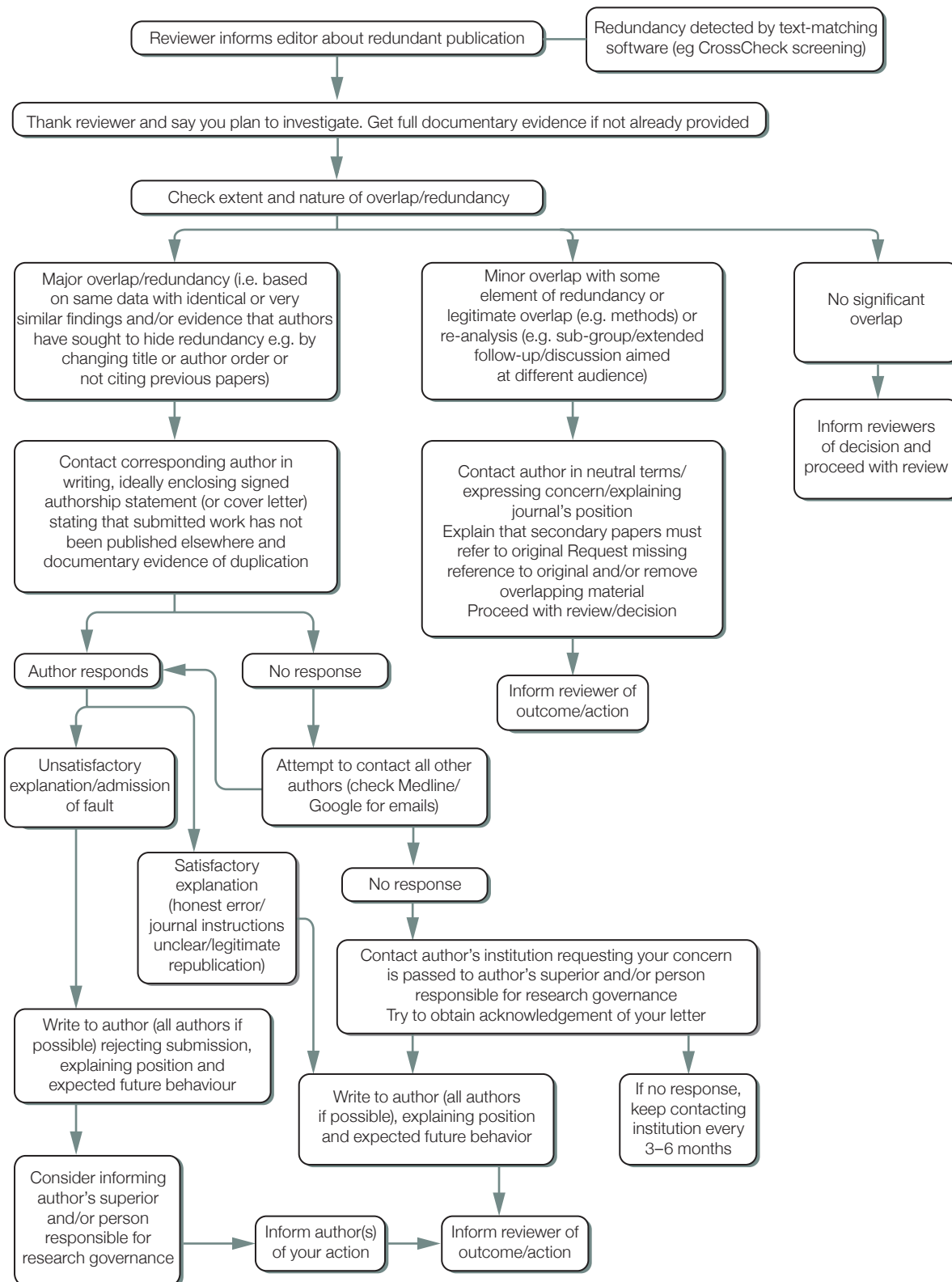


# What to do if you suspect redundant (duplicate) publication

## (a) Suspected redundant publication in a submitted manuscript



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**Further reading**

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