



Supplementary material

Human health Risk Assessment and Potentially Harmful Element Contents in the Fruits Cultivated in the Southern Poland

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Table S1. Measuring parameters of ICP spectrometers used in the study.

Sample Introduction Compartment/Parameter	ELAN 6100 Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS)	Optima 7300DV Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometer (ICP-OES)
Torch	Standard alumina injector with a 2.0 mm inner diameter	Quartz
Spray Chamber	Double-pass Scott-type	Double-pass Scott-type
Nebulizer	The Gem Tip Cross-Flow, pneumatic	Cross-Flow
Radio Frequency RF Generator	40 MHz	40.16 MHz
Plasma Flow	1300 W	1050 W
Auxiliary Flow	15 L/min	15 L/min
Nebulizer Flow	0.2 L/min	1.5 L/min
Sample Flow Rate	0.8 L/min	0.93 L/min
Equilibration Time	1.5 mL/min	1.5 mL/min
Wavelength	30 s	400–3000 ms
Monitored Isotopes	Zn—206.200 nm	na ⁷⁵ As, ¹¹⁴ Cd, ⁵⁹ Co, ⁵³ Cr, ⁶³ Cu, ²⁰² Hg, ⁵⁸ Ni, ²⁰⁸ Pb, ¹²¹ Sb, ⁸² Se, ²⁰⁵ Tl
Internal Standard	na	⁸⁹ Y
Plasma View	Axial	na
Replicates	3	3

RF—radio frequency, na—not applicable

Table S2. Results of one-way ANOVA of differences between average concentrations of PHEs in groups of fruits.

PHEs	F	p	Confidence Interval	Fisher's LSD Test, Probabilities for Post-Hoc Tests
Cd	0.7625	0.5197	0.95	Non-significant differences
Co	5.6909	0.0017	0.95	Error: between MS = 0.00010, df = 58.000 {1} 0.0016 {2} 0.0005 {3} 0.0066 {4} 0.0219 berry fruits 0.7160 0.1710 0.0004 stone fruits 0.7160 0.1176 0.0003 pome fruits 0.1710 0.1176 0.0115 shell fruits 0.0004 0.0003 0.0115
Cu	61.128	0.00000	0.95	Error: between MS = 1.0285, df = 58.000 {1} 0.6152 {2} 0.8301 {3} 0.8193 {4} 7.8118 berry fruits 0.4787 0.5738 0.0000 stone fruits 0.4787 0.9777 0.0000 pome fruits 0.5738 0.9777 0.0000 shell fruits 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000
Ni	2.1383	0.1052	0.95	Non-significant differences
Pb	0.8197	0.4883	0.95	Non-significant differences
Sb	1.1131	0.3512	0.95	Non-significant differences
Tl	0.1694	0.9166	0.95	Non-significant differences
Zn	874.99	0.00000	0.95	Error: between MS = 1.5541, df = 58.000 {1} 2.5368 {2} 1.5179 {3} 2.4569 {4} 35.155 berry fruits 0.0079 0.8577 0.0000 stone fruits 0.0079 0.0515 0.0000 pome fruits 0.8577 0.0515 0.0000 shell fruits 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000

PHEs—potentially harmful elements, F—F-ratio, p—probability, values <0.05 are shown in bold.

Table S3. Results of one-way ANOVA of differences between average concentrations of PHEs in investigated regions of southern Poland.

PHEs	F	p	Confidence Interval	Fisher's LSD Test, Probabilities for Post-Hoc Tests			
Cd	2.5568	0.0639	0.95	Non-significant differences			
Co	2.9642	0.0394	0.95	Error: between MS = 0.00011, df = 58.000			
				{1}	{2}	{3}	{4}
				0.00015	0.00005	0.00961	0.00703
			Opolskie		0.9771	0.0228	0.0672
			Śląskie	0.9771		0.0241	0.0700
			Małopolskie	0.0228	0.0241		0.5444
			Świętokrzyskie	0.0672	0.0700	0.5444	
Cu	1.2622	0.2958	0.95	Non-significant differences			
Ni	2.3595	0.0808	0.95	Non-significant differences			
Pb	0.6396	0.5926	0.95	Non-significant differences			
Sb	3.6244	0.0181	0.95	Error: between MS = 0.00204, df = 58.000			
				{1}	{2}	{3}	{4}
				0.0423	0.0042	0.0359	0.0005
			Opolskie		0.0142	0.7077	0.0095
			Śląskie	0.0142		0.0750	0.8179
			Małopolskie	0.7077	0.0750		0.0532
			Świętokrzyskie	0.0095	0.8179	0.0532	
Tl	1.8459	0.1489	0.95	Non-significant differences			
Zn	0.0320	0.9922	0.95	Non-significant differences			

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Table S4. Selected PHE contents in arable soils in southern Poland (based on [1,2]) used for soil-to-plant transfer indices in this study.

PHEs	Mean total content of PHE in arable soils from southern Poland [1]	Mean content of PHEs in exchangeable and acid soluble forms in arable soils from southern Poland [2]	Mean potential soluble total PHE concentration in pore water of arable soils from southern Poland [2]
	extraction with aqua regia	extraction with 0.11 mol/dm ³ CH ₃ COOH in first step of the BCR sequential extraction procedure	extraction with 0.05 mol/dm ³ Na ₂ EDTA
mg/kg dw.			
As	6.64	0.28	na
Cd	0.39	0.45	0.72
Co	4.92	0.44	na
Cu	26.6	0.72	4.45
Ni	11.5	0.64	1.29
Pb	63.8	<LOD	21.3
Sb	1.23	0.04	na
Tl	0.1	0.005	na
Zn	283	63.6	40.3

PHEs—potentially harmful elements, BCR—Community Bureau of Reference, dw.—dry weight.

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