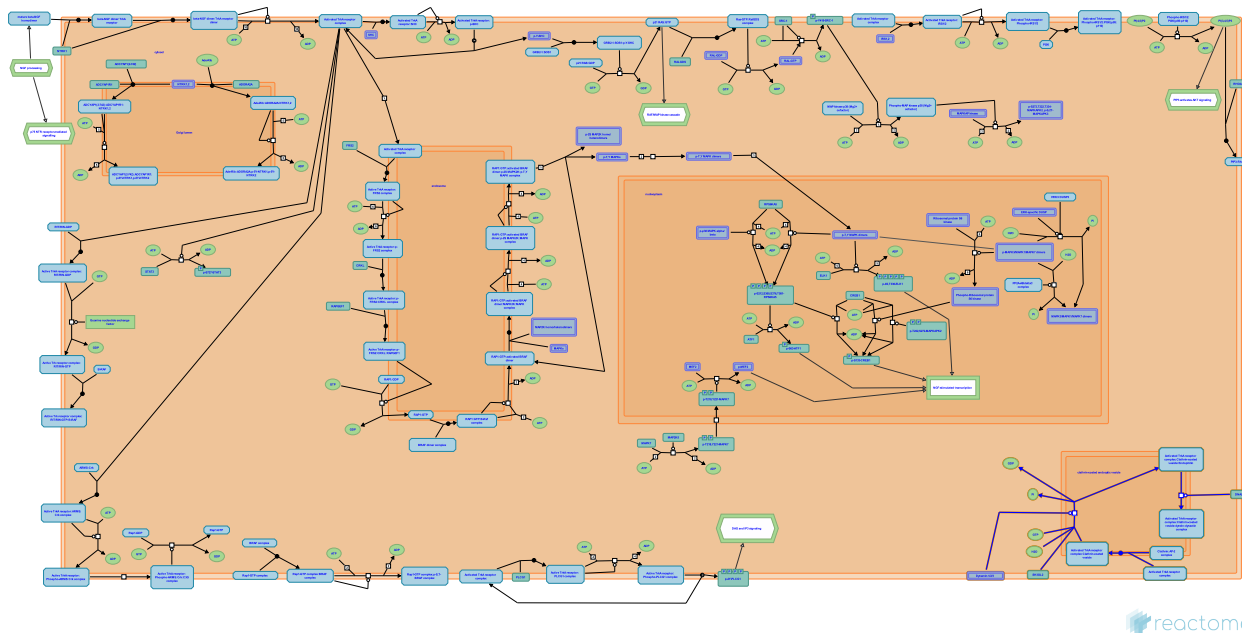


Retrograde neurotrophin signalling



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Introduction

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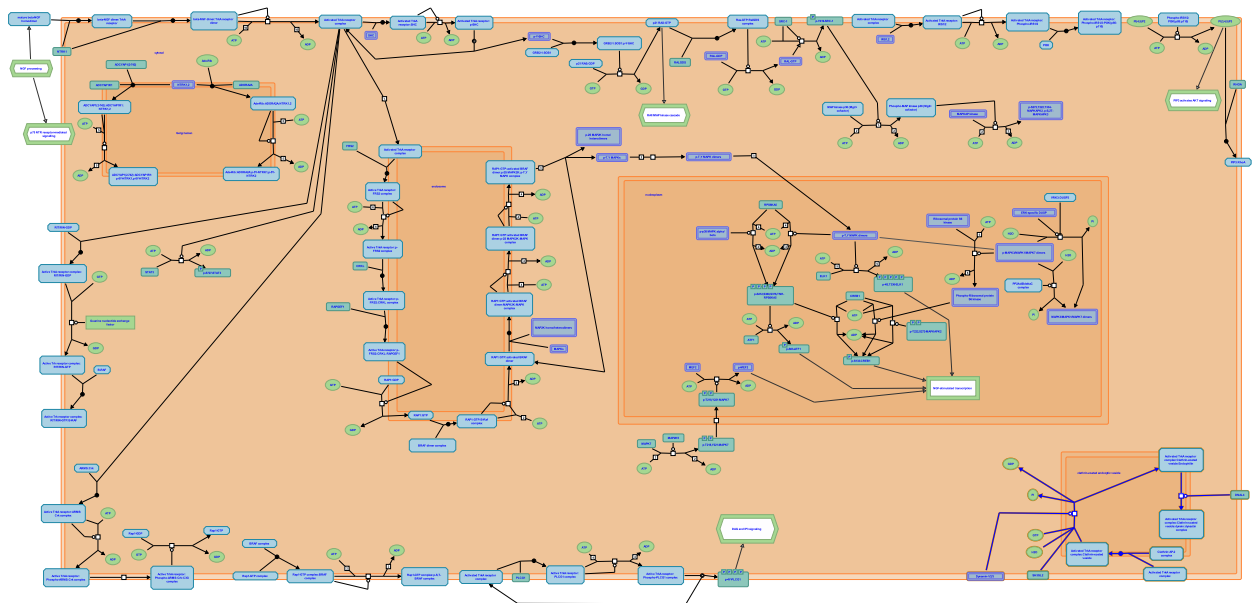
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Retrograde neurotrophin signalling ↗

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Neurotrophin-TRK complexes can be internalized and enter signalling vesicles, which travel retrogradely over long distances from distal nerve terminals to neuronal cell bodies. Such retrograde signalling by neurotrophin-TRK complexes regulates survival, synaptogenesis and maintenance of proper neural connectivity. The neurotrophin-TRK complex may use three distinct internalization pathways. Although Clathrin-mediated endocytosis appears to be the major internalization route, it is controversial whether it also represents the dominant pathway for retrograde transport and signalling. Pyncher-mediated endocytosis might be more relevant in this regard. Moreover, also caveolin-mediated endocytosis may play a role in NGF-TrkA internalization. Retrograde transport of TRKs is microtubule-dependent: TRKs remain activated and bound to neurotrophins during retrograde transport. The current view is reflected in the signalling endosome model. It is a specialized vesicle containing ligand (NGF, BDNF) bound to its activated TRK receptor, together with activated downstream signalling proteins, transported by motor proteins (dyneins) from nerve terminals to remote cell bodies, where the receptors trigger signalling cascades.

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Formation of clathrin-coated vesicle ↗

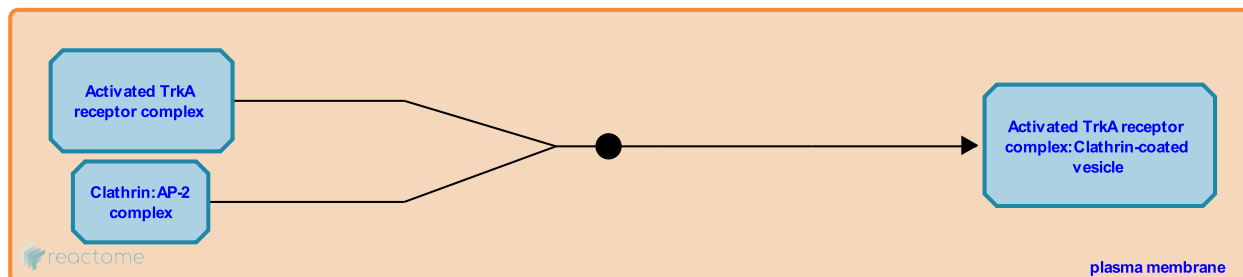
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Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region

Inferred from: [Formation of clathrin-coated vesicle \(Rattus norvegicus\)](#)



Both BDNF and NGF treatment recruits clathrin and AP2 (adaptor protein 2) proteins to the plasma membrane. Clathrin is the major protein of the polyhedral coat of vesicles. The AP2 complex mediates both the recruitment of clathrin to membranes and the recognition of sorting signals within the cytosolic tails of transmembrane cargo molecules.

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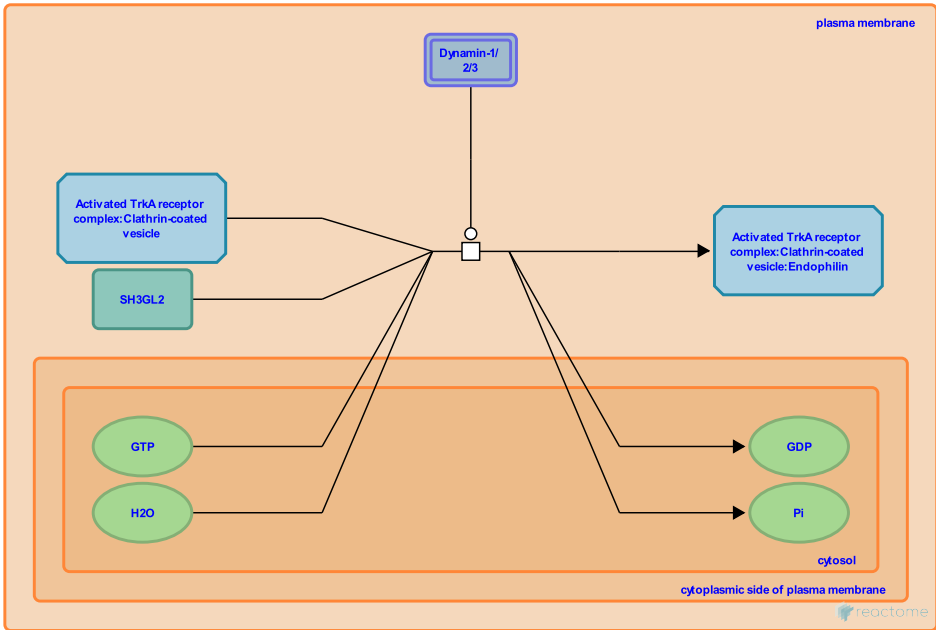
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-177501

Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region, cytosol

Inferred from: Endocytosis of clathrin-coated vesicle (Rattus norvegicus)



Dynamin is a microtubule-associated force-producing protein involved in producing microtubule bundles and able to bind and hydrolyze GTP. It is involved in vesicle trafficking processes and is necessary for endocytosis. Dynamins are large GTPases that bind to PIP2-containing membranes, several SH3-domain containing proteins and cytoskeletal modifiers. They self-polymerize in a GTP dependent manner, catalyzing the scission of invaginating membranes during endocytosis (Praefcke & McMahon, 2004). There are three dynamins in humans: dynamin I is neuron-specific; dynamin II shows ubiquitous expression; dynamin III is expressed in testis, brain, lung and blood platelets.

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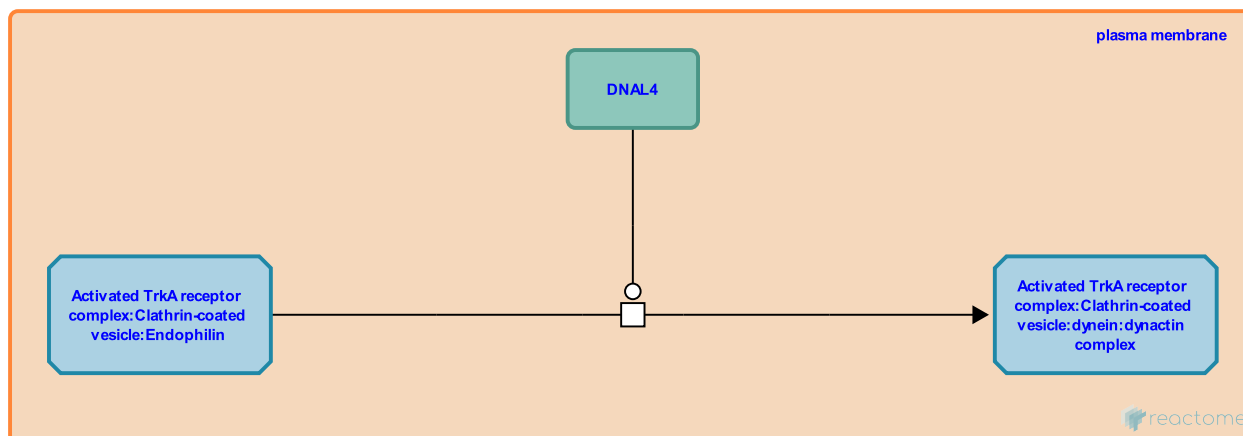
Axonal transport of NGF:Trk complexes [↗](#)

Location: [Retrograde neurotrophin signalling](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-177479

Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region



Of the internalized NGF:TRK complexes, many undergo recycling and/or proteolysis. Only a small fraction is retrogradely transported. Vesicles containing neurotrophin, activated receptors and downstream kinases are transported through axons by the action of dynein, which produces a force towards the end of microtubules.

Preceded by: [Endocytosis \(internalization\) of clathrin-coated vesicle](#)

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