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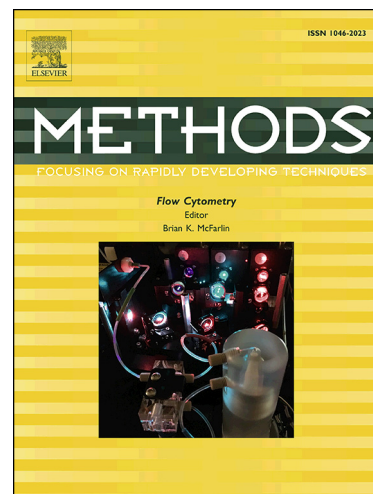
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Abstract

Ion Mobility (IM) coupled to Mass Spectrometry (MS) has been used for several decades, bringing a fast separation dimension to the MS detection. IM-MS is a convenient tool for structural elucidation. The folding of macromolecules is often assessed with the support of computational chemistry. However, this strategy is strongly dependent on computational initial guesses. Here, we propose the analysis of the Collision Cross-Section (CCS) trends of synthetic homopolymers based on a fitting method which does not rely on computational chemistry *a priori* of the three-dimensional structures. The CCS trends were evaluated as a function of the

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