

Palmyrene Epigraphic Habit

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Introductory information

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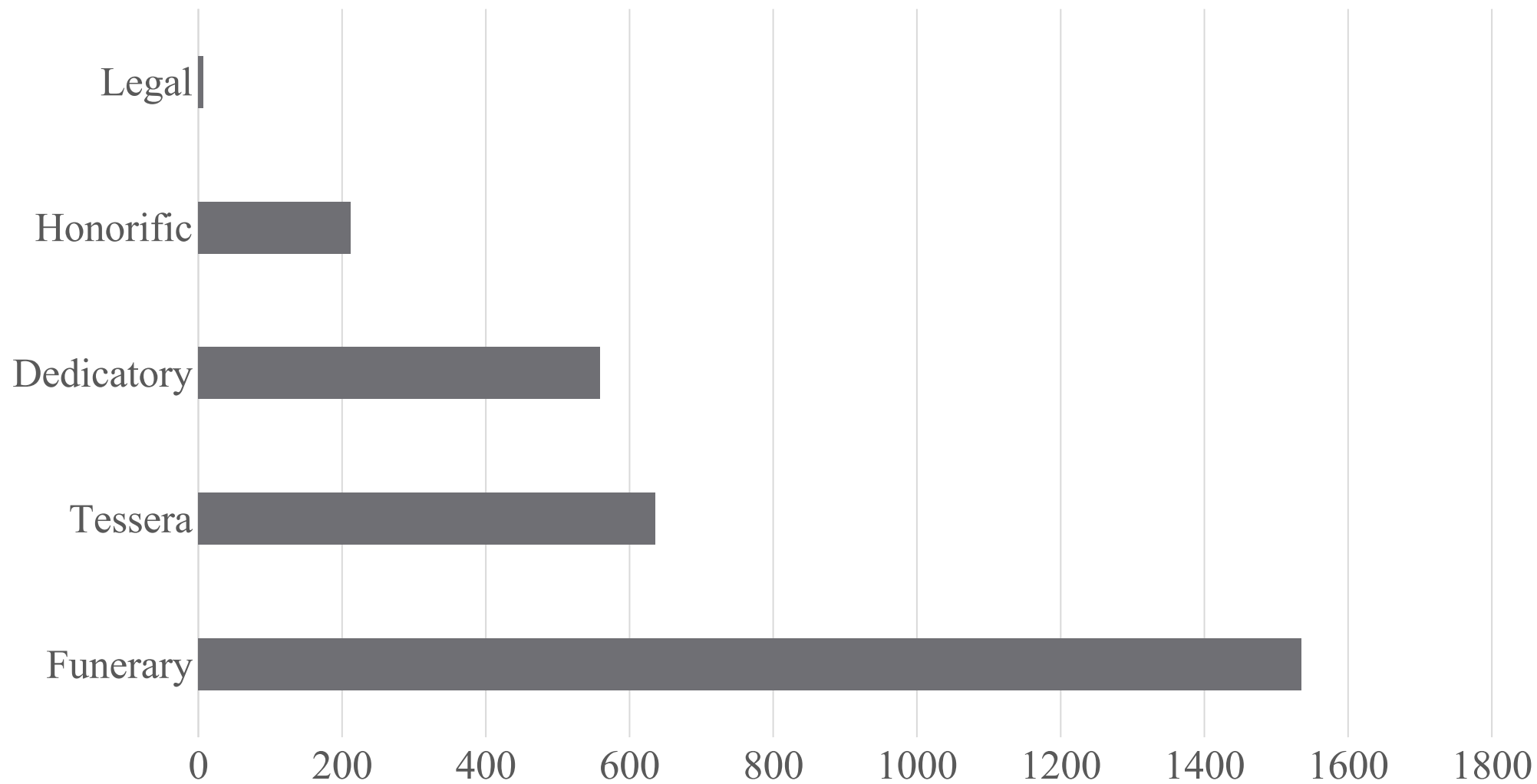
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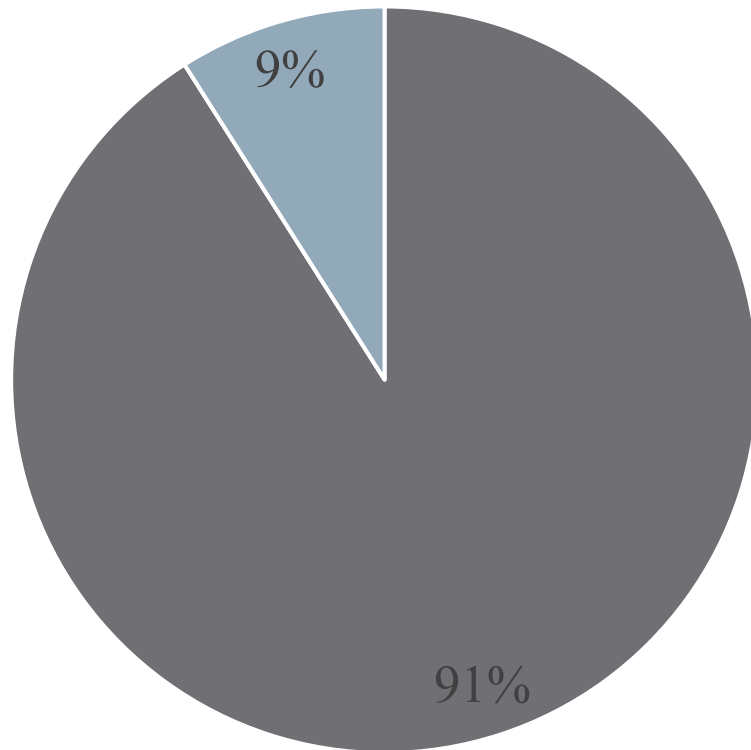
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Genres of Palmyrene epigraphy

Genres

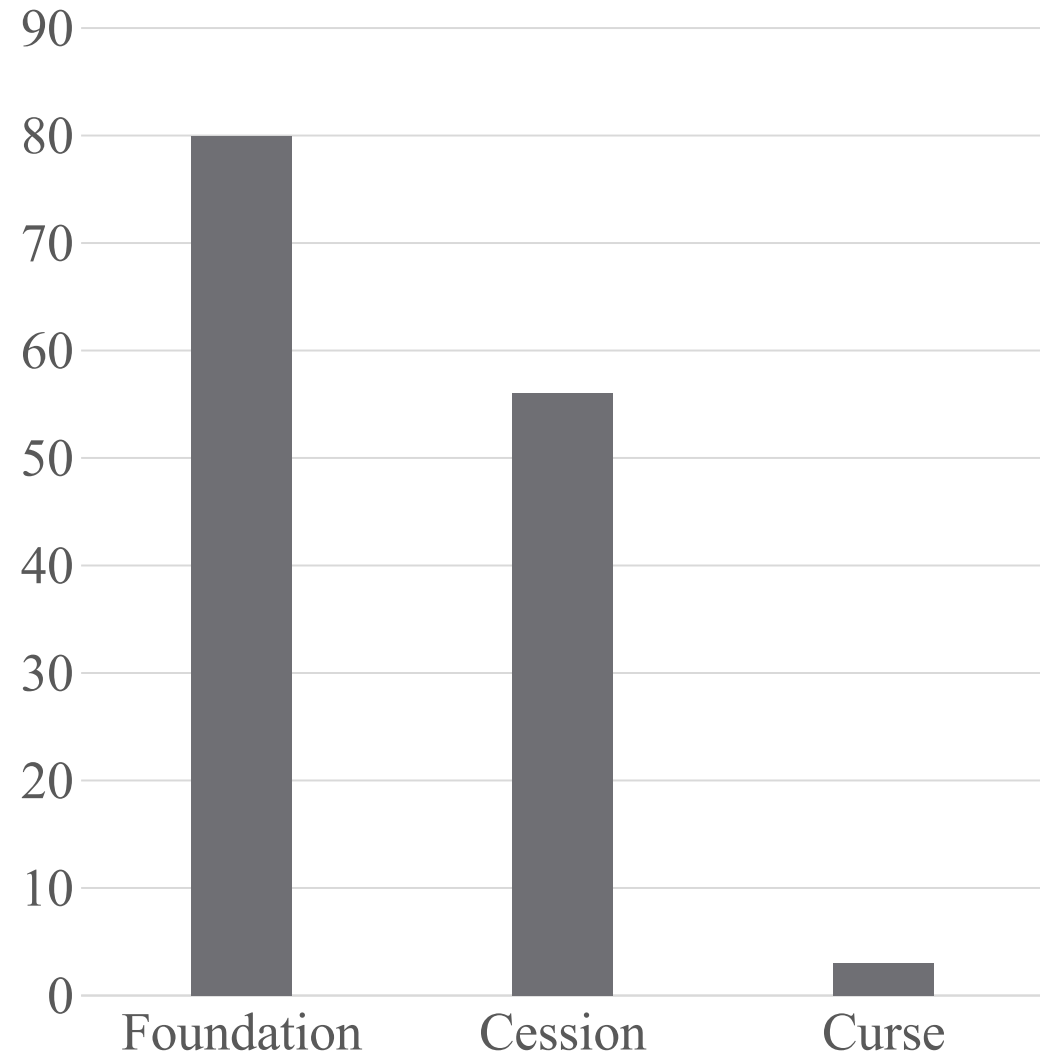


Funerary



- Funerary: epitaph
- Funerary: specific types

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Funerary

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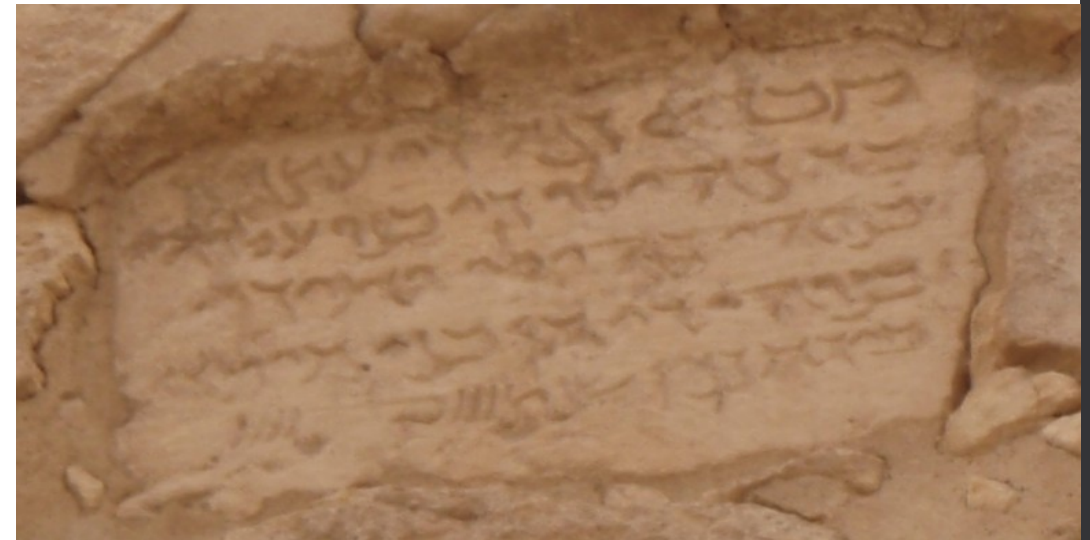


Funerary

- Foundation
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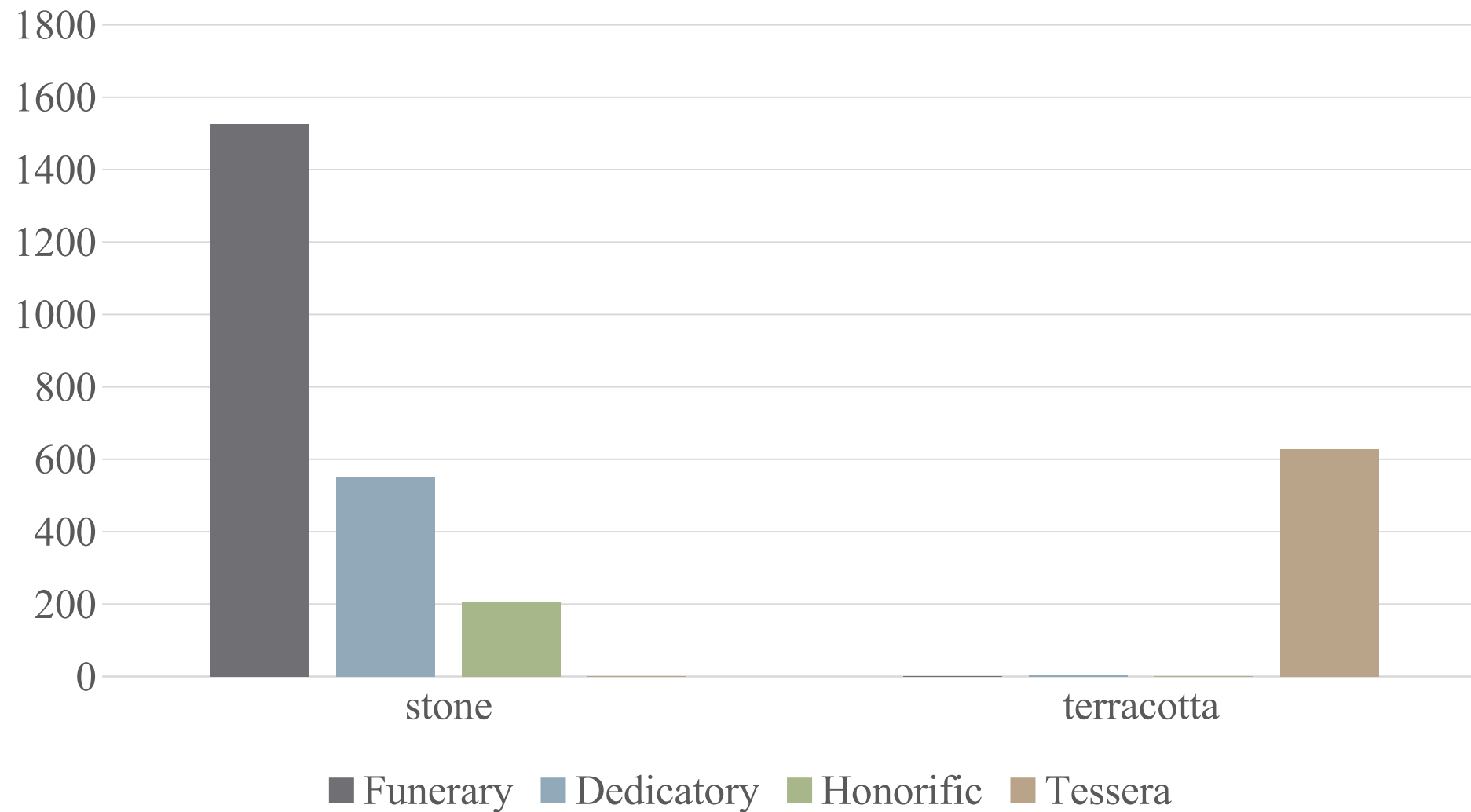
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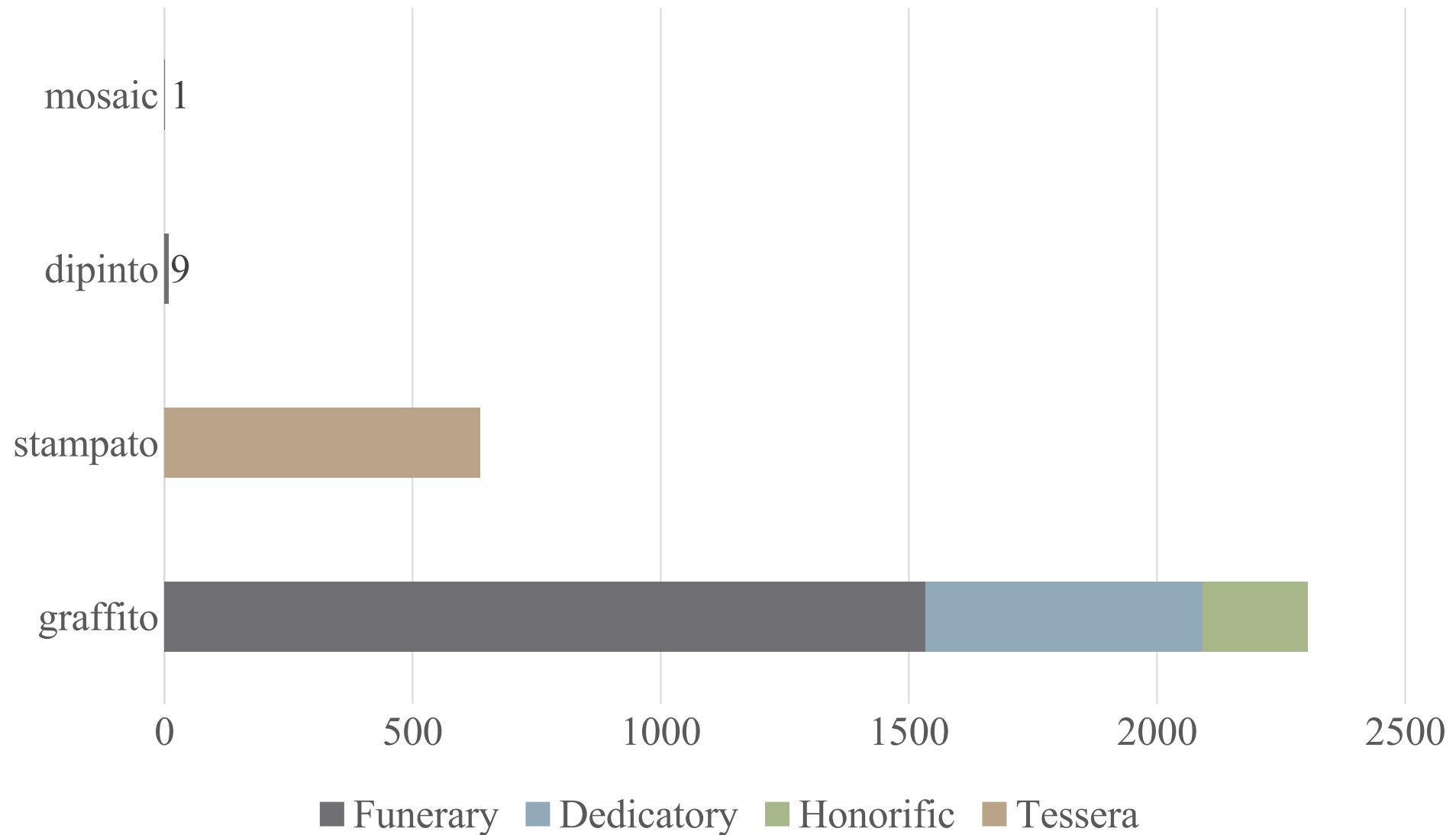


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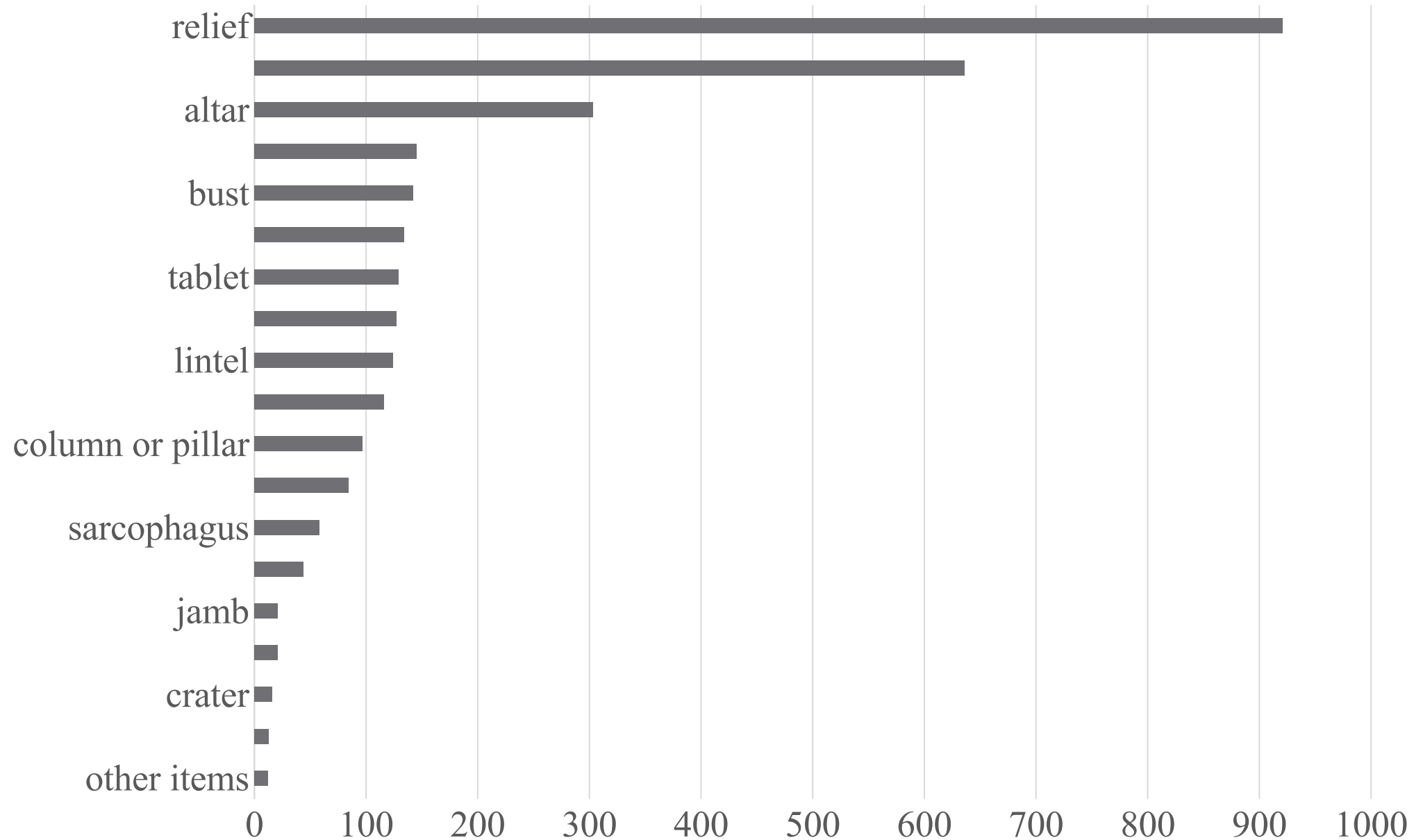
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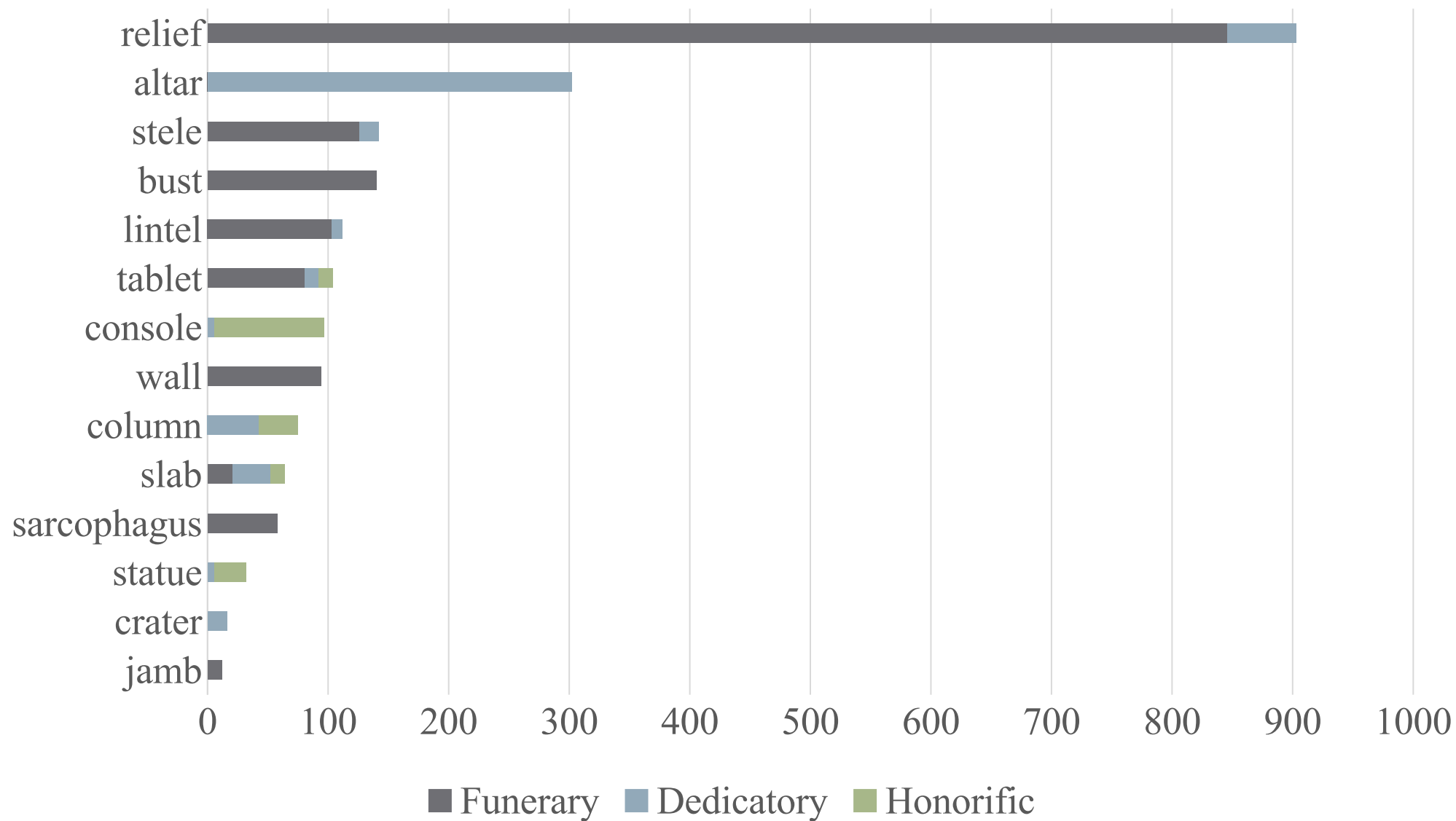
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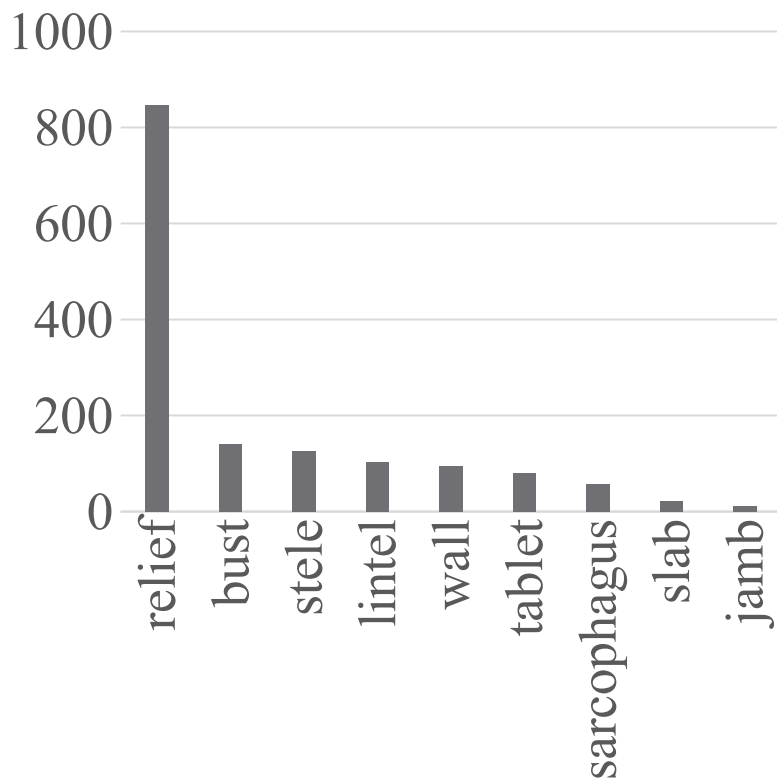


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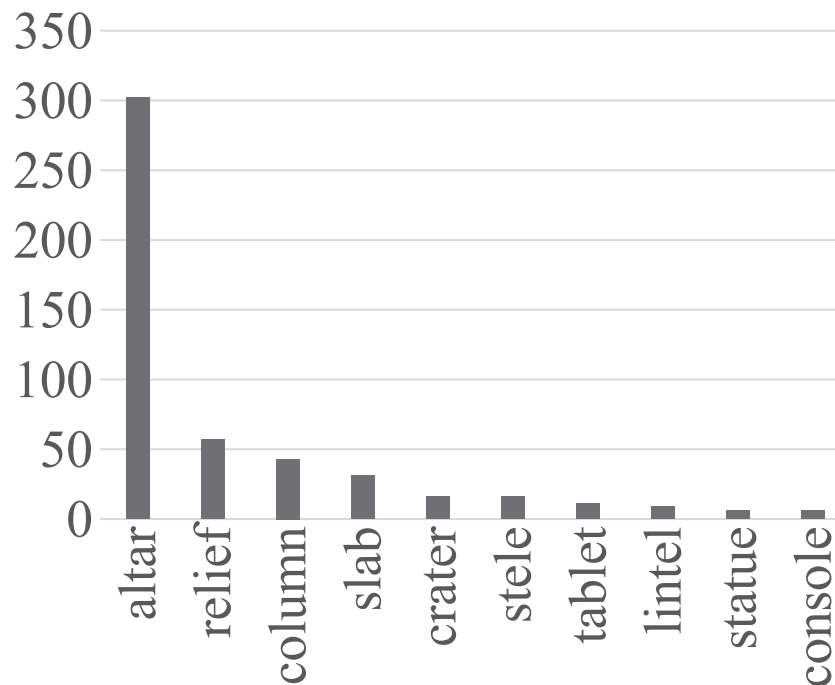


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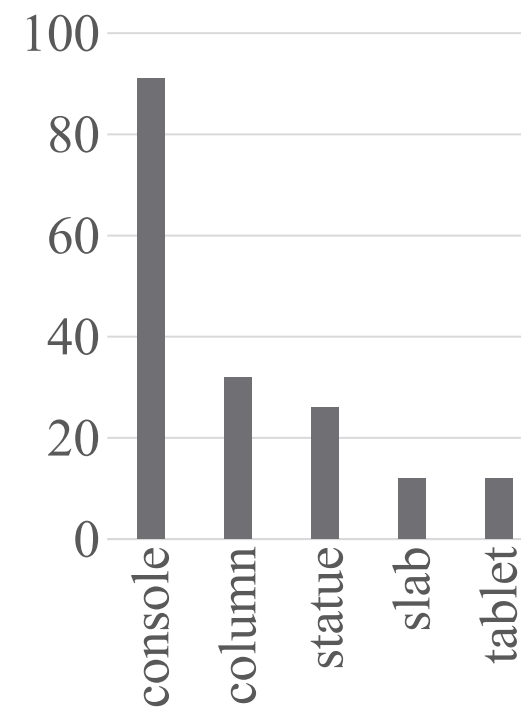
Funerary



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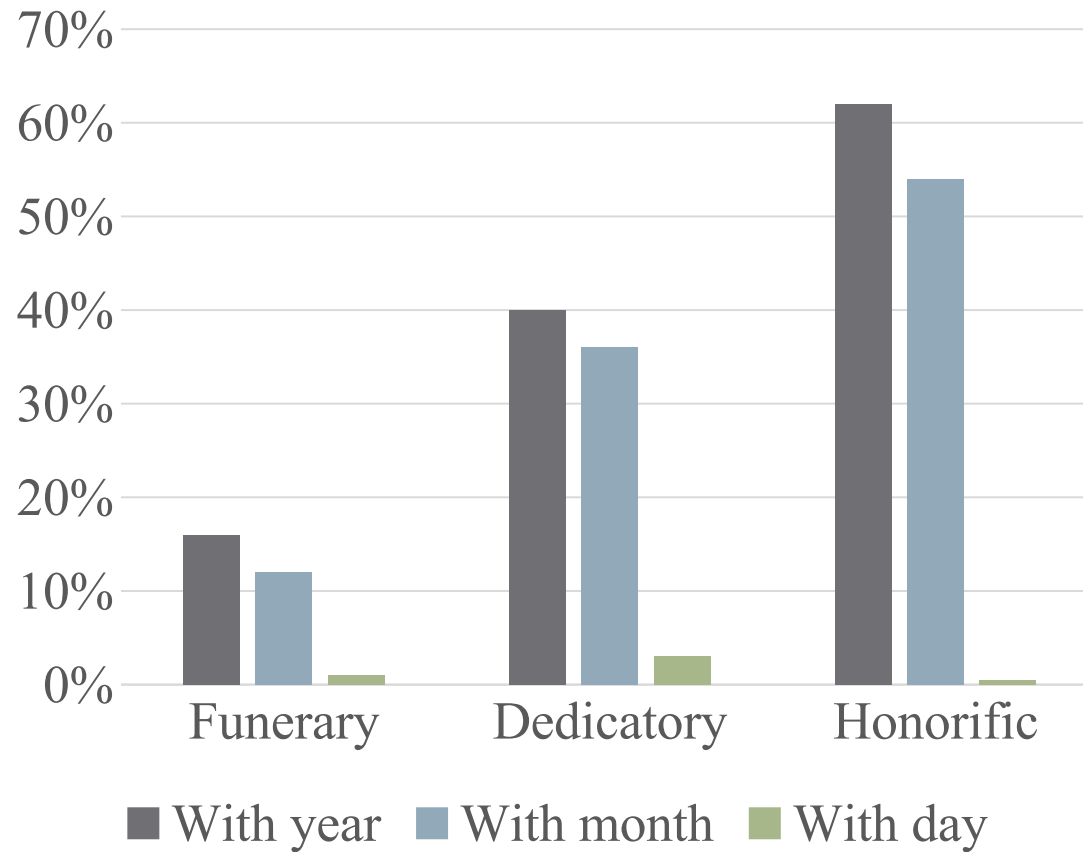
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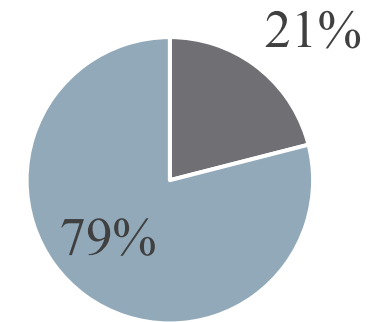
Analysis of dated inscriptions

Dated inscriptions

% of dated inscriptions by genres

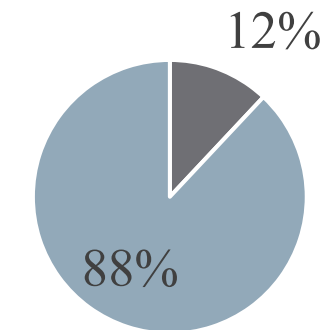


Inscriptions with any dating



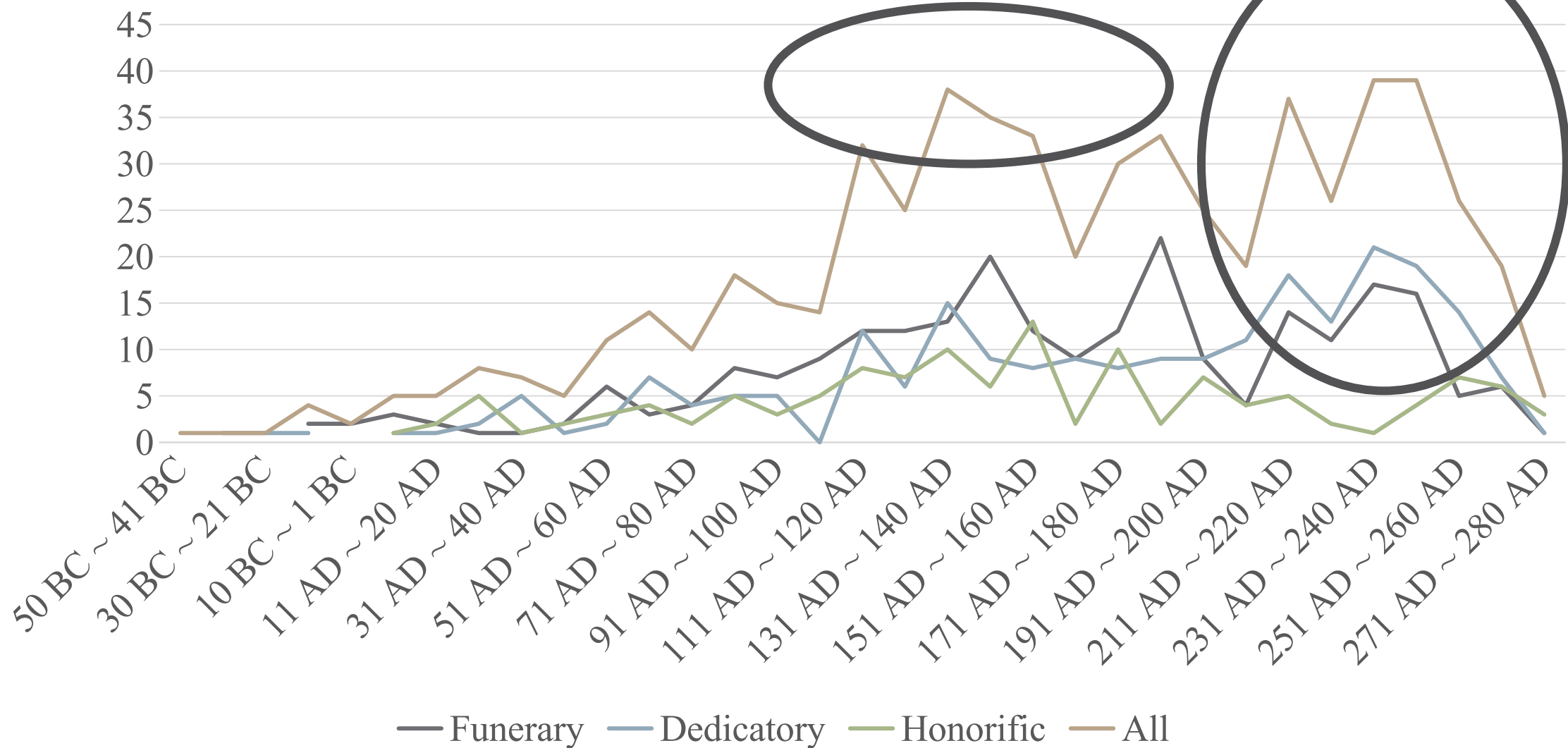
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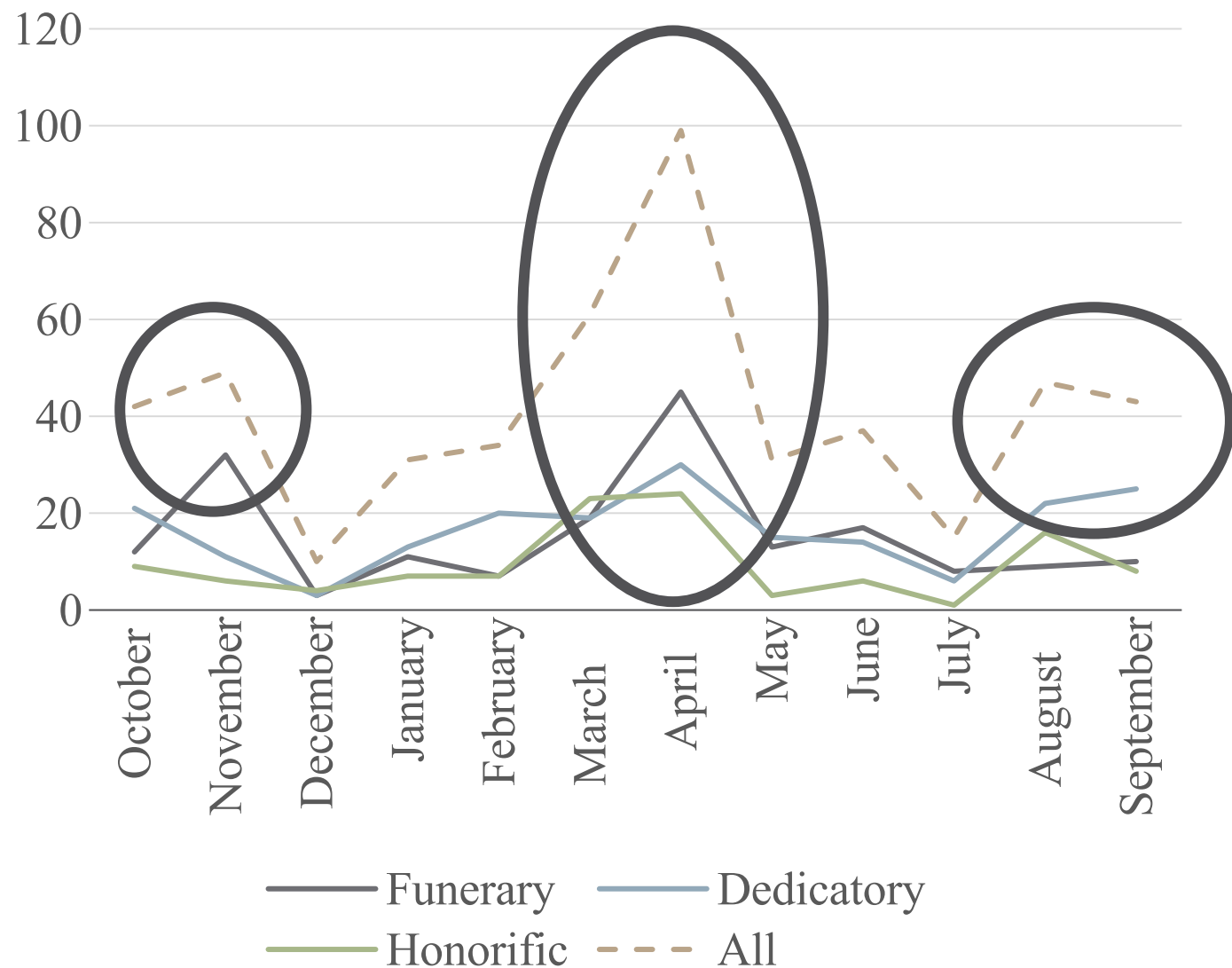


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Genres by decades



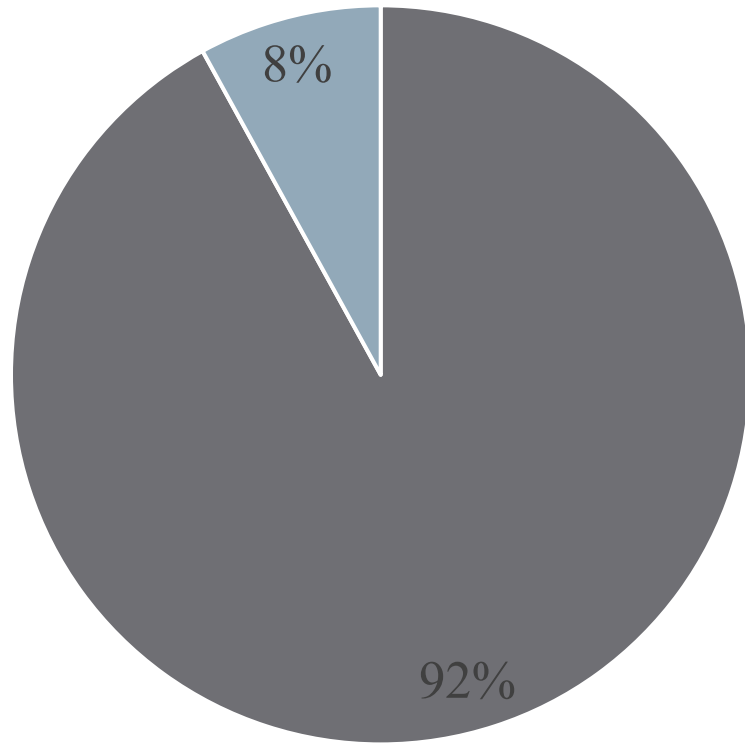
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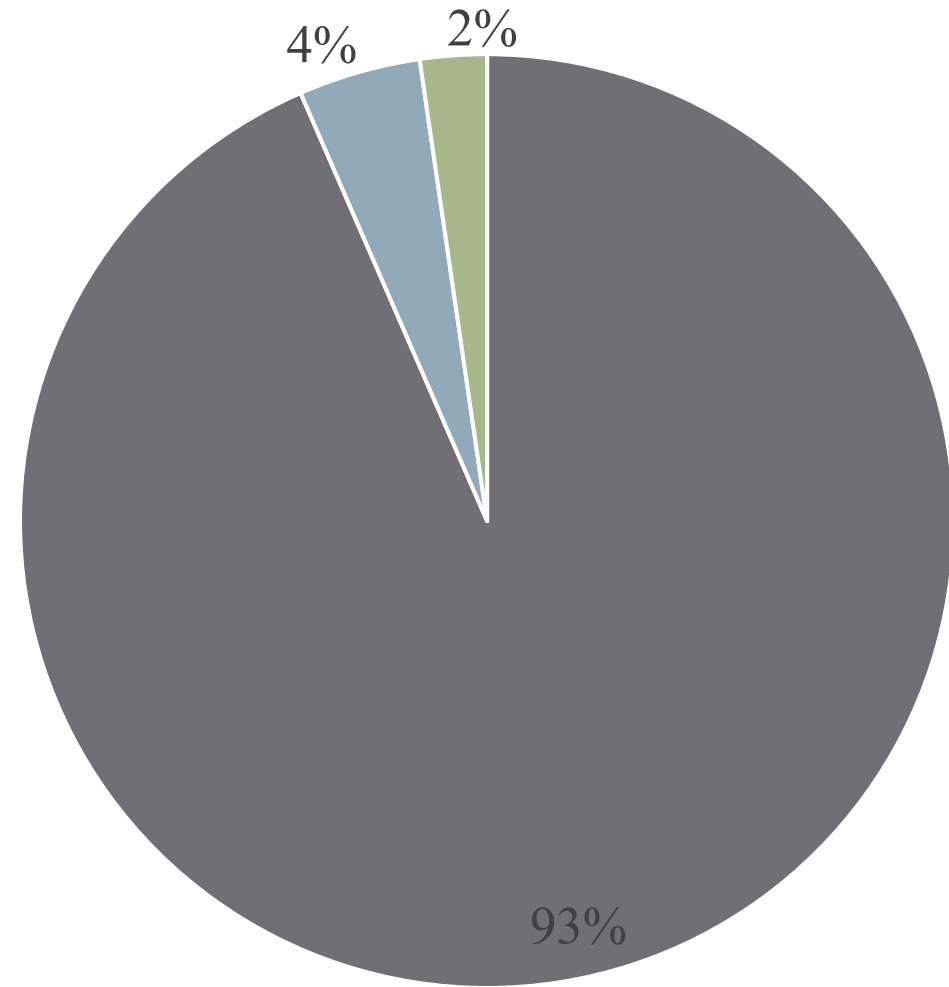
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Analysis of bilingual inscriptions

Bilingual inscriptions

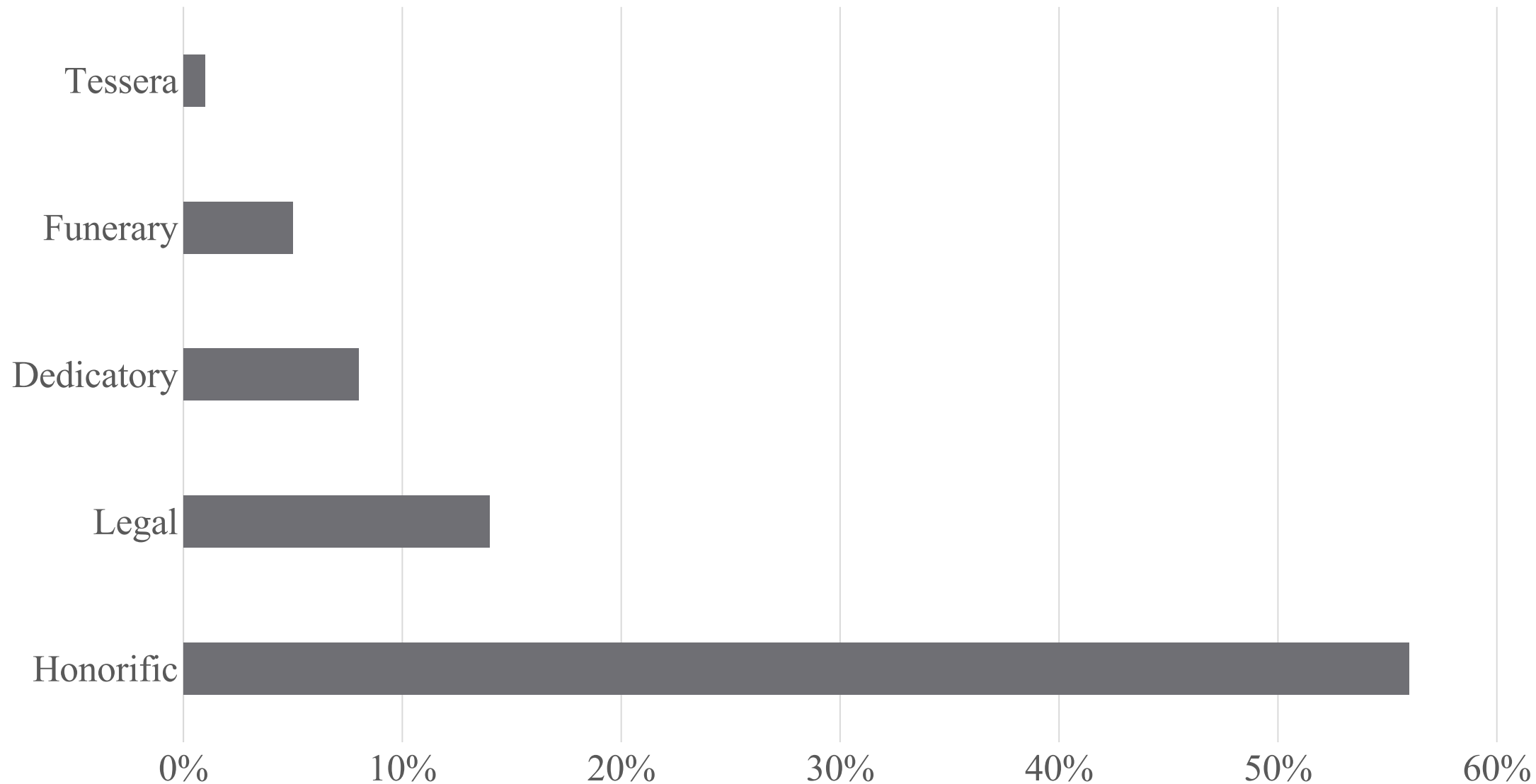


- Palmyrene
- Bilingual or trilingual

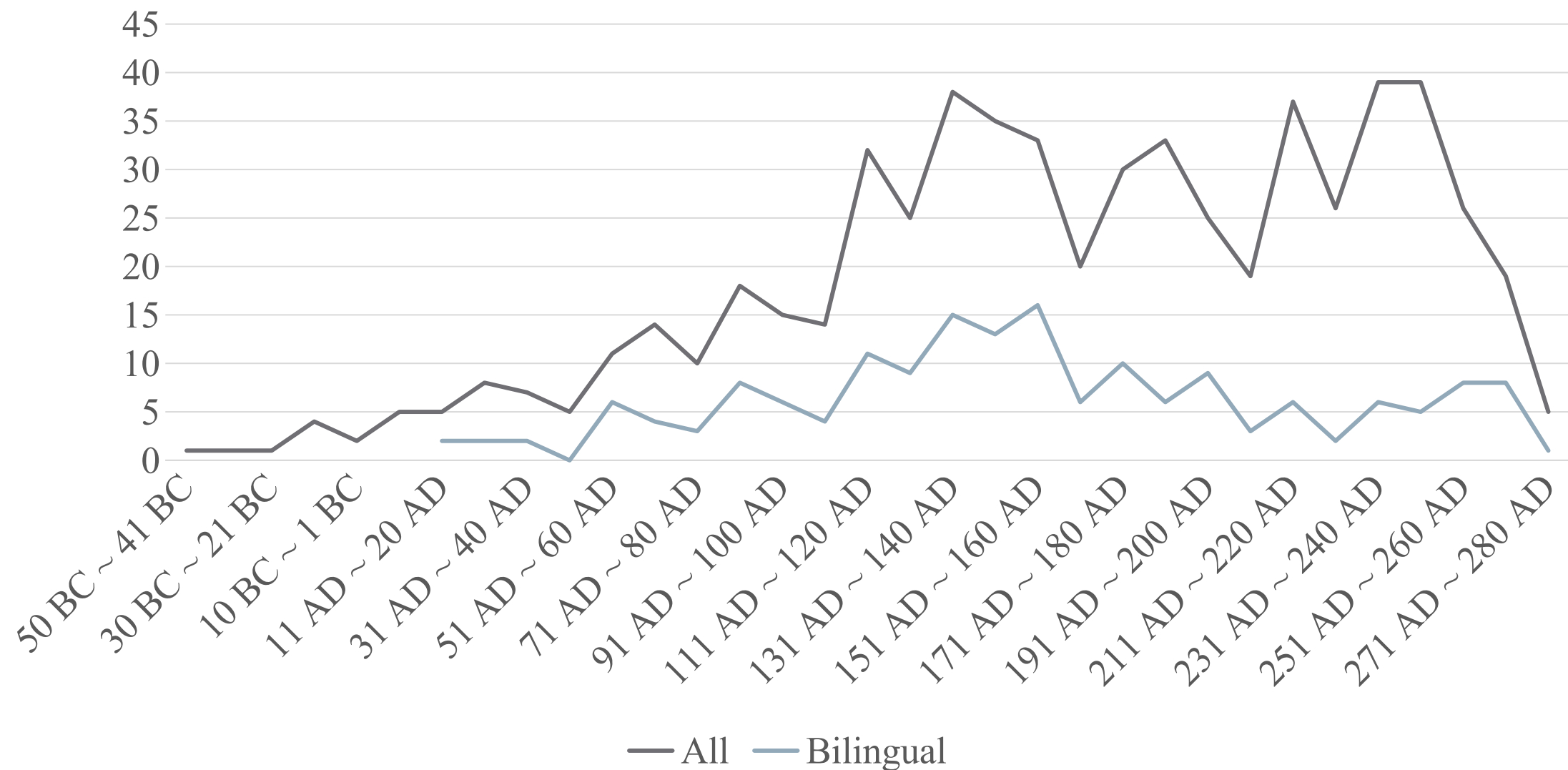


- Palmyrene & Greek
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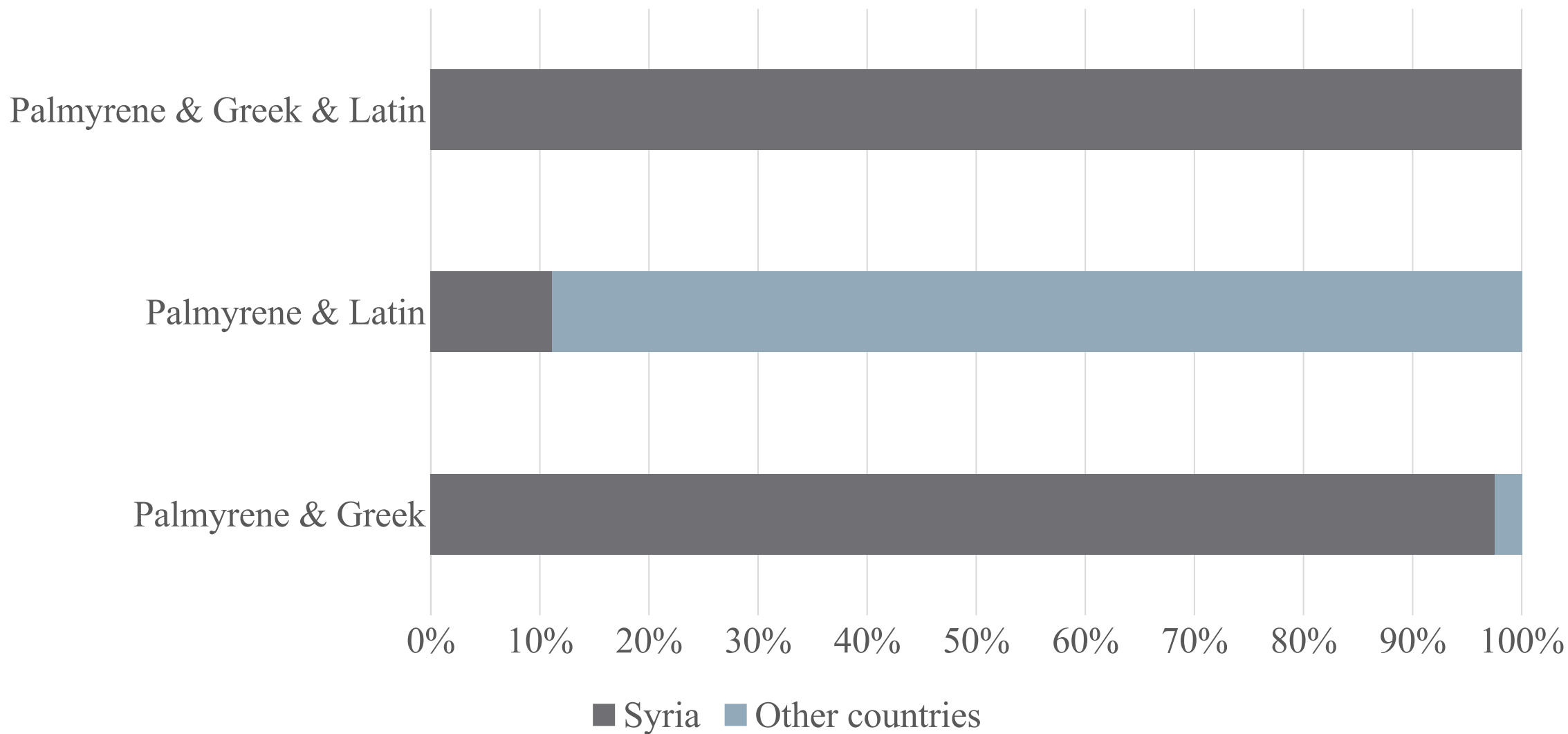
Bilingual inscriptions by genres



Bilingual inscriptions by decades

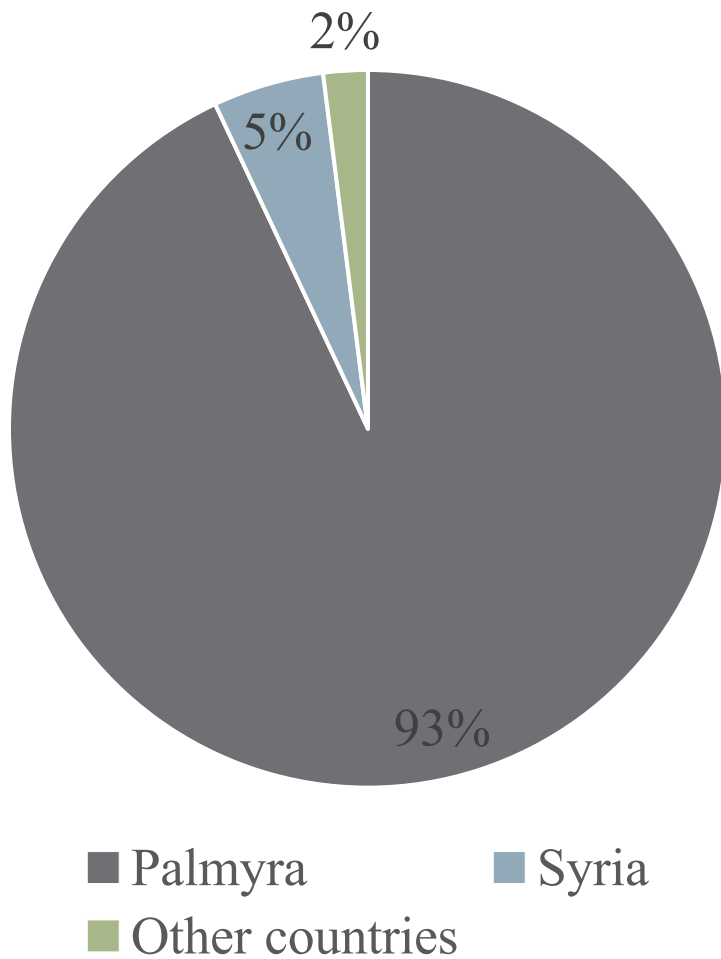


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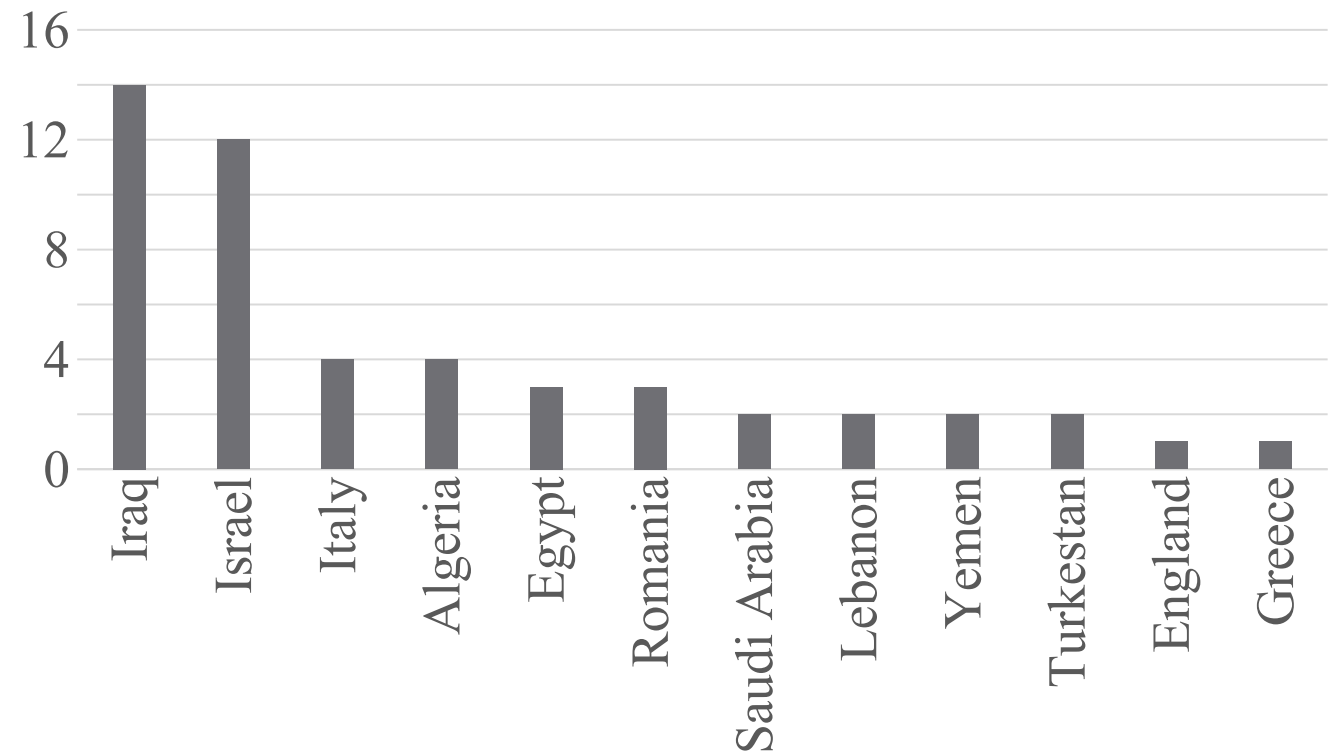


Geographical distribution

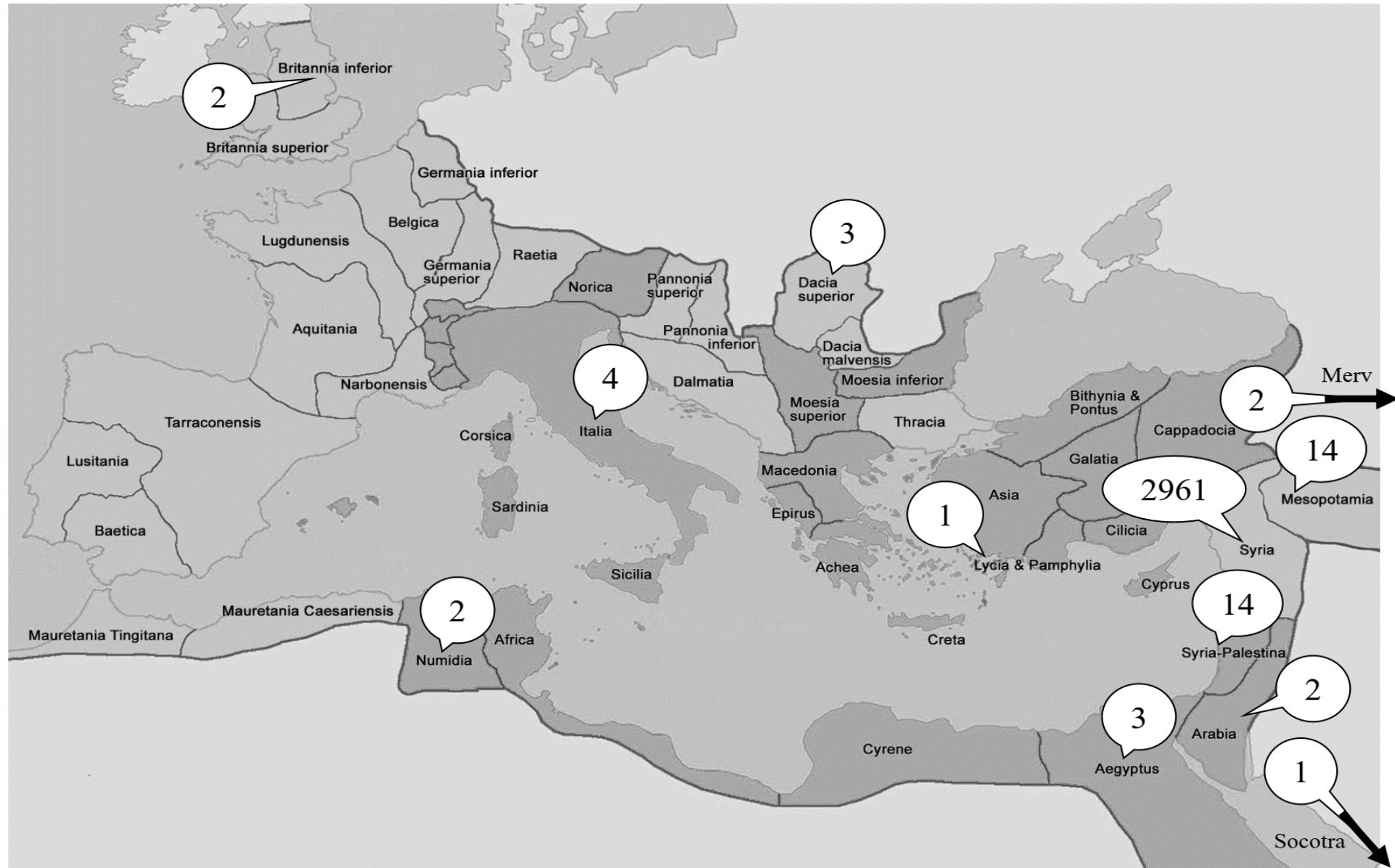
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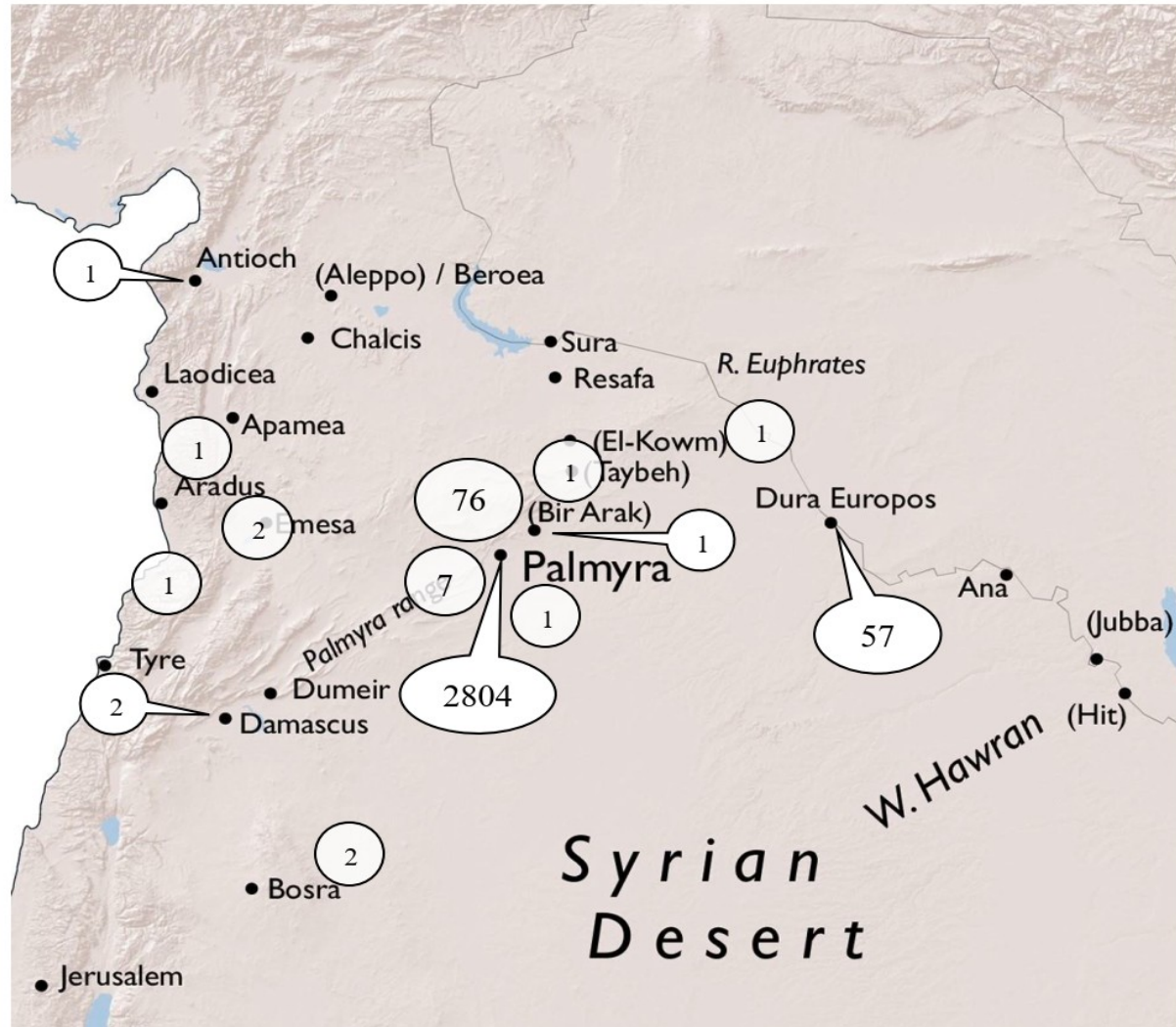
Provenance: other countries



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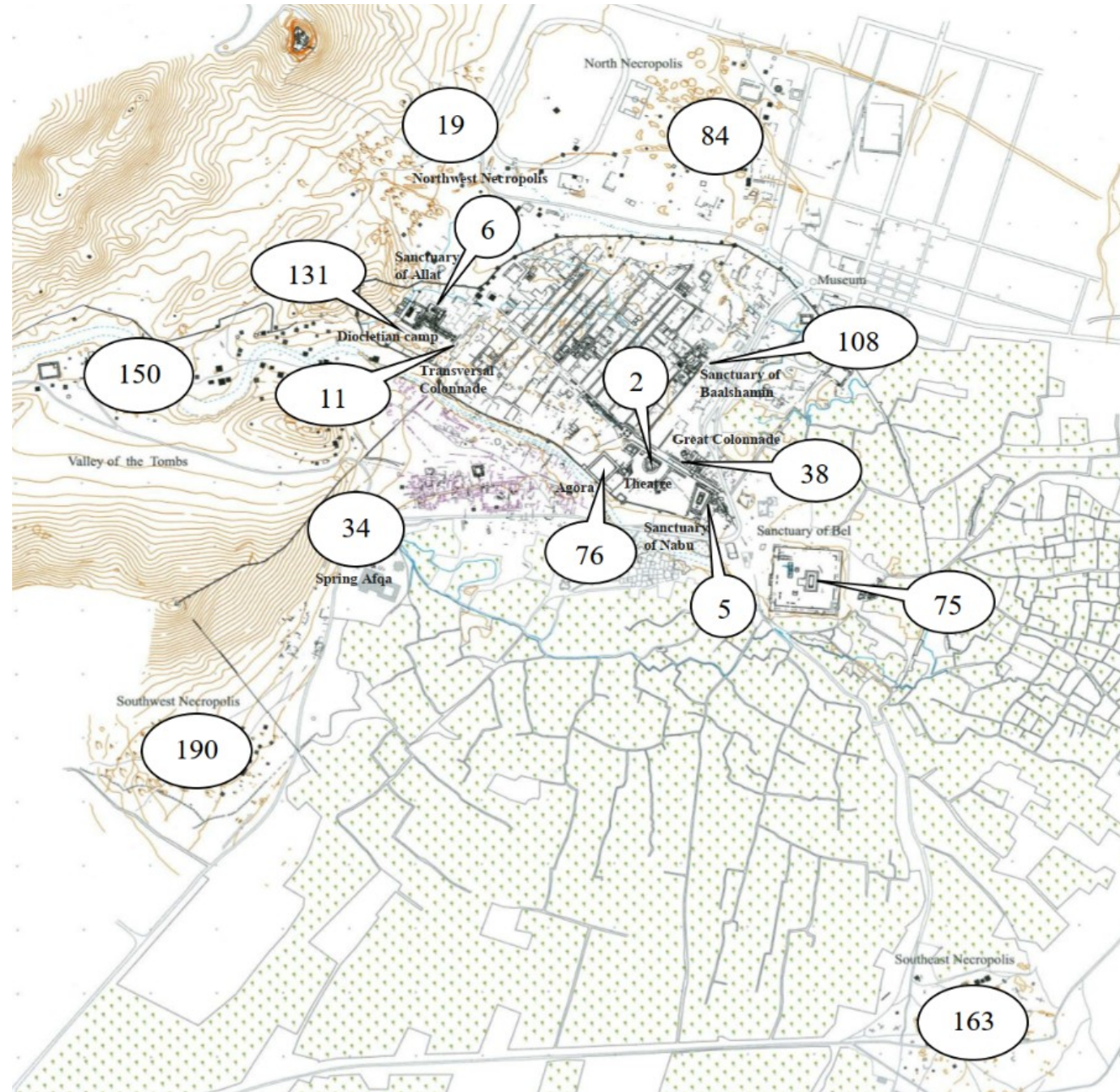


Palmyrene



Palmyra

Southwest Necropolis	190
Southeast Necropolis	163
Valley of Tombs	150
Diocletian Camp	131
Sanctuary of Baalshamin	108
North Necropolis	84
Agora	76
Sanctuary of Bel	75
Great Colonnade	38
spring Afqa	37
Northwest necropolis	19
Transversal Colonnade	11
Sanctuary of Allat	6
Sanctuary of Nabu	5



Results

- Dataset
- Quantitative description of main parameters:
 - Genres
 - Supports
 - Materials
 - Dating
 - Languages
 - Geographical distribution
- Main trends of Palmyrene epigraphy
- Significance of epigraphic habit for historical and cultural studies of ancient societies

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