

Table 4 Effect of salinity on nutritional and proximate composition of groundnut (*A. hypogaea*) at 12 weeks after irrigation with different concentrations of saline water

Nutritional and proximate composition	Salt concentration (mM NaCl)					
	0	25	50	100	150	200
N (%)	3.15 ^a	3.09 ^a	2.98 ^a	3.08 ^a	2.78 ^a	-
P (%)	0.35 ^a	0.38 ^a	0.31 ^a	0.37 ^a	0.30 ^a	-
K (%)	0.26 ^a	0.22 ^b	0.21 ^b	0.20 ^b	0.20 ^b	-
Ca (%)	0.23 ^a	0.19 ^b	0.16 ^b	0.19 ^b	0.13 ^b	-
Mg (%)	0.79 ^a	0.44 ^b	0.40 ^b	0.25 ^b	0.26 ^b	-
Na (%)	0.047 ^b	0.703 ^a	0.934 ^a	0.955 ^a	0.927 ^a	-
Ash (%)	2.94 ^a	4.89 ^{ab}	5.88 ^{ab}	6.83 ^{ab}	8.85 ^{ab}	-
Fibre (%)	3.06 ^a	3.09 ^a	3.05 ^a	3.09 ^a	3.06 ^a	-
Protein (%)	19.69 ^a	19.31 ^a	18.63 ^a	18.25 ^a	17.38 ^a	-
Lipid (%)	39.47 ^a	38.79 ^a	38.54 ^a	36.91 ^a	36.47 ^a	-
Carbohydrate (%)	37.84 ^a	36.92 ^a	36.57 ^a	34.87 ^a	34.22 ^a	-
Cl ⁻ (mg/kg)	12780 ^a	17040 ^b	17750 ^b	20590 ^c	22600 ^c	-
Na ⁺ (mg/kg)	465.00 ^a	706.80 ^b	846.30 ^b	1032.00 ^c	1074.20 ^c	-

Note: Each value is a mean of 5 replicates. For each parameter, means with the same letter(s) [in superscript] in the same row are not significantly different at $P \geq 0.05$ (Tukey HSD)