

Biblatex-SBL *ibidem* and *idem* Test File

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This file tests the behaviour of the various options related to using *ibidem* and *idem* in Biblatex-SBL. By default neither *ibidem* nor *idem* are used.¹ When referencing multiple works by the same author within a footnote, subsequent references use only the family name of the author.² This corresponds to the biblatex option `idemtracker=sbl`.

Using *ibidem*

By default `ibid.` is not used across page breaks and *ibidem* is taken to mean ‘same author + same title + same page’.³ See `biblatex-sbl.pdf` for a description of the options `ibidtracker` can take. It is recommended to use `ibidtracker=constrict` for SBL compliance.

BIBLATEX OUTPUT

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\usepackage[style=sbl,ibidtracker=constrict]{biblatex}
\autocite[127]{talbert:1992}
    1. Charles H. Talbert, Reading John: A Literary and Theological Commentary on the Fourth Gospel and the Johannine Epistles (New York: Crossroad, 1992), 127.
\autocite[22]{talbert:1992}
    2. ibid., 22.
\autocite[22]{talbert:1992}
    3. ibid.
\autocite[237]{robinson+koester:1971}
    4. James M. Robinson and Helmut Koester, Trajectories through Early Christianity (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1971), 237.
\autocite[22]{talbert:1992}
    5. Talbert, Reading John, 22.
\clearpage
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1. See <https://sblhs2.com/2018/02/01/cms-update-ibid/>.
2. See <https://sblhs2.com/2016/10/11/placement-citations-traditional/>.
3. See <https://sblhs2.com/2017/01/05/subsequent-bibliographic-references/>.

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\autocite[22]{talbert:1992}
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6. Talbert, *Reading John*, 22.

Using *ibidem* across pages

Set the pagetracker option to false to allow the first citation on a page to be *ibid*.

BIBLATEX OUTPUT

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\usepackage[style=sbl,ibidtracker=constrict,pagetracker=false]{biblatex}
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\autocite[53]{scott+etal:1993}
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7. Bernard Brandon Scott et al., *Reading New Testament Greek* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1993), 53.

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\autocite[42]{scott+etal:1993}
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8. *ibid.*, 42.

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\autocite[42]{scott+etal:1993}
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9. *ibid.*

***Ibidem* meaning ‘same author + same title’**

Turn off the `ibidpage` option to indicate that *ibidem* should mean ‘same author + same title’.

BIBLATEX OUTPUT

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\usepackage[style=sbl,ibidtracker=constrict,ibidpage=false]{biblatex}
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\autocite[28]{egger:1996}
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10. Wilhelm Egger, *How to Read the New Testament: An Introduction to Linguistic and Historical-Critical Methodology*, trans. Peter Heinegg (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1996), 28.

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\autocite[28]{egger:1996}
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11. *ibid.*, 28.

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\autocite[291]{egger:1996}
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12. *ibid.*, 291.

Using *idem*

By default *idem* is not used. Rather only the family name of the author is given for subsequent references when works by the same author are cited within a single footnote. *Idem* tracking is controlled using the `idemtracker` option. See `biblatex-sbl.pdf` for a description of the options `idemtracker` can take. To comply with SBL style, `idemtracker=citation` should be used.⁴

BIBLATEX OUTPUT

```
\usepackage[style=sbl,idemtracker=citation]{biblatex}
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\autocites[35]{vanseters:1997}{vanseters:1995}
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13. John Van Seters, *In Search of History: Historiography in the Ancient World and the Origins of Biblical History* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1983; repr., Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1997), 35; *idem*, “The Theology of the Yahwist: A Preliminary Sketch,” in “*Wer ist wie du, Herr, unter den Göttern?*”: *Studien zur Theologie und Religionsgeschichte Israels für Otto Kaiser zum 70. Geburtstag*, ed. Ingo Kottsieper et al. (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1995), 219–28.

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\autocites[35]{vanseters:1997}[222]{vanseters:1995}
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14. Van Seters, *In Search of History*, 35; *idem*, “Theology of the Yahwist,” 222.

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15. Van Seters, *In Search of History*, 35.

4. See <https://sblhs2.com/2017/01/10/idem/>.

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