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Heme Oxygenase-A Balancing Act Between Cytoprotective and Pathophysiological Cascades

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Heme oxygenase (HO) is the rate-limiting enzyme in the oxidative degradation of heme, generating biliverdin (BV), carbon monoxide (CO), and iron, while consuming oxygen. Apart from its role as a principal component in the cellular heme/iron homeostasis, HO performs various other cellular processes, which differ among HO families. The function of HO-1 and HO-2, the two catalytically active isoforms of HO in mammals, has been extensively studied.

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