



Pharmacological and Clinical Significance of Heme Oxygenase-1

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The HO-1 system has been found to be crucial in cellular defense for numerous diseases, including diabetes, hypertension, heart diseases, inflammation, transplantation, neurodegenerative and ageing processes, and metabolic syndrome. This Special Issue is designed to re-examine HO-1's function in physiological and metabolic diseases and its clinical significance. HO-1 is now recognized to play a role in diverse metabolic, physiological, and pathological circumstances. The increase in the number of citations in PubMed (36,596 articles) alone attests to the importance of the HO-1 and its products, CO and bilirubin, within the research community.

The Special Issue will collate and update much of the current knowledge relevant to pharmacology and clinical medicine concerning the enzyme heme oxygenase-1 (HO-1), which catabolizes the breakdown of the oxygen-carrying respiratory pigment called heme. In this process, heme is converted to the bile pigment, bilirubin; carbon monoxide is generated; and the iron atom is released.





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