

# Human-Labeled Visual Instruction Tasks Enhance Multimodal Reasoning in Flan-VLMs

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## Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 7 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: What is the impact of incorporating human-labeled visual instruction tasks on the multimodal reasoning performance of Flan-VLMs, as evaluated by VQA accuracy on OK-VQA and GQA benchmarks. 6 claims were extracted from source literature; 6 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 8.8/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: Large Language Models are Visual Reasoning Coordinators. Research question: What is the impact of incorporating human-labeled visual instruction tasks on the multimodal reasoning performance of Flan-VLMs, as evaluated by VQA accuracy on OK-VQA and GQA benchmarks?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 7 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.8/10.

## 3 Results

7 papers retrieved. 6 claims extracted; 6 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.8/10.

## 4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

## 5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
Multiple vision-language models (VLMs) have been proposed with excellent commonsense reasoning ability in various domain	✓	0.32
Existing methods like ensemble struggle to aggregate these models with the desired higher-order communications.	✓	0.28
A large language model (LLM) can efficiently coordinate multiple VLMs by facilitating natural language communication tha	✓	0.37
Cola-FT achieves state-of-the-art performance on visual question answering (VQA), outside knowledge VQA, visual entailme	✓	0.37
Cola-Zero exhibits competitive performance in zero and few-shot settings, without finetuning.	✓	0.27
A coordinator LLM comprehends the instruction prompts as well as the separate functionalities of VLMs; it then coordinat	✓	0.38

## References

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