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ABBREVIATIONS

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BP	before present
<i>c.</i>	<i>circa</i>
c.	century
CE	Common, Current, or Christian era
E.	East
MC	Middle Chronology
N.	North
PAN	Proto-Austronesian
p.c.	personal communication
PMP	Proto-Malayo-Polynesian
S.	South
Skt.	Sanskrit
Sw.	Swahili (language)
W.	West