

# Priming and Initiation of Transcription

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## Introduction

Reactome is open-source, open access, manually curated and peer-reviewed pathway database. Pathway annotations are authored by expert biologists, in collaboration with Reactome editorial staff and cross-referenced to many bioinformatics databases. A system of evidence tracking ensures that all assertions are backed up by the primary literature. Reactome is used by clinicians, geneticists, genomics researchers, and molecular biologists to interpret the results of high-throughput experimental studies, by bioinformaticians seeking to develop novel algorithms for mining knowledge from genomic studies, and by systems biologists building predictive models of normal and disease variant pathways.

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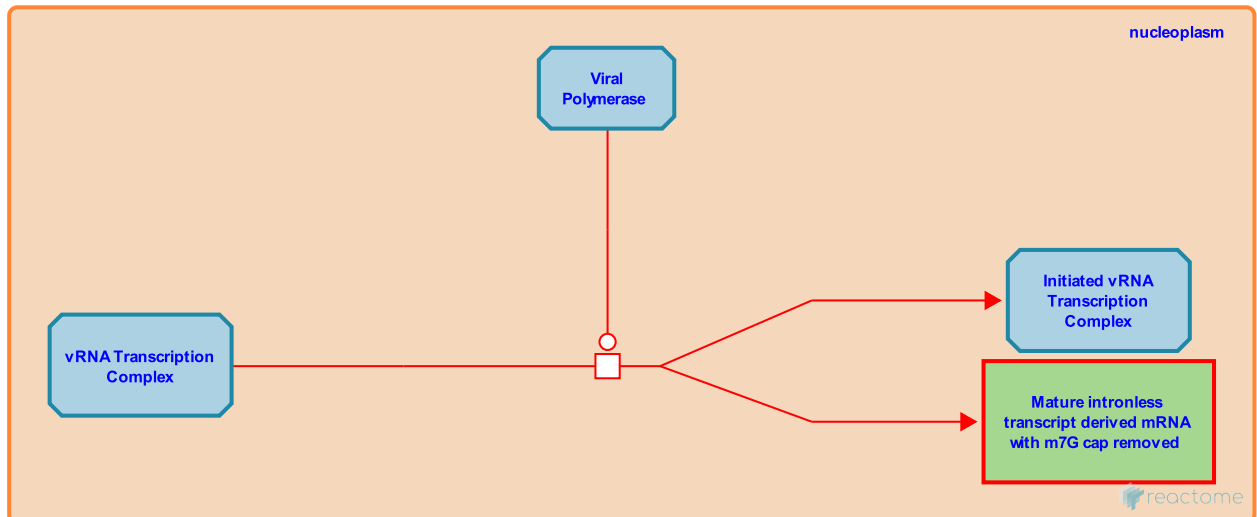
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-168280

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm

**Diseases:** influenza



The host cell mRNA bound to viral RNA polymerase PB2 subunit is cleaved by the viral RNA polymerase PB1 subunit's endonuclease activity, and the capped 5' end plus 10-13 nucleotides of the host mRNA remains bound to the polymerase complex (Plotch, 1981; Krug, 1981; Hagen, 1994; Cianci, 1995; Li, 1998; Li, 2001). Viral mRNA may be protected against cap-snatching by the polymerase complex itself, which tightly binds capped viral mRNA (Shih, 1996). A guanine residue, complementary to a cytosine in the vRNA, is added to the host-derived cap, catalyzed by the RNA polymerase activity of the PB1 viral RNA polymerase subunit (Beaton, 1981; Toyoda, 1986).

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