

PHILOSOPHY

# THE JOURNEY IS THE REWARD

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The analysis of a large dataset can be done in many different ways. At least in my experience documentation is getting confusing after many weeks of work – what has been done at which time? Can I reproduce my earlier findings? Where are the latest figures? What remains to be done? ...

This is an ever increasing problem. Some information is documented in lab books, other in clinical journals, or even sitting on a server database where it may change over time. I have therefore described my own documentation procedure in a [PDF paper](#) that is online at this site.

With a quick view at the figure you will see that I am (mis-)using spreadsheets for documentation. Please note (1) the drop down arrows at date and task that can be used for selecting lines even of long lists and (2) that tabs can be used for fast switching between results (3) one tab contains all analysis scripts (4) and one tab all links.

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