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Research and Publications: Sawamoto's research interest includes development of precision cationic and radical polymerizations and catalysts, the synthesis of designed functional polymers, and most recently the sequence regulation in chain-growth polymerization; over 380 original papers, >40 reviews, >22 named and plenary lectures, >185 invited lectures, and >20,600 total citations (2018). The first paper on his living radical polymerization has been cited over 2600 times (*Macromolecules* #3 most cited), and a review over 2700 times [*Chemical Reviews* top <1% ACS Highly Cited Papers (1998–2007)].