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Xxx

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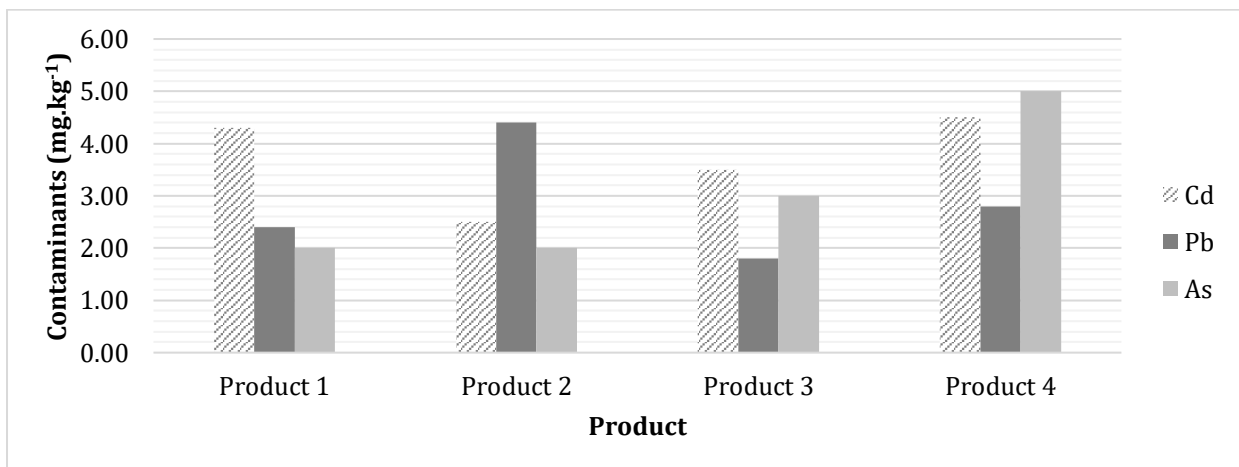


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Lorem B	391.5 ±102.7	432.4 ±109.2	460.3 ±104.3	432.4 ±109.2	460.3 ±104.3
Lorem C	4.5 ±2.8	4.7 ±3.3	5.5 ±3.0	4.7 ±3.3	5.5 ±3.0
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