

Multiple submission policy

The practice of multiple submission creates unnecessary work for members of the academic community and causes citation and indexing confusion. Reviewing of papers is an onerous business and is undertaken without reward on the basis that simple conventions of honesty and courtesy are observed.

Papers submitted to an IET Research Journal must not, under any circumstances, be under consideration for any other publication at the same time. If it is found that an author has submitted the same (or substantially the same) paper to more than one publication, whilst that work is under consideration* by an IET Research Journal, the journal's Managing Editor reserves the right to take action as follows:

Once a case of multiple submission has been established, the paper/s in question will be immediately rejected and any referee reports received will be withheld. Persistent attempts at resubmission of the material may result in the author being prevented from submitting any material to IET Research Journals for a period of one year. Attempts made to submit after the issue of a one year ban could result in a lifetime ban. Similarly, authors who adopt this practice using several different papers will be considered in the same way as authors who try to repeatedly submit the same material.

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