#### 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.

### Default ibidem tracking

By default ibid. is not used across page breaks and *ibidem* is taken to mean 'same author + same title'. See biblatex-sbl.pdf for a description of the options ibidtracker can take.

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BIBLATEX OUTPUT

\usepackage[style=sbl]{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., 22.
\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.
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\autocite[22]{talbert:1992}
6. Talbert, Reading John, 22.
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# Not tracking ibidem across pages

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

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BIBLATEX OUTPUT
\usepackage[style=sbl,pagetracker=false]{biblatex}
\autocite[53]{scott+etal:1993}
7. Bernard Brandon Scott et al., Reading New Testament Greek (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1993), 53.
\autocite[42]{scott+etal:1993}
8. ibid., 42.
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\autocite[42]{scott+etal:1993}
9. ibid., 42.
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# Ibidem meaning 'same author + same title + same page'

Turn on the ibidpage option to indicate that *ibidem* should mean 'same author + same title + same page'.

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BIBLATEX OUTPUT

\usepackage[style=sbl,ibidpage]{biblatex}

\autocite[28]{egger:1996}

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.

\autocite[28]{egger:1996}

11. ibid.

\autocite[291]{egger:1996}

12. ibid., 291.
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# Default idem tracking

By default *idem* is used. *Idem* tracking is controlled using the idemtracker option. See biblatex-sbl.pdf for a description of the options idemtracker can take.

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BIBLATEX OUTPUT
\usepackage[style=sbl]{biblatex}
\autocites[35]{vanseters:1997}{vanseters:1995}
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13. John Van Seters, *In Search of History: Histeriography 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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