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Supplementary material S1

Quality control/Quality assurance

Supplementary material S2

Differences (\pm standard deviation) between elements (Cd, Pb, Ni, As, Cr) contents in exposed plants to control plants in 2012 and 2013. (TABLE)

Supplementary material S3

Effect of interaction (series \times sites) on mean contents (\pm standard deviation) of Na, K, Mg and Ca [mg g^{-1}] for 2012 and 2013. (TABLE)

Supplementary material S4

Chlorophyll *a* and *b* contents (\pm standard deviation) in *L. multiflorum* leaves in 2012 and 2013 growing seasons in relation to control values. Different letters denote significant differences at level $\alpha = 0.05$. (FIGURE)

S1

QUALITY CONTROL/QUALITY ASSURANCE

The methods of trace element measurement were validated and controlled by preparation and analyses of standard solutions, calibration of the instrument, daily runs of method blanks, duplicates and replicates and certified materials (CRMs) with each analytical cycle. The analytical accuracy was checked using by measuring standard reference material 1515 Apple Leaves National Institute of Standard Reference Material (USA). The Quality Control (QC) data of obtained and certified values in brackets were: 2691 ± 40 [μgg^{-1}] for Mg (2710 ± 120 [μgg^{-1}]); 15361 ± 72 [μgg^{-1}] for Ca (15250 ± 100 [μgg^{-1}]); 0.0127 ± 0.0025 [μgg^{-1}] for Cd (0.0132 ± 0.0015 [μgg^{-1}]); 0.386 ± 0.027 [μgg^{-1}] for Pb (0.407 ± 0.024 [μgg^{-1}]) and 223 ± 14 [μgg^{-1}] for Ni (0.936 ± 0.094 [μgg^{-1}]); 0.282 ± 0.024 for Cr (0.3 [μgg^{-1}] (information value)); 23.6 ± 2.7 [μgg^{-1}] for Na (24.4 ± 2.1 [μgg^{-1}]); 16161 ± 127 [μgg^{-1}] for K (16080 ± 210 [μgg^{-1}]). Precision was calculated as the coefficient of variations (CV) of duplicates. As a result of the analysis, the measurement precision values were in the range from 1.5% to 4.9% for all investigated elements. Finally, the limits of detection, calculated as three standard deviations of 7 independent replicates of the reagent blank, were respectively (in $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) 0.03 for As; 0.008 for Cd; 0.05 for Cr; 0.05 for Ni; 0.07 for Pb; 0.5 for Ca; 0.5 for Mg and 1 mg L^{-1} for Na and K.

S4

SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE (S4). Chlorophyll *a* and *b* contents (\pm standard deviation) in *L. multiflorum* leaves in 2012 and 2013 growing seasons in relation to control values. Different letters denote significant differences at level $\alpha = 0.05$.

