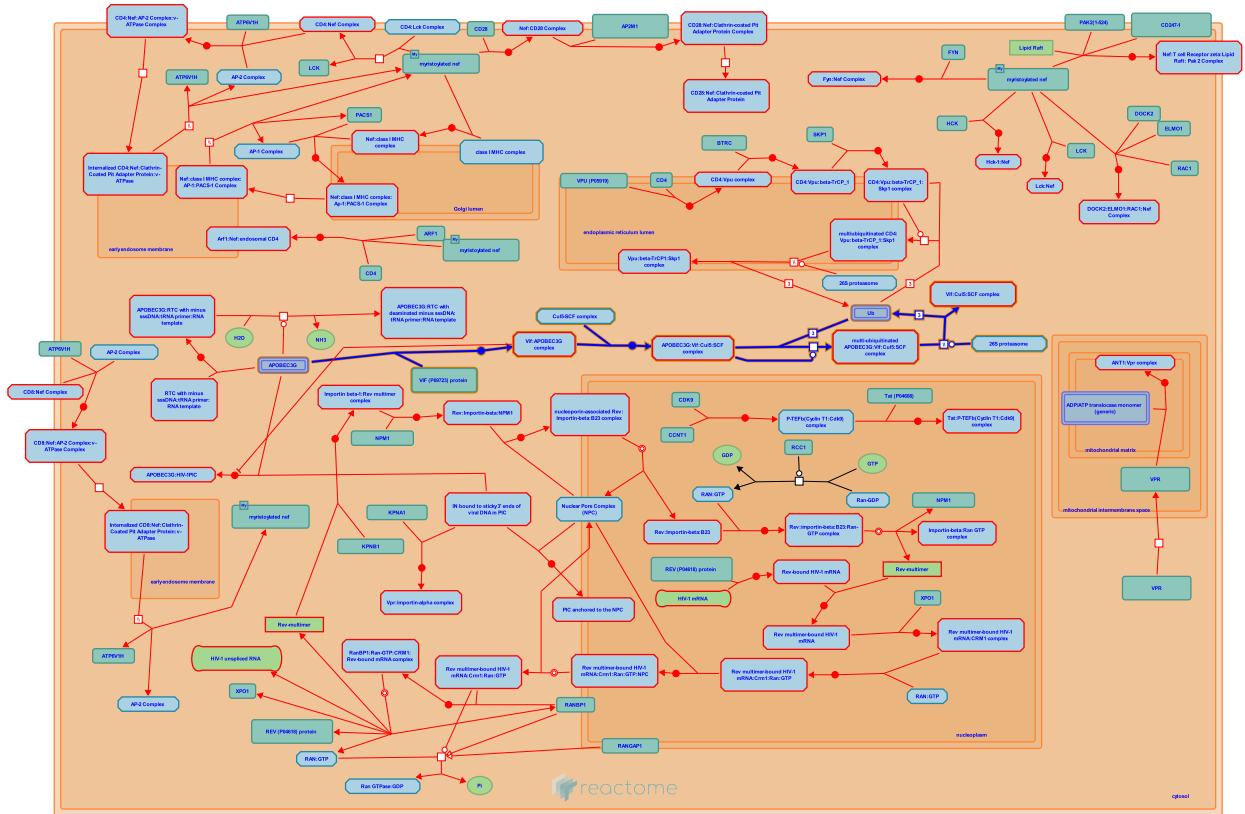


Vif-mediated degradation of APOBEC3G



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Introduction

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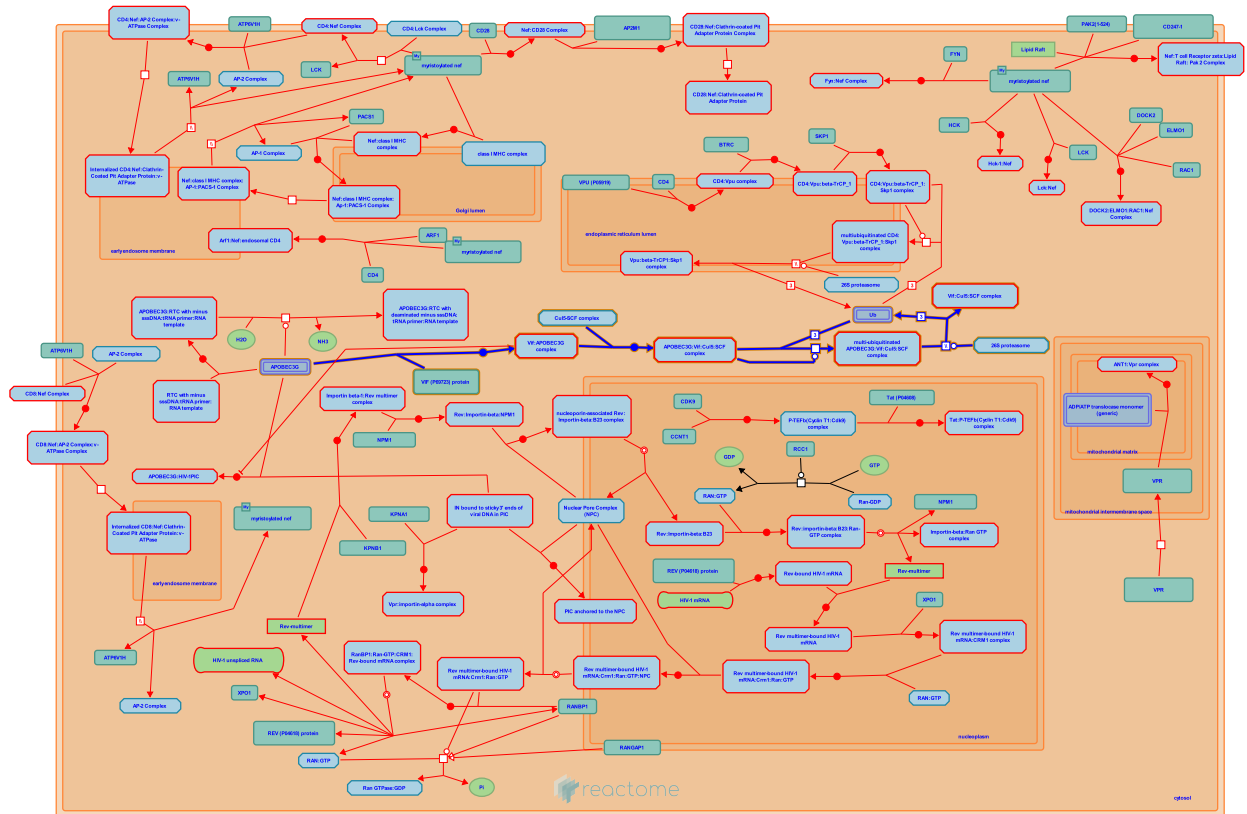
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-180585

Compartments: cytosol

Diseases: Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



The HIV-1 accessory protein Vif (Viral infectivity factor) is required for the efficient infection of primary cell populations (e.g., lymphocytes and macrophages) and 'non-permissive' cell lines. Vif neutralises the host DNA editing enzyme, APOBEC3G, in the producer cell. Indeed, in the absence of a functional Vif, APOBEC3G is selectively incorporated into the budding virions and in the next cycle of infection leads to the deamination of deoxycytidines (dC) within the minus-strand cDNA during reverse transcription (Sheehy et al 2003; Li et al., 2005 ; Stopak et al. 2003).

Deamination changes cytosine to uracil and thus results in G to A transitions and stop codons in the provirus. The aberrant cDNAs produced in the infected cell can either be integrated in form of non-functional proviruses or degraded. Vif counteracts the antiviral activity of APOBEC3G by associating directly with it and promoting its polyubiquitination and degradation by the 26S proteasome.

Vif binds APOBEC3G and recruits it into an E3 ubiquitin-enzyme complex composed by the cytoplasmic proteins Cullin5, Rbx, ElonginC and ElonginB (Yu et al., 2003) . Thus, in the presence of Vif, APOBEC3G incorporation into the virion is minimal.

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Association of Vif with APOBEC3G ↗

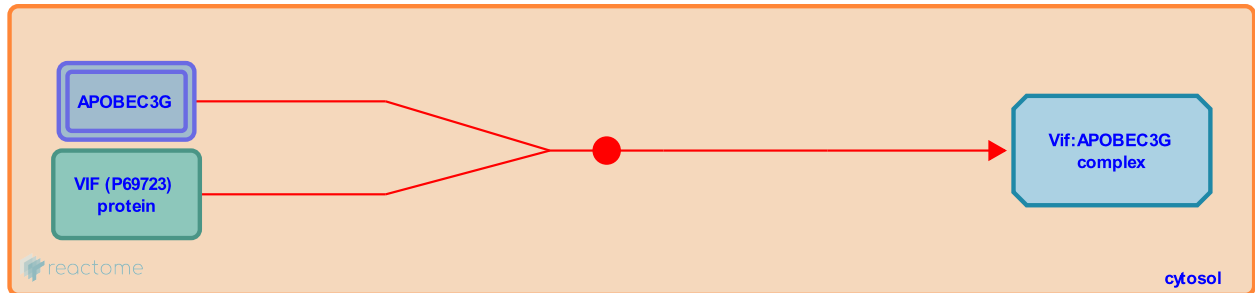
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-180602

Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol

Diseases: Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



The HIV-1 Vif protein associates with the DNA editing enzyme APOBEC3G (Marin et al). The binding site has not yet been mapped but emerging evidence suggest that the N-terminal lregion of Vif is essential for APOBEC3G recognition (Tian et al).

Substitution of a single amino acid in the human APOBEC3G (Asp128Lys) abolishes binding and renders it resistant to HIV-1 Vif (Schrofelbauer et al; Bogerd et al.).

Followed by: [Association of APOBEC3G:Vif with the Cul5-SCF complex](#)

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Association of APOBEC3G:Vif with the Cul5-SCF complex ↗

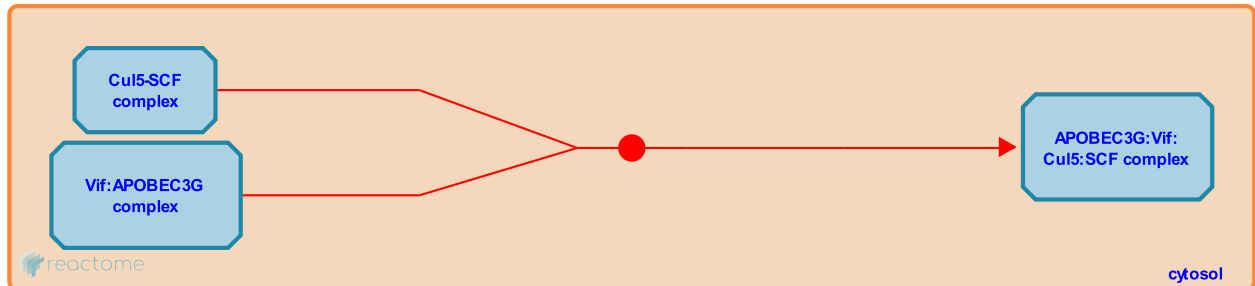
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-180555

Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol

Diseases: Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



The interaction between Vif and the E3 ubiquitin ligase complex (Cullin5, Elongin B and Elongin C, and Rbx1) takes place through direct binding of the SOCS box motif in the viral protein Vif to the host protein Elongin C. Moreover, a conserved HCCH motif in Vif allows binding to Cullin 5.

Preceded by: [Association of Vif with APOBEC3G](#)

Followed by: [Multi-ubiquitination of APOBEC3G](#)

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Multi-ubiquitination of APOBEC3G ↗

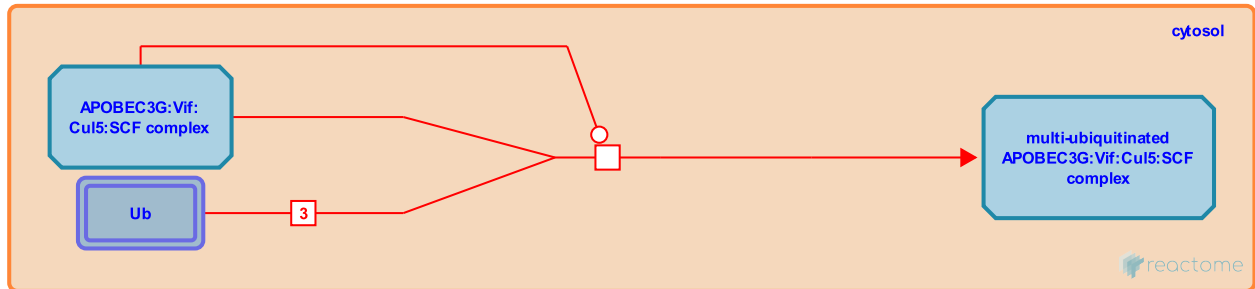
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-180540

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol

Diseases: Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



APOBEC3G is multi-ubiquitinated by the Vif-Cul5-SCF complex.

Preceded by: [Association of APOBEC3G:Vif with the Cul5-SCF complex](#)

Followed by: [Proteasome-mediated degradation of APOBEC3G](#)

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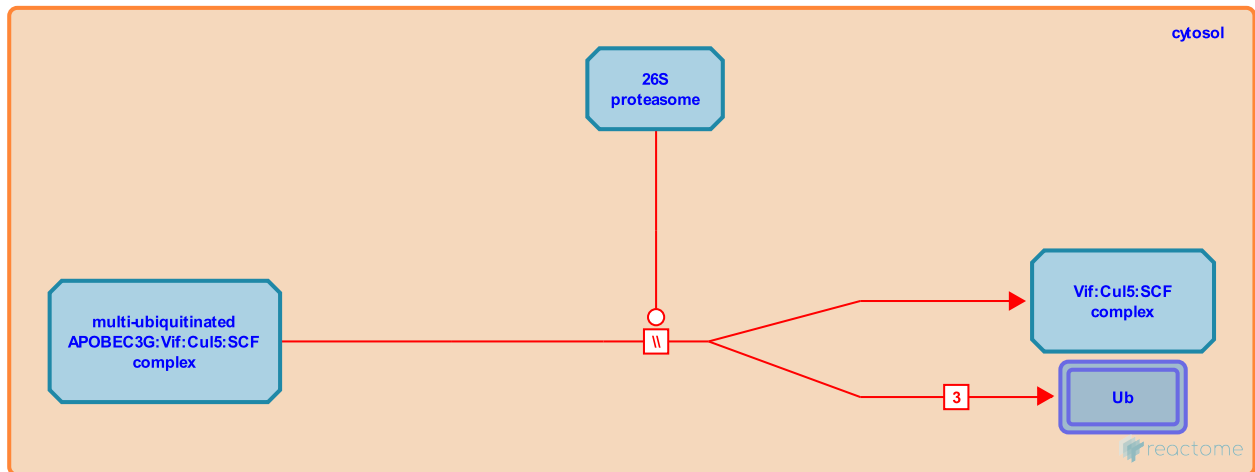
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Compartments: cytosol

Diseases: Human immunodeficiency virus infectious disease



Following multi-ubiquitination by the Vif-Cul5-SCF complex, APOBEC3G is degraded by the 26S proteasome.

Preceded by: [Multi-ubiquitination of APOBEC3G](#)

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