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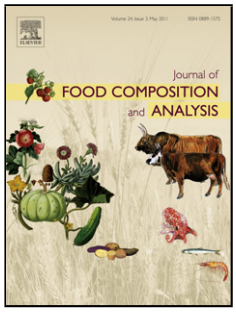

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Highlights

- Levels of 21 trace elements were determined in 92 edible seaweed samples
- Chemometric approach was applied for studying differentiation between the 3 species
- Taxonomic genus and geographic origin have great importance on trace element profile
- Safety aspects about heavy metal exposure by seaweed consumption were studied
- Al and Cd show a remarkable risk due to seaweed consumption

ABSTRACT

This study was performed to delineate a characterisation of 21 trace elements (Al, As, Be, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, Hg, Mo, Mn, Ni, Pb, Sb, Se, Sn, Sr, Tl, U, V, and Zn), in 92 samples of edible