

Figure 1. Mucin Core1 O-glycan structures of apoC-III. (A) Asialylated glycoforms (apoC-III₀): unglycosylated apoC-III (apoC-III₀a), GalNAc-apoC-III (apoC-III₀b), and Galβ1–3GalNAc-apoC-III (apoC-III₀c). ApoC-III₀b and apoC-III₀c respectively result from the sequential and concerted action of polypeptide GalNAc transferase (ppGalNAcT) and core1 galactosyl transferase-1 (C1GalT-1), two enzymes located in cis/median Golgi and organized in heteromeric complexes [18, 21]. (B) Monosialylated glycoforms (apoC-III₁): "normal" apoC-III₁ glycoform NeuAcα2,3Galβ1–3GalNAc-apoC-III as produced by beta-galactoside alpha-2,3-sialyl transferase-1 (ST3Gal-1). ST3Gal-1 is located in median/trans Golgi [18, 19]. In brackets: putative "abnormal" apoC-III₁ glycoform Galβ1–3(NeuAcα2,6)GalNAc-apoC-III as aberrantly produced by alpha-N-acetylgalactosaminide alpha-2,6-sialyltransferase-1 (ST6GalNac-1) acting prior to ST3Gal-1. These two apoC-III₁ glycoisomers can also result from the loss of one sialic acid from bisialylated apoC-III₂. Minor apoC-III₁ truncated isoforms lacking one or two C-terminal alanine have also been described [8, 11]. (C) Bisialylated glycoform (apoC-III₂): NeuAcα2,3Galβ1–3(NeuAcα2,6)GalNAc-apoC-III as produced by ST6GalNac-1. ST6GalNac-1 is located in the median/trans Golgi [18]. Minor apoC-III₂ isoforms lacking one or two C-terminal alanine have also been described [8, 11].