



Collision Cross Section Conformational Analyses of Bile Acids via Ion Mobility–Mass Spectrometry

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Abstract

Bile acids serve as one of the most important classes of biological molecules in the gastrointestinal system. Due to their structural similarity, bile acids have historically been difficult to accurately

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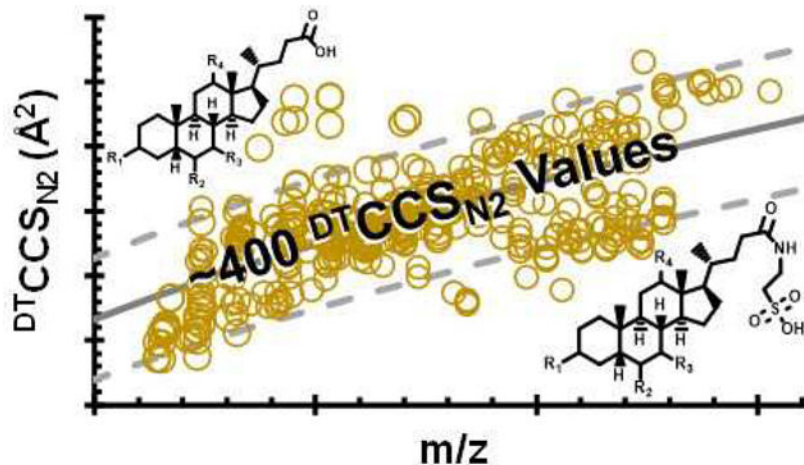
Arrival time distributions of four β -muricholic acid ion forms (Figure S1a) and comparative arrival times of distributions for chenodeoxycholic acid and ursodeoxycholic acid (Figure S1b). Figure S2 shows three examples of ion mobility–mass spectrometry spectra with potential metastable adduct behavior. Figure S3 shows the trendlines for three bile acid subclasses. Figure S4 shows how previously unidentified features from a metabolomics sample fall on the bile acid trendline. In addition, we include tables of all measured bile acids and their drift tube collision cross section values measured in nitrogen (^{DT}CCSN₂) in both positive and negative ionization mode (Tables S1–S3) (PDF).

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annotate in complex biological matrices using mass spectrometry. They often have identical or nominally similar mass-to-charge ratios and similar fragmentation patterns that make identification by mass spectrometry arduous, normally involving chemical derivatization and separation via liquid chromatography. Here, we demonstrate the use of drift tube ion mobility (DTIM) to derive collision cross section (CCS) values in nitrogen drift gas ($^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$) for use as an additional descriptor to facilitate expedited bile acid identification. We also explore trends in DTIM measurements and detail structural characteristics for differences in $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values between subclasses of bile acid molecules.

Graphical Abstract



Bile acids are compounds that are essential for human health. These compounds primarily assist in the solubilization of dietary lipids and promote their absorption through the digestive tract.¹ Bile acids are the primary mechanism governing the elimination of cholesterol, aid in the motility of bacteria in the small intestine, and act as signaling molecules for the mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) pathways, nuclear hormone receptors (FXR α), and the G-protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) TGR5.^{1,2} The function of any individual compound from this class of molecules is dictated by its specific structure, so the accurate identification of these molecules is of growing importance. However, the separation of bile acids remains challenging due to their structural similarities, often resulting in indistinguishable MS/MS fragmentation patterns and similar chromatographic retention times.

Bile acids are derived from cholesterol and possess a fused four ring core with four primary substitution sites (typically on carbons 3, 6, 7, and 12 as shown in red in Figure 1). Bile acids are characterized by conjugation at carbon 24 (designated in blue in Figure 1) and the functionalization of these substitution sites.³ The most common modification, a hydroxyl group, can vary in position and/or orientation, and often determines molecular function. For example, chenodeoxycholic acid (CDCA) and deoxycholic acid (DCA) are two bile acids that differ in the position of the hydroxyl group. Both compounds solubilize lipids as part of the enterohepatic circulatory system, but DCA additionally acts as a hepatotoxin and oncometabolite.^{4,5}

Bile acids are difficult to distinguish from each other with liquid chromatography–mass spectrometry (LC–MS) methods alone, due in part to their similar polarities.⁶ One example, the isomeric pair α - and β -muricholic acid, only differ in the orientation of the hydroxyl group on carbon 6. Zheng et al. recently demonstrated that α - and β -muricholic acid could be resolved using ion mobility (IM), even with these slight structural differences.⁸ This demonstrates the utility of IM as an additional dimension of separation, in conjunction with LC.^{7,8} Accurate identification and quantification of bile acids are of great biological importance, as it is becoming more apparent that both the host and commensal gut bacteria play a role in bile acid composition and function.⁹ In addition, with the discovery of novel bile acids conjugated with leucine and glycine, the need to identify bile acids is more important.¹⁰

Picache et al. recently published and released the Unified Collision Cross Section (CCS) Compendium containing a myriad of compounds including lipids, carbohydrates, amino acids, peptides, and other small molecules.¹¹ The motivation for the Unified CCS Compendium is to provide an open source database for the IM community to collect and compare CCS values that meet specific criteria for precision and accuracy. CCS values can then be used as an additional descriptor for omic studies to aid in the identification and validation of unknown small molecules. It has been demonstrated that molecules with similar chemical motifs tend to exhibit correlations in conformational space.^{12–14} Compounds of a given biomolecular class that adopt similar gas phase structures fall along specific mass-mobility trendlines. Using both CCS values and mass-to-charge (m/z) ratios, it is possible to increase confidence in metabolite annotation to identify unknown molecules and predict biomolecular class when performing global untargeted metabolomic studies.^{12,14–21} The Unified CCS Compendium previously contained a limited number of bile acid entries, with proton loss $[M - H]^-$ being the most reported ion state. In this report, we expand on previously obtained CCS values of bile acids by adding conjugated, unsaturated, and sulfated bile acids in both positive and negative ionization modes. While several ion forms were observed in negative ionization mode, $[M - H]^-$ was the predominant ion form. Positive ionization mode analyses contained a variety of ion forms including $[M + Na]^+$, $[M - H_2O + H]^+$, $[M - 2H_2O + H]^+$, $[M - H_2O - SO_3 + H]^+$, $[M - 2H_2O - SO_3 + H]^+$, and $[M - 3H_2O - SO_3 + H]^+$. Given the increased complexity of bile acid data in positive ionization mode due to the formation of numerous abundant ion forms, it is our recommendation that negative ionization mode be prioritized for bile acid identification.

METHODS

Standards and Chemicals.

Optima grade acetonitrile and water were purchased from Fisher Scientific (Loughborough, UK). Ammonium acetate was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Dorset, UK). Formic acid was purchased from Fluka (Buchs, Switzerland). Bile acid standards were purchased from Steraloids, Inc. (Newport, RI) and included tauro- α -muricholic acid (T- α -MCA), tauro- β -muricholic acid (T- β -MCA), tauro- ω -muricholic acid (T- ω -MCA), α -muricholic acid (α -MCA), β -muricholic acid (β -MCA), taurohyocholic acid (THCA), glycoursoxycholic acid (GUDCA), tauroursodeoxycholic acid (TUDCA), hyocholic acid

(HCA), taurohydroxydeoxycholic acid (THDCA), taurocholic acid (TCA), cholic acid (CA), ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA), hyodeoxycholic acid (HDCA), glycodeoxycholic acid (GDCA), taurodeoxycholic acid (TDCA), chenodeoxycholic acid (CDCA), and deoxycholic acid (DCA).

Measurements of CCS of Bile Acids.

The $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values for 50 bile acids were determined based on the Agilent 6560 standardized single field $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ protocol established by Stow et al.²² This allows for the most consistent determination of $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values with precisions generally lower than 0.2% RSD ($n = 3$ taken on 3 separate days). Injection procedures were similar to a previously described method,²¹ in which bile acid standards were first diluted to 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ in acetonitrile and stored in glass autosampler vials at 4 °C. Aliquots of 10 μL were injected at 100 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ via a 100 μL sample loop directly to the Agilent Jet Stream electrospray ionization source (i.e., no LC column was used). Source settings included drying gas at 300 °C and 4 L/min, sheath gas at 200 °C and 8 L/min, nebulizer pressure at 12 psi, and electric potential of the entrance capillary and nozzle held at 2800 and 1750 V, respectively. The mobile phase was 50% acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid and 50% water with 0.1% formic acid. Similar to a previously described method,²³ the initial flow rate of 800 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ was decreased to 30 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ from 0.15 to 0.16 min, where it was held at 30 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ until 0.90 min. From 0.90 to 1.00 min, the flow rate was increased to 800 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ and maintained for 1.00 min to wash and prevent sample carryover. In the 2.00 min data acquisition, features from each sample injection were detected from 0.20 to 1.00 min. $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values were collected in this window in both positive and negative ionization mode, with a 1350 V bias and nitrogen at 3.94 Torr and 26 °C in the IM drift tube with nitrogen used as the drift gas. Data was collected once per day for 3 days to yield three replicates per sample. All bile acid standards were analyzed individually, and methods were in agreement with the $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ data handling protocol described by Picache et al. with relative standard deviations generally lower than 0.2%.⁹ $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values measured in this work have been submitted to the Unified CCS Compendium for community access.

Retrospective Analysis.

To demonstrate the utility in using CCS values, data previously generated in our lab was re-evaluated with the $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values provided in this manuscript. Briefly, three groups of mice were compared after gastric bypass surgery including a control group, a group that received a less extreme biliary diversion surgery, and a group that received a more extreme biliary diversion surgery.²¹ Stool samples were acquired 4 weeks postsurgery, and comparative global, untargeted analyses were performed for the extracted metabolites. Data was analyzed via Progenesis QI software (version 2.3, Nonlinear Dynamics, Newcastle, UK). $^{TW}CCS_{N_2}$ values were collected for all metabolites, including detected bile acids. The CCS trendline generated using the data in this manuscript was used to identify potential bile acids previously unidentified in the data set. This retrospective analysis identified an additional 20 features corresponding to bile acids and highlights the strength of using CCS values for annotating and identifying metabolites in global, untargeted data sets.

DISCUSSION

The bile acids in this study were found to ionize readily via electrospray ionization. While $[M - H]^-$ was the predominant ion form in negative ionization mode, other ion forms were observed at lower relative abundance including $[M + Cl]^-$, $[M + HCOO]^-$, and $[M + Na - H + HCOO]^-$. In positive ionization mode, coordination of a proton or sodium ion were common, with proton-coordinated species solely appearing with neutral losses, including loss of H_2O and/or SO_3 . Multimeric species were observed at high abundance in both polarities, although the scope of this work was limited to measurement of $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values of singly charged, monomeric bile acids. The multiple ion forms observed in positive ionization mode for β -muricholic acid are depicted in the IM-MS plot in Figure 2. In this IM-MS spectrum, the $[M + H]^+$ ion is present in very low relative abundance, while the $[M + Na]^+$ ion is prominent. As for most bile acids in this study, neutral water loss was common, with $[M - H_2O + H]^+$, $[M - 2H_2O + H]^+$, and $[M - 3H_2O + H]^+$ ion forms present in high relative abundance. The arrival time distributions of the four most abundant ion forms of β -muricholic acid can be found in Figure S1. Due to hydroxyl and/or sulfate groups being the main differentiating features between bile acids, the common appearance of such a wide variety of ion forms across both polarities makes it extremely challenging to distinguish functionalized bile acids from one another in complex mixtures. Additionally, close alignment was observed between higher and lower m/z ion forms for some bile acids, with multiple ion mobility features observed for the lower m/z ion forms of those molecules (the ion mobility features of fastest drift time have been reported here), indicating the higher m/z ion forms may be metastable adducts (Figure S2). Metastable ion forms may be measured in the ion mobility region as the larger ion form and then dissociate to a smaller ion form prior to being measured in the mass spectrometer; the putative nonadducted species is reported herein.

Nomenclature, molecular formula, R substituents, m/z , and $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values for the unsulfated bile acids (including both glycine and taurine conjugated species) are found in Table 1. Bile acid subclasses are based on glycine and taurine conjugation of the carbon 24 carboxyl group, bond saturation, sulfation, and oxidation of one of the hydroxyl groups. Figure 3 depicts the mobility-mass conformational space of the $[M - H]^-$ ion forms of bile acids analyzed in this study, grouped by subclass, as well as the trendline representing the correlation of $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ to m/z . The grouping within each plotted subclass indicates how they cluster in different regions of conformational space. $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values can be found in Tables S1–S3. Similar to other classes in the Unified CCS Compendium, bile acids cluster in $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ vs m/z space based on their structural similarity and degree of packing in the gas phase. As is observed for most classes of molecules, we observe a general increase in $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ with m/z . The subclass ($n > 2$) that has the smallest range in collision cross section is the glycine conjugated bile acids ($n = 4$, m/z 432.31–464.30 Da) with a range of 2.7 \AA^2 , while the subclasses ($n > 2$) with the largest collision cross section ranges are the oxidized bile acids and unconjugated sulfated bile acids with ranges of 15.2 \AA^2 ($n = 7$, m/z 373.27–405.26 Da) and 15.3 \AA^2 ($n = 7$, m/z 455.25–487.24 Da), respectively. This is similar to results reported by Zheng et al. in that smaller unsaturated bile acids separate more readily than saturated bile acids in $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ space.⁸ Zheng et al. reported glycine and

taurine conjugated bile acid isomers (m/z 448.31 and 514.28, respectively) were the most difficult to separate.⁸ This can be associated to the narrow $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ range of the bile acids after glycine or taurine conjugation. It was reported that glycine conjugated bile acids had a smaller $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ range than oxidized bile acids (2.7 Å² for glycine conjugated and 7.0 Å² for oxidized).⁸

Using the $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values reported here, we can create correlations similar to those used by Picache et al. in the Unified CCS Compendium by mapping expected mobility–mass space for bile acids.¹¹ Using these data, a correlation is plotted using a power fit. This correlation is representative of bile acids and bile acid conjugates. By reporting a bile acid correlation (Figure 3) and utilizing it to compare predicted and experimental CCS values in future studies, we can increase the confidence in bile acid annotations. Nearly all values fall within 5% of the calculated correlation, with the only exceptions being dehydrolithocholic acid and cholic acid 3-sulfate. Additionally, fits can be applied to individual bile acid subclasses, as shown in Figure S3, although the sample numbers may not currently be sufficient to accurately represent individual subclass trends.

Bile acids conjugated with glycine, in comparison to unconjugated molecules, did not exhibit the same increase in $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ with m/z as the overall bile acid trend. While glycine conjugated values still fell within the confidence interval, the $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values were similar to those of unconjugated bile acids (average increase of 0.60%, or ca. 1 Å²), despite the 57 Da mass increase, indicating an interaction of glycine with the oxygen bound to carbon 3. Figure 4 shows molecular models of cholic acid and glycocholic acid. The fused ring sterol core common to these bile acids has no rotational freedom; therefore, it is the tail group that introduces variability in CCS. With glycocholic acid, the glycine tail is locked in a hydrogen bond with the oxygen on carbon 3 (Figure 4B), similar to that seen in cholic acid (Figure 4A). This interaction prevents the tail from freely rotating and results in a more compact structure than that observed for bile acids with unconstrained tails.

This tail-oxygen–hydrogen bond is likely also the cause of the increase in collision cross section observed with the oxidation. As double bonds are introduced, the m/z decreases by 2, 4, and 6 nominal mass units (corresponding to 1, 2, and 3 double bonds, respectively). Even though m/z decreases with increased unsaturation, the $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ value was observed to increase. This may be due to the tail being unable to form a hydrogen bond with the oxygen on carbon 3. Figure 5 highlights two pairs of molecules that differ only in the presence of a double bond: (1) lithocholic acid and dehydrolithocholic acid and (2) cholic acid and 7-ketodeoxycholic acid. This increase in $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ may be the result of the change in a ring carbon's hybridization. The hydrogen bond that exists between the hydroxyl group on carbon 3 and the tail can be disrupted by rehybridization of that particular carbon. It changes the position of the attached oxygen, preventing it from being able to form a hydrogen bond with the carboxyl tail.

The reported $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ vs m/z $[M - H]^-$ bile acid trendline was used to evaluate previously published untargeted metabolomic data from stool samples of mice that had biliary diversion surgery.²¹ Among many other biological classes, bile acids were of particular interest in the previous study. In addition to the 10 bile acids previously reported,²¹ here we were able to

select 20 additional potential bile acids based on the described trendline (Figure S4). Those 20 molecules were not previously included as molecules with bile acid motifs and remained unidentified molecules. These data demonstrate the utility of the reported $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values for the annotation and identification of metabolites in global, untargeted data sets.

CONCLUSION

Bile acids provide a crucial role in digestion and metabolism. To improve the accurate annotation of these molecules, we report $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ values of the various observed ion forms of a large set of bile acids. In-depth analysis of $^{DT}CCS_{N_2}$ subclass correlations affords a glimpse into the structural changes that allow separation via ion mobility. The subset of bile acids analyzed here provides a step forward for discrimination of these molecules in untargeted metabolomic studies.

Supplementary Material

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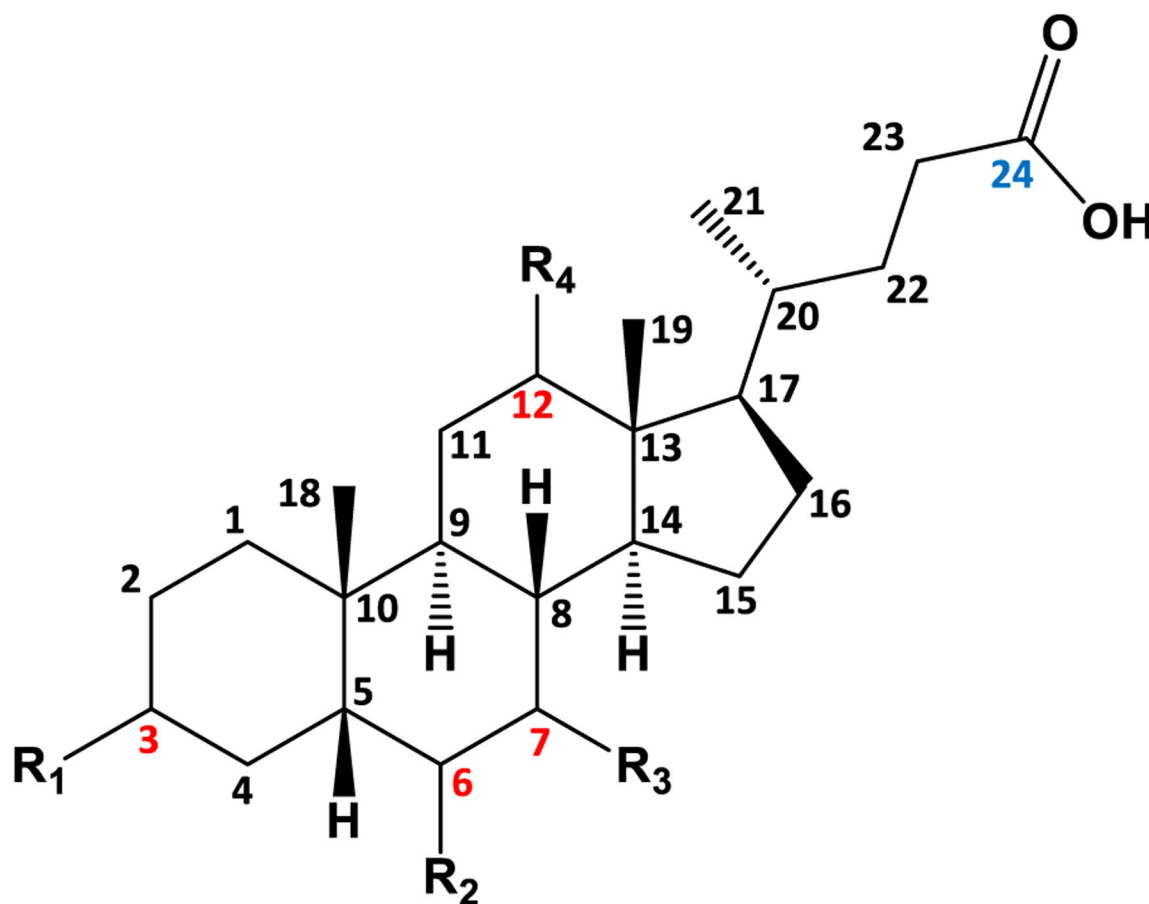


Figure 1.

Four ring structure common to all bile acids. Carbons are numbered with substituents located at carbons 3, 6, 7, and 12, highlighted in red font. R groups are $-H$, $-OH$, or $-HSO_4$ groups. Carbon 24, highlighted in blue font, is conjugated with glycine or taurine to yield glycocholates and taurocholates, respectively.

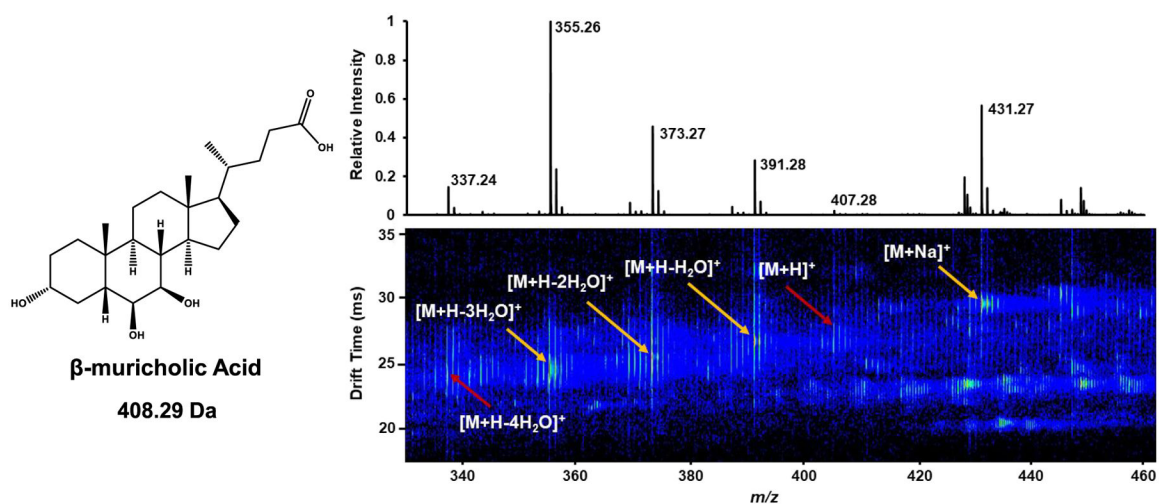


Figure 2.

Representative IM-MS spectrum of β -muricholic acid in positive ionization mode. Multiple ion forms were observed in both polarities, with water loss commonly exhibited for proton-coordinated species in positive ionization mode. Collision cross sections are reported for species denoted by yellow arrows; however, those species denoted by red arrows are not reported due to low intensity.

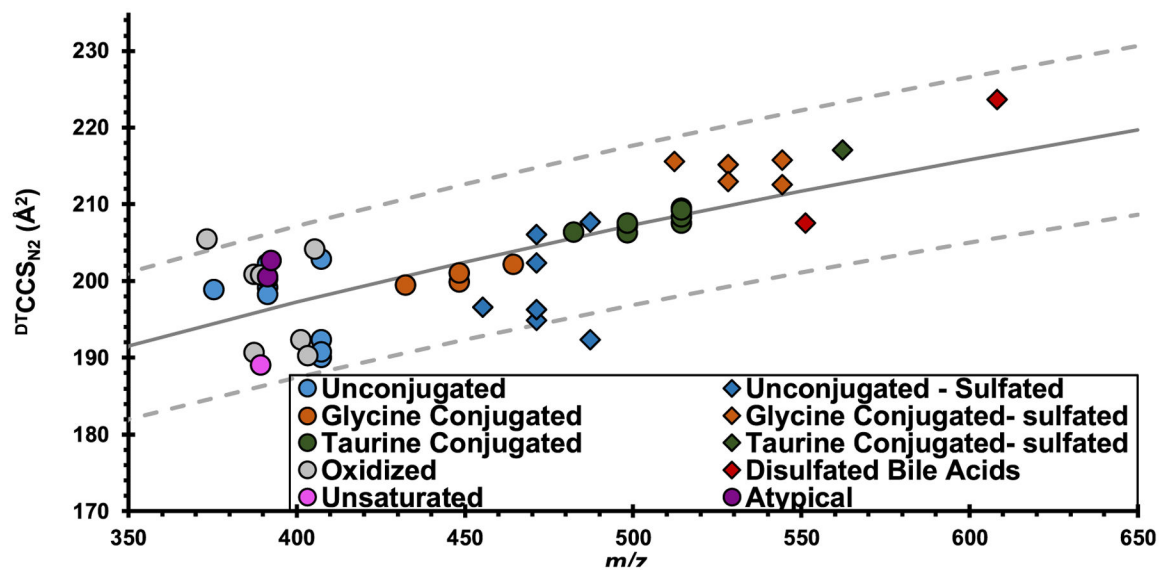


Figure 3. Conformational space $DTCCS_{N_2}$ vs m/z plot of the $[M - H]^-$ ion of 47 bile acid standards in negative ionization mode. Marker color indicates the bile acid subclass. Unsulfonated bile acids are represented by circles, while sulfonated bile acids are denoted by diamonds. The solid gray line represents the bile acid trendline for all species, and the dotted lines depict the bounds of the 95% confidence interval. All but two bile acids values fell within this correlation, regardless of conjugation and sulfonation.

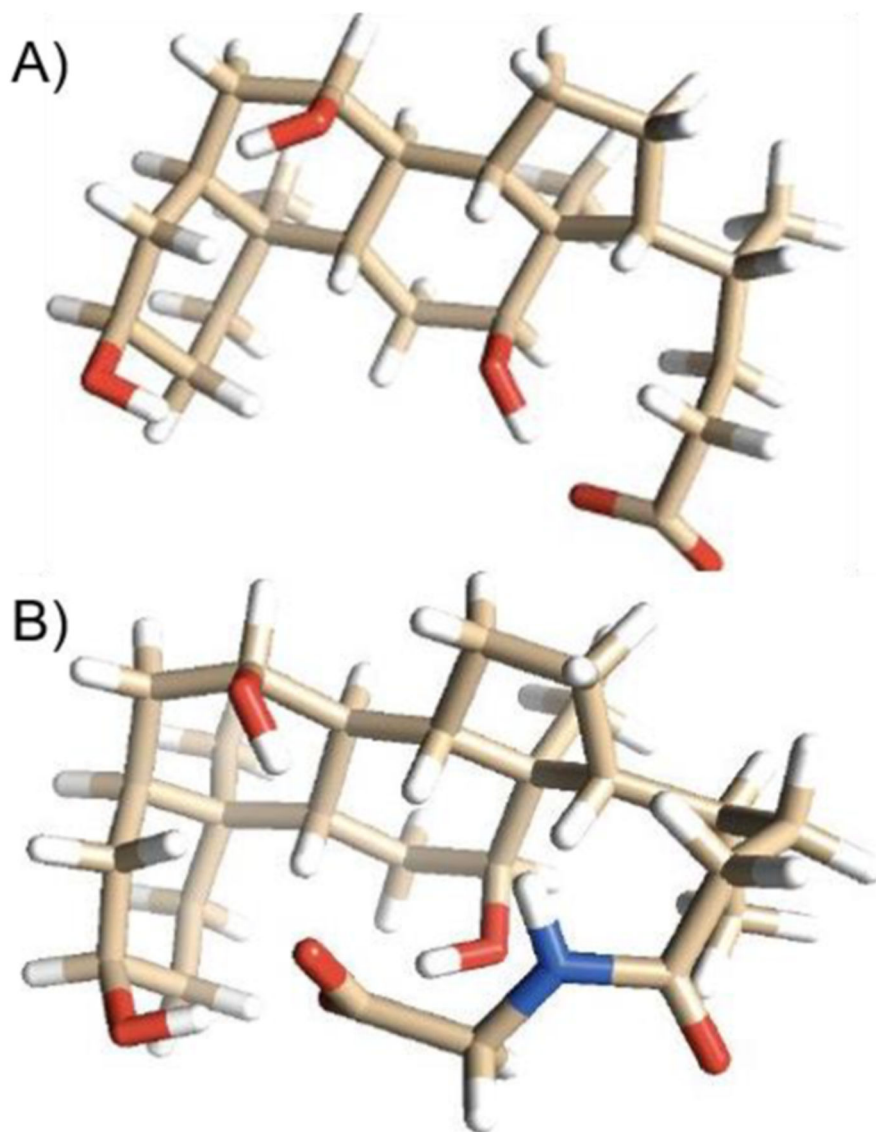


Figure 4. Stick models of (A) cholic acid and (B) glycocholic acid. The sterol ring structure is the same in both cholic acid and glycocholic acid. The tail structure and its interactions with the core affect the cross section. (A) With cholic acid, the tail forms a hydrogen bond with the oxygen on carbon 3. This is similar in (B) glycocholic acid, where the tail structure folds over to form a hydrogen bond with the same oxygen on carbon 3, stabilizing the tail and limiting its motion. Even though glycocholic acid is 57 Da greater in mass, it has a similar collision cross section because it forms a hydrogen bond on the same carbon (carbon 3), collapsing the tail. Colors represent atoms, with beige representing carbon, red representing oxygen, blue representing nitrogen, and white representing hydrogen.

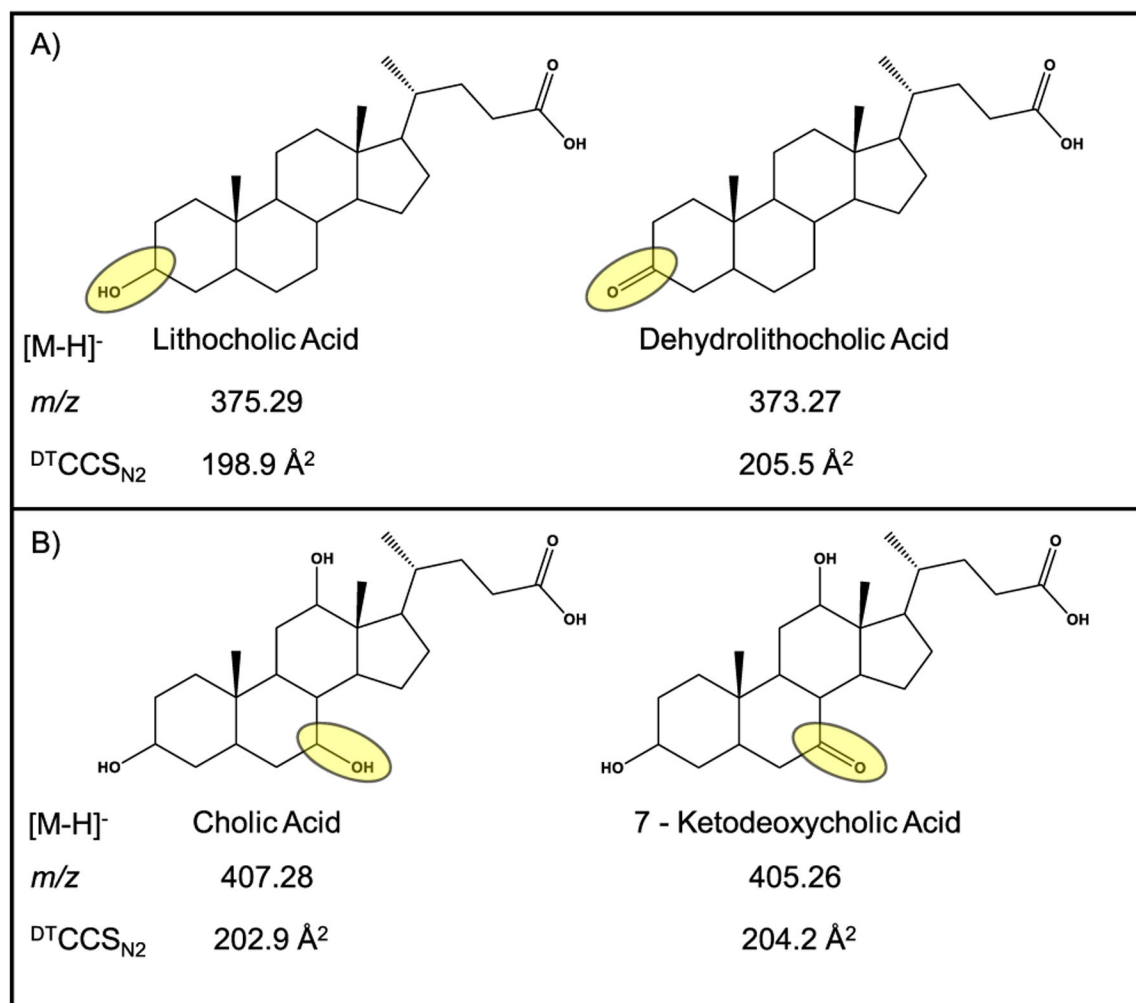


Figure 5. Comparison of (A) lithocholic acid with dehydrolithocholic acid and (B) cholic acid with 7-ketodeoxycholic acid. The difference between each pair is highlighted in yellow. The addition of the double bond removes two hydrogens, reducing the *m/z* ratio; however, the experimental ^{DT}CCS_{N2} was observed to increase with this change.

Table 1.

Negative Ionization Mode $D^TCCS_{N_2}$ Measurements for $[M - H]^-$ Ion Forms of Unsulfated Bile Acids Reported in This Study^a

Sub-class	Name	Molecular Formula	R1	R2	R3	R4	m/z	$D^TCCS_{N_2}$ (\AA^2)	$[M - H]^-$	% RSD
	dehydrolithocholic acid	C24H38O3	=O	-H	-H	-H	373.27	205.5		0.121
	3,6-diketocholic acid	C24H36O4	=O	=O	-H	-H	387.25	200.9		0.223
	dehydrodeoxycholic acid	C24H36O4	=O	-H	-H	=O	387.25	190.7		0.818
	3-oxo-12 α -cholic acid	C24H38O4	=O	-H	-H	α -OH	389.27	200.8		0.027
	3,7,12-tri-betacholanic acid	C24H34O5	=O	-H	=O	=O	401.23	192.4		0.049
	7,12-dioxolithocholic acid	C24H36O5	-OH	-H	=O	=O	403.25	190.3		0.188
	7-ketodeoxycholic acid	C24H38O5	α -OH	-H	=O	α -OH	405.26	204.2		0.044
	aoocholic acid	C24H38O4	α -OH	-H	-H	α -OH	389.27	189.1		0.246
	7 α , 12 α , dihydroxy-5 β -cholic acid	C24H40O4	-H	-H	α -OH	α -OH	391.28	200.6		0.079
	3 β , 7 α , dihydroxy-5 β -cholanic acid	C24H39DO4	β -OH, α -D	-H	α -OH	-H	392.29	202.7		0.043
	lithocholic acid	C24H40O3	α -OH	-H	-H	-H	375.29	198.9		0.307
	chenodeoxycholic acid	C24H40O4	α -OH	-H	α -OH	-H	391.28	202.3		0.079
	hyodeoxycholic acid	C24H40O4	α -OH	α -OH	-H	-H	391.28	199.2		0.241
	murideoxycholic acid	C24H40O4	α -OH	β -OH	-H	-H	391.28	200.3		0.241
	ursodeoxycholic acid	C24H40O4	α -OH	-H	β -OH	-H	391.28	198.3		0.198
	cholic acid	C24H40O5	α -OH	-H	α -OH	α -OH	407.28	202.9		0.146
	hyocholic acid	C24H40O5	α -OH	α -OH	α -OH	-H	407.28	190.1		0.166
	α -muricholic acid	C24H40O5	α -OH	β -OH	α -OH	-H	407.28	192.4		0.120
	β -muricholic acid	C24H40O5	α -OH	β -OH	β -OH	-H	407.28	190.8		0.075
	glycolithocholic acid	C26H43NO4	α -OH	-H	-H	-H	432.31	199.5		0.097
	glycodeoxycholic acid	C26H43NO5	α -OH	-H	-H	α -OH	448.31	199.9		0.079
	glycoursodeoxycholic acid	C26H43NO5	α -OH	-H	β -OH	-H	448.31	201.1		0.062
	glycocholic acid	C26H43NO6	α -OH	-H	α -OH	α -OH	464.30	202.2		0.041
	tauroolithocholic acid	C26H45NO5S	α -OH	-H	-H	-H	482.29	206.4		0.062
	taurochenodeoxycholic acid	C26H45NO6S	α -OH	-H	α -OH	-H	498.29	207.2		0.080
	taurohyodeoxycholic acid	C26H45NO6S	α -OH	α -OH	-H	-H	498.29	206.3		0.087
	tauroursodeoxycholic acid	C26H45NO6S	α -OH	-H	β -OH	-H	498.29	207.6		0.061

Sub-class	Name	Molecular Formula	R1	R2	R3	R4	<i>m/z</i>	$D^T CCS_{N_2}$ (Å ²) [M-H] ⁻	% RSD
	taurocholic acid	C ₂₆ H ₄₅ NO ₇ S	α-OH	-H	α-OH	α-OH	514.28	207.6	0.079
	taurohyocholic acid	C ₂₆ H ₄₅ NO ₇ S	α-OH	α-OH	α-OH	-H	514.28	208.4	0.083
	tauro-α-muricholic acid	C ₂₆ H ₄₅ NO ₇ S	α-OH	β-OH	α-OH	-H	514.28	209.4	0.067
	tauro-β-muricholic acid	C ₂₆ H ₄₅ NO ₇ S	α-OH	β-OH	β-OH	-H	514.28	209.5	0.115
	tauro-ω-muricholic acid	C ₂₆ H ₄₅ NO ₇ S	α-OH	α-OH	β-OH	-H	514.28	209.3	0.297

^aBile acids are grouped by subclass, and entries within each subclass are sorted by increasing *m/z* ratio. Structural nomenclature and composition of the R groups are displayed in the table along with chemical formula and *m/z*. Numeration of the R groups refers to positions shown in Figure 1. At each R position, the substituent was either hydrogen (-H), alpha or beta hydroxyl (α- or β-OH), or doubly bonded oxygen (=O). Precision is reported as relative standard deviation (%RSD) for *n* = 3 measurements made on three separate days. The subclasses are color coded in the leftmost column, with grey representing oxidized bile acids, yellow representing unsaturated bile acids, purple representing atypical bile acids, blue representing unconjugated bile acids, orange representing glycine conjugated bile acids, and green representing taurine conjugated bile acids. Values for ion forms observed in positive ionization mode are reported in the accompanying Supplemental Information (Table S1). Additional measurements taken in negative ionization mode are reported in Tables S2 and S3.