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# BLIND ALLEYS

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From [Slashdot](#) today:

Scientific discovery is fraught with false starts and blind alleys. As a result, labs accumulate vast amounts of valuable knowledge on what not to do, and what does not work. Trouble is, this knowledge is not shared using the usual method of scientific communication: the peer-reviewed article. It remains within the lab, or at the most shared informally among close colleagues. As it stands, the scientific culture discourages sharing negative results. Byte Size Biology reports on a forthcoming journal whose aim is to change this: the [Journal of Serendipitous and Unexpected Results](#).

Some time ago I registered also un-published.net, may be that domain should be forwarded to jsur.org or jnrbm.com, or maybe a wiki would be better? Yea, yea.

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