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<i>AE</i>	<i>L'Année épigraphique</i>
<i>AJN</i>	<i>American Journal of Numismatics</i>
<i>BMCRE</i>	<i>Coins of the Roman Empire in the British Museum</i>
<i>CIL</i>	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i>
<i>CRAI</i>	<i>Comptes rendus de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-lettres</i>
<i>EJ</i>	V. Ehrenberg and A. H. M. Jones (eds.) <i>Documents Illustrating the Reigns of Augustus & Tiberius</i> (Oxford, 1955).
<i>FdA</i>	<i>Die Fundmünzen der Antike</i>
<i>IGRR</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Graecae ad Res Romanas Pertinentes</i>
<i>ILLRP</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Latinae Liberae Rei Publicae</i>
<i>ILM</i>	<i>Inscriptions latines du Maroc</i>
<i>ILS</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae</i>
<i>Inscr.Ital.</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Italiae</i>
<i>IRT</i>	<i>Inscriptions of Roman Tripolitania</i>
<i>JRS</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>
<i>LIMC</i>	<i>Lexicon Iconographicum Mythologiae Classicae</i>
<i>LTUR</i>	<i>Lexicon Topographicum Urbis Romae</i>
<i>OGIS</i>	<i>Orientis Graecae Inscriptiones Selectae</i>
<i>OLD</i>	<i>Oxford Latin Dictionary</i>
<i>ORF</i>	<i>Oratorum Romanorum Fragmenta</i> (2nd edn.)
<i>P.Oxy</i>	<i>Oxyrhynchus papyri</i>
<i>RE</i>	<i>Realencyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft</i>
<i>RG</i>	<i>Res Gestae</i>
<i>RIB</i>	<i>Roman Inscriptions of Britain</i>
<i>RIC</i>	<i>Roman Imperial Coinage</i>
<i>RPC</i>	<i>Roman Provincial Coinage</i>

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Abbreviations

<i>RRC</i>	<i>Roman Republican Coinage</i>
<i>RS</i>	<i>Roman Statutes</i>
<i>SB</i>	D. R. Shackleton Bailey (ed.) <i>Cicero: Letters to Atticus</i> , 7 vols.; <i>Epistulae ad Familiares</i> , 2 vols.; <i>Epistulae ad Quintum Fratrem et M. Brutum</i> (Cambridge, 2004).
<i>SCPP</i>	<i>senatusconsultum de Gnaeo Pisone Patre</i>
<i>Syll</i>	<i>Sylloge Inscriptionum Graecarum</i> (3rd edn.)
<i>Tab.Siar.</i>	<i>Tabula Siarensis</i>
<i>TLL</i>	<i>Thesaurus Linguae Latinae</i>