Beginning of olfactory and taste problems during the COVID-19 pandemic (BeRiCo)

Thank you for your interest in our study! Doctors and scientists have reported that the sudden loss of smell and/or taste could be a symptom of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). We would like to investigate more closely when these and other COVID-19-specific symptoms began to accumulate since October 2019.

Do or did you have a cold, the flu or COVID-19 since October 2019? Then we invite you to participate in this anonymous and voluntary survey. It will take about 5 minutes.

Who can participate in the study?
Anybody of full age who has or had a cold, the flu or COVID-19 since October 2019 can participate.

Background of the study
Impairments in smell and taste can occur for various reasons, such as respiratory diseases caused by cold viruses, influenza and also by the new corona virus (SARS-CoV2; CoViD-19). With this study we investigate this relationship in more detail. With your participation you support our research and help us to find out whether smell and taste are affected by CoViD-19 and when these impairments occurred in the last months. The study is part of an international project, organized by members of the Global Consortium for Chemosensory Research (GCCR, https://gcchemosensr.org), and will be conducted in several countries.

Procedure and content of the study
You will answer questions about yourself (age, sex), your general health and the symptoms of your respiratory disease, including olfactory and taste disorders.

Benefits from participation
There is no direct benefit from participation.

Risks
Participation in the study has no known risks.

Voluntariness
Participation in the study is voluntary. You can withdraw your consent to participate in this study at any time and without giving reasons. Simply close the browser window.

Scope of data collection and processing
The data is collected anonymously, i.e. conclusions about your person are not possible at any time. The collected data will only be used for the purpose of the research project mentioned above. As this is an international research project, the anonymous data will be merged with the data collected in other countries. The data from this study will be stored for at least ten years and made accessible in an internet-based data archive. This serves the purpose of quality assurance in research.

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