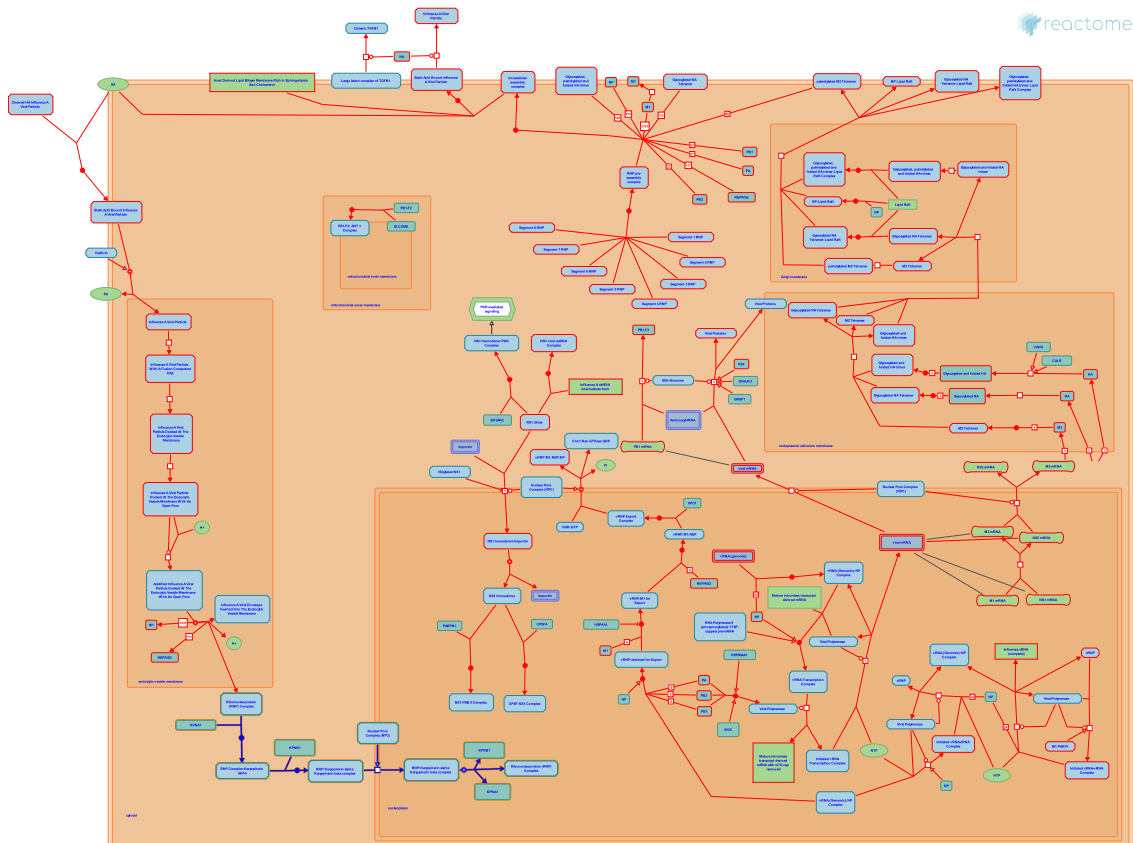


Transport of Ribonucleoproteins into the Host Nucleus



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Introduction

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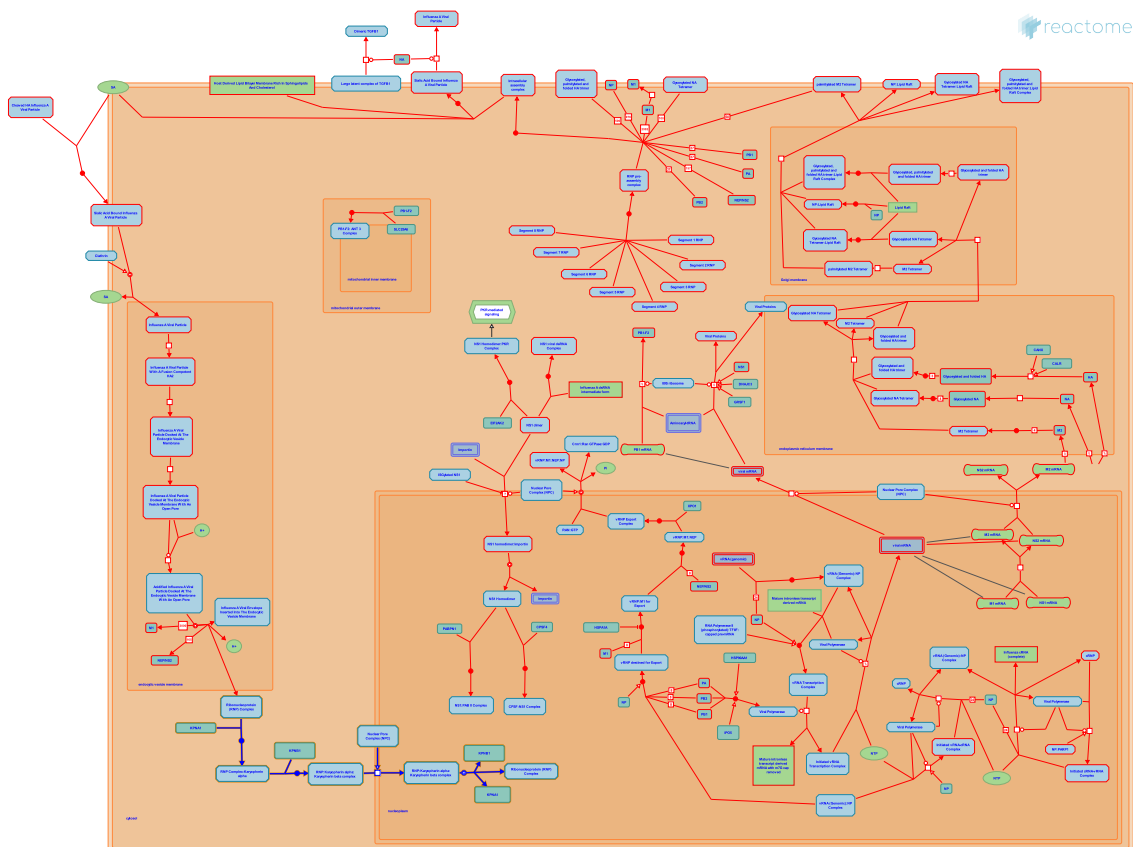
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-168271

Diseases: influenza



An unusual characteristic of the influenza virus life cycle is its dependence on the nucleus. Trafficking of the viral genome into and out of the nucleus is a tightly regulated process with all viral RNA synthesis occurring in the nucleus. The eight influenza virus genome segments never exist as naked RNA but are associated with four viral proteins to form viral ribonucleoprotein complexes (vRNPs). The major viral protein in the RNP complex is the nucleocapsid protein (NP), which coats the RNA. The remaining proteins PB1, PB2 and PA bind to the partially complementary ends of the viral RNA, creating the distinctive panhandle structure. These RNPs (10-20nm wide) are too large to passively diffuse into the nucleus and therefore, once released from an incoming particle must rely on the active import mechanism of the host cell nuclear pore complex. All proteins in the RNP complex can independently localize to the nucleus due to the presence of nuclear localization signals (NLSs) which mediate their interaction with the nuclear import machinery, including the RanGTPase (Fodor, 2004; Deng et al., 2006). However the signals on NP have been shown to be both sufficient and necessary for the import of viral RNA.

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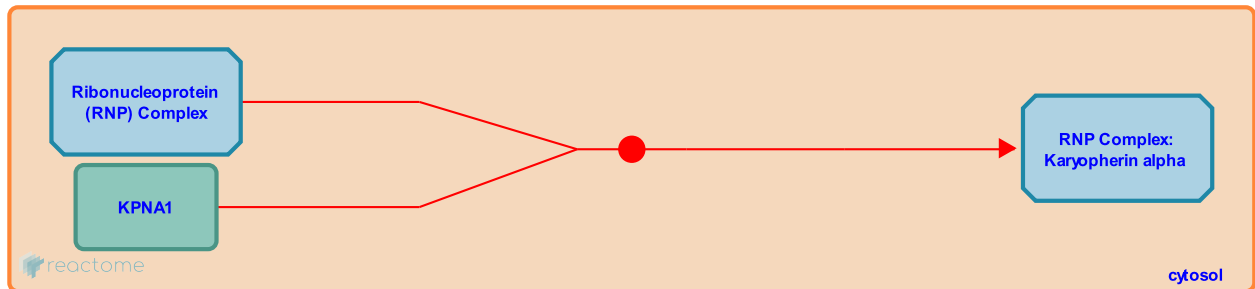
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-168297

Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol

Diseases: influenza



The eight influenza virus genome segments never exist as naked RNA but are associated with four viral proteins to form viral ribonucleoprotein complexes (vRNPs). The major viral protein in the RNP complex is the nucleocapsid protein (NP), which coats the RNA. The remaining proteins PB1, PB2 and PA bind to the partially complementary ends of the viral RNA, creating the distinctive panhandle structure. The influenza viral NP behaves like a nuclear localization sequence (NLS) containing protein. The RNP docks at the nuclear envelope only in the presence of the heterodimeric karyopherin alpha and beta complex. Here karyopherin alpha recognizes the RNP.

Followed by: [Recruitment of Karyopherin Beta to form a Trimeric Complex](#)

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Recruitment of Karyopherin Beta to form a Trimeric Complex ↗

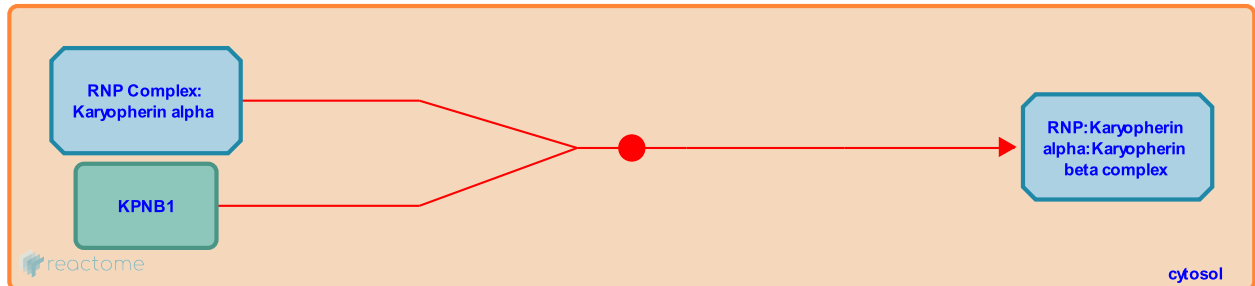
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-168317

Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol

Diseases: influenza



The eight influenza virus genome segments are associated with four viral proteins to form viral ribonucleoprotein complexes (vRNPs). The major viral protein in the RNP complex is the nucleocapsid protein (NP), which coats the RNA. The remaining proteins PB1, PB2 and PA bind to the partially complementary ends of the viral RNA. The influenza viral NP behaves like a nuclear localization sequence (NLS) containing protein. The RNP docks at the nuclear envelope only in the presence of the heterodimeric karyopherin alpha and beta complex. Once the NLS is recognized by karyopherin alpha the karyopherin beta subunit joins the complex.

Preceded by: [Recognition of the Nuclear Localization Signal \(NLS\) by a Karyopherin Alpha Family Protein](#)

Followed by: [Docking and transport of the RNP:Karyopherin complex through the nuclear pore](#)

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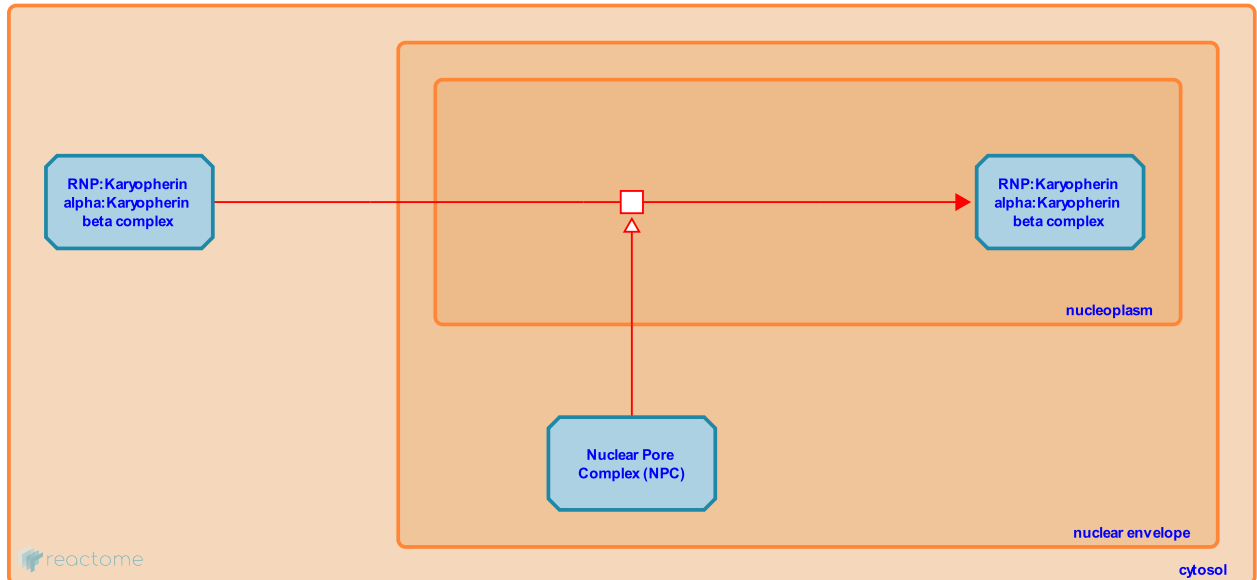
Location: [Transport of Ribonucleoproteins into the Host Nucleus](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-168337

Type: transition

Compartments: nucleoplasm, cytosol

Diseases: influenza



These RNPs (10-20nm wide) are too large to passively diffuse into the nucleus and therefore, once released from an incoming particle they must rely on the active import mechanism of the host cell nuclear pore complex (NPC). Once the RNP heterodimeric karyopherin complex docks at the NPC, it is transported into the nucleus.

Preceded by: [Recruitment of Karyopherin Beta to form a Trimeric Complex](#)

Followed by: [Release of the RNP into the host cell nucleus](#)

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Release of the RNP into the host cell nucleus ↗

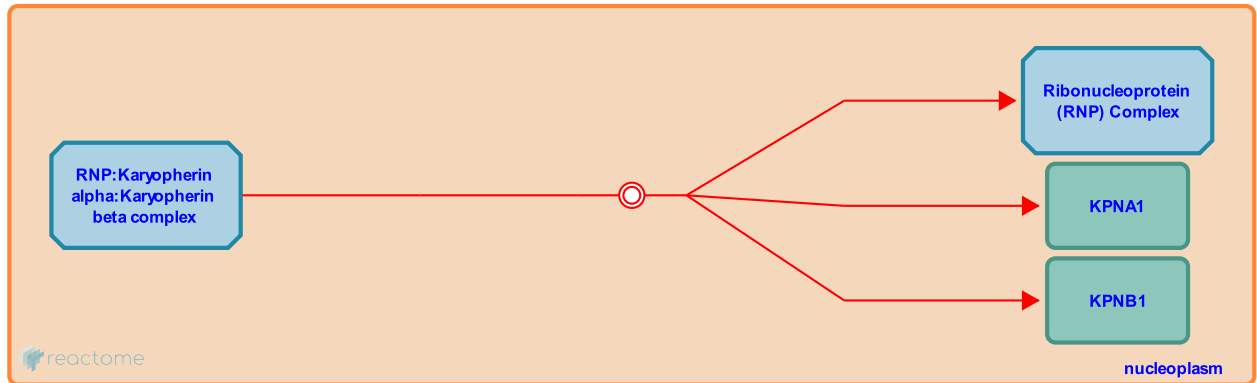
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-168310

Type: dissociation

Compartments: nucleoplasm

Diseases: influenza



Once the viral RNP and heterodimeric karyopherin complex has been transported into the nucleus the RNP dissociates from the heterodimeric karyopherins.

Preceded by: [Docking and transport of the RNP:Karyopherin complex through the nuclear pore](#)

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