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Geochemical records in sediments of a tropical estuary (Southeastern coast of Brazil)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Trace elements and hydrocarbons in the estuary showed no indication of direct anthropogenic input.
- Trace elements are mainly derived from terrigenous sources.
- High arsenic levels are naturally derived from Barreiras Group formation.
- Land uses changes were the main reason for metal and arsenic enrichment.

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