

| Table S1. ICP-MS instrumental parameters | |
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| RF Power | 1400 W |
| Plasma gas flow rate | 14.5 l min ⁻¹ |
| Auxiliary gas flow rate | 1.65 l min ⁻¹ |
| Nebulizer | PFA-ST microconcentric |
| Spray chamber | single pass, heated at 70°C |
| Nebulizer gas flow rate | 0.8 l min ⁻¹ |
| Sheathing gas flow rate | 0.1 l min ⁻¹ |
| Sample uptake rate | 20 µl min ⁻¹ |
| Injector tube | Quartz (2.0 mm id) |
| Sampler cone | 1.1 mm diameter Pt |
| Skimmer cone | 0.9 mm diameter Pt |
| RF amplitude | 150 V |
| Axial field voltage | 300 V |
| Cell path voltage | -28 V |
| Cell rod offset | -8.0 V (standard) -1.0 V (DRC) |
| Mass analyzer rod offset | 0.0 V (standard) -8.0 V (DRC) |
| Reaction gas | NH ₃ |
| Reaction gas flow rate | 1.0 ml min ⁻¹ (Fe) 0.4 ml min ⁻¹ (Cr,Mn,V) |
| Stability parameters ^a | RPa=0.0 RPq=0.25 (standard) RPq=0.60 (DRC) |
| Dwell time | 50 ms (100 ms for Fe) |
| Sweeps | 20 |
| Replicates | 10 |
| Measured ions | ⁵¹ V ⁺ , ⁵² Cr ⁺ , ⁵⁵ Mn ⁺ , ⁵⁶ Fe ⁺ , ⁵⁹ Co ⁺ , ⁶³ Cu ⁺ , ⁶⁴ Zn ⁺ , ¹¹⁴ Cd ⁺ , ²⁰⁸ Pb ⁺ |
| Note: ^a Mathieu stability parameters of the cell's quadrupole: a=1.9*RPa; q=0.95*RPq. | |

Table S2. ICP-AES instrumental parameters

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| RF Power | 1100 W |
| Plasma gas flow rate | 15.0 l min ⁻¹ |
| Auxiliary gas flow rate | 1.5 l min ⁻¹ |
| Nebulizer | concentric K-style |
| Spray chamber | cyclonic |
| Nebulizer gas flow rate | 0.75 l min ⁻¹ |
| Sample uptake rate | 0.78 ml min ⁻¹ |
| Internal standard uptake rate | 0.22 ml min ⁻¹ |
| Integration time | 15 s |
| Replicates | 7 |
| Selected wavelengths (nm) | Al (236.705; 237.312; 396.152); Ca (315.887; 370.602; 373.690); Fe (234.350; 240.489; 258.588); K (766.491; 769.897); Lu (291.139); Mg (279.550; 280.270; 285.213); Na (568.821); Sr (346.445; 407.771; 421.552); Zn (202.548; 206.200; 213.857) |

Table S3. Analysis of the certified reference material MURST-ISS-A1 ^a

| | Certified | Found |
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| Al | 67100±3300 | 67000±4400 |
| Ca | (17236±1202) | 19500±500 |
| Cd | 0.538±0.027 | 0.653±0.077 |
| Co | 6.87±0.31 | 7.94±0.69 |
| Cr | 42.1±3.4 | 39.8±3.7 |
| Cu | (5.79±1.59) | 5.00±0.61 |
| Fe | 24400±700 | 24500±1400 |
| K | (30289±4325) | 27200±1500 |
| Mg | (15200±1292) | 11700±900 |
| Mn | 446±18 | 460±34 |
| Na | (21390±1547) | 20200±1600 |
| Ni | 9.56±0.04 | 10.3±0.7 |
| Pb | 21±3 | 18±1 |
| Sr | (217±1) | 223±13 |
| V | (47.0±5.7) | 51.4±3.7 |
| Zn | 53.3±2.7 | 56.3±4.2 |

Note: ^a mean values ± SD (n=8); values in µg g⁻¹.
Indicative values in brackets.

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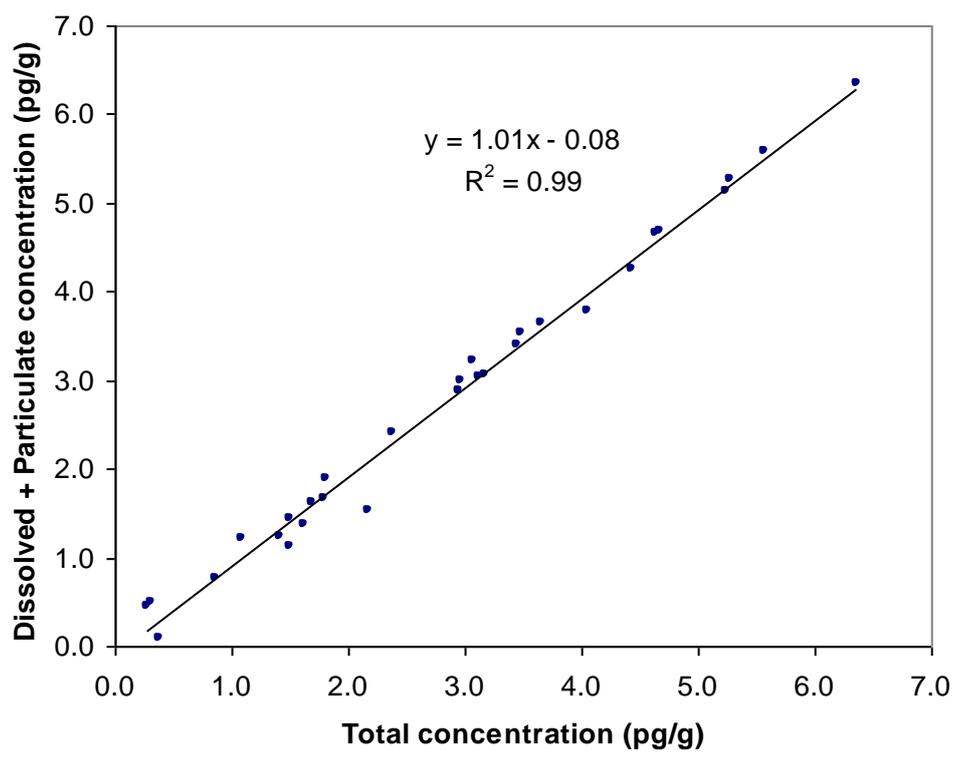


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