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LIMC = Lexicon iconographicum mythologiae classicae (1981–)
LW = P. Le Bas and W. H. Waddington, Inscriptions grecques et latines recueillies en Asia Mineure, 2 vols. (Paris, 1870)
MDAI (A) = Mitteilungen des deutschen archäologischen Instituts (A): Athenische Abteilung (1876–)
Milet = T. Wiegand, Milet: Ergebnisse der Ausgrabungen und Untersuchungen seit dem Jahre 1899 (Berlin, 1908–)
OGI = W. Dittenberger, Orientis graeci inscriptiones selectae (Leipzig, 1903–5)
POxy = Oxyrhynchus papyri (1898–)
RC = C. B. Welles, Royal Correspondence in the Hellenistic Period (New Haven, 1934)
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SC = *Sources chrétiennes*

SEG = *Supplementum epigraphicum graecum* (1923–)


TAM = E. Kalinka et al., *Tituli Asiae Minoris* (1901–)