



**Figure 2.** Evolution of publications on mesophyll conductance to CO<sub>2</sub> ( $g_m$ ) over the last 23 years. The number of published papers each year is shown as bars, while the accumulated number of papers is shown as a dotted trend. For 2009, only papers published or in press by end September were considered. The papers considered include those describing methods for  $g_m$  estimation, reviewing its importance in any aspect of plant ecophysiology, or providing estimates of  $g_m$  in plants