

Table 3 Concentration of heavy metals and values of contamination factor (CF) in bivalve *B. variabilis* collected from northern part of the Gulf of Suez during 2014-2015.

Metals	Stations	Summer	Winter	Mean \pm SD	CF
Cd	St. 1	0.29 \pm 0.06	0.33 \pm 0.07	0.31 \pm 0.06	1.63
	St. 2	NF	NF	NF	NF
	St. 3	0.26 \pm 0.03	0.17 \pm 0.02	0.22 \pm 0.05	1.16
	St. 4	0.56 \pm 0.00	0.29 \pm 0.07	0.40 \pm 0.15	2.11
	St. 5	0.34 \pm 0.09	0.20 \pm 0.03	0.27 \pm 0.10	1.42
	St. 6	0.18 \pm 0.02	0.19 \pm 0.21	0.19 \pm 0.14	1.00
	St. 7	0.19 \pm 0.02	0.21 \pm 0.02	0.20 \pm 0.02	1.05
Pb	St. 1	0.53 \pm 0.35	1.43 \pm 0.17	1.02 \pm 0.53	1.15
	St. 2	NF	NF	NF	NF
	St. 3	0.82 \pm 0.40	0.97 \pm 0.14	0.89 \pm 0.30	1.00
	St. 4	2.02 \pm 0.83	0.81 \pm 0.20	1.33 \pm 0.82	1.49
	St. 5	2.54 \pm 0.47	0.85 \pm 0.28	1.70 \pm 0.97	1.91
	St. 6	1.74 \pm 0.13	1.05 \pm 0.18	1.39 \pm 0.39	1.56
	St. 7	1.59 \pm 0.62	1.47 \pm 0.20	1.54 \pm 0.46	1.73
Cu	St. 1	3.69 \pm 0.34	4.38 \pm 0.54	4.06 \pm 0.56	1.69
	St. 2	NF	NF	NF	NF
	St. 3	2.18 \pm 0.55	2.73 \pm 0.25	2.45 \pm 0.49	1.02
	St. 4	2.72 \pm 0.88	3.72 \pm 0.78	3.29 \pm 0.92	1.37
	St. 5	2.22 \pm 0.38	2.59 \pm 0.41	2.40 \pm 0.42	1.00
	St. 6	2.56 \pm 0.47	2.82 \pm 0.83	2.69 \pm 0.65	1.12
	St. 7	3.29 \pm 0.25	2.11 \pm 0.05	2.77 \pm 0.65	1.15
Zn	St. 1	12.36 \pm 1.61	15.93 \pm 1.03	14.30 \pm 2.24	1.64
	St. 2	NF	NF	NF	NF
	St. 3	9.35 \pm 1.14	9.97 \pm 0.71	9.66 \pm 0.95	1.11
	St. 4	17.04 \pm 2.08	16.02 \pm 2.21	16.46 \pm 2.04	1.89
	St. 5	13.74 \pm 1.96	10.23 \pm 0.72	11.99 \pm 2.31	1.38
	St. 6	9.29 \pm 1.34	8.12 \pm 1.60	8.70 \pm 1.52	1.00
	St. 7	9.98 \pm 1.33	10.35 \pm 0.58	10.14 \pm 1.03	1.17

NF: Not found