

**Electronic Supplementary Information.** Table of Standard Instrument Running Conditions.

<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Nu Plasma MC-ICP-MS</b>
RF power	1300 W
Reflected power	<10 W
Accelerating potential	4000 V
Analyser pressure	< 4 x 10 <sup>-9</sup> mbar under full gas load
Abundance sensitivity	3 – 4 ppm
Cones	Ni (Nu Plasma Type B)
<u>Argon gas flows:</u>	
- coolant	13 l min <sup>-1</sup>
- auxiliary	0.70 l min <sup>-1</sup>
- nebuliser	35 – 40 psi
<b>Sample introduction</b>	<b>Nu Plasma DSN 100</b>
- hot gas flow	0.25 l min <sup>-1</sup>
- membrane gas flow	2.7 – 3.1 l min <sup>-1</sup>
- nebuliser	ESI PFA µflow
- sample uptake rate	70 - 80 µl min <sup>-1</sup>