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Users need accounts

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Only users can submit

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Any user can submit

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Users must undergo training in order to join

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Submissions will be evaluated by a publicly known committee composed of reputable members

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Users submit updates to the tree in the form of Rule (fully specified with conditions or existing rule code + new condition statement) + reference(s) + label. References can be research papers, the submitter’s own arguments, etc. Users can also submit labels for existing nodes (providing references).

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Submissions will be evaluated first based on a basic logic that looks for contradictions. If a contradiction is found, it will be returned to the submitter for revision, who can contact the committee for help if he disagrees that it is a contradiction.

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If no contradictions are found, the submission is first passed randomly to a member of the committee to verify that the references are legitimate and somehow relevant to the proposed rule. Authors of references, or submitters, cannot be chosen for this role.

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The member will attempt to read the references, and will revise the phrasing of the rule as appropriate. The member will also update a code branch with new rules discovered, and add references to existing nodes as relevant.

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If relevant references for a certain label for a node number 2 or more and outnumber references against that label, that node is added to a queue for evaluation by the committee

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The committee will examine relevant references somehow (either with everyone reading the same stuff, or with the work being divided) to extract conditions relevant for the ethics. The reading will begin with the most recently submitted reference and then will proceed to the oldest existing one and move forward.

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If new conditions are found, they will be proposed in a code branch by the finder(s)

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If no new conditions are found, everyone will vote on 1) for the label that is currently favored (wrt the number of references), 2) against the currently favored label, or 3) that there is no enough evidence for a vote to be valid at this time.

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The above will proceed starting with new proposed conditions. Conditions will be logically processed and then presented in a logical but otherwise random order to all members of the committee, who will vote on them as above. If someone wants to revise something before they vote, they will revise it and then reset the vote for everyone. The tree’s logic will be checked automatically before each vote. The vote will end with the original proposed rule being evaluated, possibly in a new, revised conditional form.

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from start to finish (i.e. the moment it enters the queue), there will be a certain time limit, e.g. 31 24 hour days, for a proposal to be integrated in this way

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The above ensures, to the extent possible, that all new references that enter the tree are legitimate, and that the tree is thoroughly consistent with all references, barring nodes with TBD-type labels.

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User accounts cannot be anonymous; they must be linked to a verified email address, linkedin, researchgate, google scholar, a verified twitter account, or a verified facebook account (or something).

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For privacy and ethical reasons, user evaluations will be stored locally and never transmitted over the web

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For ethical reasons, the raw data, as it is subject to updating, will not be distributed; only the updated data will be available online

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Also for ethical reasons, all edits to the tree can be viewed easily (maybe just via github at first)