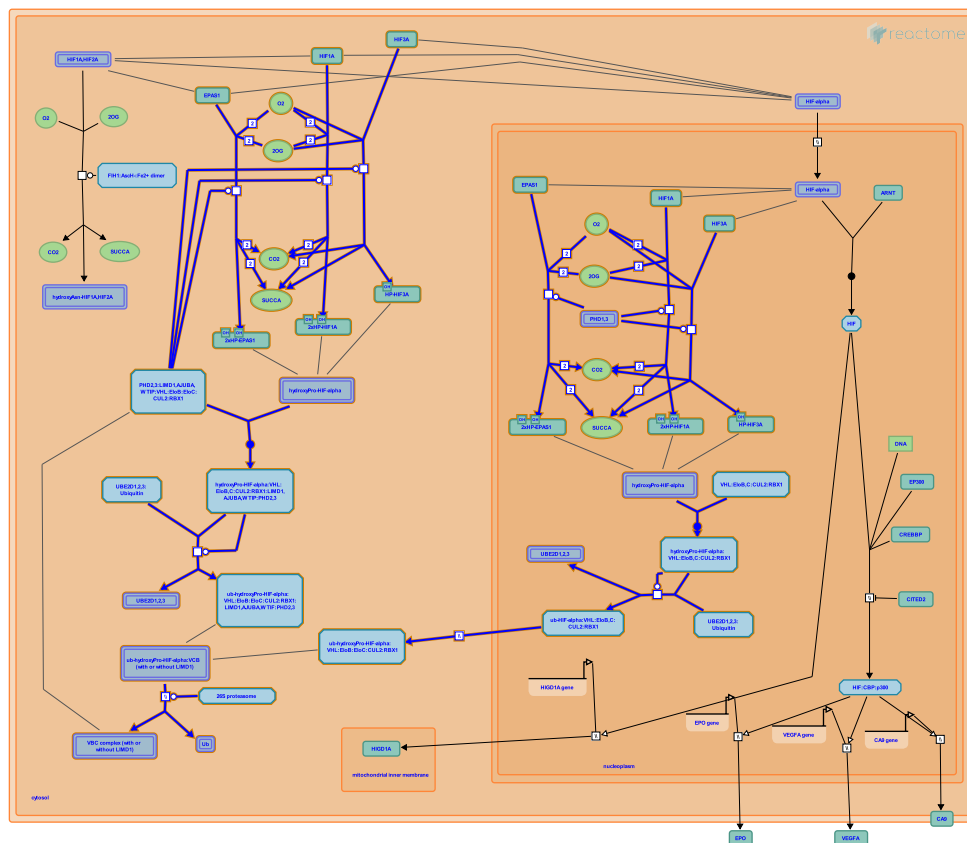


Oxygen-dependent proline hydroxylation of Hypoxia-inducible Factor Alpha



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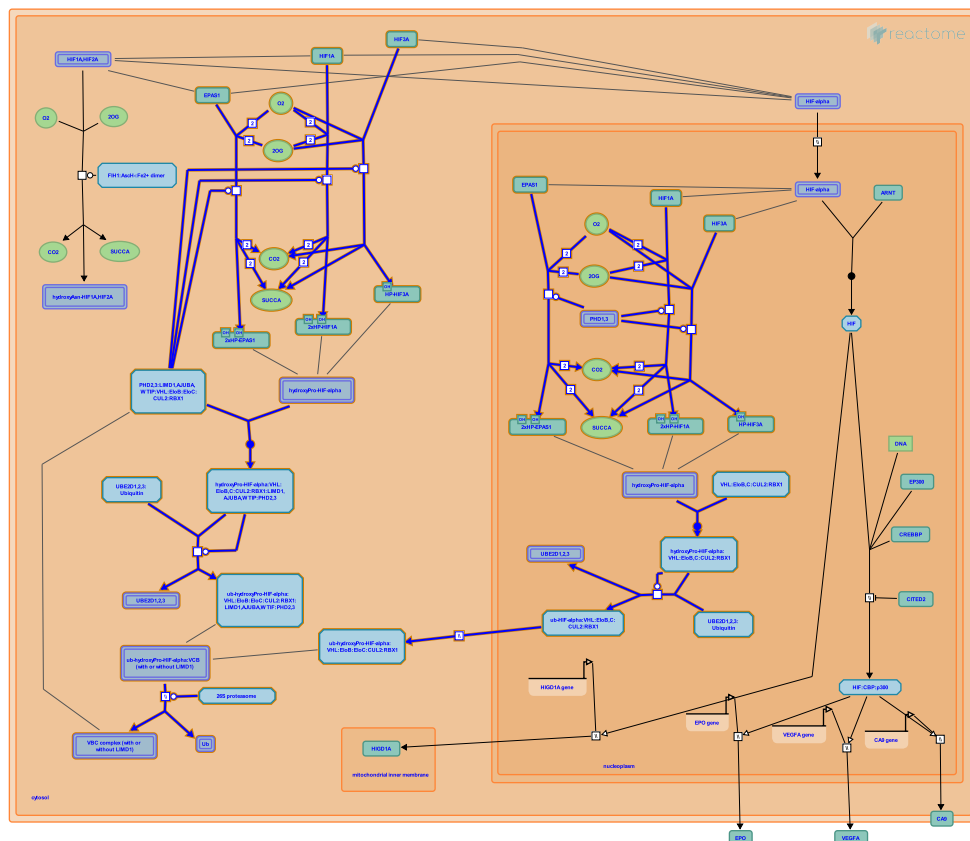
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Compartments: cytosol, nucleoplasm



HIF-alpha subunits, comprising HIF1A (Bruck and McKnight 2001, Ivan et al. 2001, Jaakkola et al. 2001), HIF2A (Percy et al. 2008, Furlow et al. 2009), and HIF3A (Maynard et al. 2003), are hydroxylated at proline residues by the prolyl hydroxylases PHD1 (EGLN2), PHD2 (EGLN1), and PHD3 (EGLN3) (Bruck and McKnight 2001, Berra et al. 2003, Hirsila et al. 2003, Metzen et al. 2003, Tuckerman et al. 2004, Appelhoff et al. 2004, Fedulova et al. 2007, Tian et al. 2011). The reaction requires molecular oxygen as a substrate and so it is inhibited by hypoxia. PHD2 (EGLN1) is predominantly cytosolic (Metzen et al. 2003) and is the key determinant in the regulation of HIF-alpha subunits by oxygen (Berra et al. 2003).

HIF-alpha subunits hydroxylated at proline residues are bound by VHL, an E3 ubiquitin ligase in a complex containing ElonginB, Elongin C, CUL2, and RBX1. VHL ubiquitinates HIF-alpha, resulting in destruction of HIF-alpha by proteolysis. Hypoxia inhibits proline hydroxylation and interaction with VHL, stabilizing HIF-alpha, which transits to the nucleus and activates gene expression.

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Cytosolic PHD2,3 hydroxylates proline residues on EPAS1 (HIF2A) ↗

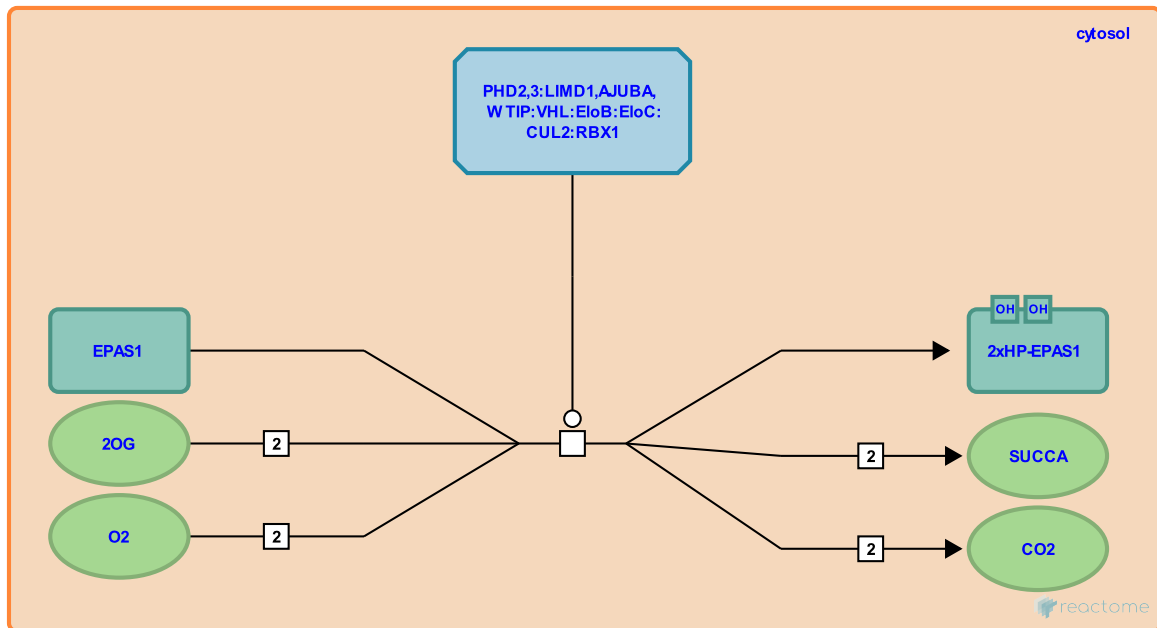
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-1234179

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol

Inferred from: Cytosolic PHD2,3 hydroxylates proline residues on HIF1A (Homo sapiens)



Proline hydroxylases PHD2 (EGLN1) and PHD3 (EGLN3) located in the cytosol (Metzen et al. 2003) hydroxylate EPAS1 (HIF2A) at proline-405 and proline-531 (Hirsila et al. 2003, Percy et al. 2008, Furlow et al. 2009). A portion of PHD3 (EGLN3) is also located in the nucleus (Rantanen et al. 2008).

Followed by: Cytosolic VHL:EloB,C:CUL2:RBX1 binds hydroxyprolyl-HIF-alpha

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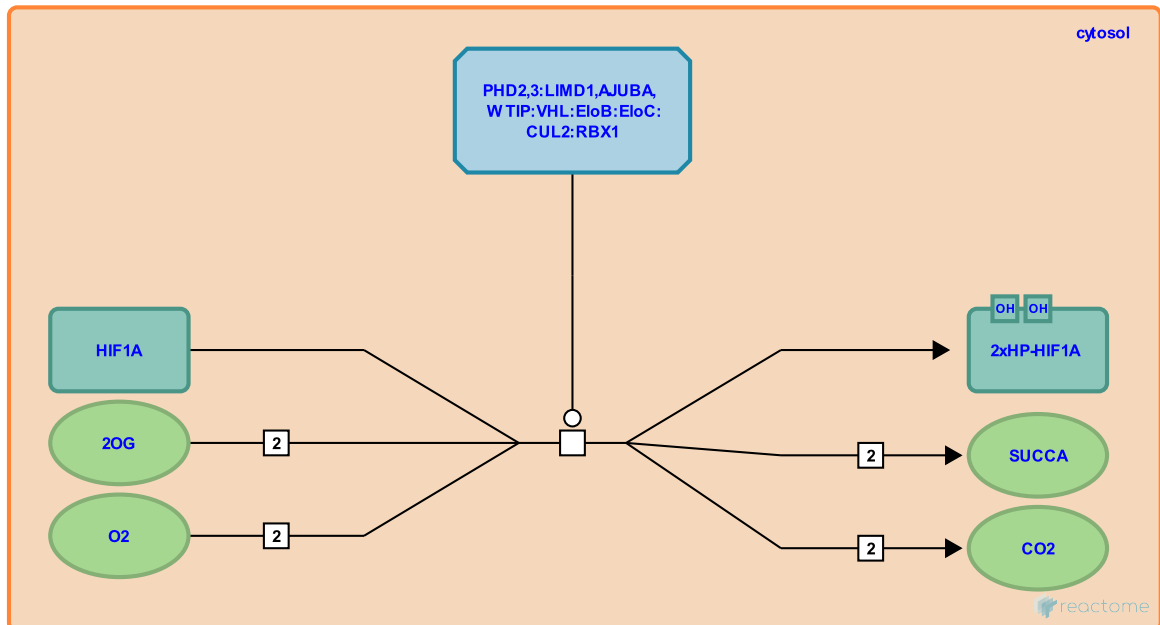
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-1234177

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



Proline hydroxylases PHD2 (EGLN1) and PHD3 (EGLN3) located in the cytosol (Metzen et al. 2003) hydroxylate HIF1A at proline-402 and proline-564 (Bruick and McKnight 2001, Jaakkola et al. 2001, Ivan et al. 2001, Ivan et al. 2002, Berra et al. 2003, Hirsila et al. 2003, Appelhoff et al. 2004, Tuckerman et al. 2004, Fedulova et al. 2007, Tian et al. 2011). A portion of PHD3 (EGLN3) is also located in the nucleus (Rantanen et al. 2008). PHD1, PHD2, and PHD3 are each contained in a complex with LIMD1 and VHL (Foxler et al. 2012).

PHD activity is competitively inhibited by succinate (Selak et al, 2005; Pollard et al, 2005; Koivunen et al, 2007).

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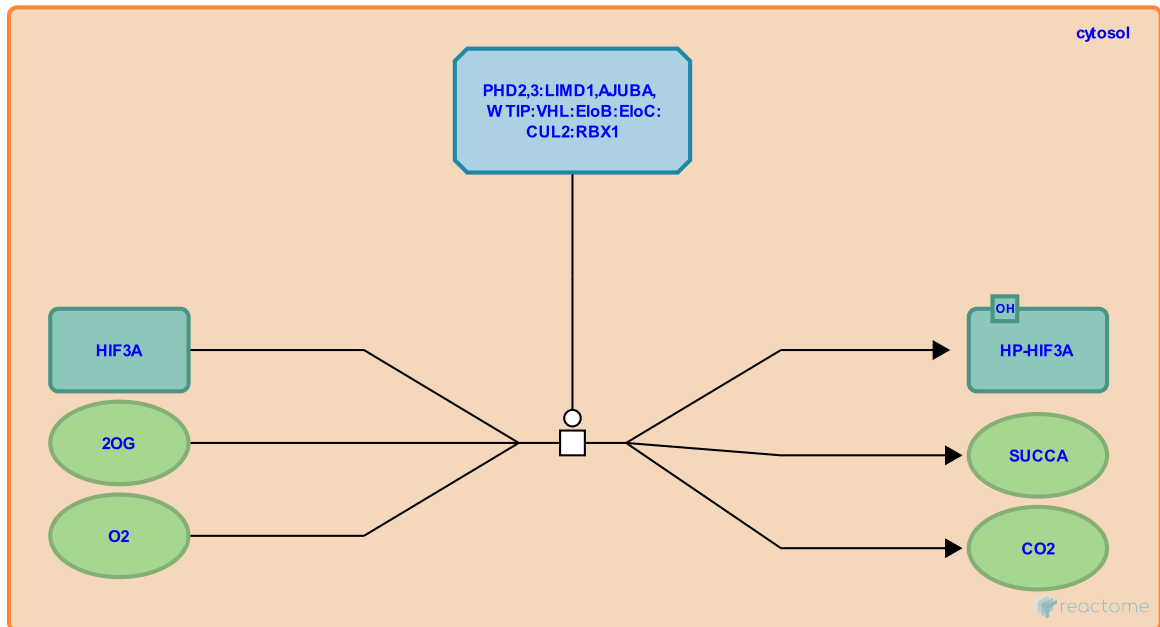
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-1234173

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



Proline hydroxylases PHD2 (EGLN1) and PHD3 (EGLN3) located in the cytosol (Metzen et al. 2003) hydroxylate HIF3A at proline-492 (Hirsila et al. 2003, Maynard et al. 2003). A portion of PHD3 (EGLN3) is also located in the nucleus (Rantanen et al. 2008).

Followed by: [Cytosolic VHL:EloB,C:CUL2:RBX1 binds hydroxyprolyl-HIF-alpha](#)

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Nuclear PHD1,3 hydroxylates proline residues on EPAS1 (HIF2A) ↗

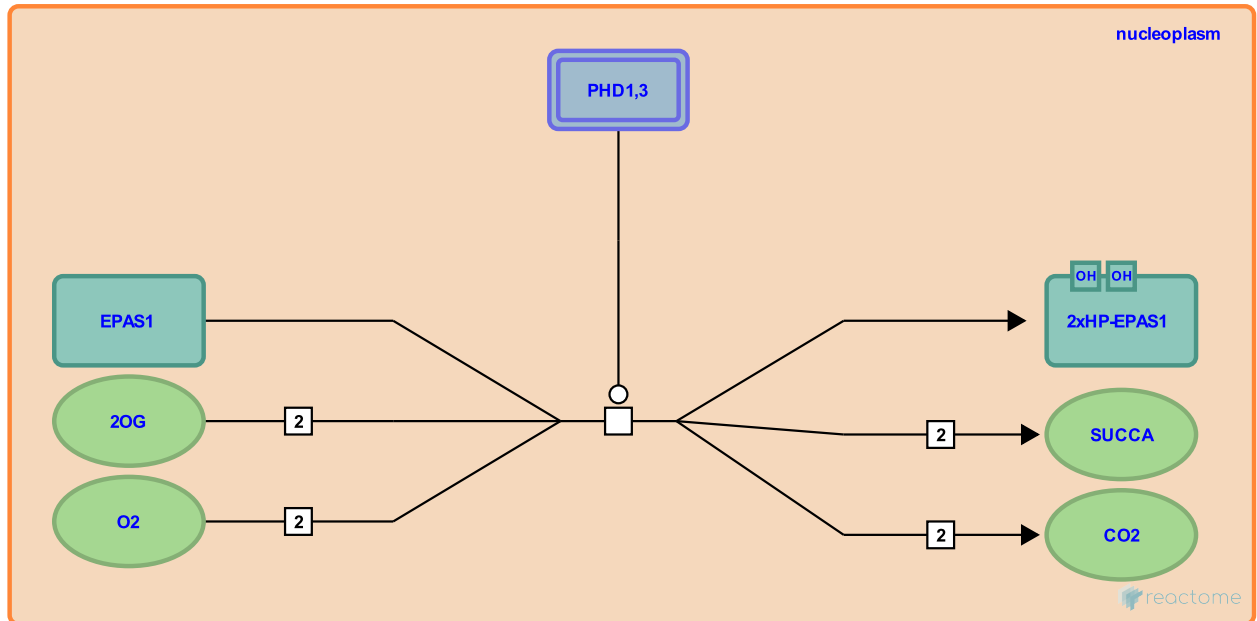
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Type: transition

Compartments: nucleoplasm

Inferred from: Nuclear PHD1,3 hydroxylates proline residues on HIF1A (Homo sapiens)



Proline hydroxylases PHD1 (EGLN2) and PHD3 (EGLN3) located in the nucleus hydroxylate HIF2A (EPAS1) at proline-405 and proline-531 (Hirsila et al. 2003, Percy et al. 2008, Furlow et al. 2009). The amount of hydroxylation occurring in the nucleus is controversial. Most hydroxylation is believed to be cytosolic.

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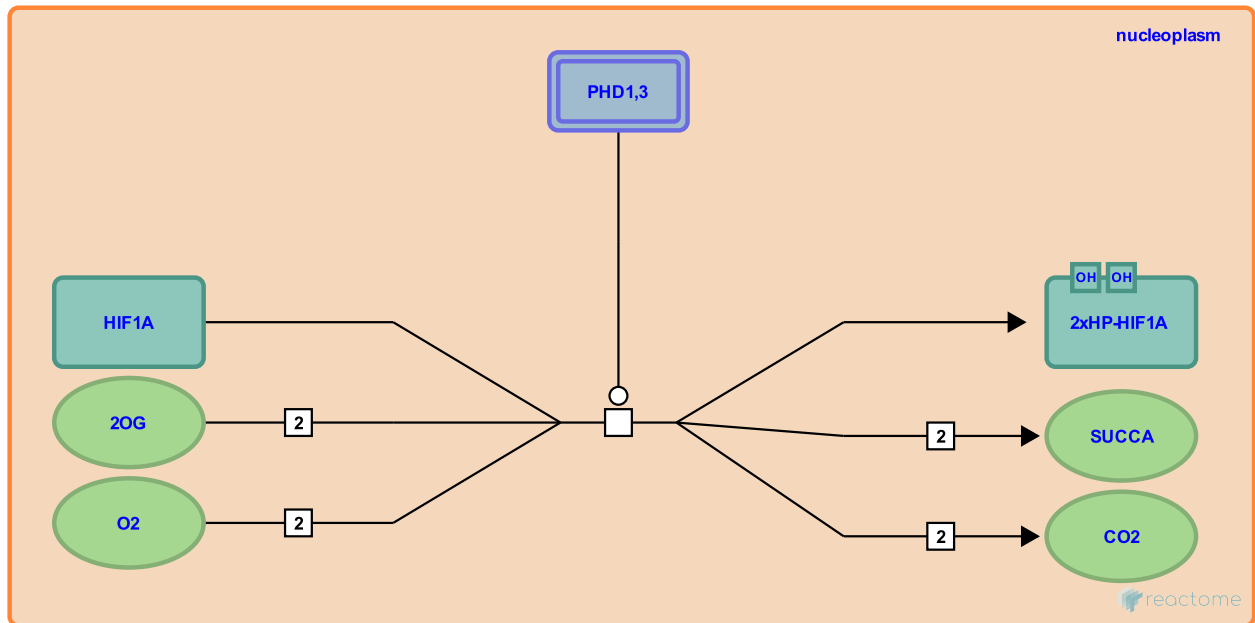
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Type: transition

Compartments: nucleoplasm



Proline hydroxylases PHD1 (EGLN2) and PHD3 (EGLN3) located in the nucleus (Metzen et al. 2003) hydroxylate HIF1A at proline-402 and proline-564 (Buick and McKnight 2001, Jaakkola et al. 2001, Ivan et al. 2001, Ivan et al. 2002, Berra et al. 2003, Hirsila et al. 2003, Appelhoff et al. 2004, Tuckerman et al. 2004, Fedulova et al. 2007, Tian et al. 2011). The amount of hydroxylation occurring in the nucleus is controversial. Most hydroxylation is believed to occur in the cytosol.

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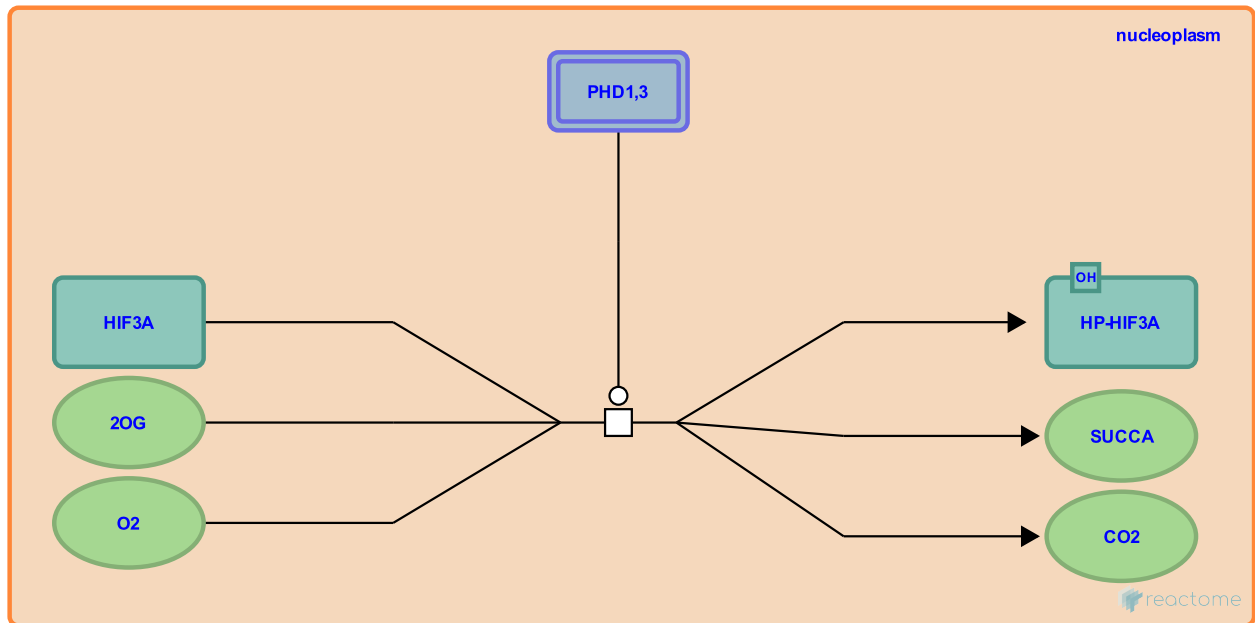
Nuclear PHD1,3 hydroxylates proline residues on HIF3A ↗

Location: Oxygen-dependent proline hydroxylation of Hypoxia-inducible Factor Alpha

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Type: transition

Compartments: nucleoplasm



Proline hydroxylases PHD1 (EGLN2) and PHD3 (EGLN3) located in the nucleus (Metzen et al. 2003) hydroxylate HIF3A at proline-492 (Hirsila et al. 2003, Maynard et al. 2003). Note that proline-492 of the reference isoform is proline-490 in isoform 2, the protein cited by Maynard et al. 2003. The amount of hydroxylation occurring in the nucleus is controversial. Most hydroxylation is believed to occur in the cytosol.

Followed by: Nuclear VHL:EloB,C:CUL2:RBX1 binds hydroxyprolyl-HIF-alpha

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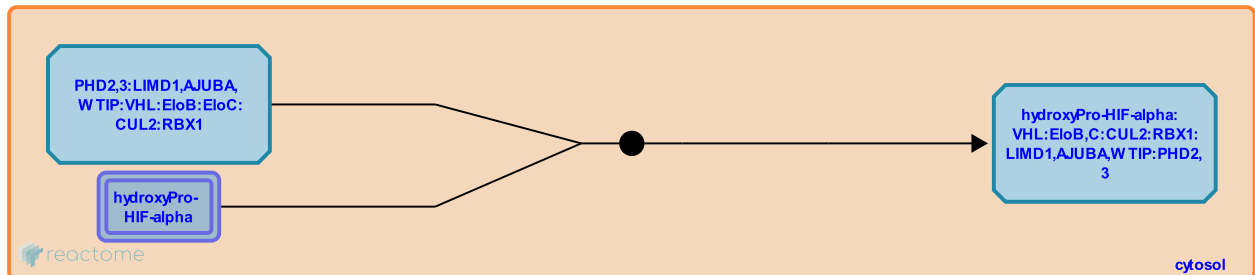
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Location: Oxygen-dependent proline hydroxylation of Hypoxia-inducible Factor Alpha

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Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol



VHL within the VHL:ElonginB:ElonginC:CUL2:RBX1 Complex binds HIF-alpha subunits that have hydroxylated proline residues (Cockman et al. 2000, Ohh et al. 2000, Tanimoto et al. 2000, Jaakkola et al. 2001, Ivan et al. 2001, Yu et al. 2001). VHL constitutively shuttles between the cytosol and nucleoplasm (Lewis and Roberts 2003) and though the VHL:HIF-alpha complex is predominantly nuclear, binding and degradation can occur in both the cytosol and the nucleus (Berra et al. 2001).

Preceded by: Cytosolic PHD2,3 hydroxylates proline residues on HIF3A, Cytosolic PHD2,3 hydroxylates proline residues on HIF1A, Cytosolic PHD2,3 hydroxylates proline residues on EPAS1 (HIF2A)

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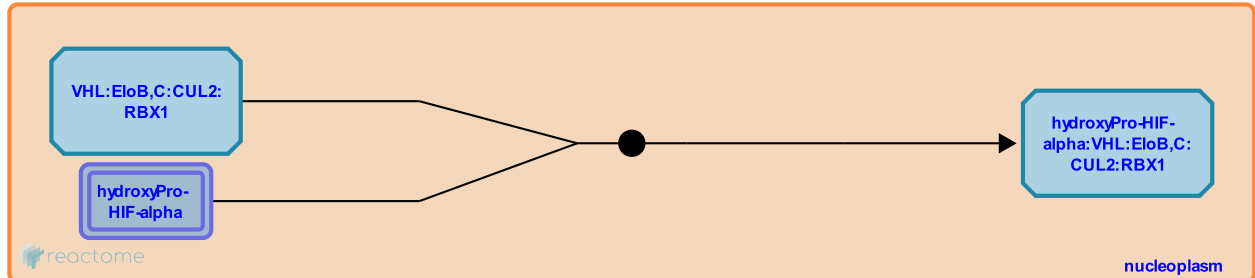
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Location: [Oxygen-dependent proline hydroxylation of Hypoxia-inducible Factor Alpha](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-1234169

Type: binding

Compartments: nucleoplasm



The VHL component of the VHL:ElonginB:ElonginC:CUL2:RBX1 binds HIF-alpha that have hydroxylated proline residues (Cockman et al. 2000, Ohh et al. 2000, Tanimoto et al. 2000, Jaakkola et al. 2001, Ivan et al. 2001, Yu et al. 2001, Bonicalzi et al. 2001). The VHL:HIF-alpha complex is predominantly nuclear (Lewis and Roberts 2003) however binding and degradation of HIF-alpha can also occur in the cytosol (Berra et al. 2001).

Preceded by: [Nuclear PHD1,3 hydroxylates proline residues on HIF3A](#), [Nuclear PHD1,3 hydroxylates proline residues on HIF1A](#), [Nuclear PHD1,3 hydroxylates proline residues on EPAS1 \(HIF2A\)](#)

Followed by: [Nuclear VBC complex ubiquitinylates HIF-alpha](#)

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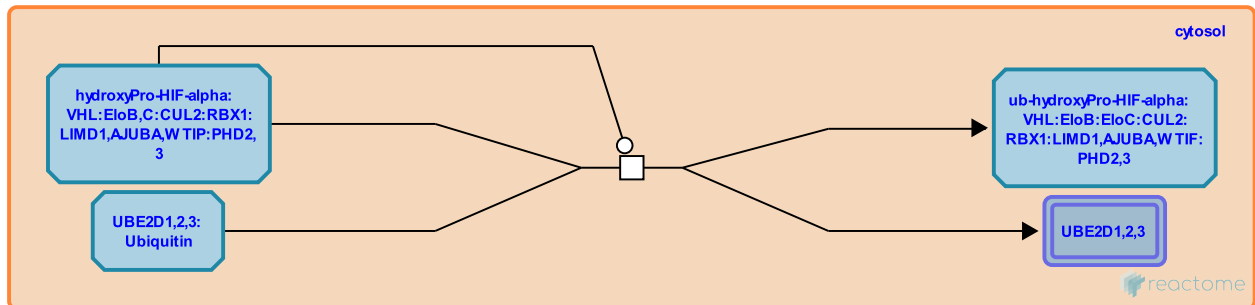
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Location: Oxygen-dependent proline hydroxylation of Hypoxia-inducible Factor Alpha

Stable identifier: R-HSA-1234163

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



VHL is an E3 ubiquitin ligase that conjugates ubiquitin to hydroxylated HIF-alpha (Iwai et al. 1999, Kamura et al. 2000, Ohh et al. 2000, Groulx and Lee 2002, Maynard et al. 2003). VHL is predominantly cytosolic and shuttles between the cytosol and the nucleus (Lee et al. 1999, Groulx and Lee 2002). Ubiquitination and degradation of HIF-alpha can occur in both the cytosol and the nucleus (Berra et al. 2001).

Preceded by: Cytosolic VHL:EloB,C:CUL2:RBX1 binds hydroxyprolyl-HIF-alpha

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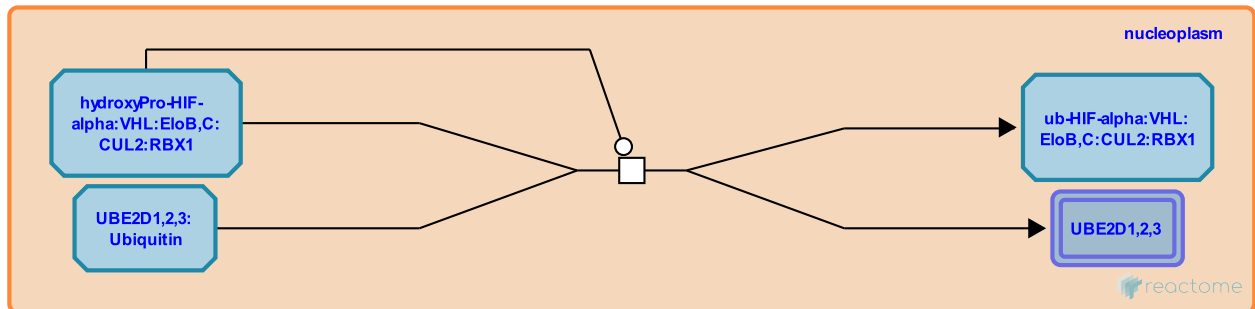
Nuclear VBC complex ubiquitinylates HIF-alpha ↗

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VHL is an E3 ubiquitin ligase that conjugates ubiquitin to hydroxylated HIF-alpha (Iwai et al. 1999, Kamura et al. 2000, Ohh et al. 2000, Groulx and Lee 2002, Maynard et al. 2003). VHL is predominantly cytosolic and shuttles between the cytosol and the nucleus (Lee et al. 1999, Groulx and Lee 2002). Ubiquitination and degradation of HIF-alpha can occur in both the cytosol and the nucleus (Berra et al. 2001). Upon return to normoxia from hypoxia most ubiquitinated HIF-alpha is nuclear (Groulx and Lee 2002).

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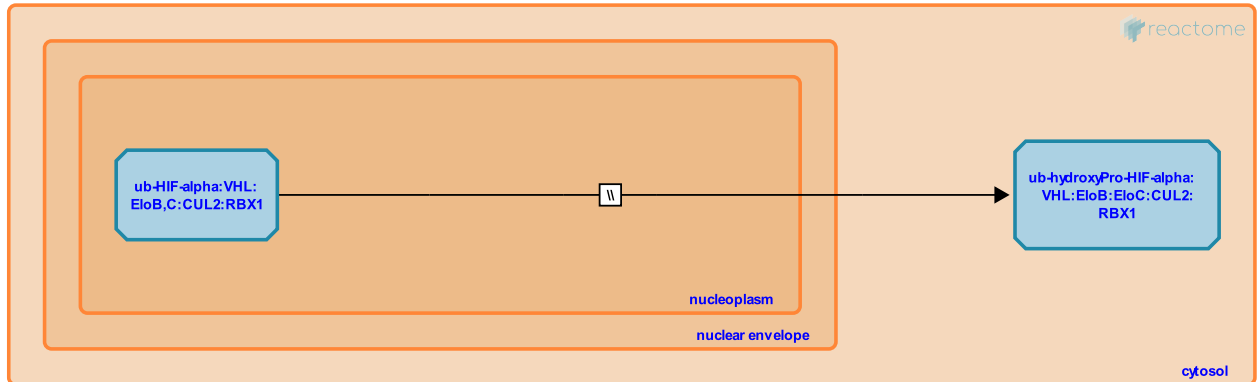
ub-hydroxyPro-HIF-alpha:VHL:EloB,C:CUL2:RBX1 translocates from the nucleus to the cytosol ↗

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Compartments: nucleoplasm, cytosol



When hypoxic cells return to normoxia, HIF-alpha is ubiquitinated in the nucleus and exported to the cytosol (Groulx and Lee 2002). The shuttling of VHL between the nucleus and cytosol is required (Groulx and Lee 2002, Lee et al. 1999). Different cell types have different nucleocytoplasmic compartmentalization of HIF degradation (Zheng et al. 2006).

Preceded by: Nuclear VBC complex ubiquitinylates HIF-alpha

Followed by: Proteasome proteolyzes ub-HIF-alpha

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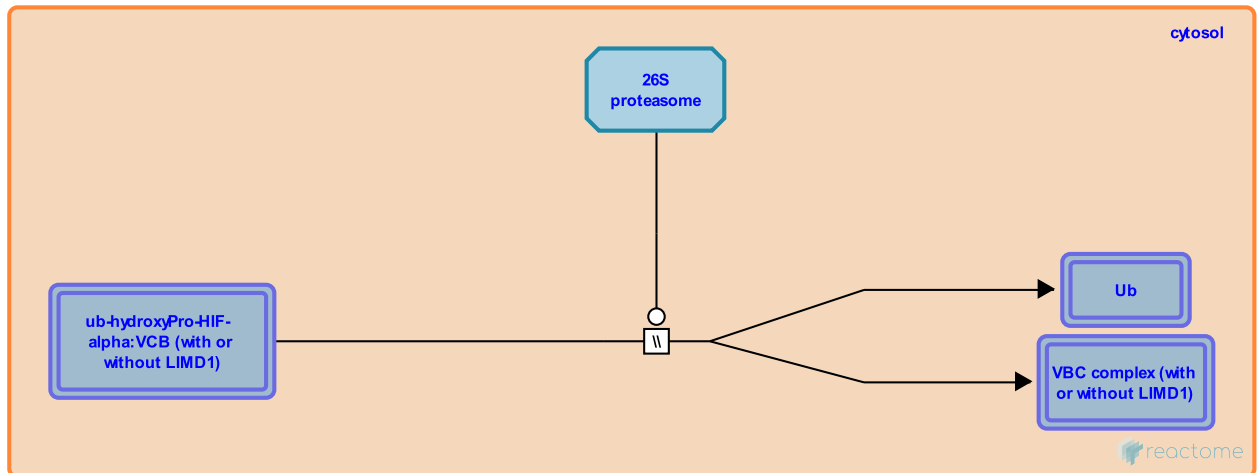
Proteasome proteolyzes ub-HIF-alpha ↗

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Compartments: cytosol



Destruction of ubiquitinated HIF-alpha can occur in both the cytosol and nucleus (Berra et al. 2001). Upon reoxygenation of hypoxic cells HIF-alpha is ubiquitinated in the nucleus and transported to the cytosol in a complex with VHL:ElonginB:ElonginC:CUL2:RBX1 where it is destroyed (Groulx and Lee 2002, Jaakkola et al. 2001, Ivan et al. 2001)

Preceded by: [ub-hydroxyPro-HIF-alpha:VHL:EloB,C:CUL2:RBX1 translocates from the nucleus to the cytosol](#), [Cytosolic VBC complex ubiquitinylates hydroxyprolyl-HIF-alpha](#)

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