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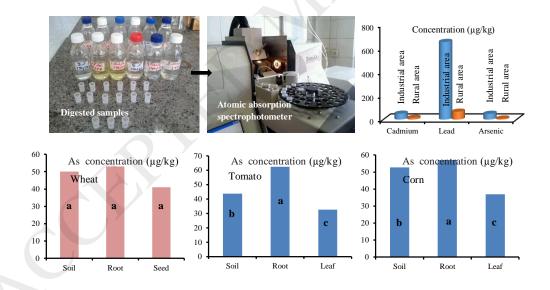
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Graphical abstract



Abstract

This paper provides the first quantitative information on accumulation of cadmium, lead, and arsenic in the soil, leaf, and root of wheat ($Triticum\ aestivum\ L.$), corn ($Zea\ Maize$), and tomato ($Solanum\ lycopersicum$) in the downstream agricultural lands of an industrial area and agricultural lands of a rural area, Razavi Khorasan province, Iran. The results showed that there is a significant difference among the cadmium concentrations in the soil, root and leaf/seed in various plants (p=0.00 for wheat and corn and p=0.0004 for tomato). There was no significant

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