## 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.

### Basic ibidem tracking

Turn on *ibidem* using the ibidtracker option. By default ibid. is used across page breaks and *ibidem* is taking 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,ibidtracker=constrict,backend=biber]{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. ibid., 22.
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## Tracking ibidem across pages

Set the pagetracker option to true to ensure that the first citation on a page is never ibid.

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BIBLATEX OUTPUT
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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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9. Scott et al., Reading New Testament Greek, 42.

### Ibidem meaning 'same author + same title + same page'

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

BIBLATEX OUTPUT

\usepackage[style=sbl,ibidtracker=constrict,ibidpage,backend=biber]{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.

#### Idem tracking

Turn on *idem* using the idemtracker option. See biblatex-sbl.pdf for a description of the options idemtracker can take.

**BIBLATEX OUTPUT** 

\usepackage[style=sbl,idemtracker=constrict,backend=biber]{biblatex}
\autocites[35]{vanseters:1997}{vanseters:1995}

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.

\autocites[35]{vanseters:1997}[222]{vanseters:1995}

14. Van Seters, In Search of History, 35; idem, "Theology of the Yahwist," 222.

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