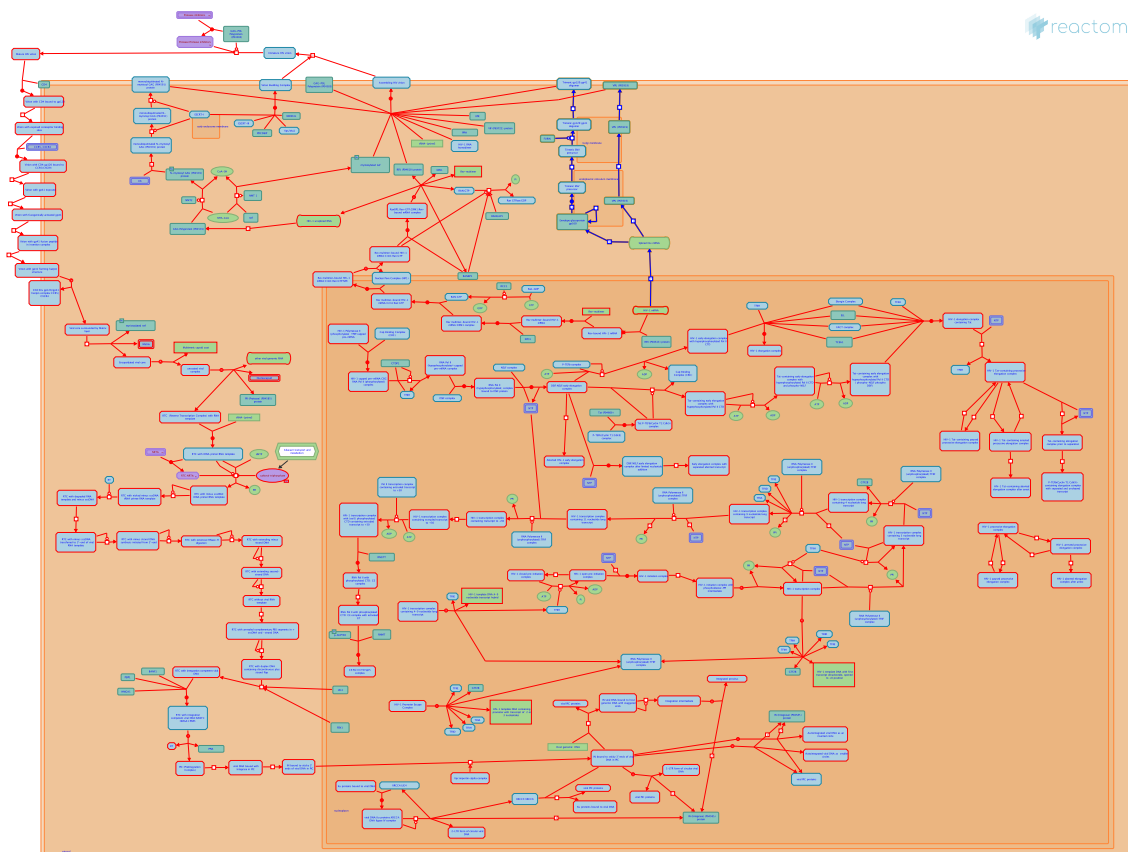


# Synthesis and processing of ENV and VPU



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## Introduction

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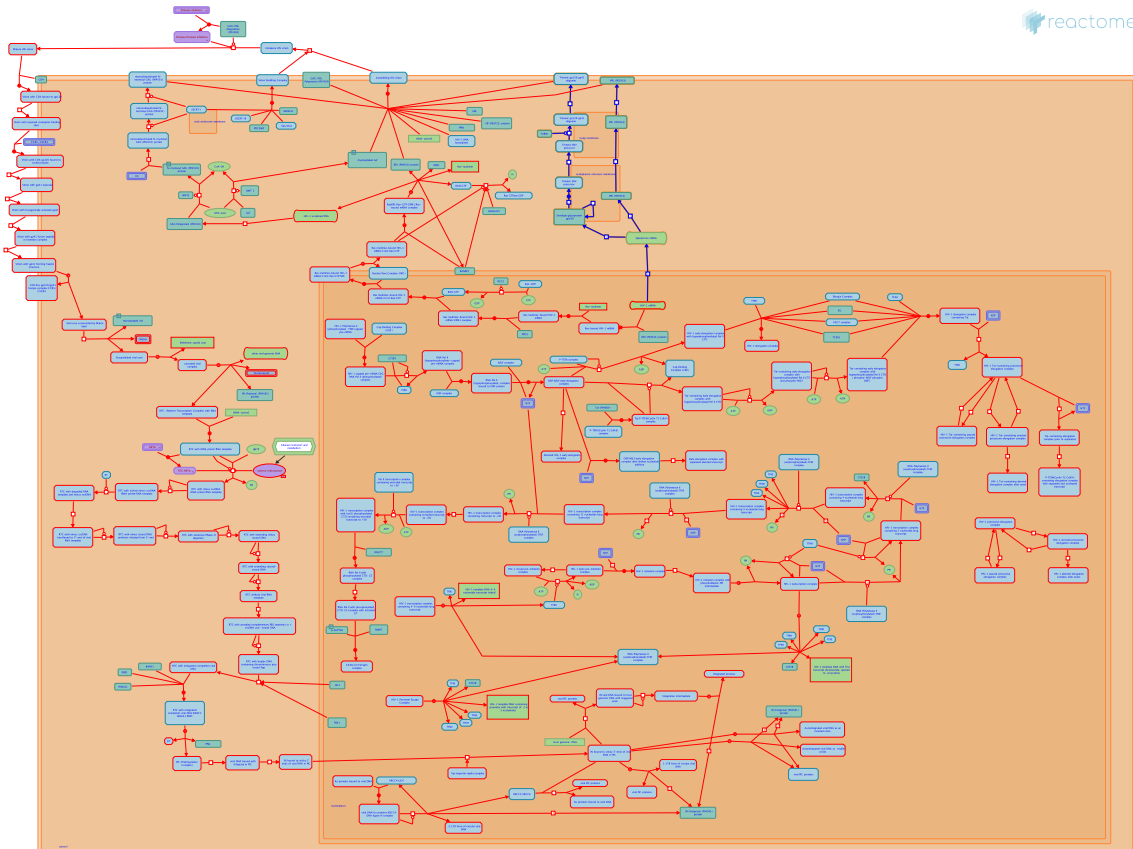
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-171286

**Diseases:** Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



The two viral membrane proteins, Env and the accessory protein Vpu, which are encoded by the same mRNA, are translated on the rough ER. All virion components need to traffic from their point of synthesis to sites of assembly on the plasma membrane. Env is an integral membrane protein. It is inserted cotranslationally into ER membranes and then travels through the cellular secretory pathway where it is glycosylated, assembled into trimeric complexes, processed into the gp41 and gp120 subunits by the cellular protease furin.

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## Splicing of HIV RNA transcript ↗

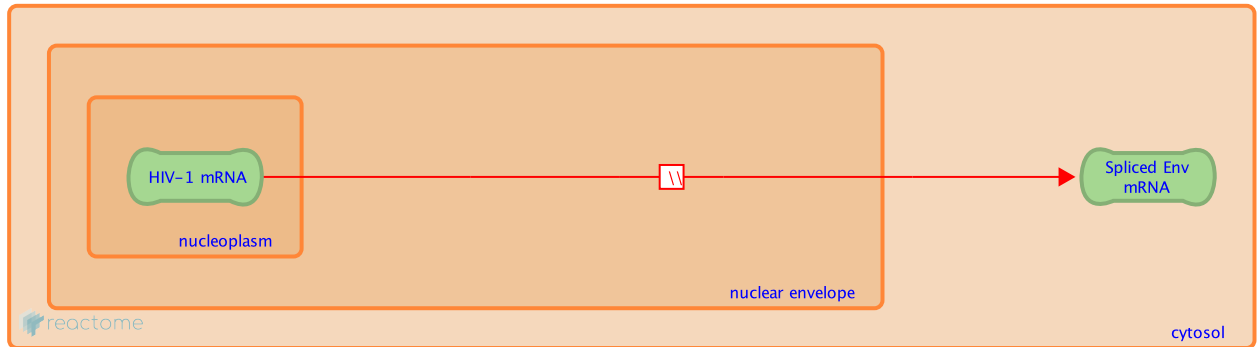
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**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** nuclear envelope

**Diseases:** Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



HIV is characterized by the production of multiple-spliced RNA species. The genomic fragment is processed creating multiple mRNA fragments.

**Followed by:** [Synthesis of ENV polyprotein](#), [Synthesis of VPU protein](#)

## Literature references

Tazi, J., Bakkour, N., Marchand, V., Ayadi, L., Aboufirassi, A., Branlant, C. (2010). Alternative splicing: regulation of HIV-1 multiplication as a target for therapeutic action. *FEBS J.*, 277, 867-76. ↗

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## Synthesis of ENV polyprotein ↗

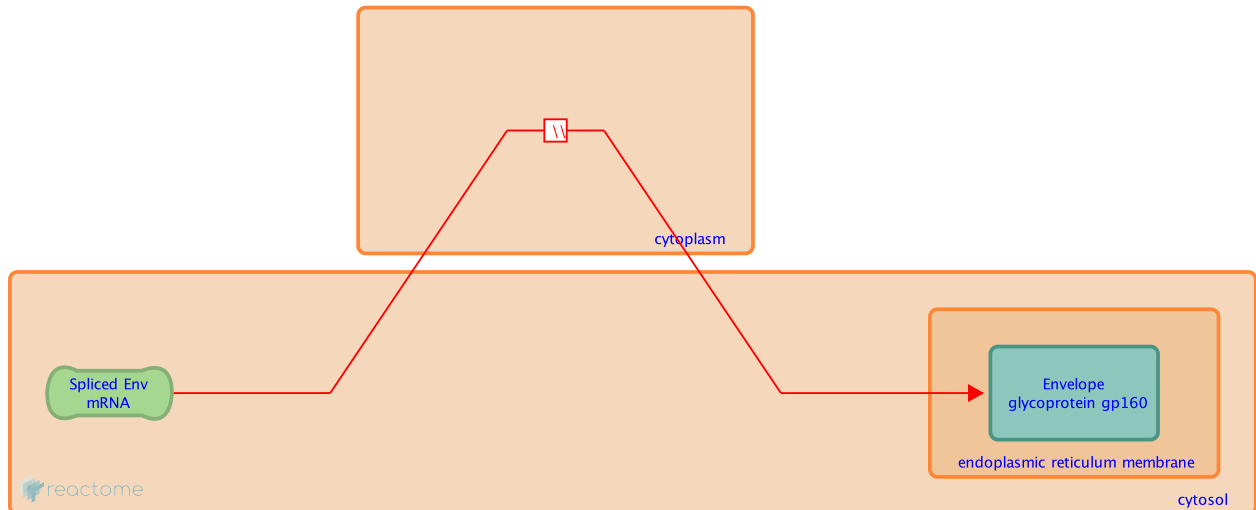
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**Compartments:** cytoplasm

**Diseases:** Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



The ENV precursor protein gp160 is synthesized.

**Preceded by:** [Splicing of HIV RNA transcript](#)

**Followed by:** [Glycosylation of ENV polyprotein](#)

### Literature references

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## Glycosylation of ENV polyprotein ↗

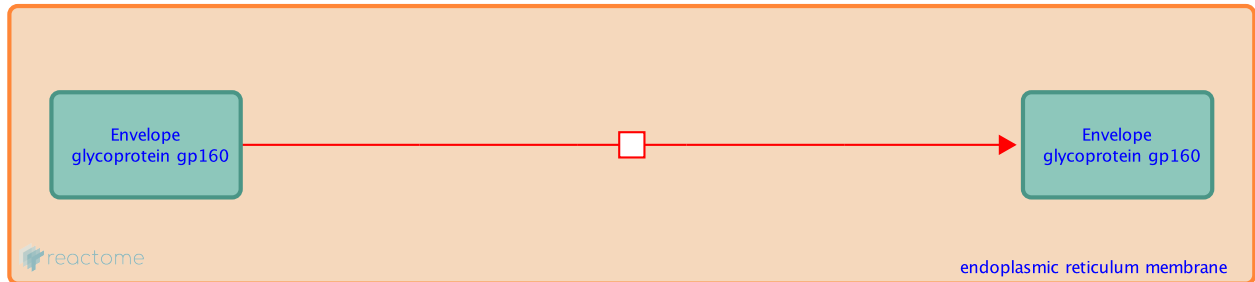
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-174493

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** endoplasmic reticulum membrane

**Diseases:** Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



There are numerous N-linked glycosylation sites that are important for infectivity of human immunodeficiency virus type 1. With more than 20 consensus N-linked glycosylation sites in gp120 it is expected that a number are important for virion function.

**Preceded by:** [Synthesis of ENV polyprotein](#)

**Followed by:** [Folding and Oligomerization of ENV glycoprotein](#)

### Literature references

Lee, WR., Syu, WJ., Du, B., Matsuda, M., Tan, S., Wolf, A. et al. (1992). Nonrandom distribution of gp120 N-linked glycosylation sites important for infectivity of human immunodeficiency virus type 1. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.*, 89, 2213-7. ↗

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## Folding and Oligomerization of ENV glycoprotein ↗

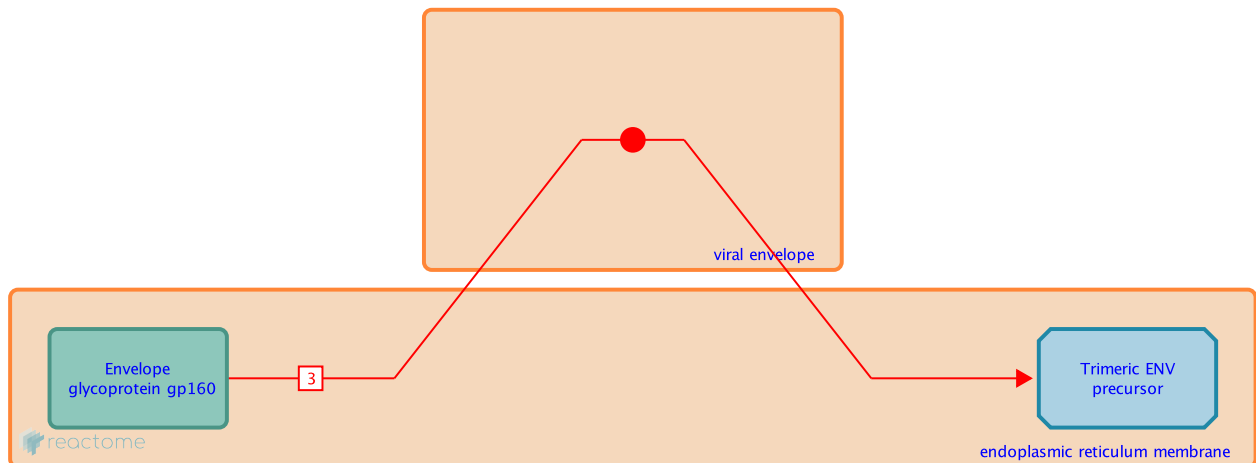
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-171291

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** viral envelope

**Diseases:** Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



The monomeric GP160 ENV precursor protein assembles into a trimer.

**Preceded by:** [Glycosylation of ENV polyprotein](#)

**Followed by:** [Transport of trimeric ENV precursor to Golgi apparatus](#)

### Literature references

Zhu, P., Liu, J., Bess, J., Chertova, E., Lifson, JD., Grisé, H. et al. (2006). Distribution and three-dimensional structure of AIDS virus envelope spikes. *Nature*, 441, 847-52. ↗

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## Transport of trimeric ENV precursor to Golgi apparatus ↗

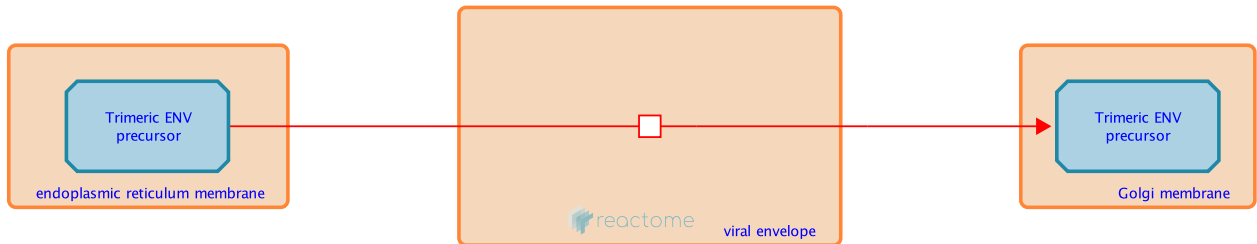
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**Compartments:** viral envelope

**Diseases:** Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



The trimeric ENV precursor complex is transported from the ER to the Golgi.

**Preceded by:** [Folding and Oligomerization of ENV glycoprotein](#)

**Followed by:** [Cleavage of the viral Env gp160 precursor polyprotein](#)

### Literature references

Welman, M., Lemay, G., Cohen, EA. (2007). Role of envelope processing and gp41 membrane spanning domain in the formation of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) fusion-competent envelope glycoprotein complex. *Virus Res.*, 124, 103-12. ↗

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## Cleavage of the viral Env gp160 precursor polyprotein ↗

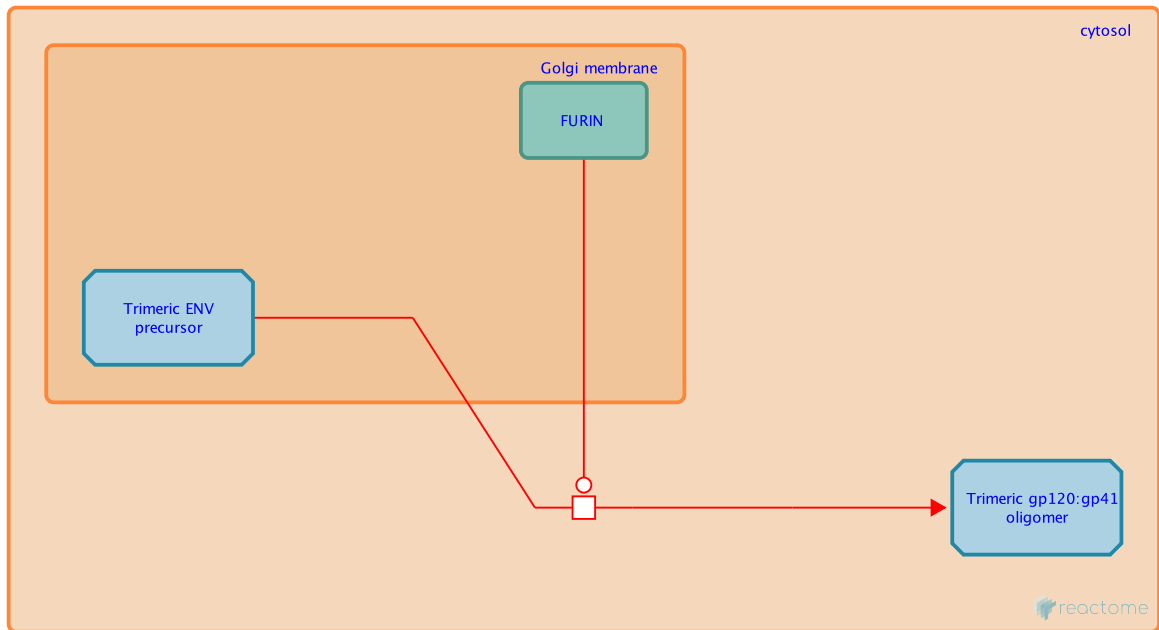
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-171288

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

**Diseases:** Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



The trimeric gp160 complexes are cleaved into the gp41 and gp120 subunits by the cellular protease furin.

**Preceded by:** [Transport of trimeric ENV precursor to Golgi apparatus](#)

**Followed by:** [Transport of trimeric gp41:gp120 to plasma membrane](#)

### Literature references

Decroly, E., Vandenbranden, M., Ruyschaert, JM., Cogniaux, J., Jacob, GS., Howard, SC. et al. (1994). The convertases furin and PC1 can both cleave the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-1 envelope glycoprotein gp160 into gp120 (HIV-1 SU) and gp41 (HIV-1 TM). *J. Biol. Chem.*, 269, 12240-7. ↗

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## Transport of trimeric gp41:gp120 to plasma membrane ↗

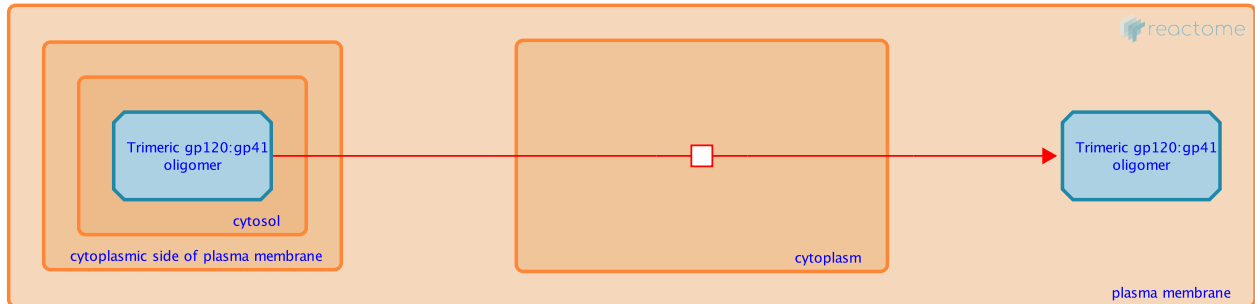
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-173647

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytoplasm

**Diseases:** Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



The cleaved and assembled gp41:gp121 complexes are transported to the plasma membrane. This complex ultimately arrives via the cellular secretion pathway. Env is an integral membrane protein shuttled through the ER and Golgi where it was glycosylated and cleaved into the gp41 and gp120 subunits. The trimeric complex is brought to the plasma membrane by the host vesicular transport system. Only 7-14 trimers are present per virion.

**Preceded by:** [Cleavage of the viral Env gp160 precursor polyprotein](#)

### Literature references

Helseth, E., Olshevsky, U., Furman, C., Sodroski, J. (1991). Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 gp120 envelope glycoprotein regions important for association with the gp41 transmembrane glycoprotein. *J Virol*, 65, 2119-23. ↗

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## Synthesis of VPU protein ↗

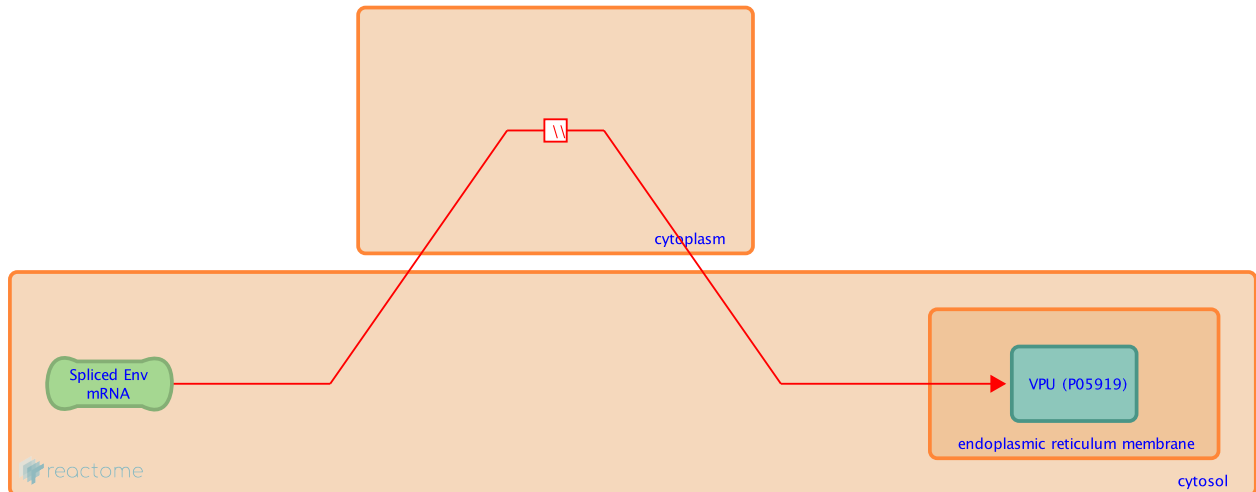
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**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** cytoplasm

**Diseases:** Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



As the Rev protein accumulates, nuclear export of the singly and unspliced mRNAs is facilitated. These mRNAs express the Vif, Vpr, Vpu, Env proteins and the Gag and Gag-Pol polyproteins, respectively, and require Rev, which overcomes the restriction of nuclear export of intron-containing transcripts by accessing the CRM1 nuclear export pathway

**Preceded by:** [Splicing of HIV RNA transcript](#)

**Followed by:** [Transport of VPU to Golgi apparatus](#)

### Literature references

Tazi, J., Bakkour, N., Marchand, V., Ayadi, L., Aboufirassi, A., Branlant, C. (2010). Alternative splicing: regulation of HIV-1 multiplication as a target for therapeutic action. *FEBS J.*, 277, 867-76. ↗

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## Transport of VPU to Golgi apparatus ↗

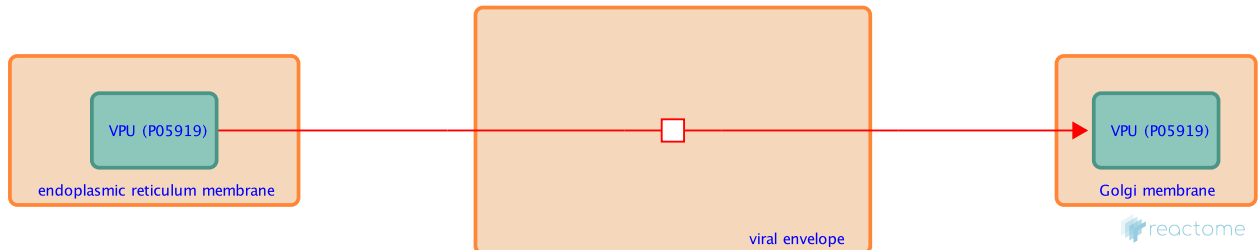
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3149440

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** viral envelope

**Diseases:** Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



VPU is shuttled through the ER:Golgi protein expression pathway.

**Preceded by:** [Synthesis of VPU protein](#)

**Followed by:** [Transport of VPU to Plasma Membrane](#)

### Literature references

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## Transport of VPU to Plasma Membrane ↗

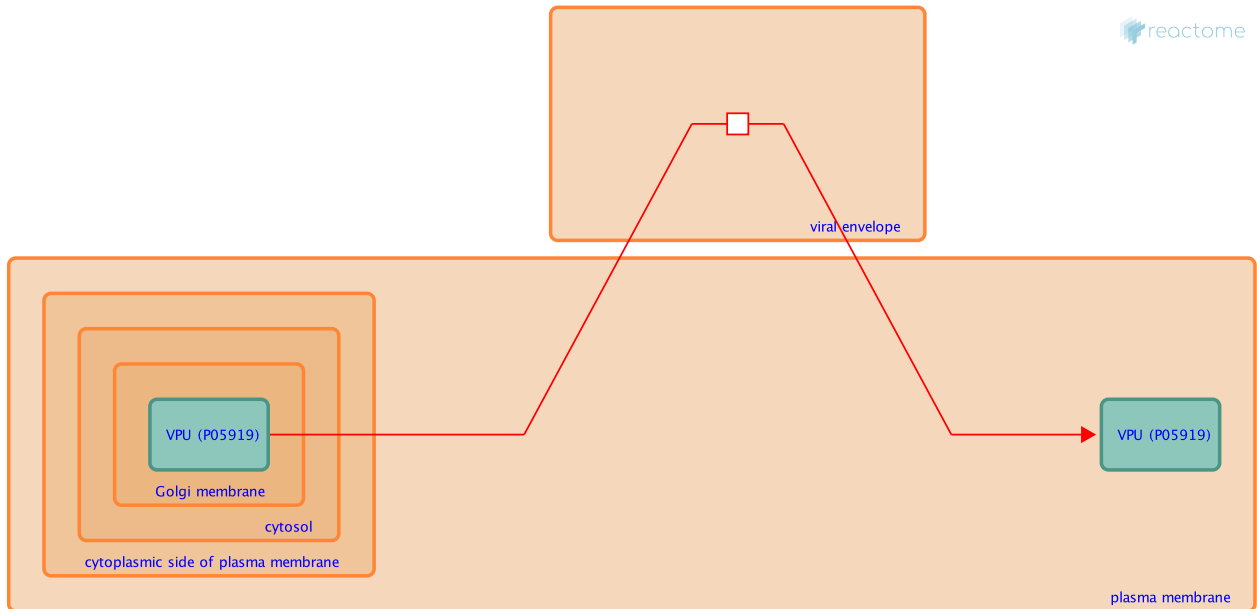
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** viral envelope

**Diseases:** Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



Once transported to the plasma membrane the VPU protein will be incorporated into the assembling virions. The Vpu accessory protein is found to be required for efficient virion release from some cell lines but completely dispensable in others.

**Preceded by:** [Transport of VPU to Golgi apparatus](#)

### Literature references

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