$\label{table I} \textbf{Table I}$  Observed pseudo-first-order time constants for the maturation of EGFP and its variants

pH	$EGFP^{a}$		$E222Q^a$		$R96M^a$	
	Average (mean ± S.D.)	No.b	Average (mean ± S.D.)	No.b	Average (mean ± S.D.)	No.b
	h		h		h	
6.0			183 (138)	3	$11.5 \times 10^3  (0.7 \times 10^3)$	1
7.0	1.28(0.59)	4	32.4 (15.3)	3	$7.51 \times 10^3  (0.27 \times 10^3)$	1
8.0	0.958 (0.132)	3	7.36 (0.88)	3	$4.70 \times 10^3  (0.24 \times 10^3)$	1
9.0	1.03 (0.03)	3	0.857 (0.185)	3	$4.56 \times 10^3  (0.16 \times 10^3)$	1
9.5			0.287 (0.020)	3		
10.0	1.05 (0.12)	3	0.302 (0.057)	3	$4.32 \times 10^3  (0.13 \times 10^3)$	1

 $<sup>^</sup>a$  Time constants ( $\tau=1/k_{\rm obs}$ ) were determined by computer-fitting the kinetic data to Equation 1.  $^b$  Number of independent determinations.

$$A = A_{\rm max} - {\rm e}^{(-\mathit{kt})} \times A_{\rm max} \eqno({\rm Eq.} \ 1)$$