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## CARBON MONOXIDE CONDITIONS: **ALTERED SMELL AND TASTE**

Altered smell and taste may be caused or worsened by either inhaled and/or internal carbon monoxide poisoning. Smell and taste awareness and sensitivity when CO is rising or chronically high (as in smokers) and increase when CO is falling or chronically low (as in ex-smokers).

[Note most internal CO is produced endogenously 24/7 from the normal breakdown of heme proteins by heme oxygenase-1 and -2. When combined with 3 oxygen molecules and catalyzed by an enzyme called NADPH, HO-1 and -2 convert heme into equal parts of CO, bilirubin, and ferritin, along with hydrogen from the NADPH. If the heme protein is bound to CO when it is broken down, that CO also is released, which doubles the total. While acute exposure to high levels of CO causes symptoms of CO toxicity, and chronic exposure to low levels causes symptoms of CO deficiency, there is a range of CO exposure in between that endogenous CO research shows is more beneficial than harmful.]

For a collection of peer-reviewed articles on PubMed curated by Albert Donnay about the impact on smell and taste of

### **INTERNAL CO** see

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/donnaydetoxicologyllc/collections/59702965/public/>

### **INHALED CO POISONING**, see

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/donnaydetoxicologyllc/collections/59264557/public/>

Inhaled CO poisoning also is reported to cause multi-sensory hallucinations, see

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/donnaydetoxicologyllc/collections/60621556/public/>