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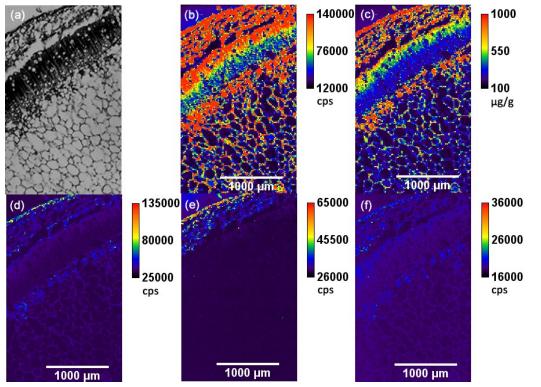
## Elemental bioimaging by means of LA-ICP-OES: Investigation of the calcium, sodium and potassium distribution in tobacco plant stems

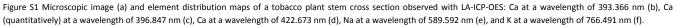
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## Figure S1 and S2

To ensure the reliability of the results obtained by bioimaging by means of LA-ICP-OES, further parts of tobacco plant stem sections have been analysed. Examples for the element distribution maps are shown in Figure S1and Figure S2. The general Ca, Na and K distribution shows the same pattern as revealed in the main article (Figure 1).





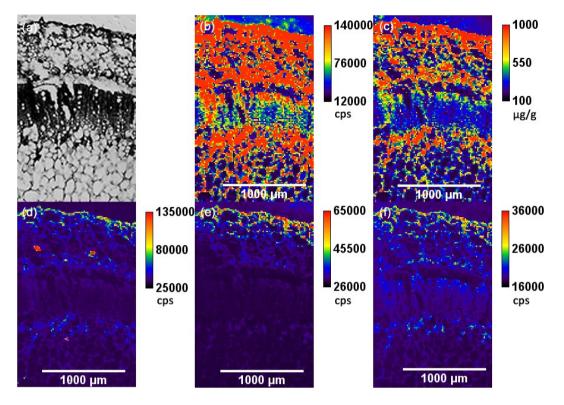


Figure S2 Microscopic image (a) and element distribution maps of a tobacco plant stem cross section observed with LA-ICP-OES: Ca at a wavelength of 393.366 nm (b), Ca (quantitatively) at a wavelength of 396.847 nm (c), Ca at a wavelength of 422.673 nm (d), Na at a wavelength of 589.592 nm (e), and K at a wavelength of 766.491 nm (f).