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I do not have that much to say. I was at the Vienna meeting and was not able to be there in Philadelphia - but this sounds very much like what I would have expected of that second meeting. This is not a research paper but is an account of discussions. I have no idea if it is accurate or it misses important things that were talked about in Philadelphia - but that would seem unlikely from the collaborative nature of the authorship and this group.

This is a hugely important initiative and it is really announced in this article for the first time. It would be great if Systematic Reviews could foster this initiative even more, perhaps by being the journal to go to for the details of each of the evolving software on the 'backbone' they describe.

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