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### **ABSTRACT** 22

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Collision Cross Section (CCS) values are descriptors of the 3D structure of ions which can be determined by ion mobility spectrometry (IMS). Currently, most lipidomic studies involving CCS values determination concerns eukaryote samples (*e.g.* human, bovine) and to a lower extent prokaryote samples (*e.g.* bacteria). Here, we report CCS values obtained from Traveling Wave Ion Mobility spectrometry ( $WCCS_{N2}$ ) measurements from the bacterial membrane of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* - a bacterium ranked as priority 1 for the R&D of new antibiotics by the World Health Organization. In order to cover the lack of reference compounds which could cover the *m/z* and CCS range of the membrane lipids of *P. aeruginosa*, three calibrants (polyalanine, dextran and phospholipids) were used for the  $T^{W}CCS_{N2}$  calibration. A shift from the published lipids CCS values was systematically observed  $(\Delta CCS\%$  up to 9%), thus we proposed a CCS correction strategy. This correction strategy allowed to reduce the shift ( $\triangle$ CCS%) between our measurements and published values to less than 2%. This correction was then applied to determine the CCS values of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* lipids which have not been published yet. As a result, 32  $^{rw}CCS_{N2}$  values for [M+H] +ions and 24 <sup>™</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values for [M−H]<sup>-</sup> ions were obtained for four classes of phospholipids (phosphatidylethanolamines (PE), phosphatidylcholines (PC), phosphatidylglycerols (PG) and diphosphatidylglycerols —known as cardiolipins (CL)). 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

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#### **INTRODUCTION** 44

*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is a bacterium known to have intrinsic resistances to antibiotics and easily acquire genes encoding resistance to new drugs [1]. This bacterium is responsible of 18% of the bacteria-induced nosocomial pneumonia [2] which, combined with its virulence, dramatically increases the death rate of immunocompromised patients. As a result, *P. aeruginosa* is one of the deadliest bacteria in hospitals, thus ranked by the World Health Organization (WHO) as priority number one for the R&D of new antibiotics [3]. 45 46 47 48 49 50

Due to the numerous resistance mechanisms of *P. aeruginosa* against antibiotics targeting proteins or enzymes [4], new antibiotic strategies are required. One of the current new drug strategies involves membrane cell destabilization or destruction leading to the bacteria lysis [5]. Thus, it is necessary to know the composition and 3D structure of the membrane cell lipids to develop such antibiotics. However, while the proteome of *P. aeruginosa* has been extensively studied [6–8], only few data have been reported on the mem- brane cell lipidome of *P. aeruginosa* [9, 10]. 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

Here, we focused on the membrane lipids of *P. aeruginosa* and especially on the identification of the different compounds by ion mobility spectrometry coupled to mass spectrometry (IMS-MS). IMS is a post-ionization separation technique in which analyte ions travel through an inert gas (generally  $N<sub>2</sub>$  or He) in a cell under the influence of an electric field. For equal charge state, the most compact ions will have the smallest drift times since they are less slowed down by the buffer gas than the largest ions. Consequently, the IMS separation depends on charge, size and shape [11, 12]. Moreover, drift time  $(t<sub>D</sub>)$  can be converted to the experimental collision cross section (CCS) of the ion within the buffer gas. CCS values are closely related to the 3D structure of each ion. These experimental CCS can be compared with calculated CCS obtained from theoretical structures using computational methods (*i.e.* trajectory meth- od (TM), projection approximation (PA) and exact hard sphere scattering (EHSS) methods [13]) or CCS predicted by using a machine learning approach [14] as CCS are predictable values [15]. 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70

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For CCS determination, in most cases, and in particular for non-uniform field instruments such as traveling wave ion mobility spectrometry (TWIMS), the use of calibration is required with compounds of known CCS [16]. As an example, polyalanine, one of the most common calibrant for TWIMS, has been used for lipid CCS determination [17– 19]. However, caution must be taken when choosing calibrants since shifts with the literature can be observed when using calibrants not chemically close to the sample [13]. Indeed, Hines *et al.* [20] confirmed that using calibrants structurally close to targets reduced the error in calibrated CCS values obtained with TWIMS. Thus, PCs are recommended for phospholipid calibration in positive mode and PEs for phospholipid calibration in negative mode [21]. Using definite calibrants, CCS values are extremely repeatable (RSD < 0.5%) [22], reproducible in intra-laboratory studies (RSD < 2%) [23] and reproducible in inter-laboratory studies (RSD < 5% using different ion mobility techniques, RSD < 2% using drift-tube) [19]. Consequently, CCS values can be used as an additional descriptor, together with *m/z* and retention time, to increase the confidence in automatic identification [19, 24]. For such reasons, the number of biological sample studies using IMS as a separation and characterization tool has been constantly increasing over the last decade [15, 17–20, 24–30]. 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87

Herein, we report the identification of the cell membrane phospholipids of *P. aeruginosa* strain PAK (PAK) and the experimental CCS values of their positive and negative ions. The data were acquired on a TWIMS, with nitrogen as drift gas, yielding  $TWCCS_{N2}$  values based on conventional notations [23]. To ensure our  $^{rw}CCS_{N2}$  measurements, we used three approaches with different calibrating substances: (i) polyalanine [19] and (ii) lipid calibrants [20] which have been previously used for phospholipids, (iii) dextran which is a calibrant that can cover the required *m/z* and CCS ranges of PAK lipids, from the short fatty acyl chain phospholipids to the cardiolipins. We show here that the use of polyalanine or dextran requires a post-calibration  $WCCS_{N2}$  correction using commercial phospholipid standards. This correction strategy was validated by comparing our corrected  $^{TWCCS_{N2}}$  values with  $^{DTCCS_{N2}}$ values of the literature. Then, the correction was applied to all the <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values of *P*. *aeruginosa* lipids. It is the first time to our knowledge that experimental  $WCCS_{N2}$  values of both protonated and deprotonated ions of diphosphatidylglycerols—commonly called cardiolipins (CL)—are reported. 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101

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#### **MATERIAL AND METHODS** 102

### *Chemicals and reagents* 103

Milli-Q grade water was obtained from an 18 MΩ Milli-Q (EMD Millipore Corporation, Molsheim, France). Methanol, chloroform, acetonitrile and isopropanol were purchased from Fischer Scientific (UK), ammonium formate from Sigma-Aldrich (Saint Quentin Fallavier, France) and formic acid from Merck (Germany). Except for chloroform which was HPLC grade, all solvents and buffers used were LC-MS grade. Polyalanine and dextran, used as IMS calibration substances, were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Saint Quentin Fallavier, France). Phospholipid standards for the IMS calibration were purchased from Avanti Polar Lipids (AL, USA): PE 6:0/6:0, PE 10:0/10:0, PE 15:0/15:0, PE 17:0/17:0, PC 17:0/17:0, PC 20:0/20:0, PC 24:0/24:0. Leucine enkephalin was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Saint Quentin Fallavier, France). 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113

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### *Biological sample preparation* 115

A *P. aeruginosa* strain PAK (PAK) was pre-cultured in a 50-mL centrifugal tube containing 20 μL of bacterial stock solution (Muller-Hinton Broth (MHB)/glycerol, 70/30) and 20 mL of MHB. The flask was incubated overnight at 37 °C on a rotary shaker (140 rpm). After incubation, the pre-culture was used to inoculate 330 mL of MHB at a final concentration of 10<sup>4</sup> colony-forming units (CFU)/mL in a 1 L Erlenmeyer flask. The culture was incubated on a rotary shaker (140 rpm) at 37 °C for 7 h. Then, the culture was centrifuged (2600×*g*, 10 min, 20 °C). The obtained pellet was washed in 10 mL of 100 mM Tris pH 8.0. Ten milliliters of phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) and 3 mg of alginate lyase were added at room temperature during 1 h for the lysis of alginates, produced by *P. aeruginosa* PAK strain, which can be deleterious for mass spectrometric analysis. A pellet was obtained by centrifugation (5000×*g*, 10 min, 20 °C) and washed in 100 mM Tris pH 8.0. The pellet was resuspended in 6 mL of 100 mM Tris pH 8.0 and was subjected to sonication (cycles of 30 s on/10 s off for 2 min). The suspension was then centrifuged (5200×*g*, 20 min, 20 °C). The supernatant, containing the inner and outer membranes, was ultra-centrifuged (70,000×*g*, 1 h, 4 °C), then the resulting pellet was stocked at -20 °C. 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130

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Finally, the lipid extraction was carried out according to an adapted Bligh and Dyer protocol [31]. After waiting for the pellet to warm up to room temperature, 500 µL of Milli-Q water was added to dissolve the pellet and then vortex mixed for 5 min. 1.2 mL of methanol was added and then vortex mixed for 15 min. To degrade and eliminate proteolipids, the mixture was centrifuged (4000×*g*, 10 min, 22 °C), then the liquid phase was recovered. After adding 0.6 mL of chloroform, the solution was vortex mixed for 15 min and sonicated for 15 min. 0.6 mL of chloroform was added and then vortex mixed for another 15 min. 0.62 mL of a 1 M ammonium acetate was added and vortex mixed for 15 min. Finally, the mixture was left to rest for 30 min in order to allow the three phase separation (aqueous phase, protein interphase and organic phase). One milliliter of the organic phase was recovered and 0.94 mL of chloroform was added to the aqueous phase for a second liquid-liquid extraction. After stirring for 15 min, the mixture was left to rest again for 30 min. The aqueous phase was removed and organic phases were mixed and evaporated under argon. The organic phase was separated in aliquots and evaporated under argon. Lipid extracts were conserved under argon at -20 °C. To ascertain the quantity of lipids obtained, one aliquot of the lipid extract was diluted in a chloroform: methanol  $(4/1, v/v)$  solution. Then, the lipid extract concentration was checked by measuring the surface pressure of Langmuir monolayers. 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147

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### *Sample and calibrant mix solution preparation* 149

The lipids extracted from the membrane of PAK were reconstituted in chloroform/methanol (2/1, v/v) to obtain a concentration of 1  $\mu$ g/ $\mu$ L which was estimated as previously mentioned. Five microliters of this solution was then diluted in 20 μL of isopropanol/acetonitrile/water (4/3/1, v/v) for analysis. The dextran calibrant solution was prepared from a stock solution (1 mg/mL in water) diluted to 10<sup>-5</sup> mol/L in water/ acetonitrile (1/1, v/v). The polyalanine calibrant solution was prepared from a stock solution (1 mg/mL in water/acetonitrile (1/1, v/v)) diluted to 10−5 mol/L in water/acetonitrile/acetic acid (49.5/49.5/1, v/v). Commercial PEs and PCs used as IMS standards were individually dissolved at 10−4 mol/L in chloroform/methanol (2/1, v/v), then mixed and diluted in isopropanol/acetonitrile/water (4/3/1, v/v) to obtain a lipid calibrant solution at 10−5 mol/L. P a g e 6 | 37 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 22

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*Instrumentation* 160

The LC-IMS-MS experiments were performed using an UHPLC system (Dionex Ultimate 3000 RSLC, Thermo Scientific, San Jose, CA, USA) coupled to an IMS Q-TOF mass spectrometer (SYNAPT G2 HDMS, Waters MS Technologies, Manchester, UK) equipped with an electrospray interface, a traveling wave ion mobility (TWIMS) cell. Data treatment was performed with MassLynx 4.1, DriftScope 2.8 and UNIFI 1.8.2.169 software (Waters, Manchester, UK). 161 162 163 164 165 166

The column used was a 1.0 × 100 mm, Acquity UPLC CSH C18 1.7 μm column (Waters, Manchester, UK) equipped with a 0.2 μm prefilter. The sample tray and column oven temperatures were set at 4 °C and 50 °C, respectively. The injection volume was set at 1 μL. A flow rate of 100 μL/ min was used. Mobile phase A consisted of acetonitrile/ aqueous 10 mM ammonium formate (60/40) + 0.1 % formic acid and mobile phase B of isopropanol/acetonitrile/aqueous 10 mM ammonium formate (88/8/4) + 0.1 % formic acid. The gradient elution was the following: 0–3 min, 6–62% B; 3–8 min, 62–70% B; 8–13 min, 70% B; 13–15 min, 70–89% B; 15–20 min, 89% B; 20–22 min, 89–100% B; 22–26 min, 100% B; 26–27 min, 100–6% B; 27–30 min, 6% B. 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174 175

LC-IMS-MS data were acquired in triplicate in positive and negative ion modes. The source parameters were in positive mode: capillary, extraction cone and cone voltages set at 3 kV, 6 V and 50 V, respectively; the cone gas and desolvation gas flows were 40 L/h and 600 L/h, respectively; and the desolvation temperature was 400 °C. For negative ion mode, the capillary, extraction cone and cone voltage were − 2.4 kV, 5 V and 45 V, respectively; the cone gas and desolvation gas flows were 60 L/h and 900 L/h, respectively; and the desolvation temperature was 500 °C. 176 177 178 179 180 181 182

The IMS parameters were helium cell flow 180 mL/min, traveling wave height 40 V, IMS cell nitrogen flow 70 mL/min (3.01 mbar) and traveling wave velocity 600 m/s. 183 184

Mass spectra were recorded over a *m/z* 50–2000 range in resolution mode (resolution 20 000 FWHM). External *m/z* calibration was performed with a sodium formate solution. 185 186

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Lockmass correction was performed by infusing leucine enkephalin (2 ng/μL, 3 μL/min) via the LockSpray™ interface (reference scan frequency, lock spray capillary and cone voltage of 10 s, 3.5 kV and 40 V, respectively, in positive mode and 10 s, 2.5 kVand 30 V, respectively, in negative mode). 187 188 189 190

MS/MS experiments were performed in both positive and negative ionization mode. Precursor ions were selected in the quadrupole, at a resolution of 1 *m/z* unit, using retention time windows in the acquisition method. Several acquisitions were performed to obtain the MS/MS spectra for all co-eluting lipids. The collisional activation was performed in the trap cell using argon as target gas (6.10<sup>-3</sup> mbar) and a collision energy of 35 eV. MS/MS spectra were processed using MassLynx 4.1 (Waters). 191 192 193 194 195 196

For calibrants, raw data were first opened with DriftScope 2.8 (Waters) in order to only select the singly charged ions on the 2D map (drift times plotted against *m/*z). Ion mobility spectra were then exported and processed with MassLynx 4.1 (Waters). For PAK samples, raw data were processed with UNIFI 1.8.2.169 (Waters). PAK lipids were first manually identified in order to create a home-made library from retention time  $(t<sub>R</sub>)$  and  $m/z$ , for each of the lipids described in this publication. This library was then used to automatically obtain the lipids  $t<sub>D</sub>$ . 197 198 199 200 201 202 203

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### *Collision cross section measurements* 205

Due to the use of an inhomogeneous electric field in the TWIMS cell, an external CCS calibration is required. For this purpose, we used singly charged ions of three published calibrants: dextran oligomers [32, 33], polyalanine oligomers [34] and phospholipids (PEs and PCs) [20]. Thus, these calibrant solutions were individually infused for 2 min in positive and negative modes. Ion mobility spectra were fitted with a Gauss function [35] using OriginPro 2016 9.3.226 (OriginLab Corporation) to obtain the drift time of each calibrant ion. Using charge- and mass-independent  $DTCCS_{N2}$  values (CCS') and drift times ( $t_D$ ), calibration curves In CCS' =  $f(\ln t_0)$ , for singly charged positive and negative ions, were obtained in nitrogen according to the procedure of Smith [16]. LC-IMS-MS data of the PAK sample were 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214

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processed with the UNIFI software (Waters) in order to automatically obtain drift time values. 215 216

Drift time values were collected for retention time variation lower than 0.3 min, mass error lower than 5 ppm and relative intensity higher than 0.1%. 217 218

Then,  $TMCCS_{N2}$  were determined using the calibration curve established previously. Finally, the  $T^{W}CCS_{N2}$  values were corrected using the CCS correction strategy that will be developed in the results section of this paper. This correction involves plotting  $D^TCCS_{N2}$  against  $WCCS_{N2}$ , for the phospholipid CCS standards, using calculation spreadsheets (see Electronic Supplementary Material (ESM) ESM\_3). 219 220 221 222 223

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### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION** 225

### *Lipid profiling* 226

The LC-IMS-MS analysis of PAK membrane extract is reported in Fig. 1. The LC dimension allows the separation of the different classes of lipids, *i.e.* phosphatidylcholines (PC), phosphatidylethanolamines (PE), phosphatidylglycerols (PG) and cardiolipins (CL). Using our chromatographic conditions, the following separation could be achieved: PC, PE and PG classes (two fatty acid chains on phospholipids) from 8.5 to 12 min and CL class (four fatty acid chains on phospholipids) from 18.8 to 20.5 min. Some co-elution was still observed for isomers of phospholipids exhibiting different combinations of fatty acyl chains (*e.g.* PG 16:1/16:0 and PG 18:1\_14:0, see ESM\_1 Fig. S1) and for phospholipids consisted of fatty acyl chains showing two methylene and one more double bond (noted as DBE for double bond equivalent) than other phospholipids of the same class (*e.g.* PE 30:0, PE 32:1 and PE 34:2). Lipid identification was achieved thanks to the orthogonal MS dimension, more precisely from MS/MS data and accurate mass measurements. 227 228 229 230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237 238

Thus, 41 lipids were clearly identified in the membrane of PAK (see ESM\_1: Tables S1, S2, and S3): 28 phospholipids (8 PGs, 13 PEs and 7 PCs) and 13 CLs. Please note that with our analytical conditions (*i.e.* buffered mobile phases), the cardiolipins were detected as singly 239 240 241

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charged species but not as doubly charged species—as previously described with other analytical conditions [36]. The lipid annotation is based on the nomenclature of Liebisch *et al.* [37]*.*  242 243 244

To our knowledge, this study is the first one on the membrane lipids of the strain PAK other studies were performed on the strains PAO1 and PA14 [9, 10]. No relevant differences between the membrane lipids of the strains PAK, PAO1 and PA14 were observed. 245 246 247

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**Fig. 1** Base Peak Chromatogram (BPC), extracted ion mobility spectrum and mass spectrum from LC-IMS-MS analysis of PAK membrane extract. The enlarged retention time zone corresponds to cardiolipins. The ion mobility spectrum was extracted for CL 68:3 (*m/z* 1403.9952). The mass spectrum is obtained by integrating the ion mobility spectra from 10.5 ms to 12.5 ms. A possible structure for *m/z* 1403.9952 is given on the left. 250 251 252 253 254

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## *TWCCSN2 determination, comparison with published CCS values and post-calibration correction*

Most of the CCS reported in the literature for phospholipids (PL) have been obtained using either a drift-tube IMS instrument [15, 20, 38, 39] or a TWIMS cell calibrated with polyalanine ions [17–19]. In the latter case, Hines *et al.* [20, 25] had previously 257 258 259

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demonstrated that the  $WCCS_{N2}$  determination of PL requires TWIMS cell calibration with PL calibrants. However, obtaining the most representative  $T^{W}CCS_{N2}$  values would require to have lipid calibration curves for each chemical class present in the sample (PC, PE, PG or CL) and for each number of double bonds on the fatty acyl chains (0, 1 or 2). 260 261 262 263

Because of the lack of such calibrants, we chose to use a single calibrant to determine the CCS values of all the PAK membrane lipids. For this reason, we choose the dextran calibrant which covers the required *m/z* and CCS ranges, in particular for CLs. 264 265 266

Please note that an extrapolated polyalanine calibration was considered as well, but for clarity, the following methodology will be described for the dextran calibration first. The calibration curves obtained with dextran (in both positive and negative modes) were then used for our PAK sample (see ESM 2). Thus, the <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> of  $[M+H]^+$  were measured for PEs, PCs and CLs in positive ion mode while the <sup>™</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> of [M−H]<sup>-</sup> were measured for PEs, PGs and CLs in negative ion mode. Triplicate of  $WCCS_{N2}$  measurements were carried out for each sample (in positive and negative ion mode) and gave repeatable CCS values  $(0.1\% \leq \%RSD \leq$ 0.4%,  $n = 3$ ). However, when we compared our measured <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values with those published (5 PEs and 6 PCs inpositive mode, 6 PEs and 4 PGs in negative mode), shifts in CCS were systematically observed ( $\Delta$ CCS  $\geq$  2%) (ESM 1: Tables S4 and S5). This is also illustrated in Fig. 2a: the ex- perimental  $WCCS_{N2}$  values obtained after dextran calibration in positive ion mode (red squares) are significantly shifted towards higher CCS values compared with the lipid CCS values from the literature [20] (extrapolated black line). 267 268 269 270 271 272 273 274 275 276 277 278 279

In order to avoid this issue, we propose here a CCS correction strategy to reduce the shift due to the dextran calibration. The CCS correction strategy was carried out, using the IMS lipid calibrants (PEs and PCs, see ESM\_2), by plotting correlation curves between their experimental <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> calibrated with dextran and their published <sup>DT</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> [20]. In both positive and negative ion mode, a linear regression was obtained with high coefficient of determination (R2  $\geq$  0.999, ESM 3). This post-calibration correction was then applied to the  $TWCCS_{N2}$  values of lipids present in PAK strain (red squares of Fig. 2b). Please note that previous work had shown that the fatty acyl chains of phospholipids extracted from *P. aeruginosa* can be different from the ones of eukaryotes —especially odd-chains which can 280 281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288

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be cyclopropylated or methylated [9, 40]. However, considering the resolving power of TWIMS, linear, cyclopropylated or methylated fatty acyl chain isomers would not be separated. Hence, we could use easily available phospholipid standards rather than bacterial phospholipids for the correction. 289 290 291 292

In parallel, as proof of concept for our correction strategy, we also determined  $^{TWCCS_{N2}}$ for PAK lipids using polyalanine or lipid calibration curves (see ESM\_2). These calibration curves were extrapolated to higher CCS values in order to exceed those of CLs. 293 294 295

The experimental  $WCCS_{N2}$  for PAK lipids, using these extrapolated calibration curves, are reported in Fig. 2a as green (polyalanine cal) and blue (PL cal) points. One can notice that the CCS range of our  $^{TWCCS_{N2}}$  obtained with polyalanine calibration (ESM 1: Table S2) are consistent with the cardiolipins <sup>™</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> of [M+2K]<sup>2+</sup> and [M-2H]<sup>2-</sup> from *Escherichia coli* recently published by Hines *et al.* (CCS range of 380−425 Å 2 ) [25]. The correction strategy, previously described for the <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> calibrated with dextran, was also applied for <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values calibrated with polyalanine (green points of Fig. 2b). 296 297 298 299 300 301 302

Figure 2b shows that the correction strategy applied for  ${}^{\text{tw}}$ CCS<sub>N2</sub> values calibrated by either dextran or polyalanine, and the  $^{rw}CCS_{N2}$  calibration —without correction— with PL, lead to convergent experimental  $^{rw}CCS_{N2}$  values. Moreover, for CLs, these convergent  $^{rw}CCS_{N2}$  values are smaller than the extrapolated PE/PC  $^{DT}CCS_{N2}$  black line. This result suggests that cardiolipins are more compact (smaller  $^{rw}CCS_{N2}$  value) than any PE or PC which would have a similar m/z value (extrapolated black line). This might be explained by the fact that cardiolipins are biosynthesized from a phosphatidylglycerol and a phosphatidic acid [41] which have smaller CCS values than PEs or PCs [15]. The details of all the  $^{TWCCS_{N2}}$  values we measured are reported in the supplementary information (ESM 1: Tables S1 to S3):  $^{rw}CCS_{N2}$  values using the three types of calibration (dextran (Table S1), polyalanine (Table S2) and lipids (Table S3)) and the two corrections (dextran corrected with lipids (Table S1) and polyalanine corrected with lipids (Table S2). 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 314

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- PAK lipids  $WCCS_{N2}$  values calibrated with dextran
- PAK lipids  $TWCCS_{N2}$  values calibrated with polyalanine

 $\triangle$  PAK lipids <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values calibrated with PE/PC standards

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**Fig. 2** <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> plotted against  $m/z$  for positive ions of PAK lipids. (a) represents <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> of PAK lipids before correction of the <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values. (b) represents <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> of PAK lipids after the correction. In both (a) and (b), the black line represents the lipid IMS standards extrapolated curve (<sup>DT</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values from Hines *et al.* [20]). <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> of PAK lipids are represented by red squares when calibrated with dextran, green squares when calibrated with polyalanine and blue squares when calibrated with lipid standards. 317 318 319 320 321 322

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In order to validate our correction strategy (calibration with dextran followed by a post-calibration correction with lipids, as mentioned above), the corrected  $^{rw}CCS_{N2}$  values were compared with the published ones. Note that several phospholipids (PEs, PGs and PCs) present in our sample had published CCS values (17 in positive mode and 16 in negative mode). On the other hand, CCS values of protonated and deprotonated prokaryote cardiolipins had never been reported. Considering that published CCS values from different ion mobility techniques have some disparities (0.04% ≤ ΔCCS% ≤ 3.84 %, ESM\_1: Tables S6 and S7), our <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> are consistent with the CCS values from the literature, as reported in Table S5. One can note that the CCS disparities in the literature could be due to differences in lipid structures (*e.g.* double bond location and geometry cis/trans). This structural heterogeneity would give rise to small, but measurable, CCS difference [38]. 324 325 326 327 328 329 330 331 332 333 334

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In addition, one can observe that the correction strategy allows a shift reduction to less than 2% between our corrected <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> and those reported by Zhou *et al.* [15] and Hines *et al.* [20], as shown in Table 1. Since such deviation is acceptable for inter-laboratory reproducibility, we can highlight the validation of the post-calibration correction strategy. Furthermore, the  $WCCS_{N2}$  values of phospholipids extracted from PAK membrane are similar to the CCS values of lipid standards from the literature; therefore, we can suppose that the phospholipids in PAK have similar tridimensional structures in gas phase than the phospholipids used by Zhou *et al.* and Hines *et al.* (synthetic standards) [15, 20]. Besides, a similar decrease of the shift between our experimental  $WCCS_{N2}$  values and those of the literature was observed for the experimental CCS values obtained by polyalanine calibration and post-calibration lipid correction, as illustrated in Fig. 2b. All comparisons with the literature are given in ESM\_1 Tables S4 and S5. 335 336 337 338 339 340 341 342 343 344 345 346

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**Table 1.** Comparison of our experimental  $^{TWCCS_{N2}}$ , from PAK, with the published values. a and b correspond to relative shifts between our CCS and  ${}^{DT}CCS_{N2}$  from a: Zhou *et al.* (2017) [15] and b: Hines *et al.* (2016) [20], respectively.

	Positive ion mode $[M+H]$ <sup>+</sup>								
Lipid	Calibration using dextran				After calibration correction				
	$T^{W}CCS_{N2}(\AA^2) \Delta CCS^{a}$ (%) $\Delta CCS^{b}$ (%)			$T^{W}CCS_{N2}(\AA^2) \Delta CCS^{a}$ (%) $\Delta CCS^{b}$ (%)					
PC 32:0	307.6	8.0	8.9	282.0	$-1.0$	$-0.2$			
PE 32:0	294.6	7.8	8.5	271.4	$-0.7$	0.0			
PE 34:0	301.0	7.5	8.5	276.6	$-1.2$	$-0.3$			
PE 34:1	297.1	7.4	8.7	273.4	$-1.2$	0.0			
				Negative ion mode $[M-H]$ <sup>-</sup>					
Lipid	Calibration using dextran				After calibration correction				
	<sup>TW</sup> CCS <sub>N2</sub> (Å <sup>2</sup> ) $\triangle$ CCS <sup>a</sup> (%) $\triangle$ CCS <sup>b</sup> (%) <sup>TW</sup> CCS <sub>N2</sub> (Å <sup>2</sup> ) $\triangle$ CCS <sup>a</sup> (%) $\triangle$ CCS <sup>b</sup> (%)								
PE 32:0	274.4	5.6	5.8	257.1	$-1.1$	$-0.9$			
PE 34:0	281.4	5.7	6.0	263.4	$-1.1$	$-0.8$			
PE 34:1	279.5	5.5	5.7	261.6	$-1.3$	$-1.1$			
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### *CCS correction application* 349

Once the post-calibration correction was validated, this methodology was then extended to all the lipids of PAK. Table 2 reports the  $WCCS_{N2}$  values of lipids in PAK extracts which constitute new findings, in particular for CLs. Indeed, the <sup>™</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> of [M+H]<sup>+</sup> and [M-H] − are determined for the first time for PAK cardiolipins (Table 2, ESM\_1: Tables S1 to S3). As previously mentioned, the doubly charged cardiolipins were not detected since the ionization of the singly charged species was favored by our analytical conditions. In the case of phospholipids, we could verify that our corrected experimental CCS were consistent with those of phospholipids de- scribed in literature (ESM\_1: Tables S4 and S5). 350 351 352 353 354 355 356 357

In total, 56 <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values were measured and corrected, including 32 for positive ions and 24 for negative ions. Using the dextran calibration, the  $WCCS_{N2}$  range was from 303  $\AA^2$  to 455  $\AA^2$  in positive mode and from 266  $\AA^2$  to 418  $\AA^2$  in negative mode, whereas when the dextran calibration was corrected, the <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> range was from 278  $\AA^2$  to 401  $\AA^2$  in positive mode and from 249  $\AA^2$  to 387  $\AA^2$  in negative mode. More precisely for cardiolipins, the <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> range was from 441 Å<sup>2</sup> to 455 Å<sup>2</sup> in positive mode and from 411 Å<sup>2</sup> to 418 Å<sup>2</sup> in negative mode, whereas when the dextran calibration was corrected, the  $^{TWCCS_{N2}}$  range was from 390  $\AA^2$  to 401  $\AA^2$  in positive mode and from 380  $\AA^2$  to 387  $\AA^2$  in negative mode. Moreover, for cardiolipins in negative mode, the  $^{rw}CCS_{N2}$  values were consistent with the first two <sup>DT</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> of CL (CL 72:6 and CL 72:7) described from bovine heart by Groessl *et al.* [38]. 358 359 360 361 362 363 364 365 366 367

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**Table 2.** <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values, with dextran calibration and lipid correction, for phospholipids extracted from the membrane of PAK.

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These values are new to the literature, apart from the CCS noted with \*. nd: not detected.

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### *PAK lipid TWCCSN2 vs m/z correlation* 375

Fig. 3 illustrates the correlation between the corrected <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values and  $m/z$  values in negative mode: for all lipids in Fig. 3a and for PEs and PGs in Fig. 3b. As shown in Fig. 3a, a polynomial fit for <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> plotted against  $m/z$  in negative mode (> 0.999) was observed. A polynomial fit (> 0.99) was also observed for positive values (ESM\_1: Fig. S9). By plotting  $T^{W}CCS_{N2}$  against  $m/z$  for each chemical family, we can observe that PGs, PEs and CLs present similar slopes. 376 377 378 379 380 381

In negative ion mode, deprotonated molecules of PEs and PGs present close  $WCCS_{N2}$  values for a same *m/z* range (Fig. 3b), also for PEs and PGs constituted of the same acyl chains. The 382 383

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<sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> of PGs are slightly higher than the ones of the PEs (*e.g.* <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub>(PG 34:1) = 268.5 Å<sup>2</sup> > <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> (PE 34:1) = 261.6 Å<sup>2</sup>). A similar trend was observed for PEs and PCs, in positive mode, with PC's  $^{TWCCS_{N2}}$  being slightly higher than the ones of the PEs (ESM\_1: Fig. S9). 384 385 386

Moreover, as shown in Fig. 3b, we can make several observations. First, as previously described by Jackson *et al.* [28], the CCS linearly decreases when the number of doublebonds increases in the fatty acyl chains for definite chain lengths (*e.g.* C32:0, C32:1 and C32:2). Secondly, the slope observed from this linear pattern was identical for every chemical classes, leading to a symmetrical figure, as described by Leaptrot *et al* [39]. Thirdly, for positive ions (ESM\_1: Fig. S9), CCS values of phospholipids with odd number of carbon atoms in the fatty acyl chains and with 0, 1 or 2 DBE were closer than the CCS values of phospholipids with even number of carbon atoms. All of these observations could be explained by the folding of the fatty acyl chain with the increase of the DBE, as previously described [15,28,42]. 387 388 389 390 391 392 393 394 395 396



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**Fig. 3** <sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values plotted against  $m/z$  for negative ions. 3a represents values for every class of phospholipids, whereas 3b only represents values for PEs and PGs. 3b was inspired from the Fig. 4 from Zhou et al (2017) [15]. PGs are represented by squares, PEs by diamonds. X refers to the number of double-bonds on the fatty acid moiety of the phospholipid which can be 0, 1 or 2 for PEs and PGs. 398 399 400 401 402

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### **CONCLUSION** 403

In this study, new knowledge about the membrane phospholipids of *P. aeruginosa* was obtained. In particular, new prokaryote lipid CCS values were determined. We worked on a methodology to allow the measurement of  $WCCS_{N2}$  within high  $m/z$  and CCS ranges. Our work resulted in a CCS correction strategy. After applying the correction, we showed that the CCS deviation observed between the CCS values of the literature and the ones measured with the dextran or polyalanine calibration could be lessened. We measured 32  $^{TWCCS_{N2}}$ values in positive ionization mode and 24 in negative mode, with a good repeatability (RSD ≤ 0.4%). In particular, we measured 18 new  $WCCS_{N2}$  values for cardiolipins, a unique class of phospholipids whose CCS values were lacking in the literature for protonated and deprotonated molecules. Such values can be used to complete existing CCS databases. Moreover, regarding antibiotic research against *P. aeruginosa*, cardiolipins are of high interest as a recent study described new antibiotic therapies targeting cardiolipins [43]. 404 405 406 407 408 409 410 411 412 413 414 415

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### **COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICAL STANDARDS** 422

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** 423

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Fig S1. MS/MS Spectra of PG 32:1. A possible structure of the most abundant isomer is given (cis or trans isomerism cannot be determined with this experiment). The ion of *m/z* 153.0034 corresponds to the Glycerol-3-phosphate ion with loss of H<sub>2</sub>O. The [M−H]<sup>-</sup> of the fatty acyl chains show the presence the isomers PG 16:0 16:1 and PG 14:0 18:1. Knowing that the loss of *sn-2* is favoured, since ions of *m/z* 483.2973, 465.2822, 391.2456 and 253.2316 are the most abundant, we can conclude that for PG 16:0/16:1, the most abundant isomer, the 16:0 is on position *sn-1* and the 16:1 is on position *sn-2*. 540 541 542 543 544 545 546

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				<b>Positive ions</b>			<b>Negative ions</b>				
membrane lipids of PAK	Formula	ion	m/z	$TWCCS_{N2}$ without correction	$\overline{w}$ CCS <sub>N2</sub> %RSD	corrected $^{TW}CCS_{N2}$ <u> / Å 2ነ</u>	ion	m/z	$TWCCS_{N2}$ without correction	$\overline{\text{TW}}$ CCS <sub>N2</sub> %RSD	corrected $^{TW}CCS_{N2}$ <u> / Å 2ነ</u>
PC 32:1	$C_{40}H_{78}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	732.553	303.6	0.1	278.7					
PC 32:0	$C_{40}H_{80}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	734.569	307.6	0.1	282.0					
PC 34:2	$C_{42}H_{82}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	758.569	307.5	0.1	281.9					
PC 34:1	$C_{42}H_{82}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	760.585	311.0	0.1	284.7					
PC 34:0	$C_{42}H_{84}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	762.600	314.2	0.4	287.3					
PC 35:1	$C_{43}H_{84}NO_8P$	$[M+H]+$	774.600	316.3	0.1	289.0					
PC 36:2	$C_{42}H_{82}NO_8P$	$[M+H]$ <sup>+</sup>	786.600	315.1	0.1	288.1					
PE 30:1	$C_{35}H_{68}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	662.475	280.8	0.1	260.2	$[M-H]$	660.461	266.3	0.1	249.7
PE 30:0	$C_{35}H_{70}NO_8P$						$[M-H]$	662.476	268.6	0.1	251.8
PE 32:2	$C_{37}H_{70}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	688.491	283.2	0.1	262.2	$[M-H]$	686.476	270.7	0.2	253.7
PE 32:1	$C_{37}H_{72}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	690.506	288.3	0.1	266.3	$[M-H]$	688.492	272.6	0.1	255.4
PE 32:0	$C_{37}H_{74}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	692.522	294.6	0.0	271.4	$[M-H]$	690.507	274.4	0.1	257.1
PE 33:1	$C_{38}H_{74}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	704.522	294.1	0.1	271.0	$[M-H]$	702.507	276.3	0.1	258.7
PE 34:2	$C_{39}H_{73}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^*$	716.522	291.4	0.1	268.8	$[M-H]$	714.507	277.7	0.1	260.0
PE 34:1	$C_{37}H_{76}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	718.538	297.1	0.1	273.4	$[M-H]$	716.523	279.5	0.0	261.6
PE 34:0	$C_{39}H_{78}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	720.553	301.0	0.1	276.6	$[M-H]$	718.539	281.4	0.1	263.4
PE 35:2	$C_{40}H_{76}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	730.538	297.8	0.1	274.0	$[M-H]$	728.523	280.9	0.1	262.9
PE 35:1	$C_{40}H_{78}NO_8P$	$[M+H]+$	732.553	300.3	0.1	276.0	$[M-H]$ -	730.539	283.2	0.0	264.9
PE 36:2	$C_{41}H_{78}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	744.553	298.8	0.1	274.8	$[M-H]$	742.539	284.6	0.1	266.2
PE 36:1	$C_{41}H_{80}NO_8P$	$[M+H]+$	746.569	304.4	0.1	279.3	$[M-H]$ -	744.554	286.4	0.1	267.9

Table S2<sup> TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values calibrated with **dextran** for the membrane lipids of PAK

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		<b>Positive ions</b>			<b>Negative ions</b>						
membrane lipids of	Formula	ion	m/z	$TW$ CCS <sub>N2</sub> without	TWCCS <sub>N2</sub> %RSD	corrected TWCCS <sub>N2</sub> (Å <sup>2</sup> )	ion	m/z	$\overline{w}$ CCS <sub>N2</sub> without	$TWCCS_{N2}$ %RSD	corrected $^{TW}CCS_{N2}$
<b>PAK</b>				correction					correction		$(\AA^2)$
PC 32:1	$C_{40}H_{78}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	732.5538	291.9	0.1	278.9					
PC 32:0	$C_{40}H_{80}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	734.5694	295.5	0.1	282.1					
PC 34:2	$C_{42}H_{82}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	758.5694	295.4	0.1	282.0					
PC 34:1	$C_{42}H_{82}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	760.5851	298.6	0.1	284.8					
PC 34:0	$C_{42}H_{84}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	762.6007	301.6	0.4	287.4					
PC 35:1	$C_{43}H_{84}NO_8P$	$[M+H]+$	774.6007	303.5	0.1	289.1					
PC 36:2	$C_{42}H_{82}NO_8P$	$[M+H]$ <sup>+</sup>	786.6007	302.4	0.1	288.2					
PE 30:1	$C_{35}H_{68}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	662.4755	270.9	0.1	260.4	$[M-H]$	660.4610	259.2	0.1	249.7
PE 30:0	$C_{35}H_{70}NO_8P$						$[M-H]$	662.4766	261.6	0.1	251.8
PE 32:2	$C_{37}H_{70}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	688.4912	273.1	0.1	262.4	$[M-H]$	686.4766	263.8	0.2	253.7
PE 32:1	$C_{37}H_{72}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^*$	690.5068	277.8	0.1	266.5	$[M-H]$	688.4923	265.7	0.1	255.4
PE 32:0	$C_{37}H_{74}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	692.5225	283.6	0.0	271.6	$[M-H]$	690.5079	267.6	0.1	257.1
PE 33:1	$C_{38}H_{74}NO_8P$	$[M+H]$ <sup>+</sup>	704.5225	283.2	0.1	271.2	$[M-H]$	702.5079	269.5	0.1	258.8
PE 34:2	$C_{39}H_{73}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	716.5225	280.6	0.1	269.0	$[M-H]$	714.5079	270.9	0.1	260.0
PE 34:1	$C_{37}H_{76}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	718.5381	285.9	0.1	273.6	$[M-H]$	716.5236	272.8	0.0	261.7
PE 34:0	$C_{39}H_{78}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	720.5538	289.5	0.1	276.8	$[M-H]$	718.5392	274.8	0.1	263.4
PE 35:2	$C_{40}H_{76}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	730.5381	286.5	0.1	274.2	$[M-H]$	728.5236	274.2	0.1	262.9
PE 35:1	$C_{40}H_{78}NO_8P$	$[M+H]+$	732.5538	288.8	0.1	276.2	$[M-H]$ -	730.5392	276.6	0.0	265.0
PE 36:2	$C_{41}H_{78}NO_8P$	$[M+H]$ <sup>+</sup>	744.5538	287.4	0.1	274.9	$[M-H]$	742.5392	278.0	0.2	266.3
PE 36:1	$C_{41}H_{80}NO_8P$	$[M+H]+$	746.5694	292.5	0.1	279.5	[M-H]-	744.5549	279.9	0.1	267.9

Table S3<sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values calibrated with **polyalanine** for the membrane lipids of PAK

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		<b>Positive ions</b>			<b>Negative ions</b>				
membrane lipids of PAK	Formula	ion	m/z	$^{TW}CCS_{N2}$ without correction $(\AA^2)$	$^{TW}CCS_{N2}$ %RSD	ion	m/z	$\overline{w}$ CCS <sub>N2</sub> without	$T^{W}CCS_{N2}$ %RSD
								correction	
PC 32:1	$C_{40}H_{78}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	732.5538	279.0	0.1				
PC 32:0	$C_{40}H_{80}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^*$	734.5694	282.2	0.1				
PC 34:2	$C_{42}H_{82}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	758.5694	282.1	0.1				
PC 34:1	$C_{42}H_{82}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	760.5851	284.9	0.1				
PC 34:0	$C_{42}H_{84}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	762.6007	287.4	0.3				
PC 35:1	$C_{43}H_{84}NO_8P$	$[M+H]+$	774.6007	289.1	0.1				
PC 36:2	$C_{42}H_{82}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	786.6007	288.2	0.1				
PE 30:1	$C_{35}H_{68}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	662.4755	260.8	0.1	$[M-H]$	660.4610	253.9	0.1
PE 30:0	$C_{35}H_{70}NO_8P$					$[M-H]$	662.4766	256.0	0.1
PE 32:2	$C_{37}H_{70}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	688.4912	262.7	0.1	$[M-H]$	686.4766	257.9	0.2
PE 32:1	$C_{37}H_{72}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	690.5068	266.8	0.1	$[M-H]$	688.4923	259.5	0.1
PE 32:0	$C_{37}H_{74}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	692.5225	271.8	0.0	$[M-H]$	690.5079	261.2	0.1
PE 33:1	$C_{38}H_{74}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	704.5225	271.5	0.1	$[M-H]$	702.5079	262.9	0.1
PE 34:2	$C_{39}H_{73}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	716.5225	269.2	0.1	$[M-H]$	714.5079	264.1	0.1
PE 34:1	$C_{37}H_{76}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	718.5381	273.8	0.1	$[M-H]$	716.5236	265.7	0.0
PE 34:0	$C_{39}H_{78}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	720.5538	277.0	0.1	$[M-H]$	718.5392	267.4	0.1
PE 35:2	$C_{40}H_{76}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	730.5381	274.4	0.1	$[M-H]$	728.5236	266.9	0.1
PE 35:1	$C_{40}H_{78}NO_8P$	$[M+H]+$	732.5538	276.4	0.1	$[M-H]$ -	730.5392	269.0	0.0
PE 36:2	$C_{41}H_{78}NO_8P$	$[M+H]^+$	744.5538	275.1	0.1	$[M-H]$	742.5392	270.2	0.1
PE 36:1	$C_{41}H_{80}NO_8P$	$[M+H]+$	746.5694	279.6	0.1	[M-H]-	744.5549	271.8	0.1

Table S4<sup>TW</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values calibrated with **phospholipids** for the membrane lipids of PAK

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Table S5 Comparison between the experimental <sup>™</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values for the phospholipids of PAK and CCS values of the literature for [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. 1: dextran calibration, 2: dextran calibration and lipid correction, 3: polyalanine calibration, 4: polyalanine calibration and lipid correction, 5 phospholipids calibration

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Table S6 Comparison between the experimental <sup>™</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values for the phospholipids of PAK and CCS values of the literature for [M-H]<sup>-</sup>.

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1: dextran calibration, 2: dextran calibration and lipid correction, 3: polyalanine calibration, 4: polyalanine calibration and lipid correction, 5 phospholipids calibration

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<b>Lipid</b>	Leaptrot $/$ Zhou	Leaptrot $/$ Hines	Zhou $/$ Hines	Zhou $/$ Paglia	Hines / Paglia
PC(32:0)	$-1.8$	$-1.5$	0.3	$-2.6$	$-2.9$
PC(32:1)	$-2.2$			$-1.5$	
PC(34:0)				$-2.5$	
PC(34:1)	$-1.8$			$-2.7$	
PC(34:2)	$-2.0$			$-2.7$	
PC(36:2)	$-0.9$			$-3.2$	
PE(32:0)			0.0		
PE(34:0)			0.0		
PE(34:1)	$-1.7$	$-1.2$	0.5	1.0	0.5
PE(36:2)	$-1.5$	$-1.0$	0.5	0.1	$-0.4$

Table S7: ΔCCS (%) comparison between CCS values of the literature for [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

**Table S8:** ΔCCS (%) comparison between CCS values of the literature for [M-H]-



CL a  $\approx \frac{407}{405}$ PC 260 270 280 290 300 PE 32:x **PC 32:x ◆ PE 34:x** ■ PC 34:x ◆ PE 36:x PC 36:2 TWCCSN<sub>2</sub> (Å<sup>)</sup> 1370 1390 1410 1430 393 395 397 399 401 403 405 407 **A CL 66:x**  $\triangle$  CL 67: $x$ ▲ CL 68:x  $\triangle$  CL 69: $x$  $\triangle$  CL 70: $x$ *m/z* TWCCSN<sub>2</sub>  $(A^2)$ 300 320 340 360 380 400 420 TWC $CSN2$   $(A^2)$ 

The following figure describes the *TWCCSN2 vs m/z correlation* 556

PE

260

280

550 750 950 1150 1350

*m/z*

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Figure S9:<sup>™</sup>CCS<sub>N2</sub> values plotted against *m/z* for positive ions. (a) represents values for every class of phospholipids, whereas (b) only represents values for CLs and (c) only represents values for PCs and PEs. CLs are represented by triangles, PCs are represented by squares, PEs by diamonds. x refers to the number of double-bonds on the fatty acid moiety of the phospholipid which can be equal to 0, 1, 2 (for PCs and PEs) or up to 3, 4 (for CLs). 558 559 560 561 562

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680 700 720 740 760 780 800

*m/z*

◆ PE 35:x PC 35:1

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 $M(N2)$ 





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### **S3 Dextran and polyalanine correction curves**  566









Measured with dextran calibration







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0.8107

32.5654

0.9988

0.9018 9.5704

0.9998

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### correction curve for polyalanine calibration in negative mode



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