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Text Recycling (AKA "Self-Plagiarism") in Scientific Writing: Thorny Issues and Best Practices

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Scientists often have reason to reuse content from previous papers in their new ones: descriptions of methods, background material, theoretical frameworks, and so on. Some uses of text recycling are widely considered appropriate; others are universally condemned. Given the variety of ways in which scientists might recycle text, they are often unsure about what is and isn't ethical or even legal. This presentation will review the ethical and legal complexities of text recycling in research writing, present a new taxonomy of text recycling, and explain best practices for recycling material across a range of research contexts.

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