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### **Multiple Publication Case Study 1**

Journal Z published by another publisher received article 0 as a submission for publication. The reviewer for article 0 did a literature search and found that article 0 had major overlap with two articles already published by the same author, article 1 published in Elsevier's journal A and article 2 published in Elsevier's journal B. The reviewer informed the editor of journal Z who rejected article 0 giving as reason the extensive overlap with published articles 1 and 2. The author of article 0 was also told that the Editors of journals A and B would be informed of this case.

The publishing editor for journal Z informed the publishing editors of Elsevier's journals A and B who informed their respective editors. When the editors investigated further they realized that article 1 appeared in the proceedings of a conference, while article 2 appeared later and with an extra section. The editors of journals A and B decided to give the author the benefit of the doubt in this case; assume that article 2 was a final or extended version of article 1. They thus decided not to take any action on this case except to make a mental note to carefully research any new submissions from this author.