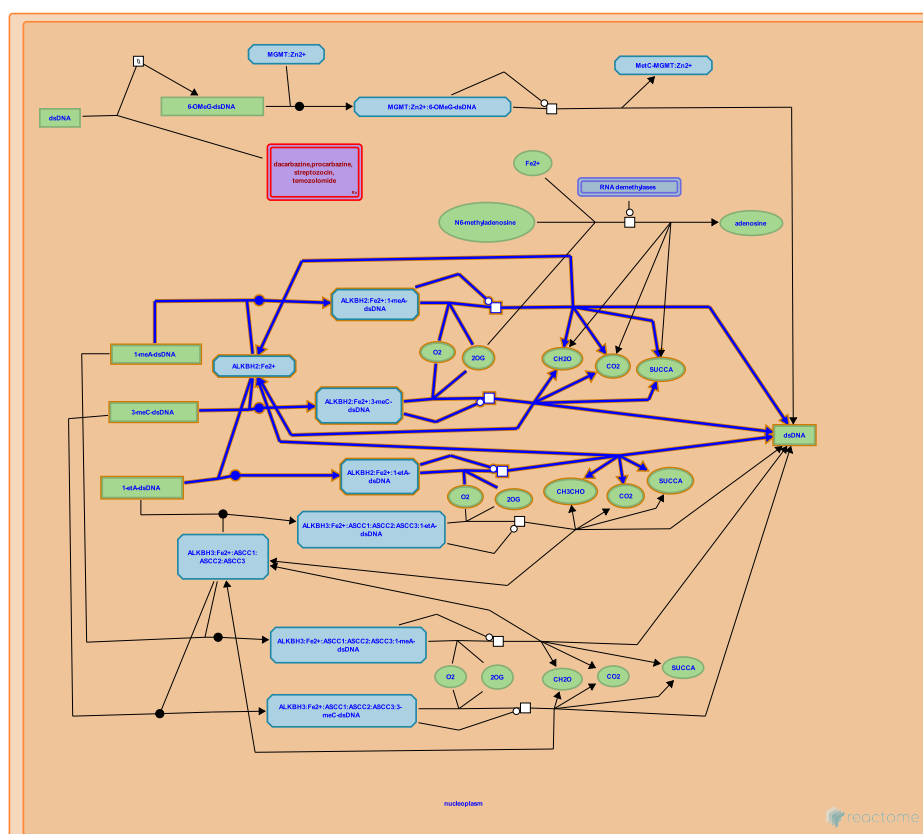


# ALKBH2 mediated reversal of alkylation damage



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## Introduction

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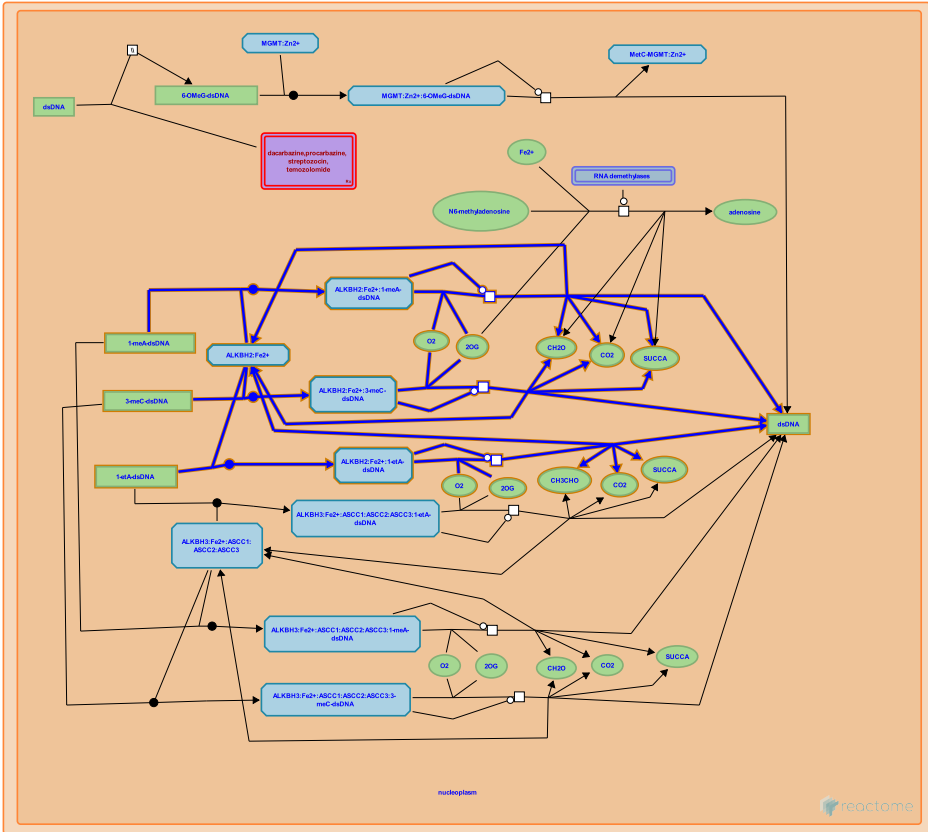
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**ALKBH2 mediated reversal of alkylation damage**

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-112122

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



AlkB is an E.coli alpha-ketoglutarate- and Fe(II)-dependent dioxygenase that oxidizes the relevant methyl groups and releases them as formaldehyde. Two human homologs of AlkB, ALKBH2 and ALKBH3, both remove 1-methyladenine (1-meA) and 3-methylcytosine (3-meC) from methylated polynucleotides in an alpha-ketoglutarate-dependent reaction. They act by direct damage reversal with the regeneration of the unsubstituted bases. E.coli AlkB and human ALKBH2 and ALKBH3 can also repair 1-ethyladenine (1-etA) residues in DNA with the release of acetaldehyde (Duncan et al., 2002, Lee et al. 2005).

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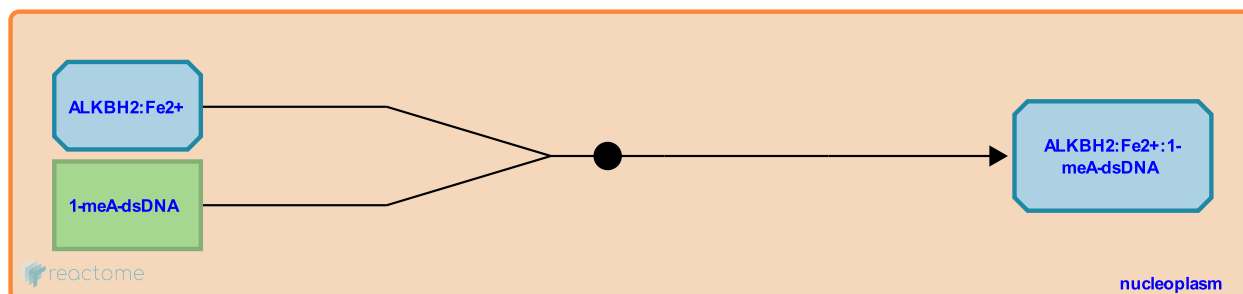
## ALKBH2 binds alkylated DNA containing 1-meA ↗

**Location:** [ALKBH2 mediated reversal of alkylation damage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-5657641

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



ALKBH2 binds alkylated DNA containing 1-methyladenine (1-meA). ALKBH2 preferentially binds double strand DNA (dsDNA) (Duncan et al. 2002, Aas et al. 2003, Chen et al. 2010). Iron (Fe2+) is needed for the catalytic activity of ALKBH2 (Duncan et al. 2002).

**Followed by:** [Oxidative demethylation of 1-meA damaged DNA by ALKBH2](#)

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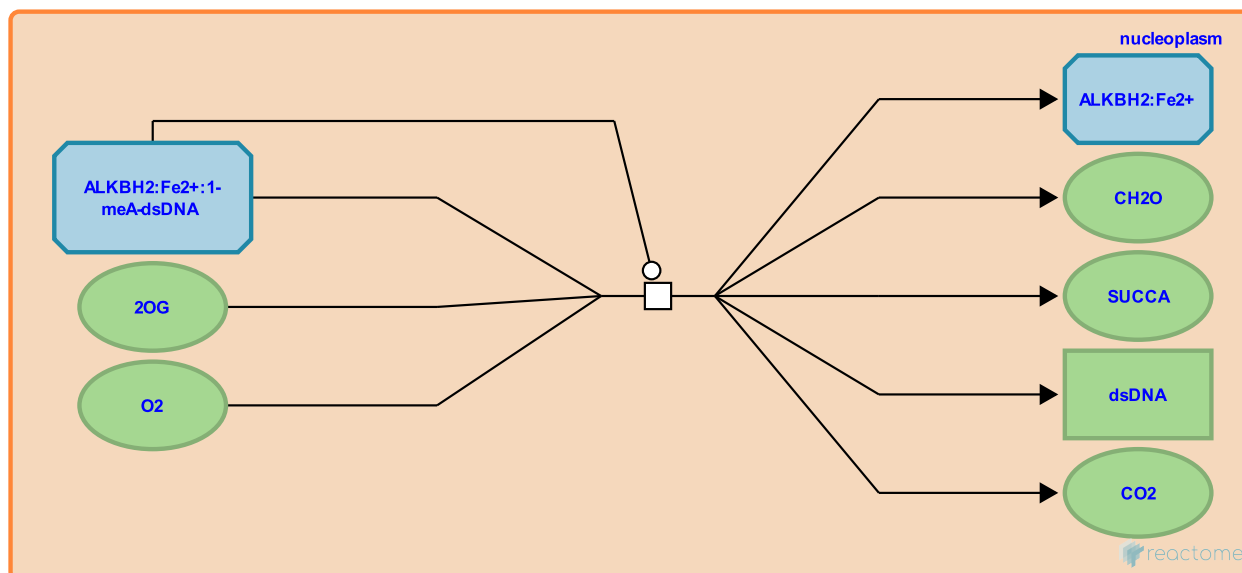
## Oxidative demethylation of 1-meA damaged DNA by ALKBH2 ↗

**Location:** [ALKBH2 mediated reversal of alkylation damage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-112118

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



ALKBH2 catalyzes the removal of the methyl group from 1-methyladenine (1-meA) in a reaction that depends on oxygen, alpha-ketoglutarate and Fe<sup>2+</sup>. ALKBH2 thus directly reverses alkylation damage of DNA in the form of 1-meA, releasing formaldehyde. ALKBH2 is ~4-fold more active on dsDNA containing 1-methyladenine than 3-methylcytosine (Duncan et al. 2002).

**Preceded by:** [ALKBH2 binds alkylated DNA containing 1-meA](#)

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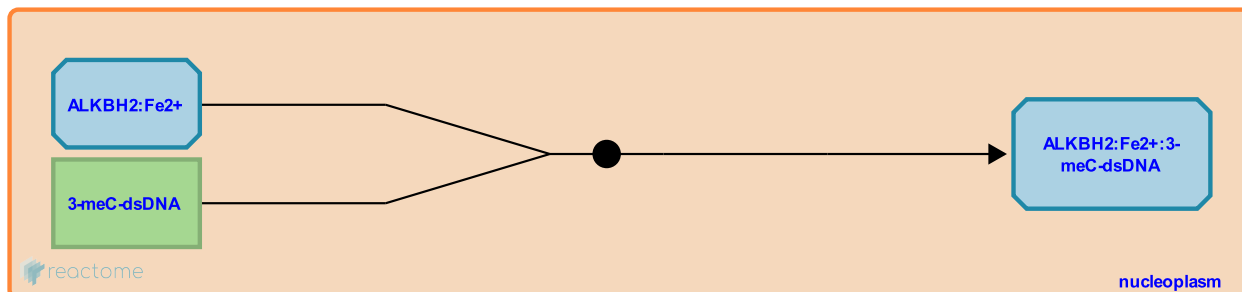
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**Location:** [ALKBH2 mediated reversal of alkylation damage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-5657665

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



ALKBH2 binds alkylated DNA containing 3-methylcytosine (3-meC). ALKBH2 preferentially binds double strand DNA (dsDNA) (Duncan et al. 2002, Aas et al. 2003, Chen et al. 2010). Iron (Fe2+) is needed for the catalytic activity of ALKBH2 (Duncan et al. 2002).

**Followed by:** [Oxidative demethylation of 3-meC damaged DNA by ALKBH2](#)

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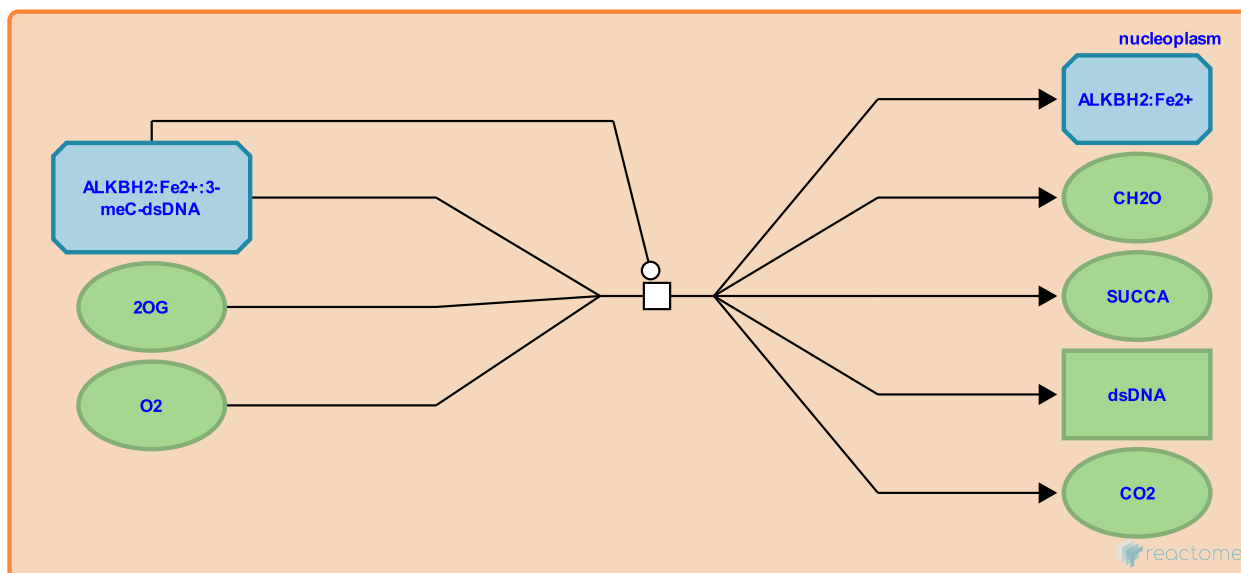
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**Location:** [ALKBH2 mediated reversal of alkylation damage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-112120

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



ALKBH2 catalyzes removal of the methyl group from 3-methylcytosine (3-meC) in a reaction that depends on oxygen, alpha-ketoglutarate and Fe<sup>2+</sup>. ALKBH2 thus directly reverses alkylation damage of DNA in the form of 3-meC, releasing formaldehyde (Duncan et al. 2002).

**Preceded by:** [ALKBH2 binds alkylated dsDNA containing 3-meC](#)

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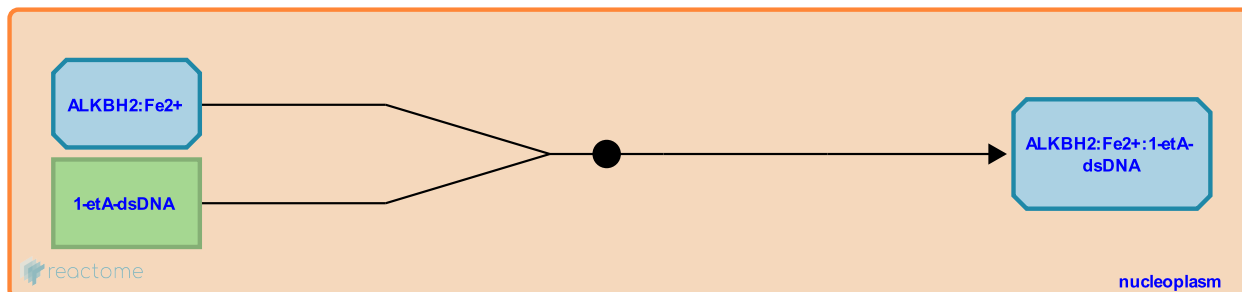
## ALKBH2 binds alkylated DNA containing 1-etA ↗

**Location:** [ALKBH2 mediated reversal of alkylation damage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-5657649

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



ALKBH2 binds alkylated DNA containing 1-ethyladenine (1-etA). ALKBH2 preferentially binds double strand DNA (dsDNA) (Duncan et al. 2002, Aas et al. 2003, Chen et al. 2010). Iron (Fe2+) is needed for the catalytic activity of ALKBH2 (Duncan et al. 2002).

**Followed by:** [Oxidative dealkylation of 1-etA damaged DNA By ALKBH2](#)

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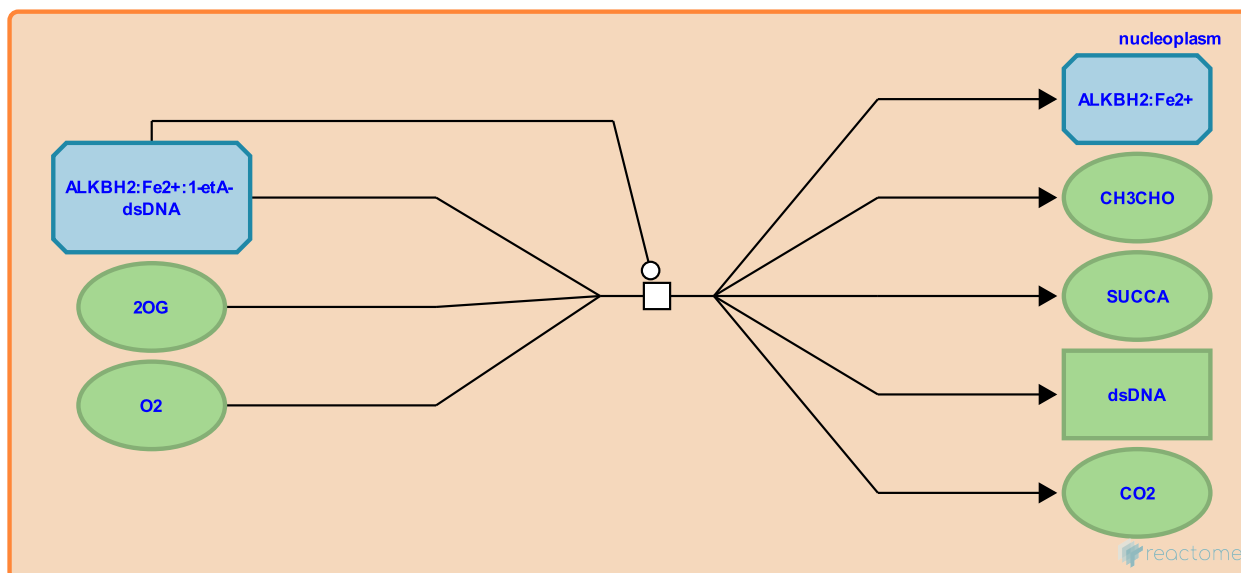
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**Location:** [ALKBH2 mediated reversal of alkylation damage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-112121

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



ALKBH2 catalyzes removal of the ethyl group from 1-ethyladenine (1-etA) in a reaction that depends on oxygen, alpha-ketoglutarate and Fe<sup>2+</sup>. ALKBH2 thus directly reverses alkylation damage of DNA in the form of 1-etA, releasing acetaldehyde (Duncan et al. 2002).

**Preceded by:** [ALKBH2 binds alkylated DNA containing 1-etA](#)

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