

**Fig.9** RCR growth curve in *Mus dunni* cells.

*Mus dunni* cells were infected with serial log dilution of RCR standard. Culture supernatant were harvested at indicated time, and RCR were concentrated by PEI-magnetic beads. Viral genome RNA were extracted and amount of RCR were determined by real-time quantitative RT-PCR.

Data were the mean  $\pm$  S.D. (n=3)

**Table 5** Comparison of direct S+L- assay and infectivity RT-PCR with PEI-beads concentration in detecting RCR

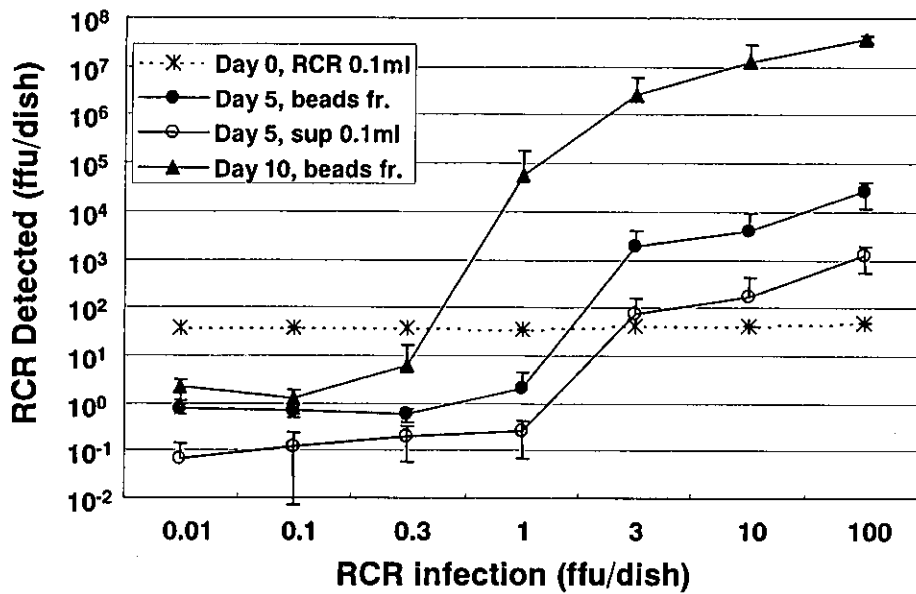
| RCR Infection<br>(ffu/ml/dish) | PG4(S+L-)<br>assay |     | Infectivity RT-PCR and PEI-beads concentration |      |      |      |      |     |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----|--|------|------|------|------|-----|
|                                | Day7               |     | Day3   | Day4 | Day5 | Day6 | Day7 |     |
| 100                            | +                  | 6/6 | +  | 3/3  | +    | 3/3  | +    | 3/3 |
| 10                             | ±                  | 3/6 | +  | 3/3  | +    | 3/3  | +    | 3/3 |
| 1                              | ±                  | 1/6 | ±  | 1/3  | ±    | 1/3  | +    | 3/3 |
| 0.1                            | -                  | 0/6 | -  | 0/3  | -    | 0/3  | +    | 3/3 |
| 0.01                           | -                  | 0/6 | -  | 0/3  | -    | 0/3  | -    | 0/3 |

Serial dilutions of RCR in medium were evaluated in the direct PG4(S+L-) assay and infection of *Mus dunni* cells combined with PEI-beads concentration and real-time quantitative RT-PCR.

**Table 6** Comparison of direct S+L- assay and infectivity RT-PCR with PEI-beads concentration in detecting RCR spiked in retrovirus vector

| RCR Infection<br>(ffu/ml/dish) | PG4(S+L-) assay |     | Infectivity RT-PCR and PEI-beads concentration |                           |                         |     |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
|                                | Day7            |     | Day5<br>Beads fraction                         | Day5<br>Culture sup 0.1ml | Day10<br>Beads fraction |     |
| 100                            | +               | 5/5 | +  | 5/5                       | +                       | 5/5 |
| 10                             | ±               | 4/5 | +  | 5/5                       | +                       | 5/5 |
| 3                              | ±               | 2/5 | +  | 5/5                       | +                       | 5/5 |
| 1                              | ±               | 1/5 | ±  | 2/5                       | -                       | 0/5 |
| 0.3                            | -               | 0/5 | -  | 0/5                       | -                       | 0/5 |
| 0.1                            | -               | 0/5 | -  | 0/5                       | -                       | 0/5 |
| 0.01                           | -               | 0/5 | -  | 0/5                       | -                       | 0/5 |

Serial dilutions of RCR in  $\Psi$  CRIP-LEGFP1 retrovirus vector sample were evaluated in the direct PG4(S+L-) assay and infection of *Mus dunni* cells combined with PEI-beads concentration and real-time quantitative RT-PCR.



**Fig.10** Detection of RCR in retroviral vector sample by infectivity RT-PCR and PEI-magnetic beads concentration. *Mus dunni* cells were infected with serial log dilution of RCR standard in  $\Psi$  CRIP-LEGFP1 retroviral vector sample. Cell culture supernatant were harvested on day5 and 10, and RCR were concentrated by PEI-magnetic beads. Viral genome RNA were extracted from beads fraction (day5, 10), untreated culture supernatant (day 5),and RCR solution (day 0),and amount of RCR of each sample was determined by real-time quantitative RT-PCR. Data were the mean  $\pm$  S.D. of (n=5)

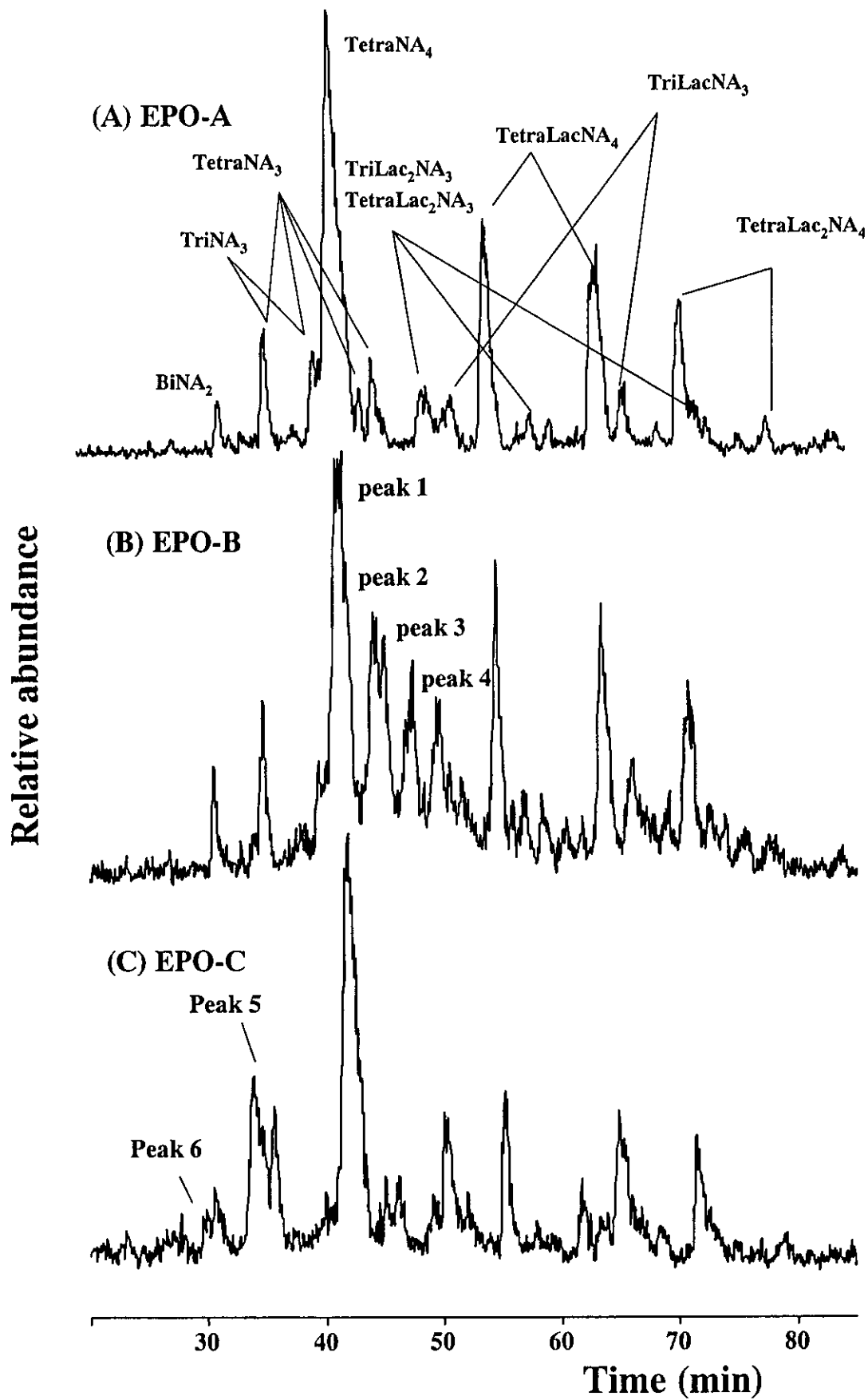


Fig. 11 Sugar mapping of EPO-A, B and C by LC/MS

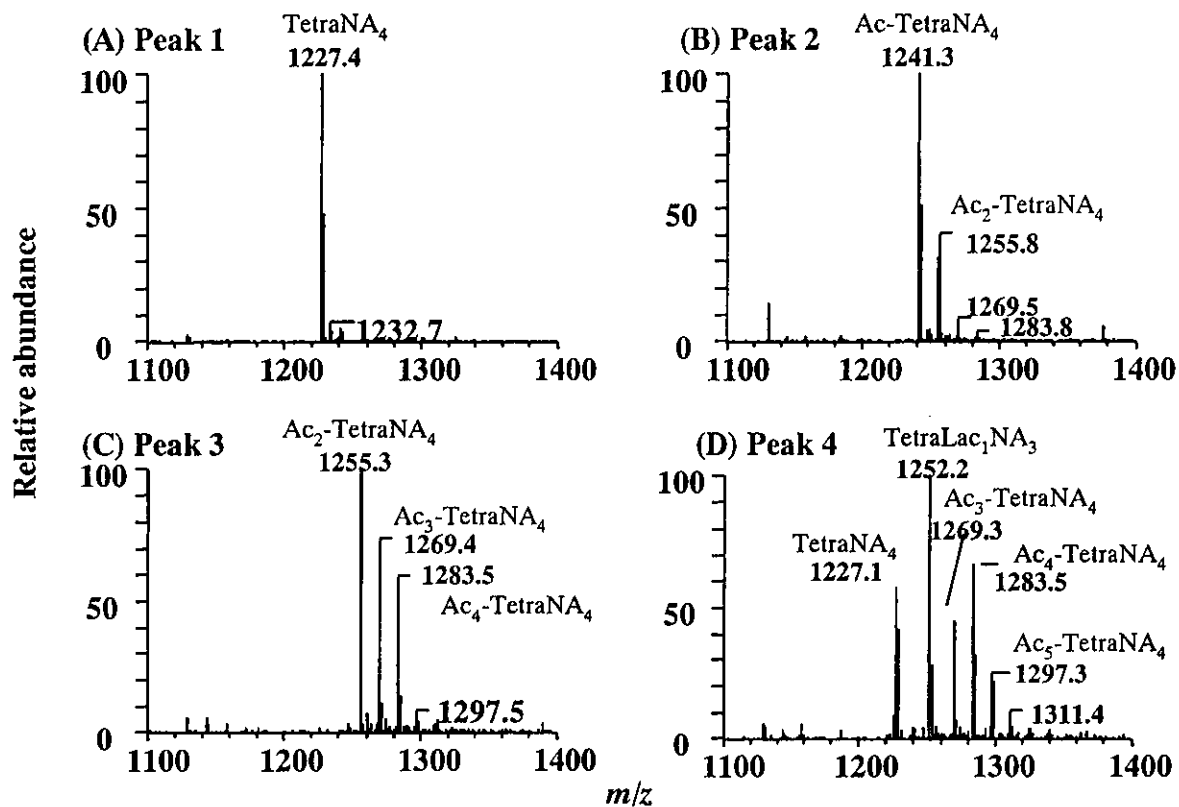


Fig. 12 Mass spectra of peaks 1-4 in Fig. 11B

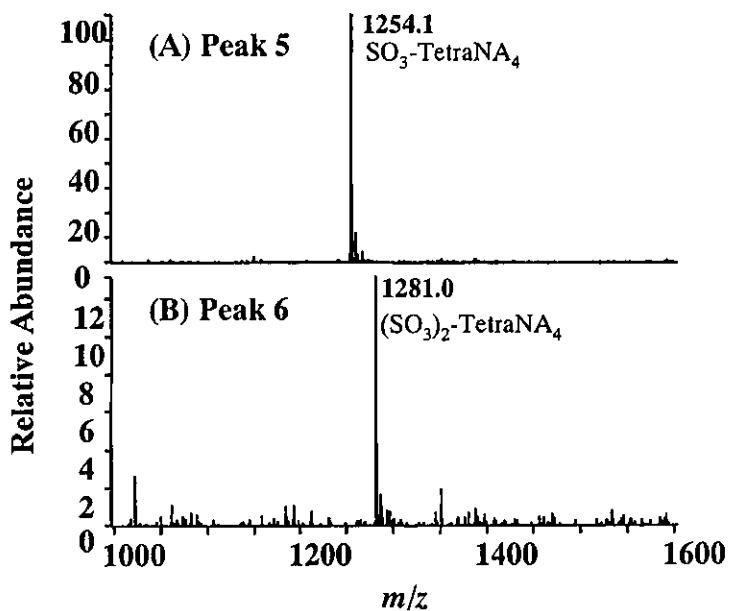


Fig. 13 Mass spectra of peaks 5, 6 in Fig. 11C



Table 7

Carbohydrate structures of A1·N2 in Fig. 4, and their theoretical masses and observed m/z values

| No  | Carbohydrate structure <sup>a</sup>  | Theoretical mass <sup>b</sup> | Observed m/z    |                |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|     |  |                               | EPO-A           |                | EPO-B           |                | EPO-C           |                |                 |                |
|     |  |                               | M <sup>2-</sup> | M <sup>+</sup> | M <sup>2-</sup> | M <sup>+</sup> | M <sup>2-</sup> | M <sup>+</sup> | M <sup>2-</sup> | M <sup>+</sup> |
| A1  | BiNA <sub>2</sub>  | 2372.2                        | 1185.0          |                | 1184.9          |                |                 |                | 1185.3          |                |
| B1  | Bi Lac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriNA <sub>2</sub> <sup>c</sup>  | 2737.5                        | 1367.9          |                | 1367.5          |                |                 |                | 1367.9          |                |
| B2  | Bi Lac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriNA <sub>2</sub>   | 2737.5                        | 1367.3          |                | 1367.8          |                |                 |                | 1368.7          |                |
| B3  | Bi Lac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriNA <sub>2</sub>   | 2737.5                        | 1367.9          |                | 1367.4          |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| B4  | Bi Lac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriNA <sub>2</sub>   | 2737.5                        | 1367.5          |                | 1367.4          |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| C1  | TriNA <sub>3</sub>   | 3028.8                        | 1513.3          | 1008.7         | 1513.4          | 1008.5         | 1008.5          | 1513.1         | 1513.1          | 1008.5         |
| C2  | TriNA <sub>3</sub>   | 3028.8                        | 1513.1          | 1008.5         | 1513.5          | 1008.5         | 1008.5          | 1513.4         | 1513.4          | 1009.1         |
| Cs1 | Ac-TriNA <sub>3</sub>  | 3070.8                        |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                | nd              | 1035.6         |
| D1  | BiLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraNA <sub>2</sub> <sup>d</sup> | 3102.9                        | 1551.0          | 1033.4         | 1550.8          | 1033.5         | 1033.5          | 1550.8         |                 |                |
| D2  | BiLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraNA <sub>2</sub>              | 3102.9                        | 1549.8          | 1033.9         |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| D3  | BiLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraNA <sub>2</sub>              | 3102.9                        | 1550.4          | 1033.0         |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| D4  | BiLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraNA <sub>2</sub>              | 3102.9                        | 1550.8          | 1033.8         |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| D5  | BiLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraNA <sub>2</sub>              | 3102.9                        | 1549.7          | 1033.2         |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| D6  | BiLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraNA <sub>2</sub>              | 3102.9                        | 1550.6          | 1033.8         |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| D7  | BiLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraNA <sub>2</sub>              | 3102.9                        | 1550.4          | 1033.3         |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| D8  | BiLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraNA <sub>2</sub>              | 3102.9                        | 1550.2          | 1033.6         |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| D9  | BiLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraNA <sub>2</sub>              | 3102.9                        | 1551.0          | 1033.4         |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| D10 | BiLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraNA <sub>2</sub>              | 3102.9                        | 1550.3          | 1032.9         |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| E1  | TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , TetraNA <sub>3</sub> <sup>e</sup>                                      | 3394.1                        |                 | 1130.3         |                 |                | 1130.4          |                |                 | 1130.5         |
| E2  | TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , TetraNA <sub>3</sub>   | 3394.1                        |                 | 1130.3         |                 |                | 1130.2          |                |                 | 1130.2         |
| E3  | TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , TetraNA <sub>3</sub>   | 3394.1                        |                 | 1130.3         |                 |                | 1130.7          |                |                 | 1130.6         |
| E4  | TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , TetraNA <sub>3</sub>   | 3394.1                        |                 | 1130.4         |                 |                | 1130.5          |                |                 | 1130.4         |
| E5  | TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , TetraNA <sub>3</sub>   | 3394.1                        |                 | 1130.6         |                 |                | 1130.3          |                |                 |                |
| E6  | TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , TetraNA <sub>3</sub>   | 3394.1                        |                 | 1130.6         |                 |                | 1130.4          |                |                 |                |
| Ea1 | Ac-TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , Ac-TetraNA <sub>3</sub>   | 3436.1                        |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |                 | 1144.0         |
| Ea2 | Ac-TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , Ac-TetraNA <sub>3</sub>   | 3436.1                        |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |                 | 1144.0         |
| Ea3 | Ac-TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , Ac-TetraNA <sub>3</sub>   | 3436.1                        |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |                 | 1144.1         |
| Ea4 | Ac-TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , Ac-TetraNA <sub>3</sub>   | 3436.1                        |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |                 | 1144.2         |
| Es1 | SO <sub>3</sub> -TriLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , SO <sub>3</sub> -TetraNA <sub>3</sub>                 | 3474.2                        |                 |                |                 |                |                 |                |                 | 1157.2         |
| F1  | TriLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> <sup>f</sup>                     | 3468.2                        |                 |                |                 |                |                 | 1154.9         |                 |                |
| F2  | TriLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub>                                  | 3468.2                        |                 |                |                 |                |                 | 1155.3         |                 |                |
| F3  | TriLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub>                                  | 3468.2                        |                 |                |                 |                |                 | 1155.5         |                 |                |
| F4  | TriLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub>                                  | 3468.2                        |                 |                |                 |                |                 | 1155.4         |                 |                |

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|--------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| F5     | TriLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub> , TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>2</sub>              | 3468.2 | 1155.4 | 1227.4 | 1227.4 | 1227.5 |
| G1     | TetraNA <sub>4</sub>   | 3685.4 | 1227.4 | 1227.1 | 1227.1 | 1227.3 |
| G2     | TetraNA <sub>4</sub>   | 3685.4 | 1227.4 | 1241.3 | 1241.3 |        |
| Ga1    | Ac-TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3727.4 | 1241.5 | 1241.3 | 1241.3 |        |
| Ga2    | Ac-TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3727.4 | 1241.5 | 1255.8 | 1255.8 |        |
| Gb1    | Ac <sub>2</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3769.5 | 1256.2 | 1255.3 | 1255.3 |        |
| Gb2    | Ac <sub>2</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3769.5 | 1255.5 | 1269.5 | 1269.5 |        |
| Gc1    | Ac <sub>3</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3811.5 |        | 1269.3 | 1269.3 |        |
| Gc2    | Ac <sub>3</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3811.5 |        | 1269.3 | 1269.3 |        |
| Gc3    | Ac <sub>3</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3811.5 |        | 1283.5 | 1283.5 |        |
| Gd1    | Ac <sub>4</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3853.5 |        | 1283.8 | 1283.8 |        |
| Gd2    | Ac <sub>4</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3853.5 |        | 1283.5 | 1283.5 |        |
| Gd3    | Ac <sub>4</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3853.5 |        | 1297.7 | 1297.7 |        |
| Ge1br  | Ac <sub>5</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3895.6 |        |        |        | 1253.9 |
| Gs1    | SO <sub>3</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3765.5 | 1254.5 | 1254.4 | 1254.4 | 1254.1 |
| Gs2    | SO <sub>3</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3765.5 |        |        |        | 1253.9 |
| Gs3    | SO <sub>3</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3765.5 |        |        |        | 1254.0 |
| Gs4    | SO <sub>3</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>  | 3765.5 |        |        |        | 1280.7 |
| Gss1   | (SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>                                    | 3845.5 |        | 1268.1 | 1268.1 | 1281.0 |
| Gss2   | (SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>                                    | 3845.5 |        | 1282.2 | 1282.2 |        |
| Gsa1   | SO <sub>3</sub> -Ac-TetraNA <sub>4</sub>   | 3807.5 |        | 1296.5 | 1296.5 |        |
| Gsb1   | SO <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>                                   | 3849.5 |        | 1310.0 | 1310.0 |        |
| Gsc1br | SO <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>3</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>                                   | 3891.6 |        | 1252.2 | 1252.2 | 1252.8 |
| Gsd1br | SO <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>4</sub> -TetraNA <sub>4</sub>                                   | 3933.6 |        | 1252.4 | 1252.4 | 1252.5 |
| H1     | TriLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> <sup>f</sup> | 3759.5 | 1252.2 | 1252.2 | 1252.2 |        |
| H2     | TriLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub>              | 3759.5 | 1252.1 | 1252.4 | 1252.4 |        |
| H3     | TriLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub>              | 3759.5 | 1252.1 | 1252.4 | 1252.4 |        |
| H4     | TriLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub>              | 3759.5 | 1252.2 | 1252.6 | 1252.6 |        |
| H5     | TriLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub>              | 3759.5 | 1252.2 | 1252.5 | 1252.5 | 1252.0 |
| H6     | TriLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>3</sub> , TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>3</sub>              | 3759.5 | 1252.1 | 1252.1 | 1252.1 |        |
| I1     | TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub>  | 3833.5 | 1276.8 |        |        |        |
| I2     | TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub>  | 3833.5 | 1276.9 |        |        |        |
| I3     | TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>2</sub>  | 3833.5 | 1276.3 |        |        |        |
| J1     | TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>  | 4050.7 | 1349.1 | 1349.2 | 1349.2 | 1349.1 |
| J2     | TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>  | 4050.7 | 1349.0 | 1349.0 | 1349.0 | 1349.1 |
| J3     | TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>  | 4050.7 | 1348.7 | 1348.9 | 1348.9 | 1349.2 |
| J4     | TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>  | 4050.7 | 1349.3 | 1349.6 | 1349.6 |        |
| J5     | TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>  | 4050.7 | 1349.2 | 1349.4 | 1349.4 | 1349.3 |
| Ja1    | Ac-TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>   | 4092.7 | 1363.2 | 1363.2 | 1363.2 | 1011.5 |
| Ja2    | Ac-TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>   | 4092.7 | 1363.3 | 1363.3 | 1363.3 | 1011.7 |
| Ja3    | Ac-TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>   | 4092.7 | 1363.8 | 1363.0 | 1363.0 | 1011.2 |
|        |  |        | nd     |        |        | 1011.8 |
|        |  |        |        |        |        | 1011.8 |
|        |  |        |        |        |        | 1011.7 |
|        |  |        |        |        |        | 1011.1 |
|        |  |        |        |        |        | 1011.8 |
|        |  |        |        |        |        | 1011.5 |
|        |  |        |        |        |        | 1021.9 |
|        |  |        |        |        |        | 1022.1 |
|        |  |        |        |        |        | 1022.9 |



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|-------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Ja4   | Ac-TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                                | 4092.7 | 1363.0 | 1022.9 | 1363.5 | 1022.1 |
| Jb1   | Ac <sub>2</sub> -TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                  | 4134.8 |        |        | 1377.5 | 1032.9 |
| Jb2   | Ac <sub>2</sub> -TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                  | 4134.8 |        |        | 1377.2 | 1031.7 |
| Jb3   | Ac <sub>2</sub> -TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                  | 4134.8 |        |        | 1377.6 | 1032.8 |
| Jc1br | Ac <sub>3</sub> -TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                  | 4176.8 |        |        | 1391.2 | nd     |
| Jc2br | Ac <sub>3</sub> -TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                  | 4176.8 |        |        | 1391.9 | nd     |
| Js1   | SO <sub>3</sub> -TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                  | 4130.8 |        |        | 1375.8 | 1032.1 |
| Js2   | SO <sub>3</sub> -TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                  | 4130.8 |        |        |        |        |
| Jss1  | (SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> -TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>  | 4210.8 |        |        |        |        |
| Jss2  | (SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> -TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>  | 4210.8 |        |        |        |        |
| Jsa1  | SO <sub>3</sub> -Ac-TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>               | 4172.8 |        |        | 1390.6 | nd     |
| Jsb1  | SO <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> -TetraLac <sub>1</sub> NA <sub>4</sub> | 4172.8 |        |        | 1404.1 | 1052.3 |
| K1    | TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>3</sub>                                   | 4124.8 | 1373.9 |        | 1374.1 |        |
| K2    | TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>3</sub>                                   | 4124.8 | 1374.1 |        | 1374.3 |        |
| K3    | TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>3</sub>                                   | 4124.8 | 1374.4 |        | 1374.2 |        |
| L1    | TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                                   | 4416.1 | 1470.9 | 1103.1 | 1470.9 | 1103.1 |
| L2    | TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                                   | 4416.1 | 1470.4 | 1102.5 | 1471.0 | 1103.1 |
| L3    | TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                                   | 4416.1 | 1470.9 | 1103.2 | 1471.3 | 1102.9 |
| L4    | TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                                   | 4416.1 | 1471.5 | 1102.9 | 1471.6 | 1103.4 |
| L5    | TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                                   | 4416.1 | 1470.7 | 1103.3 | 1471.2 | 1103.2 |
| La1   | Ac-TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                                | 4458.1 |        |        | 1485.2 | 1113.2 |
| La2   | Ac-TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                                | 4458.1 |        |        | 1485.6 | 1113.7 |
| Lb1br | Ac <sub>2</sub> -TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                  | 4500.2 |        |        | 1499.1 | nd     |
| Ls1   | SO <sub>3</sub> -TetraLac <sub>2</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                  | 4496.2 |        |        |        |        |
| M1    | TetraLac <sub>3</sub> NA <sub>3</sub>                                   | 4490.1 | 1495.6 |        |        |        |
| N1    | TetraLac <sub>3</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                                   | 4781.4 | 1592.8 | 1194.4 | 1592.9 | 1194.1 |
| N2    | TetraLac <sub>3</sub> NA <sub>4</sub>                                   | 4781.4 | 1593.5 | 1194.1 | 1592.5 | 1194.7 |
|       |   |        |        |        |        |        |
|       |   |        |        |        | 1498.3 | 1123.4 |
|       |   |        |        |        |        |        |
|       |   |        |        |        | 1593.0 | 1195.2 |
|       |   |        |        |        | 1593.3 | 1195.6 |

<sup>a</sup> All carbohydrates contain fucosylated trimannosylcore. Bi, biantennary; Tri, triantennary; Tetra, tetraantennary; NA, NeuAc; Lac, N-acetylglucosamine. <sup>b</sup> average mass value. <sup>c-g</sup> isomers

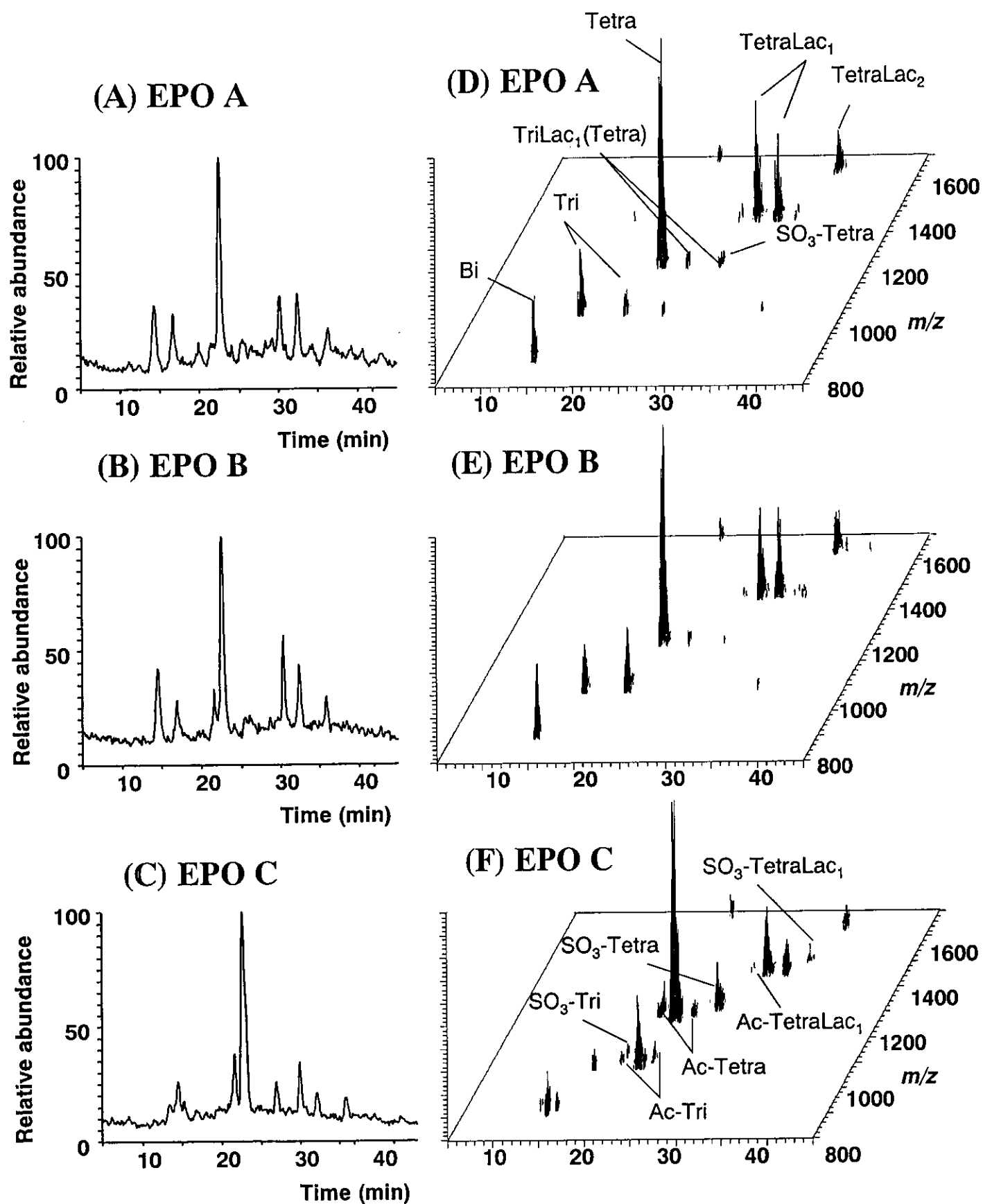


Fig.15 Sugar mapping of asialo-EPO-A, -B, and -C

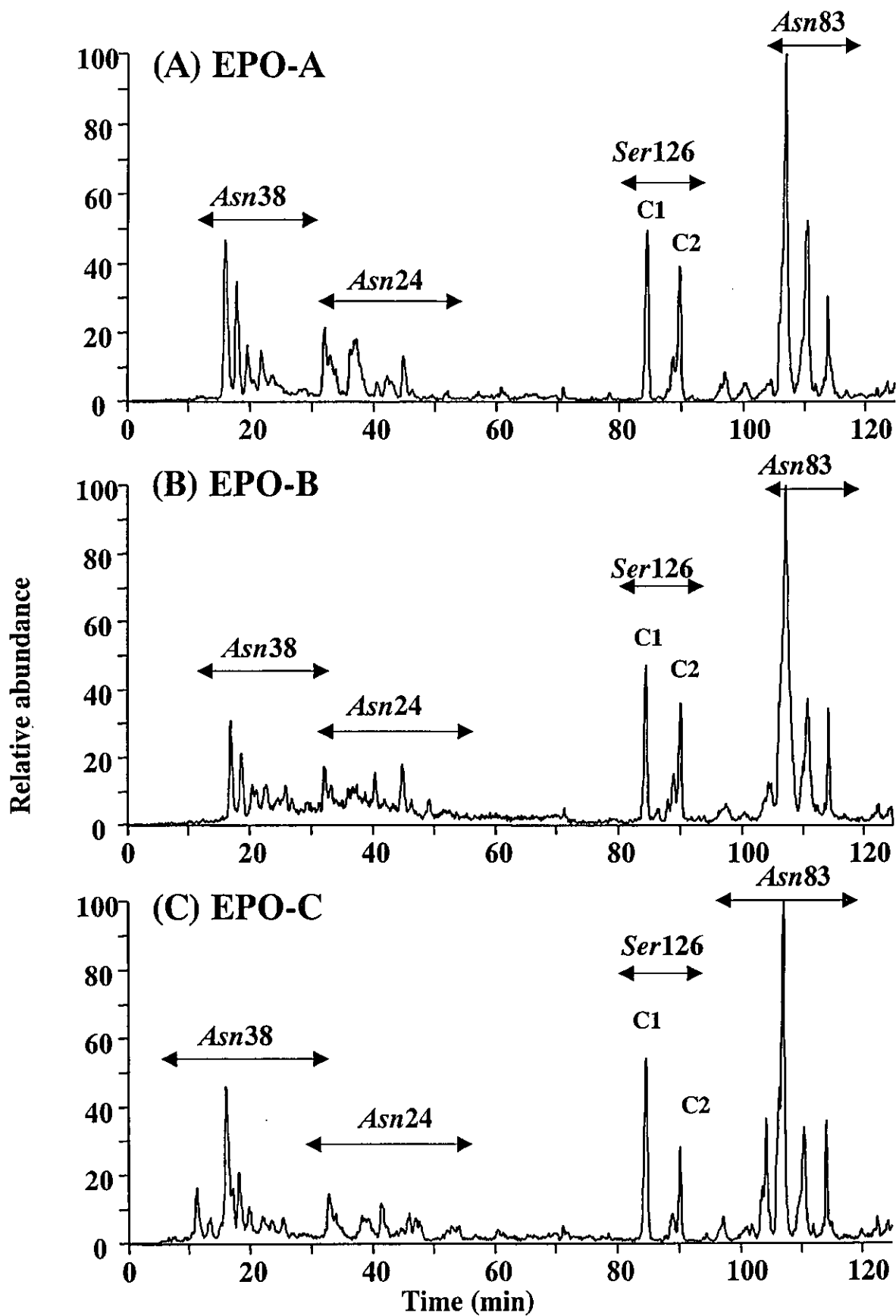


Fig. 16 glycopeptide mapping of EPO-A, -B, and -C

**Table 8** Peak number, glycoforms, and theoretical and observed m/z of N38 glycopeptides in EPO-A, B and C digests

| Peak | Glycoform                                 | Charge state | Theoretical m/z |         | Observed m/z |          |          |
|------|---|--------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|----------|----------|
|      |   |              | Mono            | Average | EPO-A        | EPO-B    | EPO-C    |
| A1   | Tetra-NA4-SO2                             | 4-           | 1,119.1         | 1,119.8 |              |          | 1,119.3* |
|      | Tetra-Lac1-NA4-SO2                        | 4-           | 1,210.4         | 1,211.1 |              |          | 1,210.3  |
| A2   | Tetra-NA4-SO1                             | 4-           | 1,099.1         | 1,099.8 |              | 1,099.5  | 1,099.8* |
| A3   | Tetra-Lac1-NA4-SO1                        | 4-           | 1,190.4         | 1,191.1 |              | 1,190.6  | 1,190.9* |
| A4   | Tetra-Lac2-NA4-SO1                        | 4-           | 1,281.7         | 1,282.4 |              |          | 1,281.5* |
| A5   | Tetra-NA4 <sup>1)</sup>                   | 4-           | 1,079.2         | 1,079.8 | 1,079.1*     | 1,079.4* | 1,079.3* |
| A6   | Tetra-NA4 <sup>2)</sup>                   | 4-           | 1,079.2         | 1,079.8 |              |          | 1,079.2* |
| A7   | Tetra-Lac1-NA4                            | 4-           | 1,170.4         | 1,171.1 | 1,170.3*     | 1,170.3* | 1,170.2* |
| A8   | Tetra-Lac2-NA4                            | 4-           | 1,261.7         | 1,262.4 | 1,261.6*     | 1,261.8* | 1,262.1* |
| A9   | Tri-NA3 <sup>3)</sup>                     | 3-           | 1,220.5         | 1,221.2 | 1,220.8*     | 1,221.0  |          |
|      | Tetra-Lac2-NA4                            | 4-           | 1,261.7         | 1,262.4 | 1,261.9      | 1,261.7  | 1,262.1  |
|      | Tetra-Lac3-NA4                            | 4-           | 1,353.0         | 1,353.8 | 1,352.8      | 1,352.9  | 1,353.4* |
|      | Tetra-NA4-Ac1                             | 4-           | 1,089.7         | 1,090.3 | 1,089.8      | 1,089.7* |          |
| A10  | Tetra-NA3 (or Tri-Lac1-NA3) <sup>4)</sup> | 3-           | 1,342.2         | 1,342.9 | 1,341.5*     | 1,342.5* | 1,342.6* |
|      | Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac1 <sup>5)</sup>          | 4-           | 1,180.9         | 1,181.6 |              | 1,181.0  |          |
| A11  | Tetra-Lac1-NA3 (or Tri-Lac2-NA3)          | 3-           | 1,463.9         | 1,464.7 | 1,464.1      | 1,463.9* | 1,463.7  |
|      |   | 4-           | 1,097.7         | 1,098.3 | 1,097.4*     | 1,097.6  | 1,097.6  |
|      | Tetra-Lac1-NA3-Ac1 (or Tri-Lac2-NA3-Ac1)  | 3-           | 1,477.9         | 1,478.7 |              |          | 1,478.1  |
|      | Tetra-NA3-Ac1                             | 3-           | 1,356.2         | 1,356.9 |              |          | 1,356.3* |
| A12  | Tetra-Lac2-NA3                            | 4-           | 1,188.9         | 1,189.6 | 1,189.1*     | 1,189.3  |          |
|      | Tri-NA3 <sup>6)</sup>                     | 3-           | 1,220.5         | 1,221.2 |              | 1,220.5  | 1,220.7* |
|      | Tetra-NA4-Ac2 <sup>7)</sup>               | 3-           | 1,467.2         | 1,468.0 |              | 1,467.6* |          |
| A13  | Tetra-NA3 (or Tri-Lac1-NA3) <sup>8)</sup> | 3-           | 1,342.2         | 1,342.9 |              |          | 1,342.9* |
|      | Tetra-NA3-Ac1 (or Tri-Lac1-NA3-Ac1)       | 3-           | 1,356.2         | 1,356.9 | 1,356.3*     | 1,356.8* |          |
|      | Tetra-Lac3-NA3                            | 4-           | 1,280.2         | 1,281.0 | 1,280.1      |          |          |
|      | Tri-NA3                                   | 3-           | 1,220.5         | 1,221.2 |              |          | 1,220.7* |
|      | Tri-NA2                                   | 3-           | 1,123.4         | 1,124.1 | 1,123.4      |          |          |
|      | Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac1 <sup>9)</sup>          | 4-           | 1,180.9         | 1,181.6 | 1,181.0      | 1,180.9  |          |
|      | Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac2 <sup>10)</sup>         | 4-           | 1,191.4         | 1,192.1 |              | 1,191.4* |          |
| A14  | Tetra-NA2 (or Tri-Lac1-NA2)               | 3-           | 1,245.1         | 1,245.8 | 1,245.4*     | 1,245.6* | 1,245.3* |
| A15  | Tetra-NA2 (or Tri-Lac1-NA2)               | 3-           | 1,245.1         | 1,245.8 | 1,245.4*     | 1,245.5  | 1,245.0* |
|      | Tetra-NA2-Ac1 (or Tri-Lac1-NA2-Ac1)       | 3-           | 1,259.1         | 1,259.9 |              |          | 1,258.9  |
|      | Tetra-NA2-Ac2 (or Tri-Lac1-NA2-Ac2)       | 3-           | 1,273.1         | 1,273.9 |              |          | 1,273.2  |
|      | Tetra-Lac1-NA2 (or Tri-Lac2-NA2)          | 3-           | 1,366.9         | 1,367.6 | 1,366.5      | 1,367.5  | 1,367.4  |
|      | Tetra-NA4-Ac2 <sup>11)</sup>              | 4-           | 1,100.2         | 1,100.8 |              | 1,100.1* |          |
|      | Tetra-NA4-Ac3                             | 4-           | 1,110.7         | 1,111.3 |              | 1,110.4  |          |
|      | Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac2 <sup>12)</sup>         | 4-           | 1,191.4         | 1,192.1 |              | 1,191.6  |          |
| A16  | Tetra-Lac2-NA2                            | 3-           | 1,488.6         | 1,489.4 | 1,489.4*     |          |          |
|      | Tetra-Lac1-NA2 (or Tri-Lac2-NA2)          | 3-           | 1,366.9         | 1,367.6 | 1,367.6      |          |          |

All carbohydrates contain a fucosylated core. \*, base peak in the mass spectra of each HPLC peak in Fig.2A; Mono, monoisotopic; Bi, biantennary; Tri, triantennary; Tetra, tetraantennary; NA, N-acetylneuramic acid, Lac, N-acetylglucosamine; Ac, acetyl; SO, sulphate; <sup>1)</sup> and <sup>2)</sup>, <sup>3)</sup> and <sup>4)</sup>, <sup>5)</sup> and <sup>6)</sup>, <sup>7)</sup> and <sup>8)</sup>, <sup>9)</sup> and <sup>10)</sup>, <sup>11)</sup> and <sup>12)</sup>, isomer.

**Table 9** Peak number, glycoforms, and theoretical and observed m/z of N24 glycopeptides in EPO-A, B and C diges

| Peak | Glycoform   | Charge state | Theoretical m/z |         | Observed m/z |          |          |
|------|---|--------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|----------|----------|
|      |   |              | Mono            | Average | EPO-A        | EPO-B    | EPO-C    |
| B1   | Tetra-NA <sub>4</sub> -SO <sub>1</sub>  | 4-           | 1,357.0         | 1,357.8 |              |          | 1,357.4* |
| B2   | Tetra-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>4</sub> -SO <sub>1</sub>  | 4-           | 1,448.3         | 1,449.1 |              |          | 1,448.4  |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>4</sub> -SO <sub>1</sub>  | 4-           | 1,539.5         | 1,540.5 |              |          | 1,540.2  |
| B3   | Tetra-NA <sub>4</sub>   | 4-           | 1,337.0         | 1,337.8 | 1,337.4*     | 1,337.2* | 1,337.4* |
| B4   | Tetra-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>4</sub>   | 4-           | 1,428.3         | 1,429.1 | 1,428.5*     | 1,428.7* | 1,428.3* |
| B5   | Tetra-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>4</sub>   | 4-           | 1,519.6         | 1,520.5 | 1,519.8*     | 1,520.1* | 1,519.9* |
| B6   | Tetra-Lac <sub>3</sub> -NA <sub>4</sub>   | 4-           | 1,610.8         | 1,611.8 | 1,611.6      | 1,611.1  | 1,610.8* |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>4</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub>  | 4-           | 1,347.5         | 1,348.3 | 1,347.9*     | 1,347.8* | 1,347.6  |
|      | Tri-NA <sub>3</sub> -SO <sub>1</sub>  | 4-           | 1,192.9         | 1,193.7 |              |          | 1,193.4* |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>4</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub>  | 4-           | 1,530.1         | 1,531.0 |              |          | 1,530.0  |
| B7   | Tri-NA <sub>3</sub> <sup>1)</sup>   | 4-           | 1,172.9         | 1,173.6 | 1,173.1*     | 1,173.3* | 1,173.2* |
| B8   | Tetra-NA <sub>3</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>2)</sup>                                       | 4-           | 1,264.2         | 1,265.0 | 1,264.6*     | 1,264.1* | 1,264.0  |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> ) <sup>3)</sup>     | 4-           | 1,274.7         | 1,275.5 |              |          | 1,274.8* |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> )                                   | 4-           | 1,355.5         | 1,356.3 | 1,356.0      | 1,355.5  | 1,355.4  |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> ) | 4-           | 1,366.0         | 1,366.8 |              |          | 1,366.0  |
| B9   | Tetra-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub>   | 4-           | 1,446.8         | 1,447.6 | 1,446.7*     | 1,447.0  | 1,446.9  |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub>  | 4-           | 1,457.3         | 1,458.1 |              |          | 1,457.0  |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>3</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub>   | 4-           | 1,538.1         | 1,539.0 | 1,538.2      | 1,538.3  | 1,538.4  |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> )                   | 4-           | 1,274.7         | 1,275.5 |              |          | 1,275.1* |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> )                   | 4-           | 1,285.2         | 1,286.0 |              |          | 1,285.5  |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> ) | 4-           | 1,366.0         | 1,366.8 |              |          | 1,365.7  |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> ) | 4-           | 1,376.5         | 1,377.3 |              |          | 1,376.4  |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>4</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> <sup>4)</sup>  | 4-           | 1,358.0         | 1,358.8 |              | 1,358.2* |          |
| B10  | Tri-NA <sub>3</sub> <sup>5)</sup>   | 4-           | 1,172.9         | 1,173.6 | 1,173.0*     | 1,173.4* | 1,172.8* |
|      | Tri-NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub>  | 4-           | 1,183.4         | 1,184.1 |              |          | 1,183.3  |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>3</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>6)</sup>                                       | 4-           | 1,264.2         | 1,265.0 |              |          | 1,264.3  |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> ) <sup>7)</sup>     | 4-           | 1,274.7         | 1,275.5 | 1,274.8      |          | 1,275.3  |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> ) | 4-           | 1,366.0         | 1,366.8 | 1,365.9      |          |          |
| B11  | Tri-NA <sub>2</sub> <sup>8)</sup>   | 3-           | 1,467.2         | 1,468.1 | 1,467.3*     | 1,467.4  | 1,467.1  |
|      | Tri-NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub>  | 4-           | 1,110.7         | 1,111.3 |              |          | 1,110.6  |
|      | Tri-SA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub>  | 4-           | 1,121.2         | 1,121.8 |              | 1,121.7  |          |
|      | Tri-NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub>  | 4-           | 1,183.4         | 1,184.1 |              | 1,183.8  |          |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>2</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>2</sub> )   | 4-           | 1,191.4         | 1,192.2 | 1,191.2      | 1,191.8  | 1,191.7  |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> )                   | 4-           | 1,201.9         | 1,202.7 |              |          | 1,201.6* |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> )                   | 4-           | 1,212.4         | 1,213.2 |              |          | 1,213.0  |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>4</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> <sup>9)</sup>  | 4-           | 1,358.0         | 1,358.8 |              | 1,358.0* |          |
| B12  | Tetra-NA <sub>2</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>2</sub> )   | 4-           | 1,191.4         | 1,192.2 | 1,191.3*     | 1,192.1  |          |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub> )                   | 4-           | 1,201.9         | 1,202.7 |              |          | 1,202.0  |
|      | Tetra-NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> )                   | 4-           | 1,212.4         | 1,213.2 |              |          | 1,212.3* |
|      | Tri-NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub>  | 4-           | 1,183.4         | 1,184.1 |              | 1,183.7* |          |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>2</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>2</sub> )                                   | 4-           | 1,282.7         | 1,283.5 | 1,282.8      |          |          |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>1</sub> -NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> (or Tri-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub> ) | 4-           | 1,303.7         | 1,304.5 |              |          | 1,303.5  |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>2</sub> -NA <sub>2</sub>   | 4-           | 1,374.0         | 1,374.8 | 1,374.2      |          |          |
|      | Tetra-Lac <sub>3</sub> -NA <sub>2</sub>   | 4-           | 1,465.3         | 1,466.2 | 1,465.8      |          |          |
| B13  | Bi-NA <sub>2</sub>  | 3-           | 1,345.5         | 1,346.3 | 1,345.8*     | 1,345.4* | 1,345.9* |
|      | Bi-NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub>   | 3-           | 1,359.5         | 1,360.3 |              |          | 1,359.8  |
| B14  | Tri-NA <sub>2</sub> <sup>10)</sup>  | 4-           | 1,100.2         | 1,100.8 | 1,100.0*     | 1,100.8* | 1,099.9  |
|      | Tri-NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub>  | 4-           | 1,110.7         | 1,111.3 |              |          | 1,110.7* |
|      | Tri-NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub>  | 4-           | 1,193.9         | 1,194.7 |              | 1,194.5  |          |
| B15  | Bi-NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub>   | 3-           | 1,359.5         | 1,360.3 |              | 1,359.3* |          |
|      | Tri-NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub>  | 4-           | 1,193.9         | 1,194.7 |              | 1,194.5  |          |
| B16  | Bi-NA <sub>1</sub>  | 3-           | 1,248.5         | 1,249.2 | 1,248.3*     | 1,248.2* | 1,248.3  |
|      | Bi-NA <sub>1</sub> -Ac <sub>1</sub>   | 3-           | 1,262.5         | 1,263.2 |              |          | 1,262.8* |
|      | Tri-NA <sub>3</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub>  | 4-           | 1,193.9         | 1,194.7 |              | 1,193.8  |          |
| B17  | Bi-NA <sub>2</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub>   | 3-           | 1,373.5         | 1,374.3 |              | 1,374.0* |          |
|      | Tri-NA <sub>1</sub> -Ac <sub>2</sub>  | 3-           | 1,398.2         | 1,399.0 |              |          | 1,398.1* |

All carbohydrates contain a fucosylated core. \*, base peak in the mass spectra of each HPLC peak in Fig. 2B; Mono, monoisotopic; Bi, biantennary; Tri, triantennary; Tetra, tetraantennary; NA, N-acetylneuramic acid; Lac, N-acetyllactosamine; Ac, acetyl; SO, sulphate; <sup>1)</sup> and <sup>2)</sup>, <sup>3)</sup> and <sup>4)</sup>, <sup>5)</sup> and <sup>6)</sup>, <sup>7)</sup> and <sup>8)</sup>, <sup>9)</sup> and <sup>10)</sup>, isomer.

**Table 10** Peak number, glycoforms and theoretical and observed m/z of N83 glycopeptides in EPO-A, B and C digests.

| Peak                   | Glycoform                                | Charge state                     | Calculated m/z |         | Observed m/z |         |         |         |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                        |  |                                  | Mono           | Average | EPO-A        | EPO-B   | EPO-C   |         |
| D1                     | Tetra-Lac2-NA4-SO2                       | 5-                               | 1,443.6        | 1,444.4 |              |         | 1443.9* |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA3-SO2                       | 5-                               | 1,385.4        | 1,386.2 |              |         | 1,386.3 |         |
| D2                     | Tetra-NA4-SO2                            | 4-                               | 1,622.2        | 1,623.1 |              |         | 1622.6* |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac1-NA4-SO2                       | 4-                               | 1,713.4        | 1,714.4 |              |         | 1,714.5 |         |
|                        | Tetra-NA3-SO2                            | 4-                               | 1,549.4        | 1,550.3 |              |         | 1,549.7 |         |
| D3                     | Tetra-Lac1-NA4-SO1                       | 4-                               | 1,693.4        | 1,694.4 |              |         | 1694.1* |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac1-NA4-SO1-Gc1                   | 4-                               | 1,697.4        | 1,698.4 |              |         | 1,698.6 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA4-SO1                       | 4-                               | 1,784.7        | 1,785.8 |              |         | 1,784.7 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA4-SO1-Ac1                   | 4-                               | 1,795.2        | 1,796.3 |              |         | 1,795.1 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA4-SO1-Gc1                   | 4-                               | 1,788.7        | 1,789.8 |              |         | 1,788.8 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac3-NA4-SO1                       | 5-                               | 1,500.6        | 1,501.5 |              |         | 1,501.0 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac1-NA3-SO1                       | 4-                               | 1,620.7        | 1,621.6 |              |         | 1,620.8 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA3-SO1                       | 4-                               | 1,712.0        | 1,713.0 |              |         | 1,712.6 |         |
| D4                     | Tetra-NA4-SO1                            | 4-                               | 1,602.2        | 1,603.1 |              |         | 1602.7* |         |
|                        | Tetra-NA4-SO1-Ac1                        | 4-                               | 1,612.7        | 1,613.6 |              |         | 1,612.9 |         |
|                        | Tetra-NA4-SO1-Gc1                        | 4-                               | 1,606.2        | 1,607.1 |              |         | 1,607.1 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac1-NA4-SO1                       | 4-                               | 1,693.4        | 1,694.4 |              |         | 1,694.1 |         |
|                        | Tetra-NA3-SO1                            | 4-                               | 1,529.4        | 1,530.3 |              |         | 1,530.3 |         |
| D5                     | Tetra-Lac2-NA4                           | 4-                               | 1,764.7        | 1,765.8 | 1764.8*      | 1764.9* | 1765.4* |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA4-Ac1                       | 4-                               | 1,775.2        | 1,776.3 | 1,775.3      | 1,775.3 |         |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA4-Ac2                       | 4-                               | 1,785.7        | 1,786.8 |              | 1,785.9 |         |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA4-Ac3                       | 4-                               | 1,796.2        | 1,797.3 |              | 1,797.2 |         |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA4-Ac4                       | 4-                               | 1,806.8        | 1,807.8 |              | 1,807.3 |         |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA4-Gc1                       | 4-                               | 1,768.7        | 1,769.8 | 1,769.7      | 1,768.7 | 1,769.1 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac1-NA4                           | 4-                               | 1,673.5        | 1,674.4 | 1,673.6      | 1,674.1 | 1673.6* |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac1                       | 4-                               | 1,684.0        | 1,684.9 |              |         | 1,684.3 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Gc1                       | 4-                               | 1,677.5        | 1,678.4 |              |         | 1,677.9 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac3-NA4                           | 4-                               | 1,856.0        | 1,857.1 | 1,856.5      | 1,856.2 | 1,856.7 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac3-NA4-Ac1                       | 4-                               | 1,866.5        | 1,867.6 |              | 1,866.7 |         |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac4-NA4                           | 4-                               | 1,947.3        | 1,948.4 | 1,947.7      |         | 1,947.8 |         |
|                        | D6                                       | Tetra-NA4                        | 4-             | 1,582.2 | 1,583.1      | 1582.6* | 1582.9* | 1582.8* |
|                        |  | Tetra-NA4-Ac1                    | 4-             | 1,592.7 | 1,593.6      | 1,593.5 | 1,593.7 | 1,592.8 |
| Tetra-NA4-Ac2          |  | 4-                               | 1,603.2        | 1,604.1 |              | 1,603.9 |         |         |
| Tetra-NA4-Ac3          |  | 4-                               | 1,613.7        | 1,614.6 |              | 1,613.9 |         |         |
| Tetra-NA4-Ac4          |  | 4-                               | 1,624.2        | 1,625.1 |              | 1,624.4 |         |         |
| Tetra-NA4-Ac5          |  | 4-                               | 1,634.7        | 1,635.6 |              | 1,635.4 |         |         |
| Tetra-NA4-Ac6          |  | 4-                               | 1,645.2        | 1,646.2 |              | 1,645.6 |         |         |
| Tetra-NA4-Ac7          |  | 4-                               | 1,655.7        | 1,656.7 |              | 1,656.3 |         |         |
| Tetra-NA4-Ac8          |  | 4-                               | 1,666.2        | 1,667.2 |              | 1,667.1 |         |         |
| Tetra-NA4-Gc1          |  | 4-                               | 1,586.2        | 1,587.1 | 1,586.9      | 1,587.2 | 1,586.7 |         |
| Tetra-NA4-Ac1-Gc1      |  | 4-                               | 1,596.7        | 1,597.6 |              | 1,598.0 |         |         |
| Tetra-Lac1-NA4         |  | 4-                               | 1,673.5        | 1,674.4 | 1,674.1      | 1,673.4 | 1,673.7 |         |
| Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac1     |  | 4-                               | 1,684.0        | 1,684.9 | 1,684.6      | 1,684.0 |         |         |
| Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac2     |  | 4-                               | 1,694.5        | 1,695.4 |              | 1,694.4 |         |         |
| Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac3     |  | 4-                               | 1,705.0        | 1,706.0 |              | 1,705.2 |         |         |
| Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac4     |  | 4-                               | 1,715.5        | 1,716.5 |              | 1,715.8 |         |         |
| Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac5     |  | 4-                               | 1,726.0        | 1,727.0 |              | 1,726.8 |         |         |
| Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac6     |  | 4-                               | 1,736.5        | 1,737.5 |              | 1,737.0 |         |         |
| Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac7     |  | 4-                               | 1,747.0        | 1,748.0 |              | 1,747.7 |         |         |
| Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Gc1     |  | 4-                               | 1,677.5        | 1,678.4 |              | 1,677.7 |         |         |
| Tetra-Lac1-NA4-Ac1-Gc1 |  | 4-                               | 1,688.0        | 1,688.9 |              | 1,687.6 |         |         |
| Tetra-Lac2-NA4         |  | 4-                               | 1,764.7        | 1,765.8 | 1,764.7      | 1,765.4 | 1,764.9 |         |
| D7                     |  | Tetra-Lac1-NA3 (or Tri-Lac2-NA3) | 4-             | 1,600.7 | 1,601.6      | 1601.2* | 1601.0* | 1600.9* |
|                        | Tetra-Lac1-NA3-Ac1 (or Tri-Lac2-NA3-Ac1) | 4-                               | 1,611.2        | 1,612.1 | 1,612.1      | 1,611.7 | 1,611.3 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac1-NA3-Ac2 (or Tri-Lac2-NA3-Ac2) | 4-                               | 1,621.7        | 1,622.6 |              | 1,622.2 | 1,621.7 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac1-NA3-Ac3 (or Tri-Lac2-NA3-Ac3) | 4-                               | 1,632.2        | 1,633.1 |              | 1,632.4 | 1,632.4 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac1-NA3-Gc1                       | 4-                               | 1,604.7        | 1,605.6 |              | 1,604.9 | 1,604.8 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA3                           | 4-                               | 1,692.0        | 1,692.9 | 1692.0*      | 1,692.4 | 1,691.8 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA3-Ac1                       | 4-                               | 1,702.5        | 1,703.5 | 1,703.0      | 1,702.9 | 1,702.4 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA3-Ac2                       | 4-                               | 1,713.0        | 1,714.0 |              | 1,713.5 | 1,713.1 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA3-Ac3                       | 4-                               | 1,723.5        | 1,724.5 |              | 1,723.7 | 1,723.7 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac2-NA3-Gc1                       | 4-                               | 1,696.0        | 1,696.9 |              |         | 1,696.0 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac3-NA3                           | 4-                               | 1,783.2        | 1,784.3 | 1,784.4      | 1,784.0 | 1,784.1 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac3-NA3-Ac1                       | 4-                               | 1,793.8        | 1,794.8 |              | 1,794.5 | 1,794.7 |         |
|                        | Tetra-Lac3-NA3-Ac2                       | 4-                               | 1,804.3        | 1,805.3 |              | 1,805.1 |         |         |

|             |   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|-------------|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|             | Tetra-Lac4-NA3                              | 4-      | 1,874.5 | 1,875.6 | 1,875.1 |         | 1,874.8 |
| D8          | Tetra-NA3 (or Tri-Lac1-NA3)                 | 4-      | 1,509.4 | 1,510.3 | 1509.9* | 1509.5* | 1509.5* |
|             | Tetra-NA3-Ac1 (or Tri-Lac1-NA3-Ac1)         | 4-      | 1,519.9 | 1,520.8 | 1,520.1 | 1,520.0 | 1,519.7 |
|             | Tetra-NA3-Ac2 (or Tri-Lac1-NA3-Ac2)         | 4-      | 1,530.4 | 1,531.3 |         | 1,530.7 |         |
|             | Tetra-NA3-Ac3 (or Tri-Lac1-NA3-Ac3)         | 4-      | 1,540.9 | 1,541.8 |         | 1,541.5 |         |
|             | Tetra-NA3-Ac4 (or Tri-Lac1-NA3-Ac4)         | 4-      | 1,551.4 | 1,552.3 |         | 1,552.4 |         |
|             | Tetra-NA3-Ac5 (or Tri-Lac1-NA3-Ac5)         | 4-      | 1,561.9 | 1,562.8 |         | 1,561.9 |         |
|             | Tetra-NA3-Gc1 (or Tri-Lac1-NA3-Gc1)         | 4-      | 1,513.4 | 1,514.3 |         | 1,513.1 | 1,514.1 |
|             | Tetra-NA3-Ac1-Gc1 (or Tri-Lac1-NA3-Ac1-Gc1) | 4-      | 1,523.9 | 1,524.8 |         | 1,524.2 |         |
|             | Tetra-Lac1-NA3 (or Tri-Lac2-NA3)            | 4-      | 1,600.7 | 1,601.6 | 1,601.7 | 1,600.8 | 1,601.1 |
|             | Tetra-Lac1-NA3-Ac1 (or Tri-Lac2-NA3-Ac1)    | 4-      | 1,611.2 | 1,612.1 | 1,611.7 | 1,611.7 | 1,611.9 |
|             | Tetra-Lac1-NA3-Ac2 (or Tri-Lac2-NA3-Ac2)    | 4-      | 1,621.7 | 1,622.6 |         | 1,622.2 |         |
|             | Tetra-Lac1-NA3-Ac3 (or Tri-Lac2-NA3-Ac3)    | 4-      | 1,632.2 | 1,633.1 |         | 1,632.4 |         |
|             | Tri-NA3                                     | 4-      | 1,418.1 | 1,418.9 | 1,418.8 | 1,418.7 | 1,418.6 |
|             | Tri-NA3-Ac1                                 | 4-      | 1,428.6 | 1,429.5 |         | 1,429.4 |         |
|             | Tri-NA3-Ac2                                 | 4-      | 1,439.1 | 1,440.0 |         | 1,439.5 |         |
|             | Tri-NA3-Ac3                                 | 4-      | 1,449.6 | 1,450.5 |         | 1,450.0 |         |
| Tri-NA3-Ac4 | 4-  | 1,460.1 | 1,461.0 |         | 1,461.0 |         |         |
| D9          | Tetra-NA2 (or Tri-Lac1-NA2)                 | 4-      | 1,436.6 | 1,437.5 | 1437.0* | 1437.4* | 1,436.7 |
|             | Tetra-NA2-Ac1 (or Tri-Lac1-NA2-Ac1)         | 4-      | 1,447.1 | 1,448.0 | 1,447.5 | 1,448.0 | 1,447.4 |
|             | Tetra-NA2-Ac2 (or Tri-Lac1-NA2-Ac2)         | 4-      | 1,457.6 | 1,458.5 |         | 1,458.8 | 1,457.6 |
|             | Tri-NA2                                     | 4-      | 1,345.3 | 1,346.1 | 1,345.4 | 1,345.4 | 1,345.2 |
|             | Tri-NA2-Ac1                                 | 4-      | 1,355.8 | 1,356.6 |         | 1,355.8 | 1,356.0 |
|             | Tetra-Lac1-NA2 (or Tri-Lac2-NA2)            | 4-      | 1,527.9 | 1,528.8 | 1,527.8 | 1,528.9 | 1,527.5 |
|             | Tetra-Lac1-NA2-Ac1 (or Tri-Lac2-NA2-Ac1)    | 4-      | 1,538.4 | 1,539.3 |         | 1,539.3 | 1,538.5 |
|             | Tetra-Lac1-NA2-Ac2 (or Tri-Lac2-NA2-Ac2)    | 4-      | 1,548.9 | 1,549.8 |         |         | 1,549.6 |
|             | Tetra-Lac2-NA2                              | 4-      | 1,619.2 | 1,620.1 | 1,620.5 | 1,619.9 | 1,620.4 |
|             | Bi-NA2                                      | 4-      | 1,254.1 | 1,254.8 |         |         | 1254.8* |

All carbohydrates contain fucosylated core. \*, base peak in the mass spectra of each peak in Fig. 2D; Mono, monoisotopic; Bi, bianntenary; Tri, trianntenary; Tetra, tetraanntenary; NA, N-acetylneuramic acid, Lac, N-acetylglucosamine; Ac, acetyl; Gc, glycolyl; SO, sulphate.

**Table 11** Peak number, glycoforms, and theoretical and observed m/z of O126 glycopeptides in EPO-A, B and C digest

| Peak | Glycoform      | Charge state | Theoretical m/z |         | Observed m/z |         |         |
|------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|---------|---------|
|      |                |              | Mono            | Average | A            | B       | C       |
| C1   | NA2-Gal-GalNAc | 2-           | 1,391.1         | 1,391.9 | 1,391.1      | 1,392.0 | 1,391.5 |
| C2   | NA-Gal-GalNAc  | 2-           | 1,245.6         | 1,246.3 | 1,246.0      | 1,245.6 | 1,245.7 |

Peak C1 and C2 was shown in Fig. 1. NA, N-acetylneuramic acid; Mono, monoisotopic.

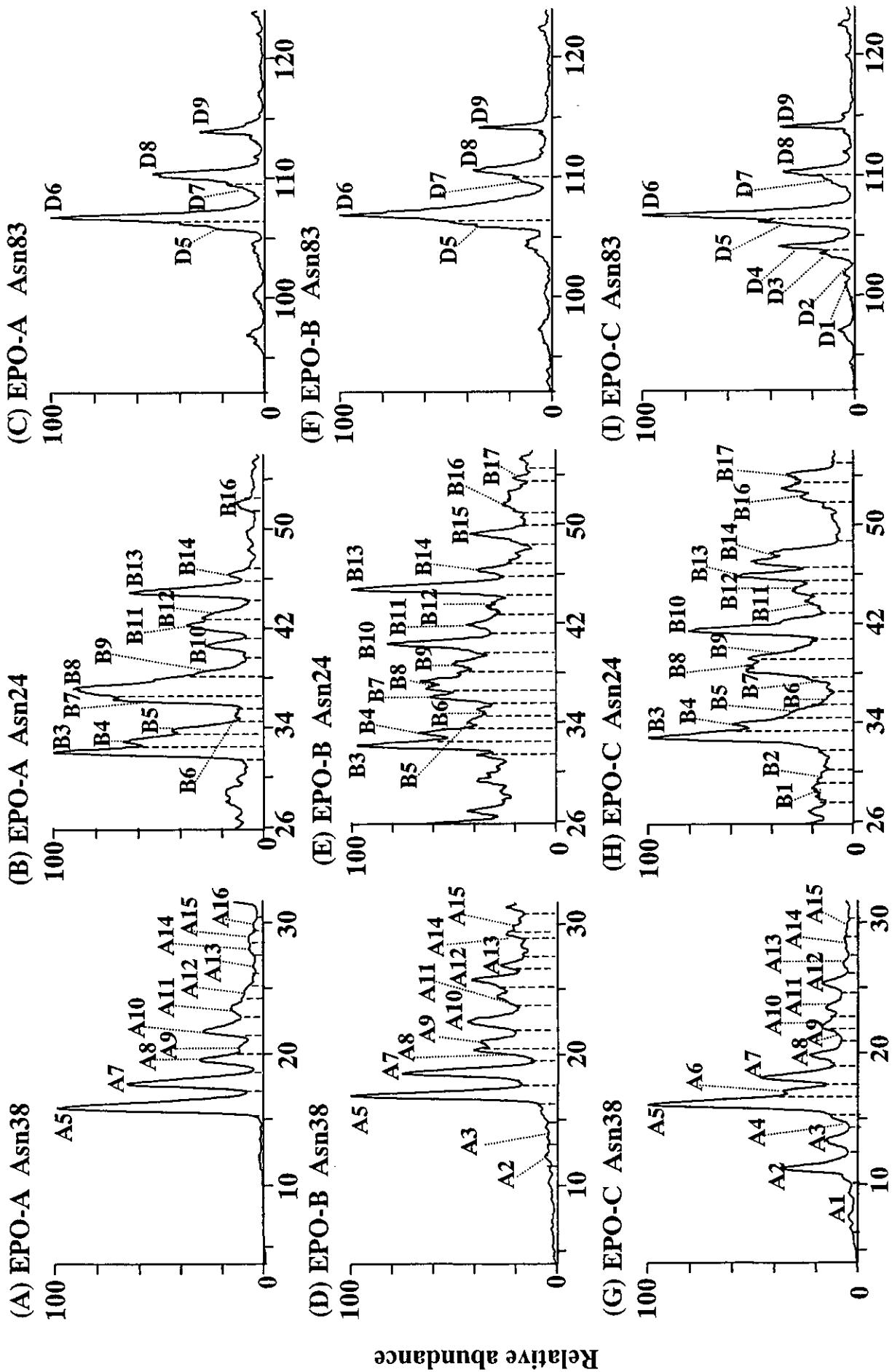


Fig.17 Expanded views of glycopeptide maps of N38, N24, and N83 glycopeptides in EPO-A, -B, and -C



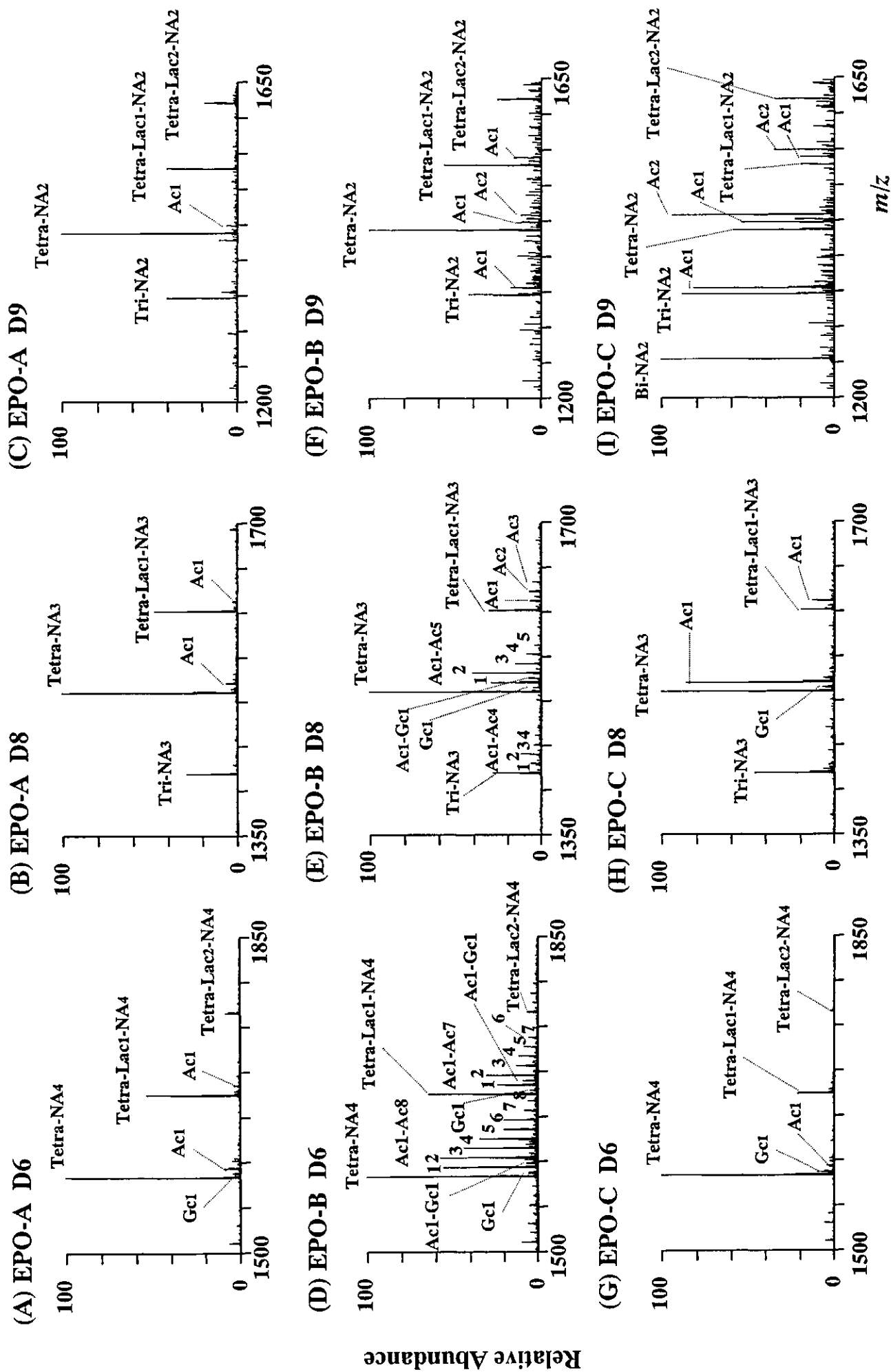
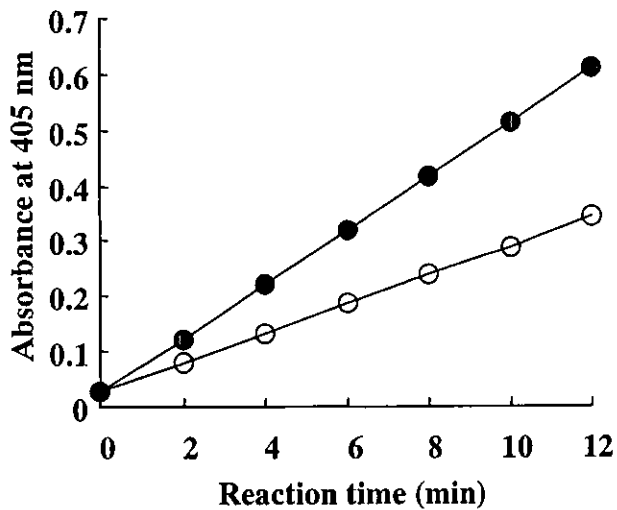
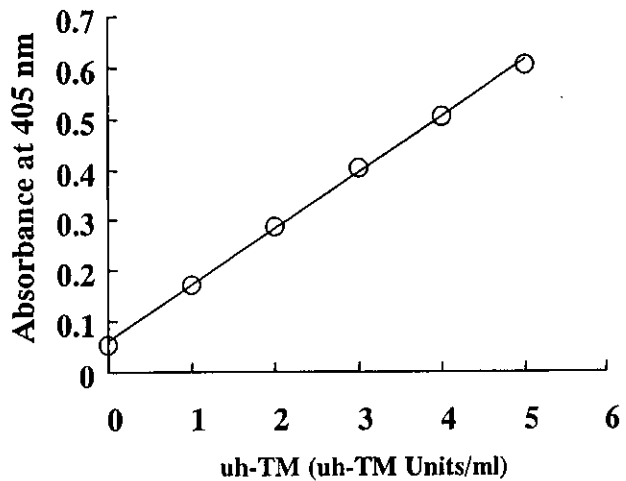


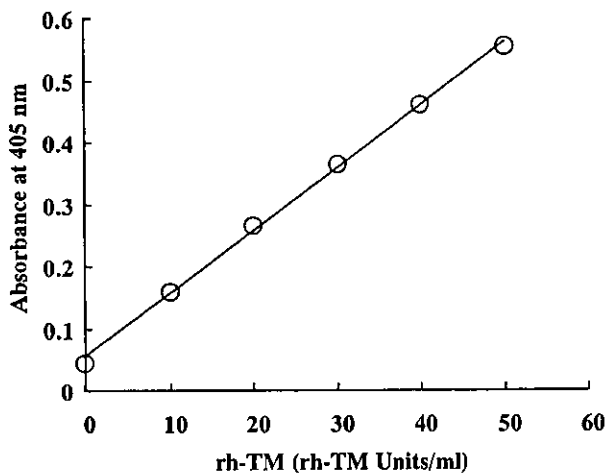
Fig. 18 Mass spectra of peaks D6, D8, and D9 in Fig. 17



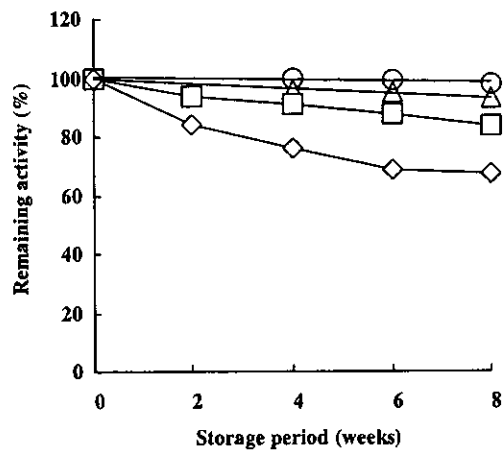
**Fig.19** Time course of formation of *p*-nitroaniline from S-2366 by uh-TM in the standard method. The uh-TM reference material was used in the experiment at concentrations of 2 uh-TM units/ml (○) and 4 uh-TM units/ml (●).



**Fig. 20** Dose-response curve of uh-TM in the standard method. The activity of uh-TM is expressed in the specific units (uh-TM units) of the original method of measurement.



**Fig.21** Dose-response curve of rh-TM in the standard method. The activity of rh-TM is expressed in the specific units (rh-TM units) of the original method of measurements.



**Fig.22** Effect of heat treatment on the stability of the Japanese reference standard for h-TM. The Japanese reference standard was stored at 40°C (○), 60°C (△), 70°C (□), and 80°C (◇) for various periods.

**Table 12** Intra-batch precision of h-thrombin in measurements of the activity of the uh-TM reference material by the standard method

| h-thrombin<br>(Lot no.) | uh-TM activity<br>(uh-TM Units/vial) |              |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| A                       | 98.6                                 | Average=99.0 |
| B                       | 102                                  | S.D.=2.87    |
| C                       | 96.3                                 | CV (%)=2.90  |

h-Protein C (Lot F) was used in the experiment.

**Table 13** Intra-batch precision of h-protein C in measurements of the activity of the uh-TM reference material by the standard method

| h-protein C<br>(Lot no.) | uh-TM activity<br>(uh-TM Units/vial) |             |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| D                        | 112                                  | Average=107 |
| E                        | 109                                  | S.D.=7.03   |
| F                        | 98.6                                 | CV (%)=6.57 |

h-Thrombin (Lot A) was in the experiment.

**Table 15** Analysis of variance

| Factor        |            | Square sum<br>(S) | Degree of<br>Freedom ( $\psi$ ) | Variance<br>(V)   |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Concentration | $S_{conc}$ | 3096.35           | $\psi_{conc}$ 4                 | $V_{conc}$ 774.09 |
| Laboratory    | $S_R$      | 9953.01           | $\psi_R$ 10                     | $V_R$ 995.30      |
| Experiment    | $S_{RW}$   | 1225.1            | $\psi_{RW}$ 30                  | $V_{RW}$ 40.84    |
| Residual      | $S_r$      | 642.26            | $\psi_r$ 90                     | $V_r$ 7.14        |
| Total         | $S_T$      | 14916.72          | $\psi_T$ 134                    |                   |

Various parameters were calculated from the results shown in Table 3. Similarly, intra-sample precision, inter-day precision, and inter-laboratory precision (CV) were calculated to be 1.30%, 1.63% and 5.02%, respectively, from the variance values. The confidence interval of  $\sigma_{IM}$ , intermediate precision (standard deviation) with 95% confidence coefficient, was calculated to be  $8.0 \leq \sigma_{IM} \leq 18.4$ .

**Table 14** Measurement of the activity of the Japanese reference standard for h-TM by the standard method

| Dilution factor | Laboratory | Exp. 1 | Exp. 2 | Exp. 3 | Dilution factor | Laboratory | Exp.1  | Exp.2 | Exp.3 |       |       |  |
|-----------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| x 200           | A          | 223.3  | 231.7  | 218.3  | x 50.0          | A          | 215.0  | 211.3 | 213.8 |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 218.3  | 235.0  | 226.7  |                 |            | 215.0  | 211.3 | 213.8 |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 226.7  | 235.0  | 218.3  |                 |            | 212.9  | 218.8 | 210.0 |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 203.3  | 211.7  | 208.3  |                 |            | 214.6  | 210.8 | 215.8 |       |       |  |
|                 | B          | 201.7  | 216.7  | 210.0  |                 | B          | 195.0  | 201.7 | 202.5 |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 198.3  | 213.3  | 205.0  |                 |            | 195.0  | 202.5 | 196.7 |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 210.0  | 206.7  | 203.3  |                 |            | 190.8  | 201.3 | 200.0 |       |       |  |
|                 | C          | 203.3  | 206.7  | 203.3  |                 | C          | 195.0  | 197.5 | 191.7 |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 205.0  | 208.3  | 200.0  |                 |            | 193.8  | 197.1 | 195.4 |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 219.2  | 220.8  | 211.7  |                 |            | 193.3  | 197.9 | 191.7 |       |       |  |
|                 | x 100      | A      | 216.7  | 219.2  |                 | 220.8      | x 40.0 | A     | 213.0 | 209.3 | 204.0 |  |
|                 |            |        | 225.0  | 222.5  |                 | 225.8      |        |       | 210.3 | 214.0 | 208.0 |  |
| 195.8           |            |        | 205.8  | 201.7  | 213.3           | 211.7      |        |       | 210.3 |       |       |  |
| B               |            | 195.8  | 207.5  | 207.5  | B               | 189.3      |        | 195.7 | 196.0 |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 198.3  | 208.3  | 196.7  |                 | 189.7      |        | 195.7 | 194.0 |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 202.5  | 202.5  | 197.5  |                 | 190.3      |        | 195.3 | 196.7 |       |       |  |
| C               |            | 197.5  | 205.8  | 200.8  | C               | 195.0      |        | 192.7 | 190.3 |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 200.8  | 210.0  | 198.3  |                 | 191.3      |        | 195.0 | 192.0 |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 218.4  | 212.9  | 215.1  |                 | 192.3      |        | 195.0 | 190.0 |       |       |  |
| x 66.7          |            | A      | 217.3  | 216.2  | 216.2           | Average    |        | 205.4 |       |       |       |  |
|                 |            |        | 221.8  | 218.4  | 220.1           |            |        |       |       |       |       |  |
|                 |            |        | 196.8  | 204.0  | 202.9           |            |        |       |       |       |       |  |
|                 | B          | 197.9  | 205.1  | 197.9  |                 |            |        |       |       |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 196.8  | 203.4  | 199.5  |                 |            |        |       |       |       |       |  |
|                 | C          | 199.5  | 200.7  | 194.0  |                 |            |        |       |       |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 197.3  | 200.1  | 196.8  |                 |            |        |       |       |       |       |  |
|                 |            | 196.2  | 199.5  | 197.3  |                 |            |        |       |       |       |       |  |