

The **Neurodivergent Scale for Interacting with Robots (NSIR)** can be applied to the Rizvi paper as an empirical tool to measure whether robots are, in fact, "ready to deliver autism inclusion" from the user's perspective.

The paper, titled "*Are Robots Ready to Deliver Autism Inclusion*", discusses the challenges and potential of socially assistive robots (SARs) in supporting autistic individuals and promoting inclusion. The NSIR provides a crucial framework for evaluating these outcomes across its three dimensions:

Anthropomorphic Connection/Kinship

- The paper implicitly asks whether current robot designs are engaging and effective enough to foster meaningful interactions.
- The NSIR can measure if the robots used for inclusion are perceived as relatable or companions rather than just tools. Items like "**The robot is more like me than anyone else I know**" and "**I gave my robot a name**" would quantify the user's sense of personal connection and acceptance of the robot in their social world.

Social Comfort/Trust

- The core goal of autism inclusion efforts involving robots is to build social skills and comfort in a safe environment.
- The NSIR items in this dimension (e.g., "**My robot can tell what I am feeling, when I am sad, it can tell I am sad**") directly assess the user's feeling of comfort and the perceived social intelligence of the robot. A high score on this dimension would indicate the robot is successfully creating a trustworthy and comfortable environment for social interaction.

Safety

- As the paper is about a vulnerable population and a new technology, ensuring safety is paramount.
- The NSIR's **safety** dimension provides a user-reported measure of security. This is essential for ensuring that the push for inclusion with robots does not inadvertently introduce new risks or make the individuals feel exposed or threatened.

The NSIR allows researchers to move beyond theoretical readiness and gather concrete data on the actual user experience to answer the question posed by Rizvi: "*Are Robots Ready to Deliver Autism Inclusion*."

Would you like to examine how the scale might apply to another article from the document, or maybe compare the concepts of "**inclusion**" and "**integration**"?