ESI Fig. (a) – (c) Optimisation of the analytical scale SAX separation of the collected SEC fraction monitored with ICP-MS chromatogram. For the applied gradient see text. The parameters and recovery values were as follows: (a) pH=7.0, buffer A: 20 mM NH₄Ac, buffer B: 200 mM NH₄Ac, column recovery 90%; (b) pH=4.5, buffer A: 25 mM NH₄Ac, buffer B: 250 mM NH₄Ac, column recovery 99%; (c) pH=5.5, buffer A: 20 mM NH₄Ac, buffer B: 200 mM NH₄Ac, column recovery 93%.