

**Table 3** Mineral composition of different date varieties (mg/100 g)

Varieties	Sodium	Calcium	Iron	Magnesium	Potassium	Zinc
Ajwa	9.50 ± 0.1 <sup>d</sup>	191.00 ± 1.07 <sup>a</sup>	3.13 ± 0.01 <sup>d</sup>	146.93 ± 0.01 <sup>c</sup>	482.00 ± 2.98 <sup>c</sup>	1.30 ± 0.01 <sup>b</sup>
Aseel	18.00 ± 1.06 <sup>a</sup>	160.03 ± 1.02 <sup>b</sup>	3.30 ± 0.01 <sup>c</sup>	56.00 ± 0.02 <sup>ab</sup>	465.00 ± 2.95 <sup>d</sup>	1.80 ± 2.01 <sup>a</sup>
Hallawi	12.00 ± 1.04 <sup>b</sup>	165.66 ± 0.99 <sup>b</sup>	5.40 ± 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	50.32 ± 0.02 <sup>b</sup>	849.33 ± 0.98 <sup>b</sup>	1.40 ± 0.01 <sup>b</sup>
Khudravi	11.00 ± 1.02 <sup>c</sup>	135.03 ± 0.95 <sup>c</sup>	4.40 ± 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	52.35 ± 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	887.20 ± 1.02 <sup>a</sup>	1.27 ± 0.01 <sup>b</sup>

Different letters showed significant variations ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) in columns; values are expressed as mean ± standard deviation of three independent determinations