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#### Acceptable abbreviations

ed.	edition
Rev. ed.	Revised edition
2nd ed.	second edition
Ed. (Eds.)	Editor (Editors)
Trans.	Translator(s)
n.d.	no date
p. (pp.)	page (pages)
Vol.	Volume (Vol. 4)
Vols.	Volumes (Vols. 1-4)
No.	Number
Pt.	Part
Tech. Rep.	Technical Report
Suppl.	Supplement

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### American Psychological

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*Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association

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