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I have no idea why this took ages – a [meta-research institute that is run by experienced researchers](#). Yes, experienced researchers and not just by an EU, agency or a local government body that relies mainly on its common sense, its self-constructed evaluation scale and influenced by a political agenda.

In response to growing concern over the inability to replicate many studies, John Ioannidis and Steven Goodman have founded a center in the Department of Health Research and Policy at Stanford University. The newly minted Meta-Research Innovation Center (METRICS) has set an ambitious agenda for itself: to identify and minimize “persistent threats to biomedical/scientific research quality”.

The internet address of the new center is <http://med.stanford.edu/metrics>. Unfortunately, the [German initiative](#) became largely meaningless after the dismissal of its [founding director](#).

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