

# Contributions to *Tobacco & Nicotine Research*

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- Book: Rodgman, A. and T.A. Perfetti: *The Chemical Components of Tobacco and Tobacco Smoke*; 2nd ed., CRC Press 2013, 2332 p., ISBN: 9780429096266
- Molecularly Imprinted Polymers: Man-Made Mimics of Antibodies and Their Applications in Analytical Chemistry; edited by B. Sellergren, *Techniques and Instrumentation in Analytical Chemistry*, Vol. 23, Elsevier, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2001, 557 p., ISBN: 0444828370.
- Book Chapter: Pombo, M.A., H.G. Rosli, N. Fernandez-Pozo, and A. Bombarely: *Nicotiana benthamiana*, A Popular Model for Genome Evolution and Plant-Pathogen Interactions; *in: The Tobacco Plant Genome*, edited by N.V. Ivanov, N. Sierro, *et al.*, *Compendium of Plant Genomes*, Springer, Cham, Switzerland, 2020, Chapter 14, pp. 231-247. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-29493-9\_14
- Conference paper: Wu, Y., H. Ji, A. Fisher, and L. Bush: Relationship of Alkaloids, Pseudoxytobacco, Tobacco-Specific Nitrosamines, Nitrate/Nitrite from Two-Year Field Analysis; presented at the 73rd Tobacco Science Research Conference (TSRC), Leesburg, VA, USA, September 15-18, 2019, Paper 52.

- Conference proceeding: Scherer, G.: Application of Biomarkers for the Evaluation of Potential Reduced-Exposure Products (PREPS); *in*: Recent Advances in Tobacco Science, Vol. 32, Proc. 60th Tobacco Science Research Conference (TSRC), September 17-20, 2006, Montréal, Quebec, Canada, pp. 85-122.
- Webpage: Center for Tobacco Reference Products; University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Lexington, KY, USA. Available at: [crtp.uky.edu](http://crtp.uky.edu) (accessed January 29, 2023).

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