

Supplementary Materials

Appendix A Linear regression equations, limits of detection (LOD) and limits of quantification (LOQ) of various elements.

| | Regressive equation | R | Wavelength(nm) | LOD($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) | LOQ ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) |
|----|------------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ca | $y = 3138.5x + 845.59$ | 0.9995 | 317.933 | 0.12 | 0.40 |
| Na | $y = 21778x + 1199.3$ | 1 | 589.592 | 0.135 | 0.45 |
| K | $y = 180657x + 3458.2$ | 1 | 769.896 | 0.03 | 0.10 |
| Al | $y = 45195x + 22822$ | 0.9994 | 396.152 | 0.195 | 0.65 |
| Mg | $y = 47552x + 3795.1$ | 0.9999 | 285.213 | 0.015 | 0.05 |
| P | $y = 64.288x + 2.9095$ | 1 | 177.495 | 0.885 | 2.95 |
| Fe | $y = 19231x + 12653$ | 0.9998 | 239.562 | 0.015 | 0.05 |
| Si | $y = 18890x + 3286.7$ | 0.9996 | 251.611 | 0.045 | 0.15 |
| Zn | $y = 22976x + 2529.1$ | 0.9998 | 206.2 | 0.03 | 0.10 |
| B | $y = 28726x + 3019$ | 0.9998 | 249.678 | 0.045 | 0.15 |
| Co | $y = 18584x + 1480.1$ | 0.9998 | 228.618 | 0.015 | 0.05 |
| Cr | $y = 3619.8x + 667.81$ | 1 | 283.563 | 0.135 | 0.45 |
| Cu | $y = 32641x + 1847.4$ | 0.9999 | 327.396 | 0.06 | 0.20 |
| Mn | $y = 101526x + 11153$ | 0.9998 | 260.569 | 0.015 | 0.05 |
| Mo | $y = 1709.3x + 57.586$ | 1 | 204.598 | 0.075 | 0.25 |
| Ni | $y = 5673.2x + 432.11$ | 0.9999 | 231.604 | 0.03 | 0.10 |
| Se | $y = 1239.4x + 93.457$ | 0.9999 | 196.09 | 0.09 | 0.30 |
| Sn | $y = 3919.5x + 365.41$ | 0.9998 | 283.999 | 0.27 | 0.90 |
| Sr | $y = 28393x + 2635.4$ | 0.9997 | 346.446 | 0.06 | 0.20 |
| Ti | $y = 117384x + 8264.1$ | 0.9999 | 323.452 | 0.015 | 0.05 |
| V | $y = 41690x + 1484.9$ | 1 | 292.402 | 0.015 | 0.05 |
| Hg | $y = 4058.3x + 318.14$ | 0.9999 | 184.95 | 0.03 | 0.10 |
| Cd | $y = 43354x + 4590.9$ | 0.9997 | 226.502 | 0.015 | 0.05 |
| Pb | $y = 264.15x + 166.9$ | 0.9884 | 182.205 | 0.21 | 0.70 |

Appendix B Certified and found values of CRM (GBW10011).^a

| | Certified value ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) | Uncertainty | Found value ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) | Uncertainty |
|----|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Ca | 340 | 5.9% | 335.75 | 7.4% |
| Na | 17 | 29% | 14.22 | 2.2% |
| K | 1400 | 4.3% | 1145 | 1.7% |
| Al | 104 | 9.6% | 115.12 | 6.2% |
| Mg | 450 | 16% | 463.08 | 1.6% |
| P | 1540 | 4.6% | 1516.2 | 6.1% |
| Fe | 18.5 | 17% | 15.45 | 24% |
| Si | 80 | | 71.38 | 1.5% |
| Zn | 11.6 | 6.0% | 12.14 | 3.6% |
| B | 0.55 | | 0.87 | 49% |
| Co | 0.008 | | <0.05 | |
| Cr | 0.096 | 15% | <0.45 | |
| Cu | 2.7 | 7.4% | 2.48 | 9.0% |
| Mn | 5.4 | 5.6% | 5.195 | 6.9% |
| Mo | 0.48 | 10% | 0.475 | 36% |
| Ni | 0.06 | 33% | <0.1 | |
| Se | 0.053 | 13% | <0.3 | |
| Sn | - | | <0.9 | |
| Sr | 2.5 | 12% | 2.57 | 20% |
| Ti | 2 | | 1.57 | 22% |
| V | 0.034 | 35% | <0.05 | |
| Hg | 0.0016 | | <0.1 | |
| Cd | 0.018 | 22% | <0.05 | |
| Pb | 0.065 | 37% | <0.7 | |

^a Co, Cr, Ni, Se, Sn, V, As, Hg, Cd and Pb contents were lower than LOQ.

Appendix C Element concentrations in the seed of buckwheat (K4-K8).

| Element | Concentration ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) | | | | |
|---------|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | K4 | K5 | K6 | K7 | K8 |
| Ca | 349.25 (7.1%) | 564 (4.4%) | 562.5 (4.4%) | 582.5 (4.3%) | 478.5 (5.2%) |
| Na | 12.07 (2.6%) | 16.74 (1.9%) | 11.795 (2.7%) | 16.415 (1.9%) | 11.285 (2.8%) |
| K | 817 (2.1%) | 880.5 (1.9%) | 1058 (1.6%) | 1028 (1.6%) | 832.5 (2.0%) |
| Al | 53.85 (13%) | 35.275 (20%) | 54.85 (12%) | 66.4 (11%) | 91.85 (7.7%) |
| Mg | 526.5 (0.69%) | 611 (0.64%) | 495.6 (0.72%) | 687.5 (0.40%) | 550 (0.59%) |
| P | 1174 (0.47%) | 2048 (0.24%) | 1699.5 (0.49%) | 1799 (0.67%) | 1687.5 (0.18%) |
| Fe | 74.8 (5.0%) | 27.85 (13%) | 142.9 (2.6%) | 18.755 (19%) | 121.3 (3.1%) |
| Si | 48.97 (1.2%) | 141 (0.64%) | 181.7 (0.73%) | 134.4 (0.80%) | 73.5 (0.80%) |
| Zn | 21.605 (2.0%) | 29.18 (1.6%) | 35.32 (1.2%) | 35.725 (1.3%) | 32.305 (1.4%) |
| B | 7.07 (6.1%) | 9.725 (4.4%) | 11.105 (3.9%) | 6.675 (6.4%) | 5.16 (8.3%) |
| Co | <0.05 | <0.05 | 0.34 (106%) | 0.12 (302%) | 0.07 (519%) |
| Cr | <0.45 | <0.45 | <0.45 | <0.45 | <0.45 |
| Cu | 4.56 (4.9%) | 3.995 (5.6%) | 6.085 (3.7%) | 6.295 (3.6%) | 4.985 (4.5%) |
| Mn | 11.005 (3.3%) | 13.445 (2.7%) | 26.225 (1.5%) | 18.62 (3.6%) | 14.6 (2.5%) |
| Mo | 0.82 (20%) | 0.475 (35%) | 1.23 (13%) | 0.98 (17%) | 0.895 (19%) |
| Ni | 4.71 (7.1%) | 4.7 (7.1%) | 4.015 (8.4%) | 7.05 (4.8%) | 4.22 (7.9%) |
| Se | <0.30 | <0.30 | 0.35 (94%) | <0.30 | <0.30 |
| Sn | <0.90 | <0.90 | <0.90 | <0.90 | <0.90 |
| Sr | 2.17 (23%) | 3.795 (13%) | 3.45 (14%) | 2.875 (17%) | 2.91 (17%) |
| Ti | 0.4 (85%) | 0.225 (152%) | 1.44 (23%) | 0.18 (190%) | 1.28 (26%) |
| V | 0.095 (177%) | <0.05 | 0.12 (140%) | 0.165 (102%) | 0.205 (82%) |
| Cd | 0.105 (471%) | 0.165 (300%) | 0.075 (660%) | <0.05 | <0.05 |
| Pb | 1.41 (208%) | 4.465 (65%) | 3.945 (74%) | 1.755 (167%) | 9.73 (30%) |

^a The relative standard uncertainty was given in bracket.

Appendix D Element concentrations in the seed of buckwheat (K9-K11, K15, K16).

| Element | Concentration ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) | | | | |
|---------|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | K9 | K10 | K11 | K15 | K16 |
| Ca | 554 (4.5%) | 633 (3.9%) | 627 (3.9%) | 738 (3.4%) | 685.5 (3.6%) |
| Na | 10.56 (2.9%) | 18.245 (1.7%) | 16.64 (1.9%) | 17.375 (1.8%) | 17.74 (1.8%) |
| K | 930.5 (1.9%) | 1015.5 (1.6%) | 770 (2.1%) | 1100 (1.6%) | 1049.5 (1.6%) |
| Al | 50.15 (14%) | 196.4 (3.6%) | 334.7 (3.5%) | 178.6 (3.9%) | 173.4 (4.1%) |
| Mg | 651.5 (0.56%) | 573.5 (0.50%) | 594.5 (0.60%) | 714.4 (0.45%) | 755 (0.50%) |
| P | 1944.5 (0.50%) | 1594 (0.58%) | 1767.5 (0.38%) | 1875 (0.49%) | 2118.5 (0.44%) |
| Fe | 80.3 (4.7%) | 238.75 (1.6%) | 362.55 (1.1%) | 168.05 (2.3%) | 183.93 (2.0%) |
| Si | 156.85 (0.73%) | 178.4 (0.36%) | 269.65 (0.44%) | 179.3 (0.56%) | 182.95 (0.49%) |
| Zn | 38.445 (1.2%) | 32.125 (1.4%) | 20.86 (2.1%) | 28.355 (1.5%) | 24.34 (1.8%) |
| B | 6.53 (6.5%) | 6.005 (7.1%) | 4.71 (9.1%) | 7.06 (6.1%) | 8.6 (4.9%) |
| Co | 0.18 (201%) | 0.215 (169%) | 0.23 (158%) | 0.315 (115%) | 0.15 (242%) |
| Cr | <0.45 | 0.475 (49%) | <0.45 | <0.45 | <0.45 |
| Cu | 6.825 (3.3%) | 7.57 (2.9%) | 3.235 (6.9%) | 5.76 (3.9%) | 5.63 (3.9%) |
| Mn | 13.54 (2.7%) | 14.545 (2.5%) | 34.525 (1.2%) | 19.62 (1.9%) | 16.53 (2.2%) |
| Mo | 1.445 (11%) | 0.9 (18%) | <0.25 | 0.705 (24%) | 0.525 (32%) |
| Ni | 6.585 (5.1%) | 3.4 (9.9%) | 1.995 (16%) | 2.645 (12%) | 4 (8.4%) |
| Se | <0.30 | <0.30 | <0.30 | <0.30 | <0.30 |
| Sn | <0.90 | 1.46 (25%) | <0.90 | <0.90 | <0.90 |
| Sr | 3.745 (13%) | 3.51 (14%) | 3.595 (14%) | 4.125 (12%) | 4.245 (12%) |
| Ti | 2.86 (12%) | 1.24 (27%) | 14.955 (2.3%) | 0.935 (36%) | 0.545 (62%) |
| V | 0.11 (153%) | 0.445 (37%) | 1.085 (15%) | 0.445 (37%) | 0.435 (38%) |
| Cd | 0.055 (600%) | 0.09 (350%) | 0.085 (482%) | 0.1 (295%) | 0.1 (295%) |
| Pb | 2.975 (98%) | 21.155 (13%) | 1.685 (174%) | 1.72 (171%) | 1.865 (157%) |

^a The relative standard uncertainty was given in bracket.