-L2	(Mathur et al., 2020)	MetricX-24-Hybrid	(Juraska et al., 2024)
BERTScore	(Zhang et al., 2020)	MetricX-24-Hybrid-QE	(Juraska et al., 2024)
BLCOM_1	(Freitag et al., 2024)	metricx_xxl_MQM_2020	(Freitag et al., 2022)
BLEU	(Papineni et al., 2002)	mre-score-labse-regular	(Viskov et al., 2023)
BLEURT	(Sellam et al., 2020a)	MS-COMET-22	(Kocmi et al., 2022b)
BLEURT-0.1-all	(Mathur et al., 2020)	MS-COMET-QE-22	(Kocmi et al., 2022b)
BLEURT-0.1-en	(Mathur et al., 2020)	OpenKiwi-Bert	(Kepler et al., 2019)
BLEURT-0.2	(Mathur et al., 2020)	OpenKiwi-XLMR	(Kepler et al., 2019)
BLEURT-20	(Sellam et al., 2020a)	parbleu	(Bawden et al., 2020)
bleurt-combi	(Mathur et al., 2020)	parchrf++	(Bawden et al., 2020)
BLEURT-extended	(Sellam et al., 2020b)	paresim-1	(Bawden et al., 2020)
bright-qe	(Freitag et al., 2024)	prism	(Thompson and Post, 2020a)
Calibri-COMET22	(Freitag et al., 2023)	prismRef	(Thompson and Post, 2020a,b)
Calibri-COMET22-QE	(Freitag et al., 2023)	PrismRefMedium	(Thompson and Post, 2020a,b)
CharaCTER	(Wang et al., 2016)	PrismRefSmall	(Thompson and Post, 2020a,b)
chrF	(Popović, 2015)	prismSrc	(Thompson and Post, 2020a,b)
chrF++	(Popović, 2017)	Random-sysname	(Freitag et al., 2023)
chrFS	(Mukherjee and Shrivastava, 2024)	REUSE	(Mukherjee and Shrivastava, 2022a)
COMET	(Rei et al., 2020b)	sentBLEU	(Papineni et al., 2002)
COMET-20	(Rei et al., 2020a)	sentinel-cand-mqm	(Perrella et al., 2024b)
COMET-22	(Rei et al., 2022a)	sentinel-ref-mqm	(Perrella et al., 2024b)
COMET-2R	(Rei et al., 2020b)	sentinel-src-mqm	(Perrella et al., 2024b)
COMET-HTER	(Rei et al., 2020b)	SEScore	(Xu et al., 2022)
COMET-MQM	(Rei et al., 2020b)	sescoreX	(Xu et al., 2023)
COMET-QE	(Rei et al., 2021)	spBLEU	(Team et al., 2022)
COMET-Rank	(Rei et al., 2020b)	SWSS+METEOR	(Xu et al., 2020)
COMETKiwi	(Rei et al., 2022b)	TER	(Snover et al., 2006)
CometKiwi-XL	(Rei et al., 2023)	tokengram_F	(Dreano et al., 2023b)
CometKiwi-XXL	(Rei et al., 2023)	UniTE	(Wan et al., 2022b,a)
cometoid22-wmt22	(Gowda et al., 2023)	UniTE-src	(Wan et al., 2022b)
damonmonli	(Freitag et al., 2024)	XCOMET	(Guerreiro et al., 2024)
docWMT22CometDA	(Vernikos et al., 2022)	XCOMET-Ensemble	(Guerreiro et al., 2024)
docWMT22CometKiwiDA	(Vernikos et al., 2022)	XCOMET-QE	(Guerreiro et al., 2024)
eBLEU	(ElNokrashy and Kocmi, 2023)	XCOMET-QE-Ensemble	(Guerreiro et al., 2024)
EED	(Stanchev et al., 2019)	XLsim	(Mukherjee and Shrivastava, 2023)
embed_llama	(Dreano et al., 2023a)	XLsimMqm	(Mukherjee and Shrivastava, 2023)
esim	(Mathur et al., 2019)	YiSi-0	(Lo, 2019)
f200spBLEU	(Team et al., 2022)	YiSi-1	(Lo, 2019)
GEMBA-MQM	(Kocmi and Federmann, 2023a)	YiSi-2	(Lo, 2019)
gemba_esa	(Freitag et al., 2024)	Yisi-combi	(Mathur et al., 2020)
HWTSC-Teacher-Sim	(Liu et al., 2022)	yisi1-translate	(Mathur et al., 2020)
KG-BERTScore	(Wu et al., 2023)	mbr-metricx-qe	(Naskar et al., 2023)
MaTESe	(Perrella et al., 2022)	mBERT-L2	(Mathur et al., 2020)
MaTESe-QE	(Perrella et al., 2022)	MEE	(Mukherjee et al., 2020)
MEE4	(Mukherjee and Shrivastava, 2022b)		

Table 3: List of all automatic evaluators considered, i.e., MT metrics, associated with their reference papers. Metrics without dedicated papers cite the Metrics Shared Task results paper in which they appeared.

Metric	EN→DE				ZH→EN			
	SPA		$\text{acc}_{eq}^*$		SPA		$\text{acc}_{eq}^*$	
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.
MQM-2020-2	1	96.45	1	58.86	1	88.10	1	55.70
pSQM-1	1	95.59	6	49.41	1	79.16	13	43.89
MQM-2020-3	2	90.39	2	56.84	1	92.06	2	52.80
BLEURT-0.2	2	86.81	4	50.81	2	72.59	3	50.57
pSQM-2	2	85.87	9	46.97	1	89.33	9	46.77
BLEURT-20	2	85.52	3	51.68	3	67.46	4	50.12
pSQM-3	2	84.61	6	49.38	1	87.94	7	47.88
all-rembert-20	3	79.19	4	51.04	3	66.41	3	50.61
BLEURT-extended	3	75.55	5	50.21	3	64.00	3	50.74
COMET-MQM	4	71.39	7	48.21	4	55.43	6	48.49
BLEURT-0.1-all	4	71.38	7	48.63	2	71.04	5	49.54
COMET	4	71.09	8	47.36	4	56.01	5	49.28
COMET-QE*	4	70.59	8	47.82	3	58.37	8	47.09
COMET-HTER	5	65.71	8	47.62	4	54.79	5	49.30
mBERT-L2	5	65.03	10	45.48	4	56.49	6	48.97
COMET-2R	6	58.12	9	46.43	4	55.99	4	50.20
COMET-Rank	6	54.78	14	41.31	3	58.16	14	43.57
OpenKiwi-XLMR*	6	53.25	11	44.11	4	53.29	8	47.23
OpenKiwi-Bert*	6	52.01	16	39.98	3	59.55	11	45.13
prism	6	51.92	11	43.59	4	57.88	8	47.56
Yisi-combi	7	51.10	12	42.63	—	—	—	—
bleurt-combi	7	51.10	12	42.63	—	—	—	—
esim	7	50.72	14	41.35	4	52.90	10	46.19
chrF	7	49.86	13	42.05	5	47.70	13	44.09
EED	7	49.81	15	40.94	5	45.41	14	43.64
paresim-1	7	49.54	14	41.37	4	53.34	10	46.15
chrF++	7	48.87	13	41.99	5	48.96	12	44.27
YiSi-1	7	48.79	12	42.70	4	52.74	7	48.01
CharacTER	7	47.71	16	40.45	5	48.84	13	44.01
BLEURT-0.1-en	7	47.43	15	40.96	4	57.29	7	48.26
YiSi-0	7	46.23	17	39.78	5	46.47	14	43.60
TER	7	45.98	16	40.15	6	39.68	15	43.34
parchrF++	7	45.57	13	42.25	5	48.68	12	44.25
MEE	7	45.31	14	41.61	4	52.91	13	43.94
sentBLEU	7	44.41	15	41.07	4	50.45	15	43.37
parbleu	8	41.38	15	41.01	4	50.28	15	43.43
yisi1-translate	8	39.76	12	42.60	4	52.28	11	44.70
YiSi-2*	8	38.44	18	34.36	5	43.35	12	44.60

Table 4: 2020

Metric	EN→DE				EN→ZH			
	SPA		$\text{acc}_{eq}^*$		SPA		$\text{acc}_{eq}^*$	
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.
MetricX-23-QE-XXL*	1	94.89	3	57.64	2	83.92	2	47.43
MQM-2022-2	1	94.49	6	55.55	2	80.82	3	47.05
MQM-2022-3	1	92.59	1	61.06	1	87.22	2	47.56
MetricX-23-XXL	2	92.34	2	59.27	1	87.69	1	48.43
COMET-22	2	91.63	5	56.51	2	84.08	3	46.74
COMET-20	2	91.28	9	52.42	2	80.56	7	43.81
CometKiwi*	2	89.51	7	53.77	3	75.36	8	43.21
BLEURT-20	3	88.20	7	53.33	3	77.80	7	43.84
metricx_xxl_MQM_2020	3	88.10	3	57.43	1	87.04	3	46.89
COMET-QE*	3	85.51	10	51.69	3	78.33	7	43.61
MS-COMET-22	3	85.37	8	53.13	1	85.18	6	44.92
CometKiwi-XXL*	3	84.43	7	53.27	2	81.25	2	47.28
UniTE	4	82.77	4	57.03	2	83.88	5	45.86
UniTE-src*	4	81.55	6	55.00	4	65.74	7	43.53
CometKiwi-XL*	4	81.13	8	52.73	2	81.56	4	46.33
YiSi-1	4	78.91	13	48.26	4	70.72	8	43.23
MATESE	5	78.03	7	53.48	—	—	—	—
BERTScore	5	75.61	14	47.57	4	70.69	8	43.28
SEScore	5	75.16	12	50.45	—	—	—	—
MS-COMET-QE-22*	5	74.44	12	50.37	2	78.84	9	42.51
MEE4	5	74.19	15	46.81	—	—	—	—
chrF	5	73.05	16	46.38	3	72.67	10	41.87
f200spBLEU	5	71.04	15	46.84	4	71.76	10	41.85
HWTSC-Teacher-Sim*	5	69.68	13	48.10	4	68.43	11	40.53
DA+SQM	6	66.61	16	46.03	2	82.95	12	36.26
MATESE-QE*	6	65.42	11	51.06	—	—	—	—
BLEU	6	65.00	15	46.51	4	67.31	13	34.28
REUSE*	7	37.95	17	43.58	5	33.46	12	35.89

Table 5: 2022



Metric	EN→DE				ZH→EN			
	SPA		$acc_{eq}^*$		SPA		$acc_{eq}^*$	
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.
GEMBA-MQM*	1	94.52	5	58.52	1	93.17	3	52.80
MQM-2023-3	1	93.51	5	58.42	1	95.54	5	51.65
CometKiwi-XXL*	1	93.22	5	58.46	1	92.86	6	50.94
MQM-2023-2	1	93.15	6	57.71	1	95.18	2	52.90
CometKiwi-XL*	1	93.11	6	57.38	2	92.02	6	50.71
MetricX-23-XXL	1	92.57	2	61.82	2	91.58	2	53.13
XCOMET-QE-Ensemble*	1	92.48	4	59.89	2	90.54	3	52.87
cometoid22-wmt22*	1	92.43	5	58.09	2	90.09	7	50.23
COMET	1	92.33	7	56.65	4	87.18	9	48.42
XCOMET-Ensemble	1	92.21	3	60.99	2	91.15	1	54.59
MetricX-23-QE-XXL*	1	92.12	1	62.53	3	88.30	2	53.26
Calibri-COMET22	1	92.01	10	51.26	4	87.02	16	44.57
docWMT22CometDA	1	91.76	8	54.71	4	87.41	13	46.15
sescoreX	1	91.66	8	54.76	4	85.73	13	46.39
DA+SQM	2	91.24	14	46.79	4	86.28	22	39.42
Calibri-COMET22-QE*	2	90.80	11	50.33	4	87.59	11	47.24
ESA-1	2	90.39	14	46.71	–	–	–	–
BLEURT-20	2	90.35	8	55.19	4	87.36	9	48.63
mbr-metricx-qe*	2	89.98	5	58.75	3	88.55	4	52.04
prismRef	2	89.92	11	50.72	5	82.50	14	46.06
docWMT22CometKiwiDA*	2	89.92	8	55.30	2	90.95	10	47.83
MS-COMET-QE-22*	2	89.85	8	54.55	4	87.59	10	47.81
f200spBLEU	2	89.24	11	50.54	5	81.12	18	43.33
CometKiwi*	2	89.23	6	57.74	3	89.37	5	51.74
mre-score-labse-regular	2	89.14	10	51.12	4	87.14	17	43.80
ESA-2	2	89.11	12	49.70	–	–	–	–
YiSi-1	2	88.96	9	53.15	4	85.70	12	46.68
MQM-2023-4	2	88.93	14	46.68	–	–	–	–
KG-BERTScore*	2	88.79	7	56.98	3	89.31	8	49.75
MaTese	2	88.40	9	53.36	2	92.06	7	50.34
BLEU	2	88.02	12	50.06	6	80.92	19	43.13
BERTscore	2	87.33	11	50.88	5	84.68	15	45.79
MEE4	2	87.07	10	51.62	6	80.51	19	42.94
XLsim	2	86.58	10	51.01	6	81.00	19	42.84
tokengram_F	3	85.60	12	49.72	5	81.01	18	43.52
chrF	4	84.25	12	49.54	5	81.47	17	43.72
eBLEU	4	83.87	13	48.96	6	80.44	20	42.55
embed_llama	4	81.33	14	47.12	4	84.84	21	41.05
Random-sysname*	5	59.47	16	39.07	7	54.34	23	34.49
prismSrc*	6	30.03	15	40.89	8	35.54	22	39.28

Table 6: 2023

Metric	EN→ES			
	SPA		$acc_{eq}^*$	
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.
CometKiwi-XXL*	1	86.12	4	67.24
gemba_esa*	1	85.72	3	67.68
COMET-22	1	82.37	5	66.60
bright-qe*	1	81.77	4	67.39
ESA	2	80.12	8	63.84
XCOMET-QE*	2	80.10	3	67.99
metametrics_mt_mqm_hybrid_kendall	2	80.10	1	68.95
XCOMET	2	79.96	2	68.67
MetricX-24-Hybrid	2	79.75	1	69.20
BLCOM_1	2	79.17	6	65.02
MetricX-24-Hybrid-QE*	2	79.09	2	68.92
sentinel-cand-mqm*	2	78.54	5	66.39
BLEURT-20	2	75.96	7	64.48
metametrics_mt_mqm_qe_kendall.seg.s*	3	73.29	4	67.49
CometKiwi*	3	71.74	5	66.51
PrismRefMedium	3	70.93	11	61.39
PrismRefSmall	3	70.52	10	61.51
YiSi-1	3	70.51	11	61.44
BERTScore	3	67.75	11	61.41
chrF	3	66.73	13	61.05
damonmonli	3	66.37	9	62.10
chrF5	4	64.31	11	61.37
spBLEU	4	63.19	12	61.08
BLEU	5	60.67	13	61.04
MEE4	5	60.36	10	61.57
sentinel-ref-mqm	6	44.19	13	61.04
sentinel-src-mqm*	6	44.19	13	61.04
XLsimMqm*	6	39.25	12	61.11

Table 7: 2024

Metric	ZH→EN			
	SPA		$\text{acc}_{eq}^*$	
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.
pSQM-3	1	83.42	6	65.23
MQM-2020-2	1	80.56	6	65.22
MQM-2020-3	1	80.34	6	65.22
MQM-2020-1	1	79.55	6	65.22
pSQM-2	1	74.02	4	65.26
BERT-large-L2	1	70.19	3	65.38
COMET	1	68.58	1	65.64
SWSS+METEOR	2	67.26	4	65.26
MEE	2	67.07	6	65.22
prism	2	66.01	5	65.25
sentBLEU	2	65.70	5	65.25
parbleu	2	65.63	6	65.23
BLEURT	2	65.28	2	65.49
YiSi-1	2	64.71	6	65.22
yisi1-translate	2	64.32	6	65.23
CharacTER	2	63.99	6	65.23
all-rembert-20	2	63.48	2	65.47
BLEURT-20	2	63.10	3	65.38
paresim-1	2	62.79	4	65.30
esim	2	62.42	4	65.30
chrF++	3	62.38	6	65.23
BLEURT-0.1-en	3	62.22	2	65.47
COMET-2R	3	62.10	1	65.61
parchrF++	3	61.92	5	65.24
EED	3	60.91	6	65.23
mBERT-L2	3	60.84	2	65.43
chrF	3	60.81	4	65.25
YiSi-0	3	60.55	5	65.25
BLEURT-0.2	3	60.54	3	65.34
COMET-Rank	3	59.97	6	65.22
BLEURT-extended	3	59.90	3	65.36
BAQ_static	3	59.89	6	65.22
BLEURT-0.1-all	3	59.80	4	65.25
BERT-base-L2	3	59.57	2	65.49
COMET-HTER	3	58.88	2	65.42
COMET-MQM	3	58.27	5	65.25
BAQ_dyn	3	58.12	6	65.22
COMET-QE*	3	57.83	4	65.26
TER	3	56.12	5	65.25
OpenKiwi-Bert*	3	55.35	5	65.25
OpenKiwi-XLMR*	3	50.98	4	65.30
YiSi-2*	4	48.35	4	65.27

Table 8: The test set is 2020 ZH→EN. The evaluator selected as the ground truth follows the pSQM protocol (pSQM-1 in Table 4).

Metric	EN→DE			
	SPA		$acc_{eq}^*$	
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.
MetricX-23-QE-XXL*	1	95.11	3	58.41
GEMBA-MQM*	1	94.89	14	43.06
CometKiwi*	1	94.83	3	58.21
KG-BERTScore*	1	94.57	5	57.16
MQM-2023-3	1	94.24	13	46.99
docWMT22CometKiwiDA*	1	94.22	2	58.60
CometKiwi-XL*	1	94.16	2	58.80
MS-COMET-QE-22*	1	94.04	7	55.66
CometKiwi-XXL*	1	93.98	1	59.66
MetricX-23-XXL	2	93.31	3	58.06
COMET	2	92.80	3	58.42
docWMT22CometDA	2	92.45	2	58.95
mre-score-labse-regular	2	92.30	8	54.75
MQM-2023-1	2	92.10	15	42.20
Calibri-COMET22	2	92.02	3	58.17
mbr-metricx-qe*	2	91.94	3	58.26
MQM-2023-2	2	91.40	11	48.91
cometoid22-wmt22*	2	91.34	5	57.06
sescorX	2	91.22	4	57.41
BLEURT-20	3	90.66	5	57.26
prismRef	3	89.58	10	54.16
Calibri-COMET22-QE*	3	89.55	8	55.22
YiSi-1	3	89.41	6	56.64
XLsim	3	87.93	6	56.47
XCOMET-Ensemble	4	87.77	4	57.82
XCOMET-QE-Ensemble*	4	87.34	6	56.40
eBLEU	4	87.33	10	53.91
BERTscore	4	86.83	7	56.13
f200spBLEU	4	86.82	8	54.97
MaTESe	4	86.69	16	37.35
MEE4	4	86.12	7	55.93
BLEU	5	84.45	10	53.63
tokengram_F	5	83.15	8	54.98
chrF	5	82.45	9	54.74
embed_llama	5	81.27	9	54.28
Random-sysname*	6	60.55	12	47.94
prismSrc*	7	28.59	11	48.54

Table 9: The test set is 2023 EN→DE. The evaluator selected as the ground truth follows the DA+SQM protocol (DA+SQM in Table 6). Different from Tables 2 and 6, we exclude the evaluators ESA-1, ESA-2, and MQM-2023-4, because they annotated a limited number of translations. This way, we increase the number of segments in the test set from 145 to 376.



Metric	EN→DE			
	SPA		$acc_{eq}^*$	
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.
MQM-2023-3	1	97.09	7	56.62
GEMBA-MQM*	1	97.09	5	59.18
CometKiwi-XXL*	1	95.96	7	56.43
CometKiwi-XL*	1	95.47	6	57.33
MQM-2023-2	1	95.20	4	60.04
docWMT22CometDA	1	94.99	10	53.86
MetricX-23-XXL	2	94.93	2	61.65
XCOMET-Ensemble	2	94.58	1	62.23
MetricX-23-QE-XXL*	2	94.52	3	61.14
COMET	2	94.39	8	55.71
XCOMET-QE-Ensemble*	2	94.14	4	59.89
docWMT22CometKiwiDA*	2	93.70	10	53.55
BLEURT-20	2	93.35	9	54.83
Calibri-COMET22-QE*	2	93.25	14	49.62
cometoid22-wmt22*	2	92.43	7	56.73
CometKiwi*	3	92.27	7	56.76
DA+SQM	3	92.10	18	43.68
KG-BERTScore*	3	92.05	9	54.40
sescoreX	3	91.99	10	53.99
YiSi-1	3	91.28	11	51.66
mbr-metricx-qe*	3	91.22	8	56.19
MS-COMET-QE-22*	3	90.70	10	53.51
prismRef	3	90.22	14	49.74
Calibri-COMET22	3	88.28	14	49.54
XLsim	4	88.01	13	50.31
mre-score-labse-regular	4	87.47	13	49.85
BERTscore	4	87.01	12	50.48
f200spBLEU	4	86.90	13	50.37
MaTESe	4	86.73	7	56.23
eBLEU	4	86.24	16	48.30
MEE4	4	86.05	12	50.81
BLEU	5	84.48	15	49.18
tokengram_F	5	83.85	14	49.51
chrF	5	83.34	14	49.44
embed_llama	5	80.09	17	45.05
Random-sysname*	6	61.26	20	38.19
prismSrc*	7	28.88	19	40.02

Table 10: The test set is 2023 EN→DE. The evaluator selected as the ground truth follows the MQM protocol (it is the evaluator selected as ground truth in Table 6). Different from Tables 2 and 6, we exclude the evaluators ESA-1, ESA-2, and MQM-2023-4, because they annotated a limited number of translations. This way, we increase the number of segments in the test set from 145 to 376.

Metric	EN→DE			
	SPA		$acc_{eq}^*$	
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.
BLEURT-20	1	97.12	6	60.66
MetricX-23-XXL	1	96.51	1	64.61
docWMT22CometDA	1	96.41	8	59.16
CometKiwi-XXL*	1	96.40	4	61.57
GEMBA-MQM*	1	96.19	8	58.96
CometKiwi-XL*	1	95.88	6	60.45
COMET	1	95.82	5	61.31
MQM-2023-3	1	95.50	8	59.25
MQM-2023-1	1	95.20	7	60.03
mbr-metricx-qe*	1	95.12	3	62.39
MetricX-23-QE-XXL*	2	94.99	2	63.51
Calibri-COMET22-QE*	2	94.48	15	51.95
docWMT22CometKiwiDA*	2	94.47	9	57.58
XCOMET-Ensemble	2	93.81	1	64.20
sescorX	2	93.51	7	59.94
CometKiwi*	2	93.04	6	60.24
KG-BERTScore*	2	92.78	8	59.06
XCOMET-QE-Ensemble*	3	92.71	4	61.92
DA+SQM	3	91.40	16	48.92
MS-COMET-QE-22*	3	91.34	9	57.54
cometoid22-wmt22*	3	91.22	5	61.07
YiSi-1	3	90.47	9	57.50
mre-score-labse-regular	3	90.02	10	56.50
prismRef	3	89.92	12	55.16
f200spBLEU	3	89.09	11	55.81
XLsim	4	88.77	11	55.49
Calibri-COMET22	4	88.37	11	55.67
eBLEU	4	88.19	14	54.13
BERTscore	4	88.09	10	56.27
BLEU	4	87.09	13	54.61
MaTESe	4	86.49	13	54.19
MEE4	4	86.46	10	56.41
tokengram_F	4	86.12	11	55.66
chrF	4	85.53	11	55.50
embed_llama	5	80.95	15	51.39
Random-sysname*	6	59.64	18	42.43
prismSrc*	7	25.26	17	43.73

Table 11: The test set is 2023 EN→DE. The evaluator selected as the ground truth follows the MQM protocol (MQM-2023-2 in Table 6). Different from Tables 2 and 6, we exclude the evaluators ESA-1, ESA-2, and MQM-2023-4, because they annotated a limited number of translations. This way, we increase the number of segments in the test set from 145 to 376.

Metric	EN→DE			
	SPA		$acc_{eq}^*$	
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.
GEMBA-MQM*	1	97.98	7	55.71
CometKiwi-XXL*	1	97.96	4	58.36
CometKiwi-XL*	1	97.49	5	57.78
<b>MQM-2023-1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>97.09</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>56.46</b>
MetricX-23-XXL	1	96.86	1	61.26
docWMT22CometDA	1	96.82	6	56.98
MetricX-23-QE-XXL*	1	96.47	2	60.55
COMET	2	96.30	4	58.63
docWMT22CometKiwiDA*	2	96.09	8	54.86
<b>MQM-2023-2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>95.50</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59.25</b>
CometKiwi*	2	94.67	5	57.83
KG-BERTScore*	2	94.45	6	56.67
sescoreX	2	94.31	5	57.58
<b>DA+SQM</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>94.24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>46.99</b>
BLEURT-20	3	94.18	4	58.68
Calibri-COMET22-QE*	3	94.01	13	49.98
YiSi-1	3	93.19	7	55.64
MS-COMET-QE-22*	3	93.17	7	55.46
mbr-metricx-qe*	3	93.06	3	59.30
XCOMET-Ensemble	3	92.64	2	60.61
prismRef	3	92.58	10	53.57
cometoid22-wmt22*	3	92.55	4	58.50
XCOMET-QE-Ensemble*	3	92.14	3	59.43
Calibri-COMET22	4	90.86	10	53.18
XLsim	4	90.86	8	54.63
BERTscore	4	89.67	9	54.30
f200spBLEU	4	89.56	9	54.06
mre-score-labse-regular	4	89.14	8	54.47
MEE4	4	88.72	8	54.40
eBLEU	4	88.67	11	53.06
BLEU	5	87.13	11	52.76
tokengram_F	5	86.17	10	53.62
chrF	5	85.58	10	53.51
MaTESe	5	84.75	12	52.12
embed_llama	5	82.93	13	50.10
Random-sysname*	6	58.48	16	41.27
prismSrc*	7	28.67	15	44.52

Table 12: The test set is 2023 EN→DE. The evaluator selected as the ground truth follows the MQM protocol (MQM-2023-3 in Table 6). Different from Tables 2 and 6, we exclude the evaluators ESA-1, ESA-2, and MQM-2023-4, because they annotated a limited number of translations. This way, we increase the number of segments in the test set from 145 to 376.

Metric	EN→ES			
	SPA		$acc_{eq}^*$	
	Rank	Acc.	Rank	Acc.
COMET-22	1	86.90	2	53.11
BLCOM_1	1	86.12	2	53.00
XCOMET	1	84.88	3	52.35
metametrics_mt_mqm_hybrid_kendall	1	84.80	1	53.92
XCOMET-QE*	1	83.67	4	51.01
PrismRefMedium	1	83.07	5	50.62
MetricX-24-Hybrid	2	82.96	2	53.13
BLEURT-20	2	82.19	2	52.93
gemba_esa*	2	81.37	10	40.86
MetricX-24-Hybrid-QE*	2	80.93	4	51.35
PrismRefSmall	2	80.84	4	51.23
<b>MQM-2024</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>80.13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34.61</b>
sentinel-cand-mqm*	2	79.06	6	50.23
YiSi-1	2	78.76	3	51.88
BERTScore	2	78.28	4	50.88
metametrics_mt_mqm_qe_kendall.seg.s*	3	77.05	7	49.17
CometKiwi-XXL*	3	76.51	5	50.86
bright-qe*	3	75.73	9	43.46
MEE4	3	75.20	4	51.03
CometKiwi*	3	74.39	5	50.47
chrfS	3	73.90	4	51.05
chrF	4	70.94	5	50.69
spBLEU	4	70.77	6	49.81
BLEU	4	69.37	7	49.43
damonmonli	4	63.34	8	48.14
sentinel-ref-mqm	5	54.36	12	15.38
sentinel-src-mqm*	5	54.36	12	15.38
XLsimMqm*	5	39.32	9	43.02

Table 13: The test set is 2024. The evaluator selected as the ground truth follows the ESA protocol (ESA in Table 7).