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While I spend many of my days as a pottery specialist handling lots of pretty objects, today is a statistics day. Quantification is a vital tool for inter-site comparison so lots of time is spent trawling through our databases. At the moment I'm looking at a City site near the location of the Roman forum with an assemblage totalling a mere 24,000 sherds. I'm also returning to DUA reports (Department of Urban Archaeology for those who remember) for comparative data from a nearby site.

London, the only point of particular interest being the confirmation that the Pelichet 47/Dressel 30, type was circulating in the Neronian period.

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C186	0.07E	504g	5.7 %E	3.5 %g
C189	-	85g	-	0.6 %g
H70	-	286g	-	2.0 %g
KOAN	-	33g	-	0.2 %g
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RHOD	-	598g	-	4.2 %g
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