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ABBREVIATIONS

<i>An. Post.</i>	<i>Posterior Analytics</i>
<i>Const. Ath.</i>	<i>Constitution of Athens</i>
<i>DA</i>	<i>On the Soul (de Anima)</i>
<i>EE</i>	<i>Eudemian Ethics</i>
<i>NE</i>	<i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>
<i>GA</i>	<i>Generation of Animals</i>
<i>HA</i>	<i>History of Animals</i>
<i>IA</i>	<i>Progression of Animals (de Incessu Animalium)</i>
<i>Met.</i>	<i>Metaphysics</i>
<i>MM</i>	<i>Magna Moralia</i>
<i>MA</i>	<i>Movement of Animals (de Motu Animalium)</i>
<i>Mund.</i>	<i>On the Universe (de Mundo)</i>
<i>PA</i>	<i>Parts of Animals</i>
<i>Phys.</i>	<i>Physics</i>
<i>Prob.</i>	<i>Problems</i>
<i>Pol.</i>	<i>Politics</i>
<i>Rhet.</i>	<i>Rhetoric</i>
<i>Top.</i>	<i>Topics</i>

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