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- BnF* Bibliothèque nationale de France.
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- K-A* Kassel, R. and Austin, C. (eds.) 1983–. *Poetae Comici Graeci*. Berlin: De Gruyter.
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- LSJ* Liddell, H. G. and Scott, R. 1968. *A Greek-English Lexicon*, revised by H. S. Jones and R. McKenzie. Oxford: Clarendon.
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- SEG* 1923–. *Supplementum epigraphicum Graecum*.
- SSR* Giannantoni, G. 1990. *Socratis et Socraticorum reliquiae*. Naples: Bibliopolis.
- SVF* von Arnim, H. 1903–. *Stoicorum Veterum Fragmenta*. Leipzig: Teubner.
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