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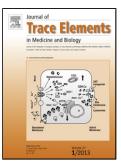
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Highlights:

- Zinc deficiency in soil-crop systems in widespread globally.
- Zinc deficiency is common on calcareous, high pH, eroded and land-levelled soils.
- Zn in water enters from natural processes and human activities.
- Zn plays a vital role in several plant physiological functions.
- Biofortification of food crops may be an effective method for improving Zn intake in susceptible human populations.

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