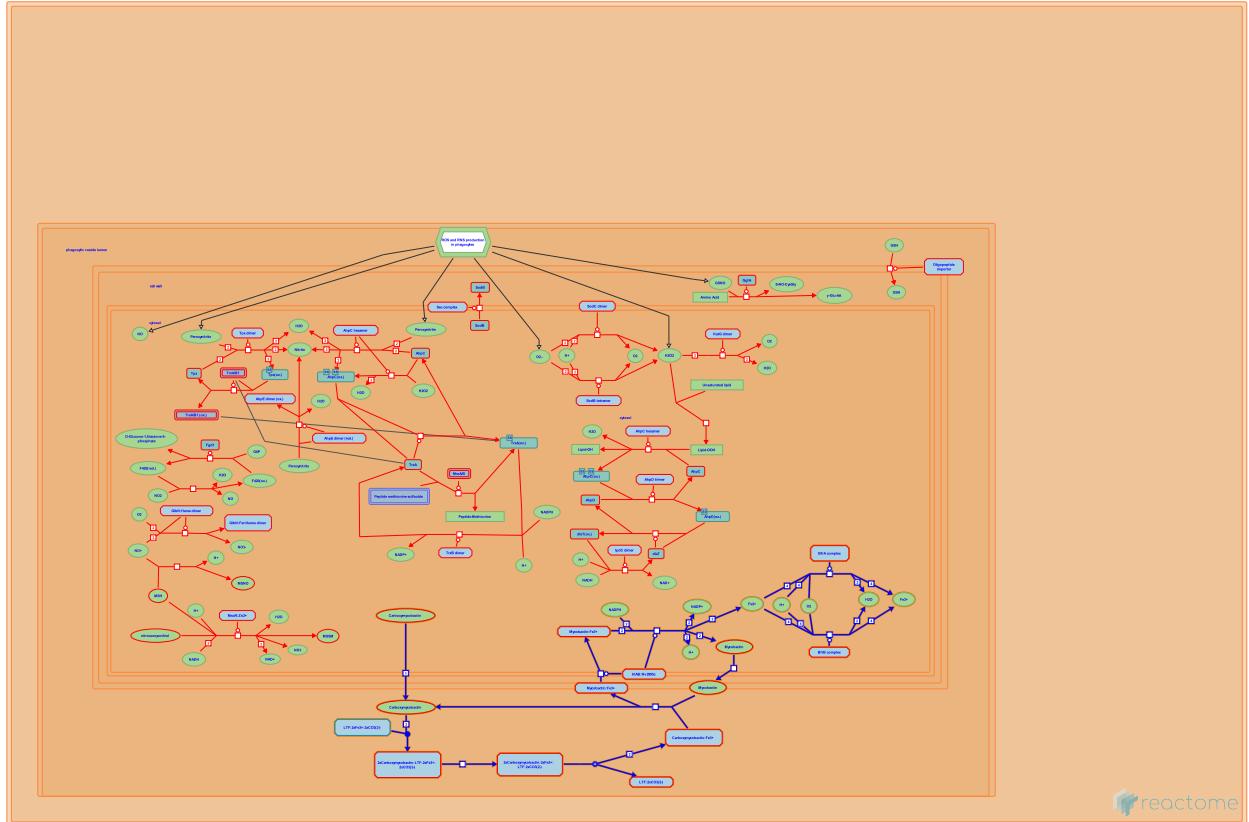


# Mtb iron assimilation by chelation



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## Introduction

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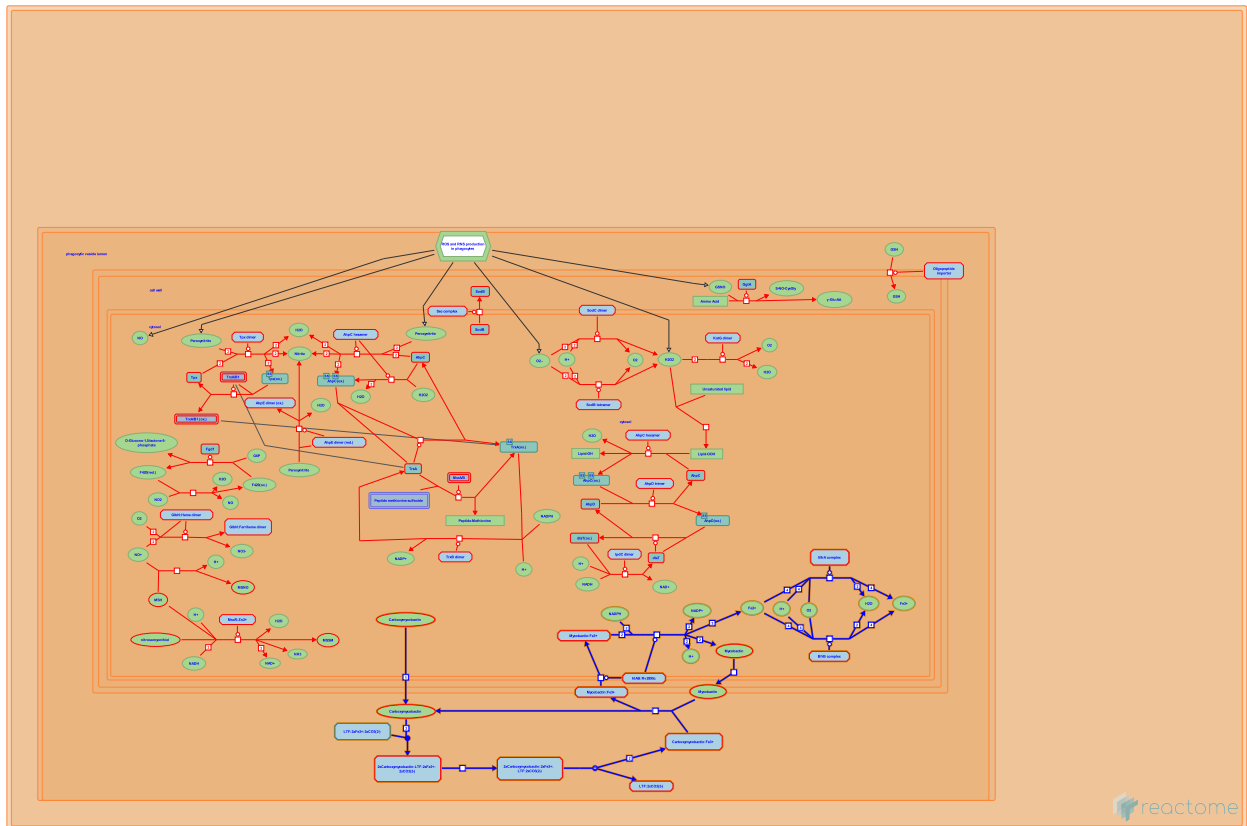
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## Mtb iron assimilation by chelation ↗

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-1222449

**Diseases:** tuberculosis



Uptake of iron in *Mtb*, especially when the bacterium is in the host, strongly depends on siderophores. Humans, through secretion of lactoferrin, maintain an iron concentration of  $10^{(-18)}$  M within macrophages, and the bacterium has evolved the siderophores mycobactin T and exomycobactin T (formerly exochelin) to cope with this shortage. While nonpolar mycobactin T stays in the cell wall and only moves around in liquid droplets, polar exochelin is abundantly secreted. As it can bind iron with higher affinity than lactoferrin, it frequently scavenges iron ions from this molecule (Miethke & Marahiel 2007).

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## Carboxymycobactin gets secreted ↗

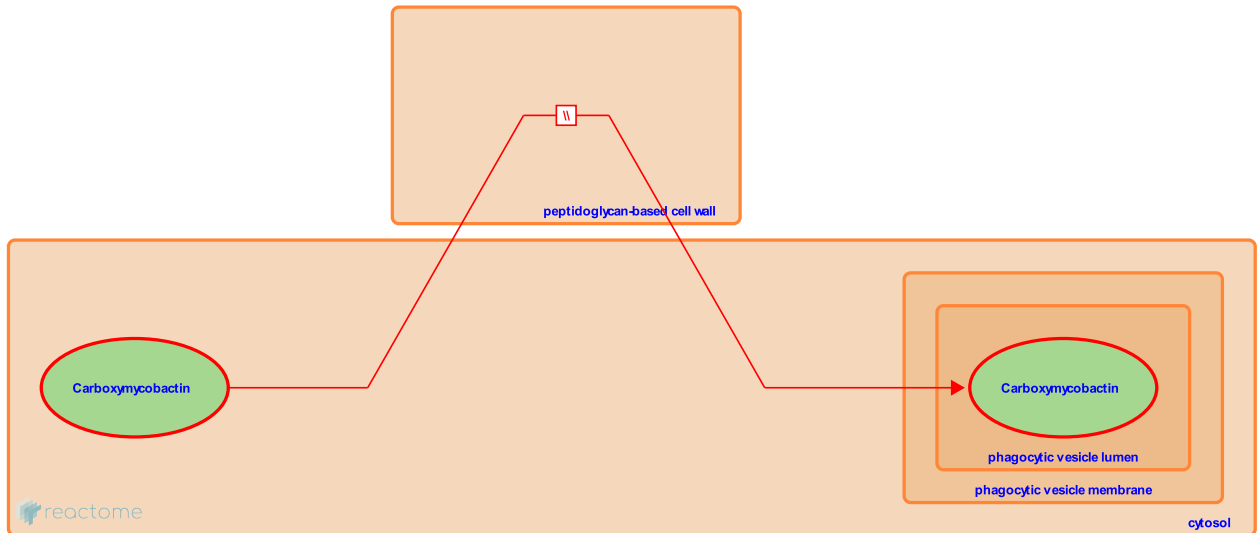
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-1222738

**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** peptidoglycan-based cell wall

**Diseases:** tuberculosis



Carboxymycobactin is the more polar siderophore of *Mtb* and it is localized, after its secretion, in the phagosomal lumen. The transporters for export and secretion of this molecule are still unknown (Madigan et al. 2012).

**Followed by:** [Carboxymycobactin binds LTF:2xFe3+:2xCO3\(2-\)](#)

## Literature references

Layre, E., McConnell, MJ., Rodriguez, GM., Barry CE, 3rd., Debono, CA., Moody, DB. et al. (2012). Lipidomic discovery of deoxysiderophores reveals a revised mycobactin biosynthesis pathway in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 109, 1257-62. ↗

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## Mycobactin is exported ↗

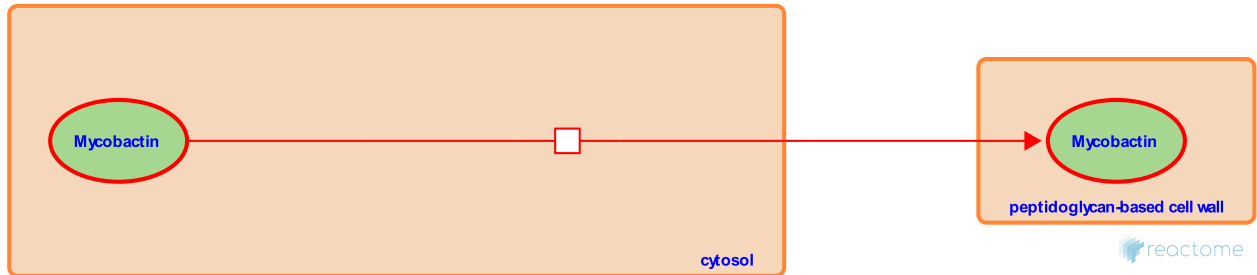
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-1222722

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol, peptidoglycan-based cell wall

**Diseases:** tuberculosis



Mycobactin is the lipophilic siderophore of *Mtb*. After export into the periplasmic space, it localizes to the bacterium's cell wall. The responsible transporter activity is still unknown (Madigan et al. 2012).

**Followed by:** [Carboxymycobactin and mycobactin exchange their iron load](#)

## Literature references

Layre, E., McConnell, MJ., Rodriguez, GM., Barry CE, 3rd., Debono, CA., Moody, DB. et al. (2012). Lipidomic discovery of deoxysiderophores reveals a revised mycobactin biosynthesis pathway in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 109, 1257-62. ↗

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## Carboxymycobactin binds LTF:2xFe3+:2xCO3(2-) ↗

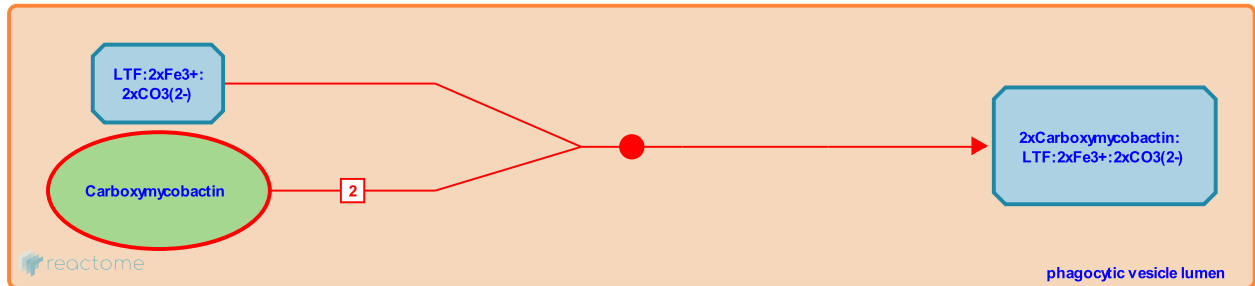
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-1222641

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** phagocytic vesicle lumen

**Diseases:** tuberculosis



Since bacterial siderophores bind iron with much greater affinity, they can scavenge iron ions from loaded lactoferrin (Madigan et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [Carboxymycobactin gets secreted](#)

**Followed by:** [Carboxymycobactin and mycobactin exchange their iron load](#), [Carboxymycobactin binds Fe3+ from LTF:2xFe3+:2xCO3\(2-\)](#)

### Literature references

Layre, E., McConnell, MJ., Rodriguez, GM., Barry CE, 3rd., Debono, CA., Moody, DB. et al. (2012). Lipidomic discovery of deoxysiderophores reveals a revised mycobactin biosynthesis pathway in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 109, 1257-62. ↗

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## Carboxymycobactin binds Fe<sup>3+</sup> from LTF:2xFe<sup>3+</sup>:2xCO<sub>3</sub>(<sup>2-</sup>) ↗

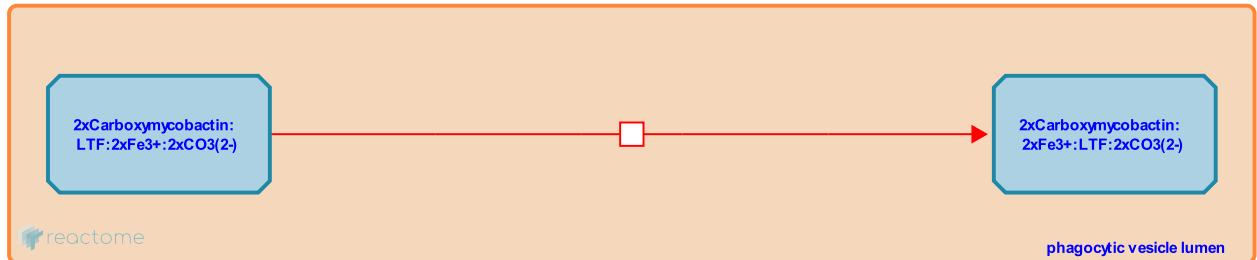
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-8951549

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** phagocytic vesicle lumen

**Diseases:** tuberculosis



Since bacterial siderophores bind iron with much greater affinity, they can scavenge iron ions from loaded lactoferrin (Madigan et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [Carboxymycobactin binds LTF:2xFe<sup>3+</sup>:2xCO<sub>3</sub>\(<sup>2-</sup>\)](#)

**Followed by:** [LTF:2xCO<sub>3</sub>\(<sup>2-</sup>\) dissociates from Carboxymycobactin:Fe<sup>3+</sup>](#)

### Literature references

Layre, E., McConnell, MJ., Rodriguez, GM., Barry CE, 3rd., Debono, CA., Moody, DB. et al. (2012). Lipidomic discovery of deoxysiderophores reveals a revised mycobactin biosynthesis pathway in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 109, 1257-62. ↗

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## LTF:2xCO<sub>3</sub>(<sup>2-</sup>) dissociates from Carboxymycobactin:Fe<sup>3+</sup> ↗

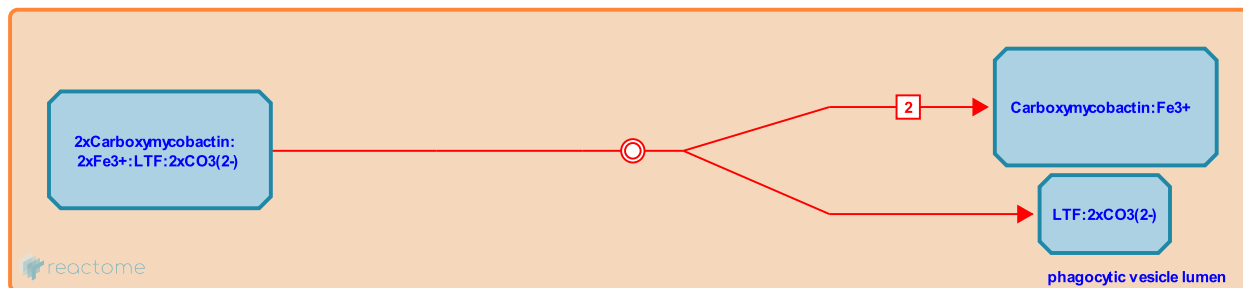
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-8951552

**Type:** dissociation

**Compartments:** phagocytic vesicle lumen

**Diseases:** tuberculosis



Since bacterial siderophores bind iron with much greater affinity, they can scavenge iron ions from loaded lactoferrin (Madigan et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [Carboxymycobactin binds Fe<sup>3+</sup> from LTF:2xFe<sup>3+</sup>:2xCO<sub>3</sub>\(<sup>2-</sup>\)](#)

### Literature references

Layre, E., McConnell, MJ., Rodriguez, GM., Barry CE, 3rd., Debono, CA., Moody, DB. et al. (2012). Lipidomic discovery of deoxysiderophores reveals a revised mycobactin biosynthesis pathway in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 109, 1257-62. ↗

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## Carboxymycobactin and mycobactin exchange their iron load ↗

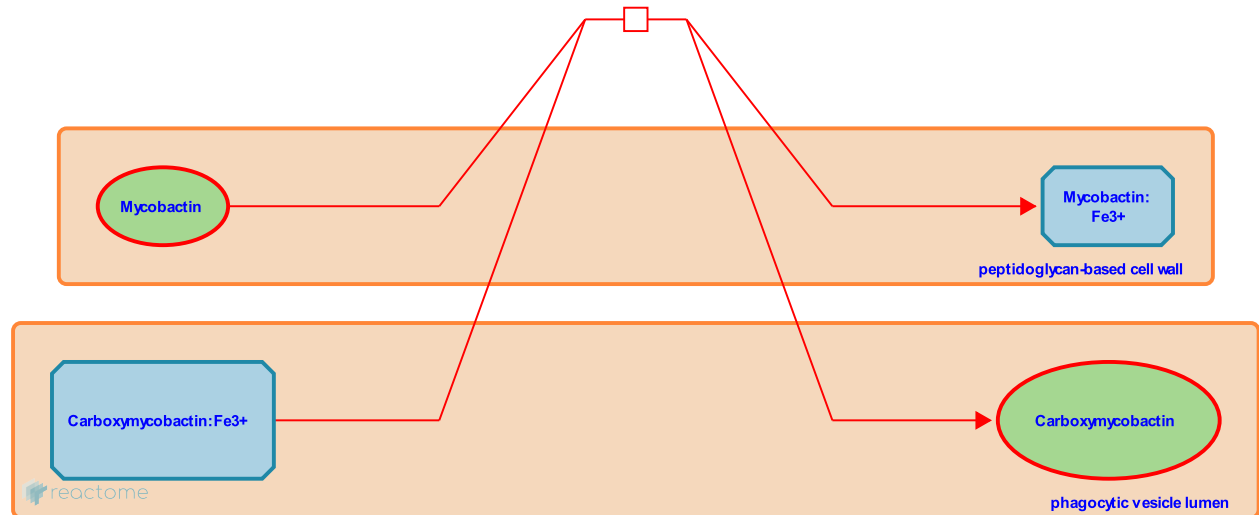
**Location:** [Mtb iron assimilation by chelation](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-1222325

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region, peptidoglycan-based cell wall

**Diseases:** tuberculosis



Carboxymycobactin and mycobactin exchange their iron loads. This interplay between polar and nonpolar siderophore is unique to *Mtb*. However, mycobactin can gather iron from nonpolar regions of the host cell by itself too (Madigan et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [Carboxymycobactin binds LTF:2xFe3+:2xCO3\(2-\)](#), [Mycobactin is exported](#)

**Followed by:** [Loaded mycobactin gets imported](#)

### Literature references

Layre, E., McConnell, MJ., Rodriguez, GM., Barry CE, 3rd., Debono, CA., Moody, DB. et al. (2012). Lipidomic discovery of deoxysiderophores reveals a revised mycobactin biosynthesis pathway in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 109, 1257-62. ↗

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## Loaded mycobactin gets imported ↗

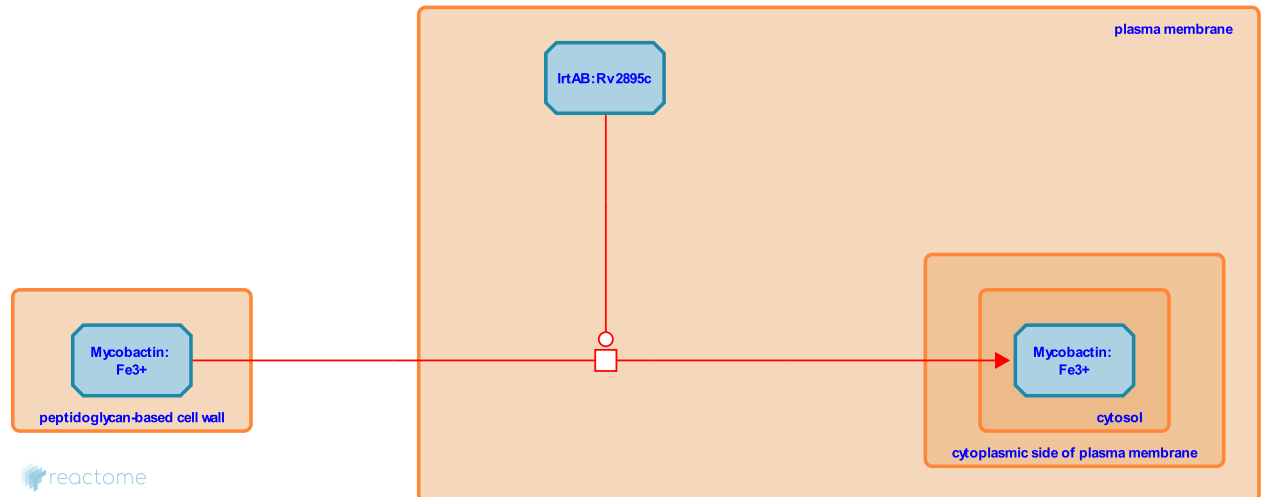
**Location:** [Mtb iron assimilation by chelation](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-1222597

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol, peptidoglycan-based cell wall

**Diseases:** tuberculosis



The ABC-type transporter IrtA, probably complexed with IrtB and ViuB (Rv2895c), specifically transports iron-loaded mycobactin into the cytosol (Ryndak et al. 2009).

**Preceded by:** [Carboxymycobactin and mycobactin exchange their iron load](#)

**Followed by:** [Iron is reduced and separates from mycobactin](#)

## Literature references

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## Iron is reduced and separates from mycobactin ↗

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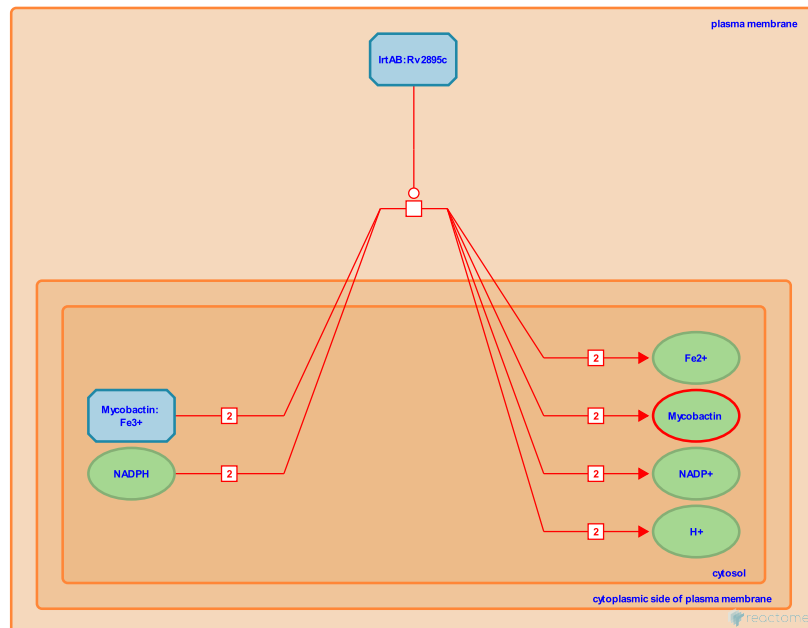
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Diseases:** tuberculosis

**Inferred from:** [Iron is reduced and separates from enterobactin \(Escherichia coli\)](#)



The IrtA transporter has a flavin reductase domain very much like Fre from E.coli that can probably act as ferrisiderophore reductase to relieve incoming loaded mycobactin from its Fe<sup>3+</sup> by reducing it to Fe<sup>2+</sup>. Furthermore Rv2895c, which co-precipitates with IrtB and therefore is probably part of the transporter complex, has such a domain as well (Farhana et al. 2008).

**Preceded by:** [Loaded mycobactin gets imported](#)

## Literature references

Tyagi, AK., Ehtesham, NZ., Farhana, A., Hasnain, SE., Rathore, SS., Kumar, S. et al. (2008). Mechanistic insights into a novel exporter-importer system of Mycobacterium tuberculosis unravel its role in trafficking of iron. *PLoS One*, 3, e2087. ↗

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## BfrA stores iron ↗

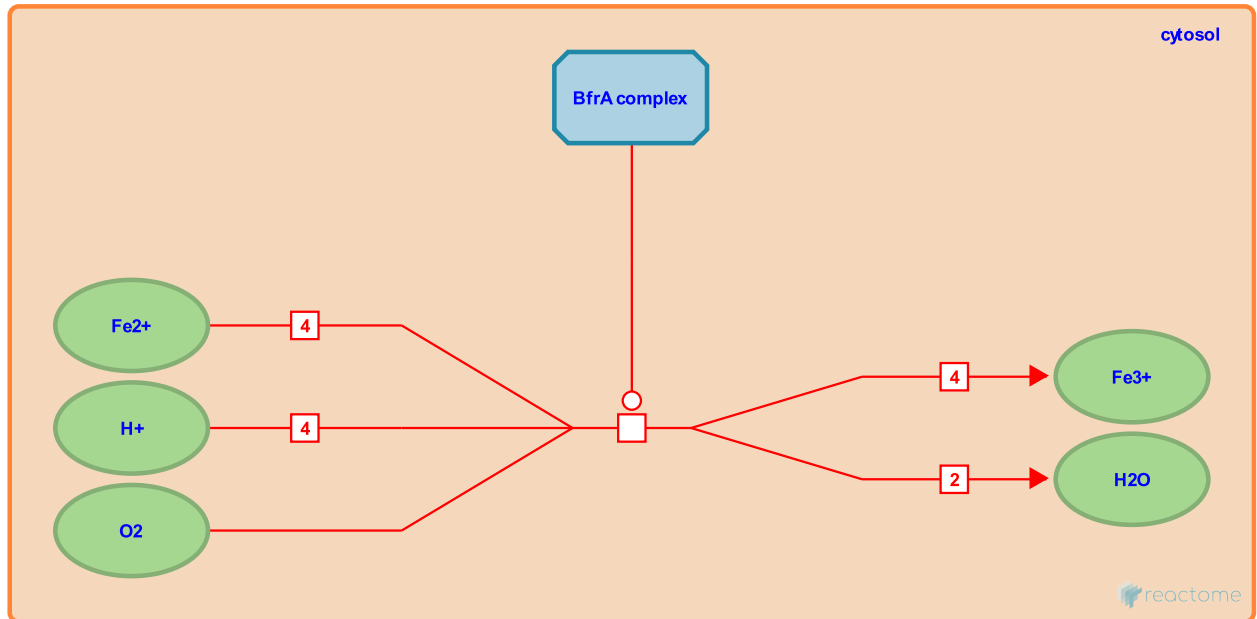
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-1562604

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

**Diseases:** tuberculosis



*Mtb* bacterioferritin BfrA oxidises Fe<sup>2+</sup> to Fe<sup>3+</sup>, migrates them to its centre, and collects thousands of them as FeO(OH) in the central mineral core from which they can be later remobilised (Reddy et al. 2012).

## Literature references

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## BfrB stores iron ↗

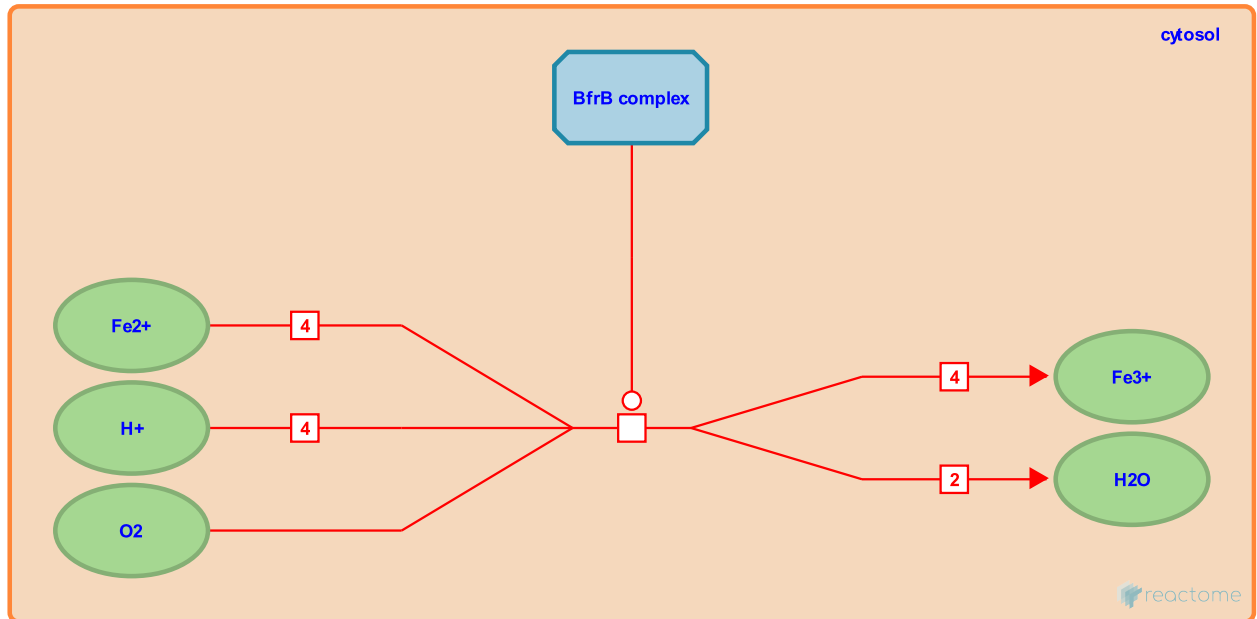
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**Compartments:** cytosol

**Diseases:** tuberculosis



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Gupta, V., Sauter, NK., Tyagi, AK., Nangpal, P., Khare, G., Gupta, RK. (2011). Ferritin structure from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*: comparative study with homologues identifies extended C-terminus involved in ferroxidase activity. *PLoS One*, 6, e18570. ↗

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