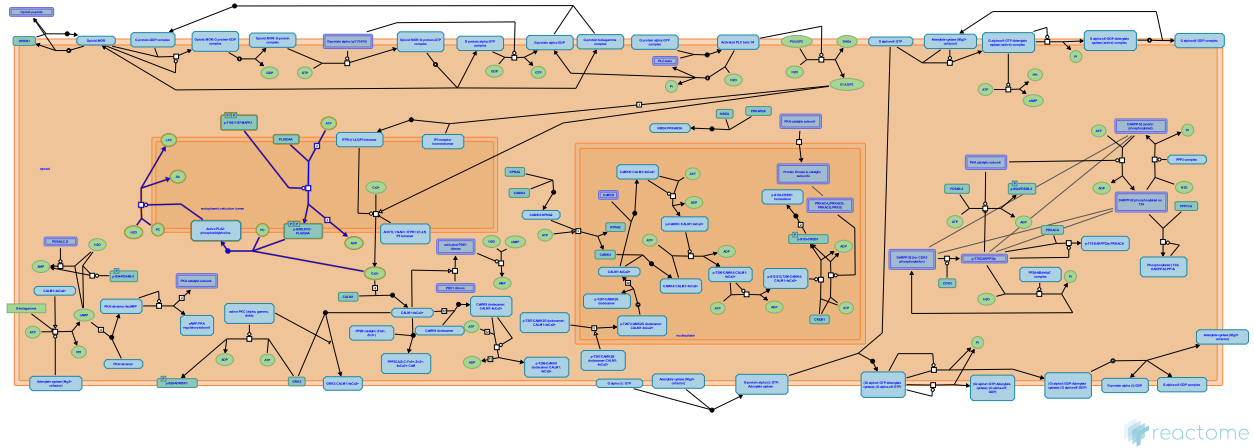


phospho-PLA2 pathway



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Introduction

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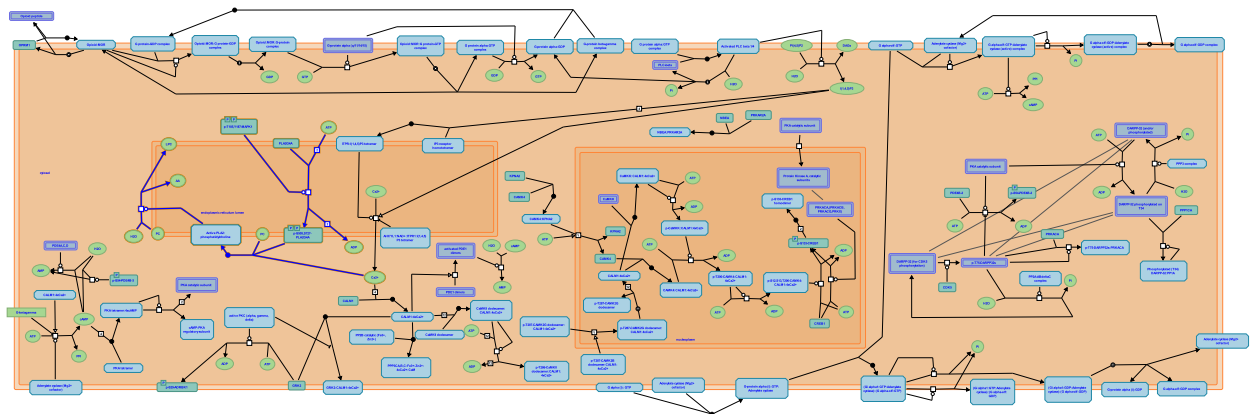
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phospho-PLA2 pathway ↗

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Compartments: endoplasmic reticulum membrane, endoplasmic reticulum lumen, cytosol



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Phospholipase A2 (PLA2) enzymes hydrolyze arachidonic acid (AA) from the sn-2 position of phospholipids. AA is a precursor of eicosanoids, lipid mediators involved in inflammatory responses. PLA2 enzymes function as regulators of phospholipid acyl turnover, either as housekeepers for membrane repair or for the production of inflammatory lipid mediators. There are diverse forms of PLA2 enzymes including secretory (sPLA2), calcium-independent and cytosolic (cPLA2). The cPLA2 form which mediates arachidonic acid release is annotated here.

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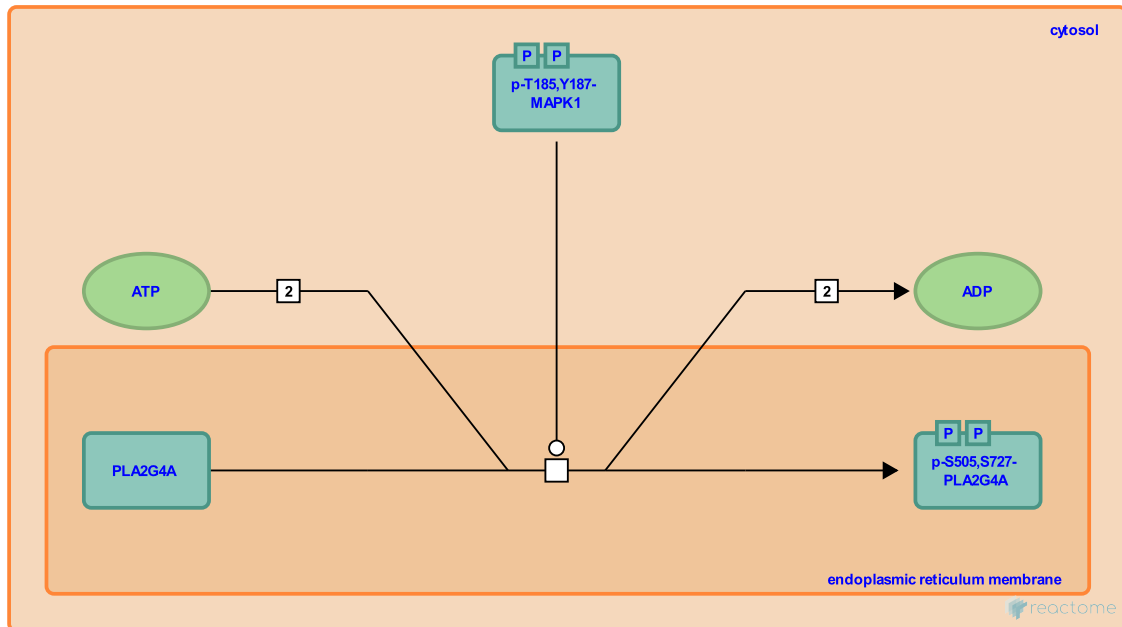
Phosphorylation of cPLA2 by ERK-2 ↗

Location: [phospho-PLA2 pathway](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-111898

Type: transition

Compartments: endoplasmic reticulum membrane, cytosol



ERK2 phosphorylates cPLA2, increasing enzymatic activity. The site of cPLA2 phosphorylation by ERK2 is Ser-505, the major site of cPLA2 phosphorylation observed in phorbol ester-treated cells.

Followed by: [Phospho-cPLA2 translocates to membranes when intracellular calcium levels increase](#)

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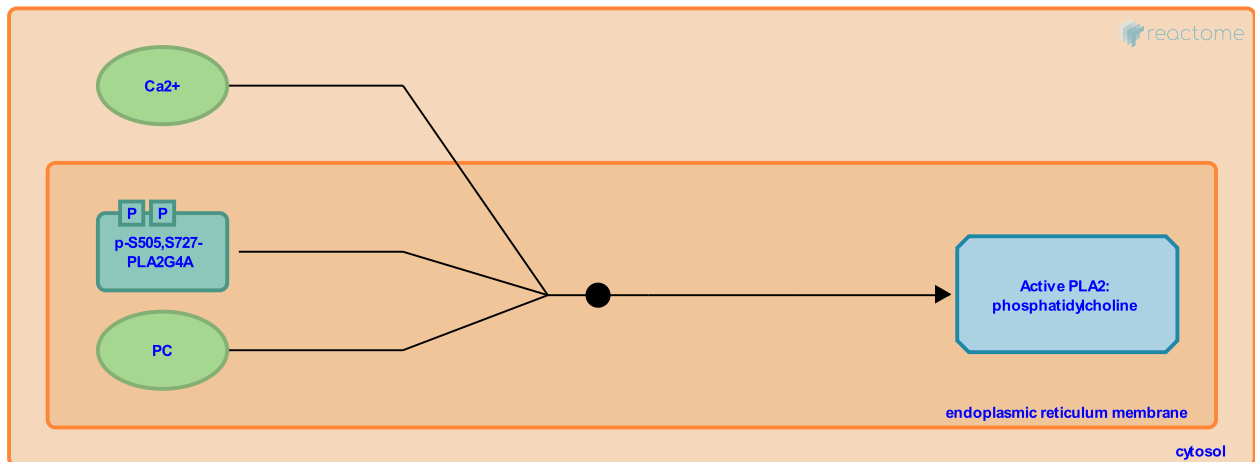
Phospho-cPLA2 translocates to membranes when intracellular calcium levels increase ↗

Location: [phospho-PLA2 pathway](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-111881

Type: binding

Compartments: endoplasmic reticulum membrane, cytosol



The 85kDa cytosolic phospholipase A2 (cPLA2 - PLA2G4A) is involved in cell signalling processes and inflammatory response and is regulated by phosphorylation and calcium concentrations. cPLA2 is phosphorylated at Ser727 and by a MAPK at Ser505. When phosphorylation is coupled with an influx of calcium ions, PLA2 becomes stimulated and translocates to the membrane where it releases arachidonic acid (AA) from membrane phospholipids. Calcium does not itself activate cPLA2. cPLA2 contains an N-terminal calcium-dependent phospholipid binding domain (CaLB) which shares homology with C2 domains (plays roles in signal transduction and membrane trafficking) and binds it to the membrane. Arachidonic acid is both a signalling molecule and the precursor for other signalling molecules termed eicosanoids (e.g., prostaglandins, leukotrienes and platelet-activating factor). A strict regulation of the activity of phospholipase enzyme is essential.

Preceded by: [Phosphorylation of cPLA2 by ERK-2](#)

Followed by: [Hydrolysis of phosphatidylcholine](#)

Literature references

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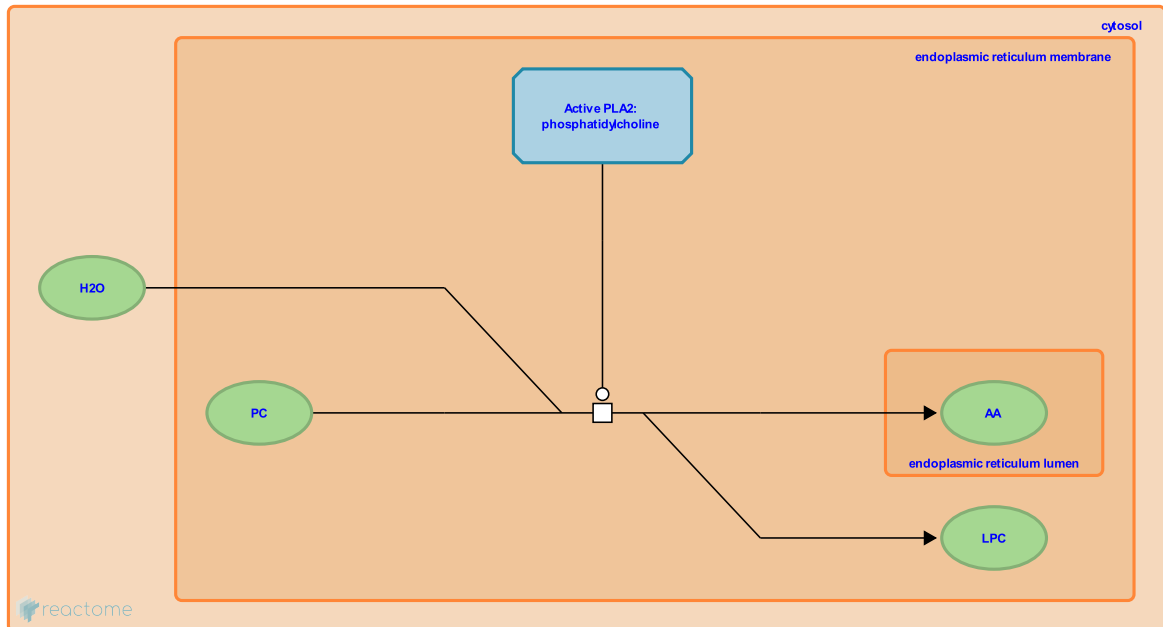
Hydrolysis of phosphatidylcholine ↗

Location: [phospho-PLA2 pathway](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-111883

Type: transition

Compartments: endoplasmic reticulum membrane, endoplasmic reticulum lumen, cytosol



Once bound to the membrane, cPLA2 hydrolyzes phosphatidylcholine to produce arachidonic acid (AA), a precursor to inflammatory mediators. While several phospholipases can catalyze this reaction in cells overexpressing the enzymes, PLA2G4A is the major enzyme that catalyzes this reaction *in vivo* (Reed et al. 2011). At the same time, possible physiological roles have been described for soluble phospholipases (sPLA) in the mobilization of arachidonic acid in some cell types or under some physiological conditions (Murakami et al. 2011). Here, the major role of PLA2G4A has been annotated.

Preceded by: [Phospho-cPLA2 translocates to membranes when intracellular calcium levels increase](#)

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