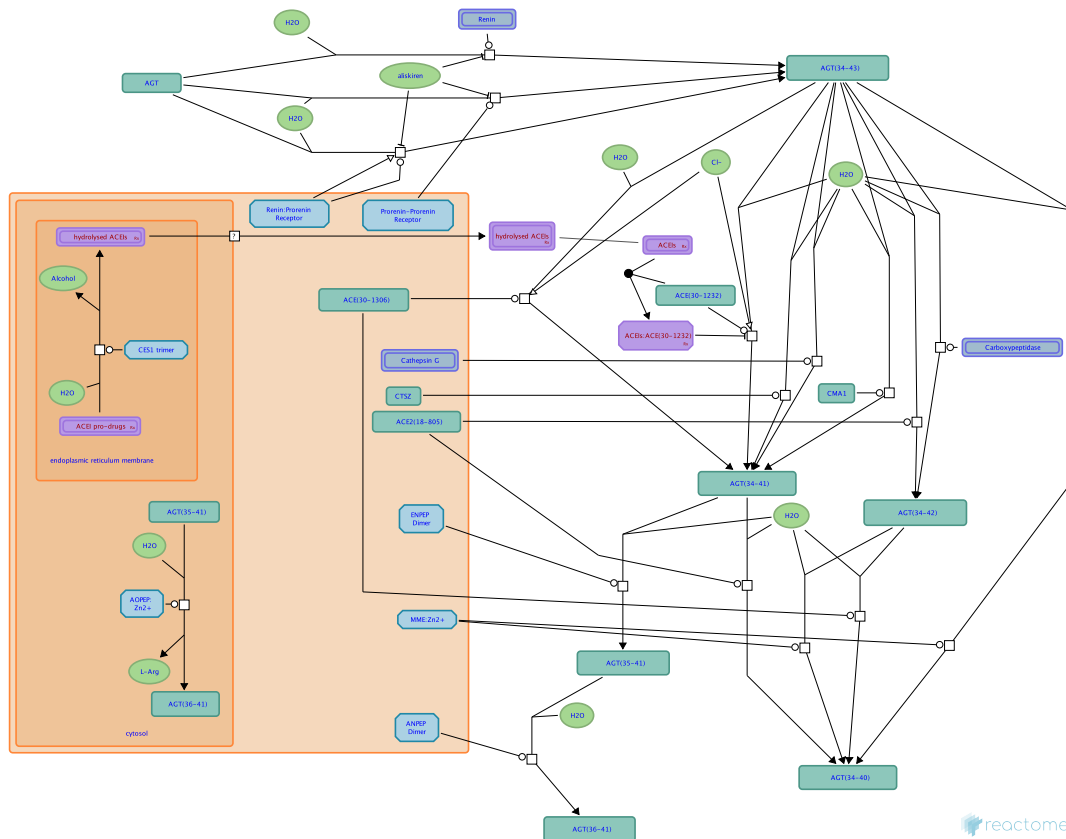


# Metabolism of Angiotensinogen to An- giotensins



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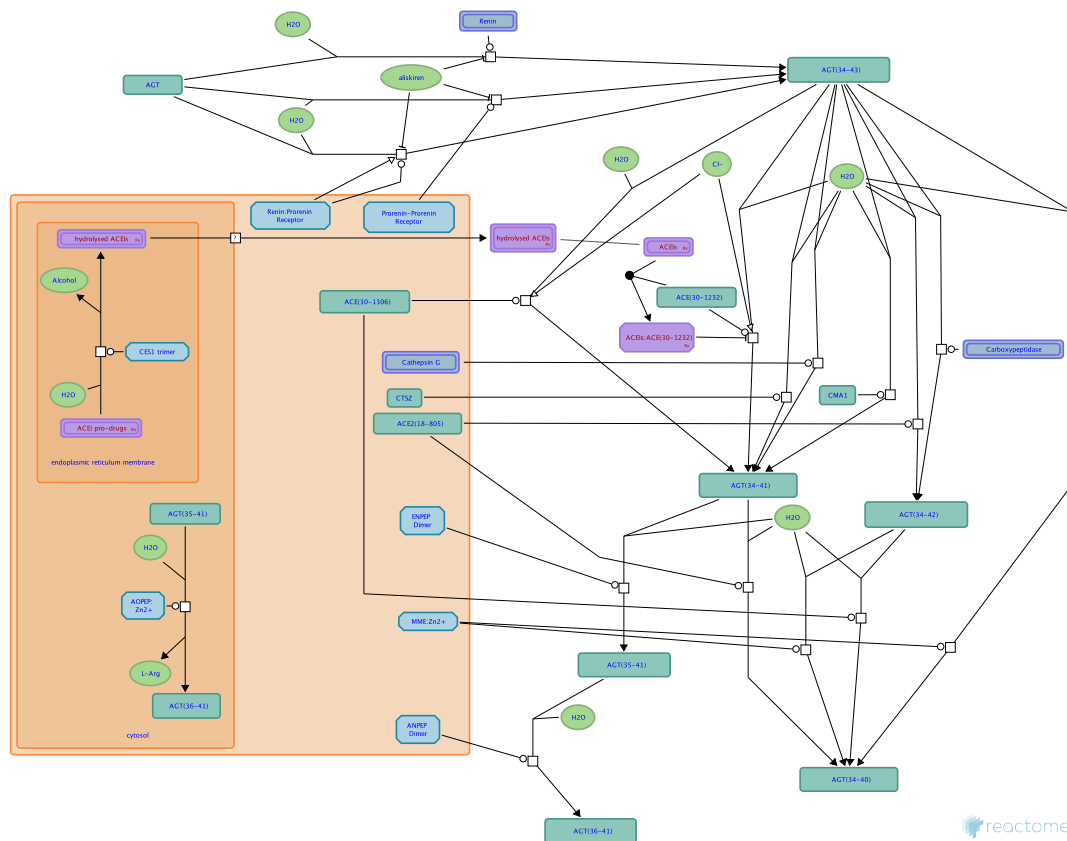
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## Metabolism of Angiotensinogen to Angiotensins ↗

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**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



Angiotensinogen, a prohormone, is synthesized and secreted mainly by the liver but also from other tissues (reviewed in Fyhrquist and Saijonmaa 2008, Cat and Touyz 2011). Renin, an aspartyl protease specific for angiotensinogen, is secreted into the bloodstream by juxtaglomerular cells of the kidney in response to a drop in blood pressure. Renin cleaves angiotensinogen to yield a decapeptide, angiotensin I (angiotensin-1, angiotensin-(1-10)). Circulating renin can also bind the membrane-localized (pro)renin receptor (ATP6AP2) which increases its catalytic activity. After cleavage of angiotensinogen to angiotensin I by renin, two C-terminal amino acid residues of angiotensin I are removed by angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE), located on the surface of endothelial cells, to yield angiotensin II (angiotensin-2, angiotensin-(1-8)), the active peptide that causes vasoconstriction, resorption of sodium and chloride, excretion of potassium, water retention, and aldosterone secretion.

More recently other, more tissue-localized pathways leading to angiotensin II and alternative derivatives of angiotensinogen have been identified (reviewed in Kramkowski et al. 2006, Kumar et al. 2007, Fyhrquist and Saijonmaa 2008, Becari et al. 2011). Chymase, cathepsin G, and cathepsin X (cathepsin Z) can each cleave angiotensin I to yield angiotensin II. Angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) cleaves 1 amino acid residue from angiotensin I (angiotensin-(1-10)) to yield angiotensin-(1-9), which can be cleaved by ACE to yield angiotensin-(1-7). ACE2 can also cleave angiotensin II to yield angiotensin-(1-7). Neprilysin can cleave either angiotensin-(1-9) or angiotensin I to yield angiotensin-(1-7). Angiotensin-(1-7) binds the MAS receptor (MAS1, MAS proto-oncogene) and, interestingly, produces effects opposite to those produced by angiotensin II.

Aminopeptidase A (APA, ENPEP) cleaves angiotensin II to yield angiotensin III (angiotensin-(2-8)), which is then cleaved by aminopeptidase N (APN, ANPEP) yielding angiotensin IV (angiotensin-(3-8)). An-

giotensin IV binds the AT4 receptor (AT4R, IRAP, LNPEP, oxytocinase).

Inhibitors of renin (e.g. aliskiren) and ACE (e.g. lisinopril, ramipril) are currently used to treat hypertension (reviewed in Gerc et al. 2009, Verdecchia et al. 2010, Alreja and Joseph 2011).

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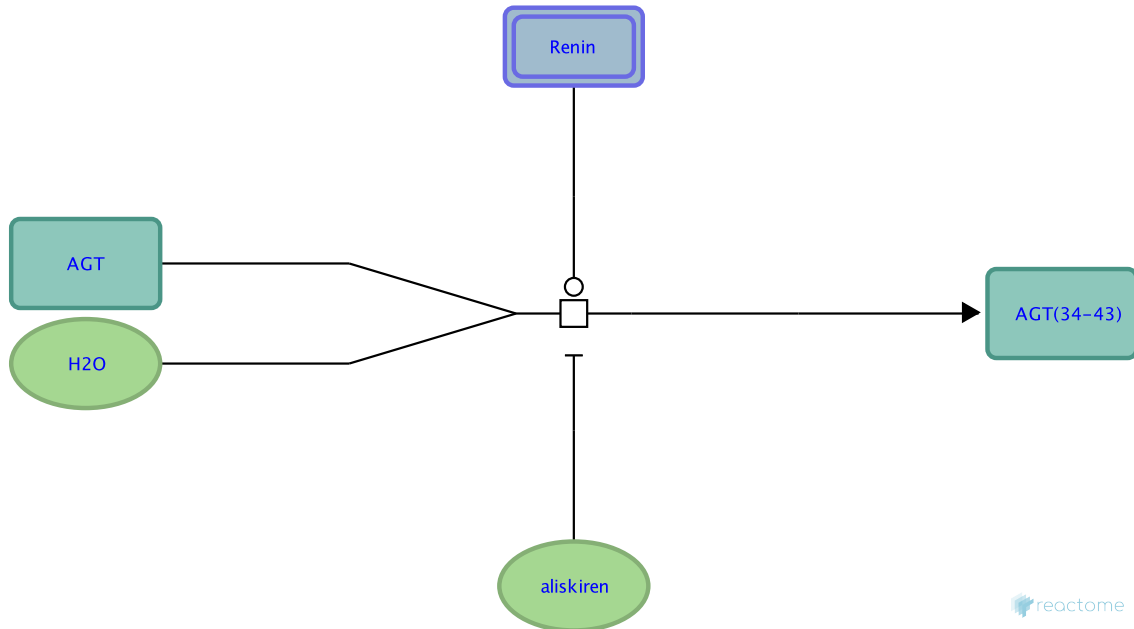
## Renin hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-(1-10) ↗

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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2022412

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region



Renin in the bloodstream hydrolyzes angiotensinogen to yield angiotensin-(1-10) (angiotensin I). Renin is produced in the juxtaglomerular cells of the kidney in response to reduced blood pressure. Aliskiren, a drug used clinically to treat hypertension, inhibits this reaction (Gossas et al. 2011, Wood et al. 2003, reviewed in Gerc et al. 2009).

**Followed by:** [ACE hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [Secreted ACE hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [Mast Cell Carboxypeptidase hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Yield Angiotensin-\(1-9\)](#), [MME:Zn<sup>2+</sup> hydrolyses AGT\(34-43\)](#), [Cathepsin G hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [Chymase hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [Cathepsin Z \(Cathepsin X\) hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [ACE2 hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-9\)](#)

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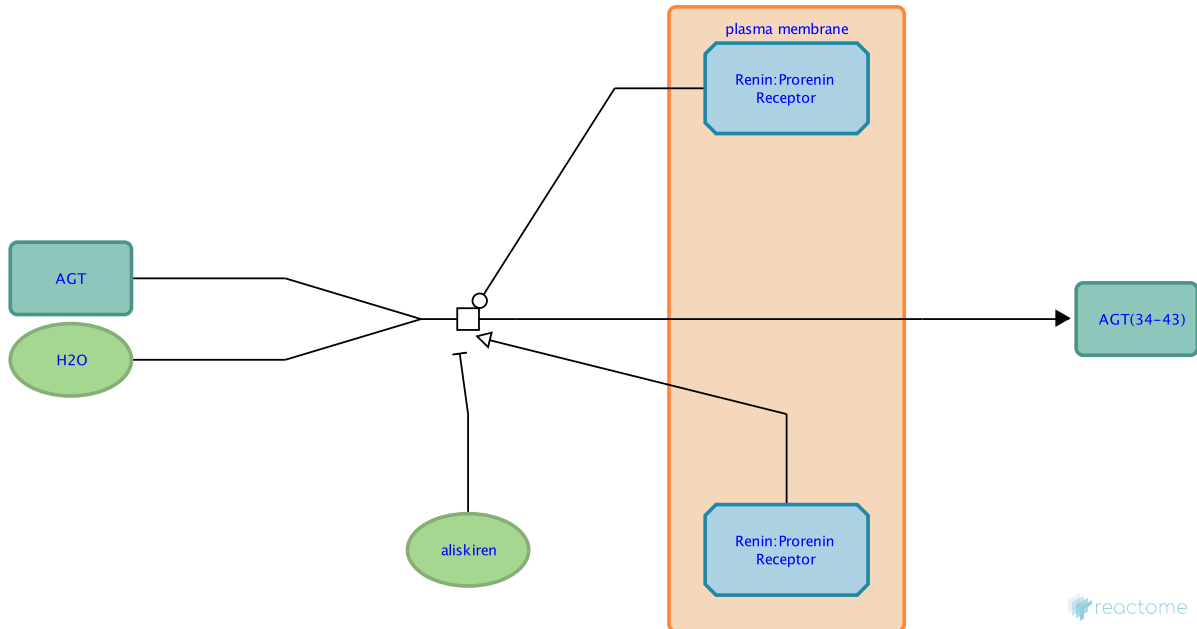
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



Renin bound to the (pro)renin receptor (ATP6AP2) hydrolyzes angiotensinogen to yield angiotensin-(1-10) (angiotensin I) (Nguyen et al. 2002). Binding to the (pro)renin receptor increases the catalytic efficiency of renin 4-fold (Nguyen et al. 2002). Aliskiren, a drug used clinically to treat hypertension, inhibits cleavage of angiotensinogen by renin (Gossas et al. 2011, Wood et al. 2003, reviewed in Gerc et al. 2009).

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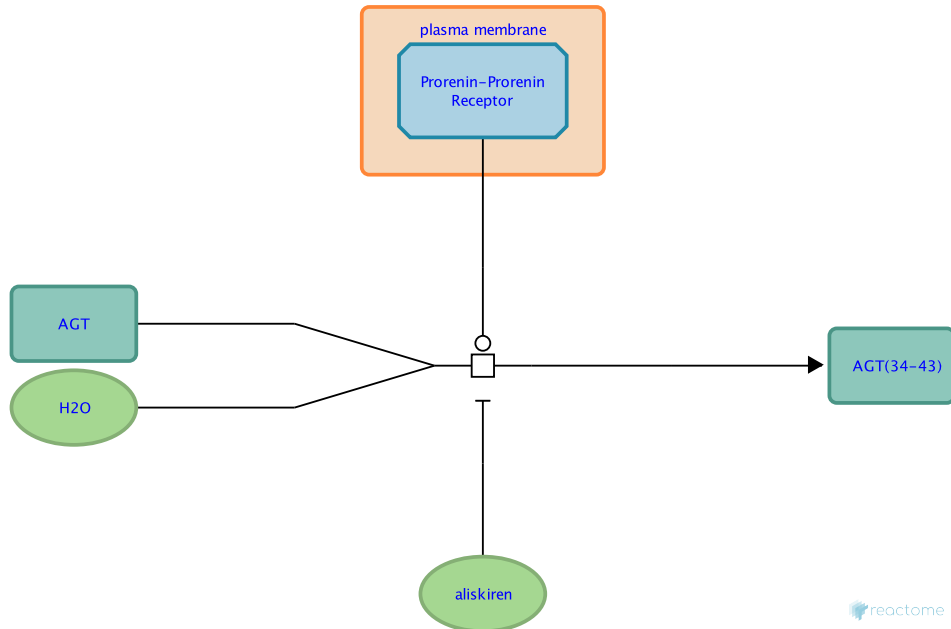
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



The binding of prorenin to the (pro)renin receptor activates the protease activity of prorenin, which can then hydrolyze angiotensinogen to yield angiotensin-(1-10) (angiotensin I) (Nguyen et al. 2002). Prorenin is inactive when not bound to the (pro)renin receptor. Aliskiren, a drug used clinically to treat hypertension, inhibits the cleavage of angiotensinogen by renin (Gossas et al. 2011, Wood et al. 2003, reviewed in Gerc et al. 2009).

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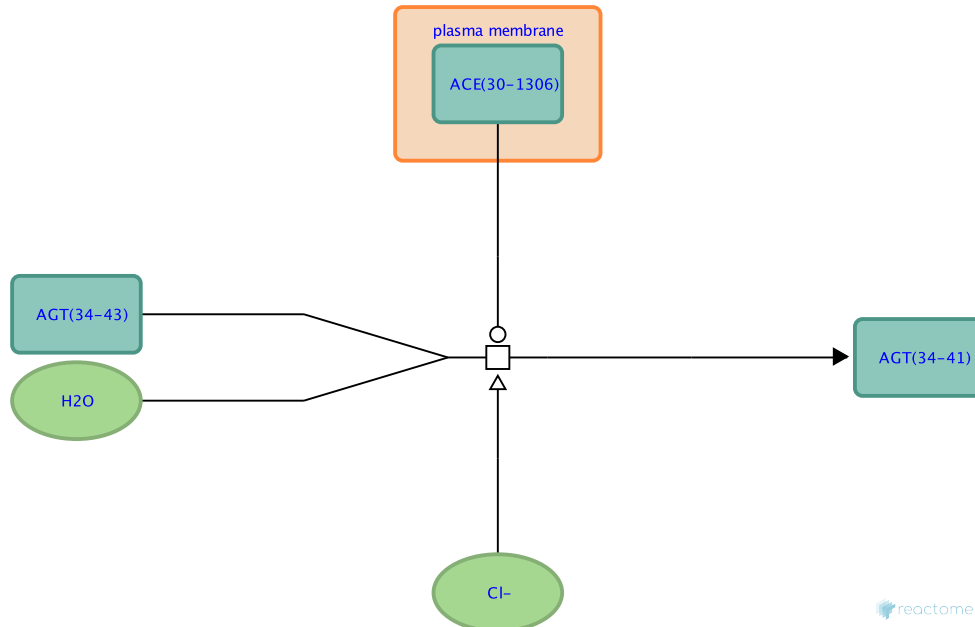
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) hydrolyzes angiotensin-(1-10) (angiotensin I) to yield angiotensin-(1-8) (angiotensin II) (Ehlers and Kirsch 1988). ACE is found at the plasma membrane of endothelial cells. This reaction is inhibited by drugs used to treat hypertension (angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors, ACEI) including captopril (Gronhagen-Riska and Fyhrquist 1980, Stewart et al. 1981, Ehlers et al. 1986, Hayakari et al. 1989, Wei et al. 1991, Baudin and Beneteau-Burnat 1999), enalaprilat (metablized from the prodrug enalapril, Wei et al. 1991, Baudin and Beneteau-Burnat 1999), lisinopril (Ehlers et al. 1991, Natesh et al. 2003), and ramiprilat (metabolized from the prodrug ramipril, Baudin and Beneteau-Burnat 1999).

**Preceded by:** [Renin hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#), [Renin:Prorenin Receptor hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#), [Prorenin:Prorenin Receptor hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#)

**Followed by:** [ACE2 hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-8\) to Angiotensin-\(1-7\)](#), [ENPEP hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-8\) to Angiotensin-\(2-8\)](#)

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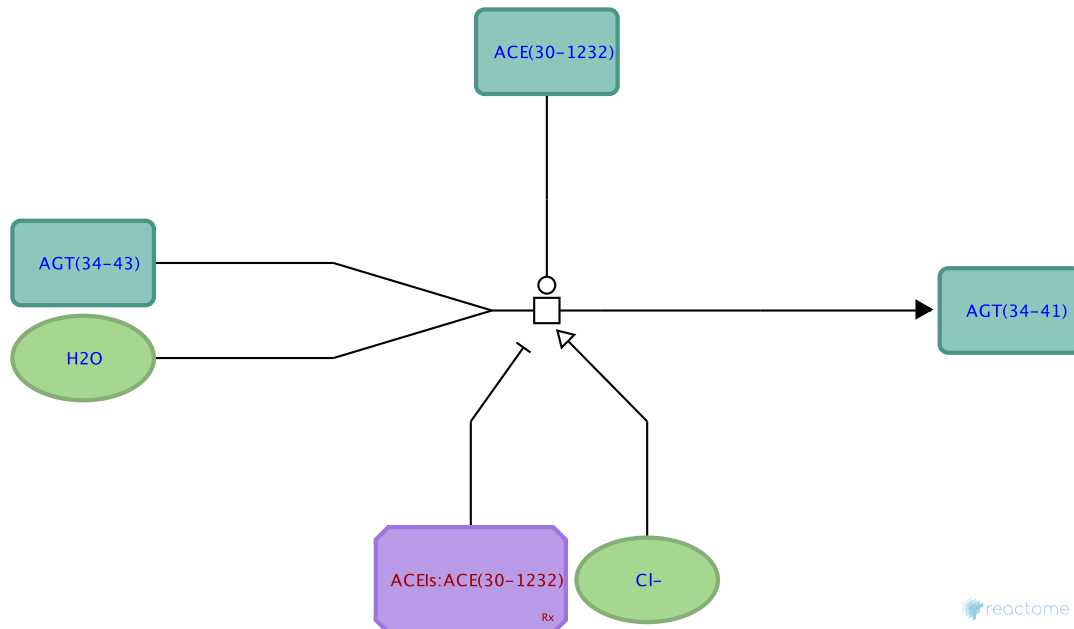
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region



Secreted angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) cleaves 2 amino acid residues from the C-terminus of angiotensin-(1-10) (angiotensin I) to yield angiotensin-(1-8) (angiotensin II) (Wei et al. 1991). This reaction is inhibited by drugs used to treat hypertension (angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors, ACEI) including captopril (Gronhagen-Riska and Fyhrquist 1980, Stewart et al. 1981, Ehlers et al. 1986, Hayakari et al. 1989, Wei et al. 1991, Baudin and Beneteau-Burnat 1999), enalaprilat (metablized from the prodrug enalapril, Wei et al. 1991, Baudin and Beneteau-Burnat 1999), lisinopril ( Ehlers et al. 1991, Natesh et al. 2003), and ramiprilat (metabolized from the prodrug ramipril, Baudin and Beneteau-Burnat 1999). ACE is secreted ("shed") from membranes of endothelial cells by cleavage in the C-terminal region that removes the membrane anchor.

**Preceded by:** [Renin hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#), [Renin:Prorenin Receptor hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#), [Prorenin:Prorenin Receptor hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#)

**Followed by:** [ACE2 hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-8\) to Angiotensin-\(1-7\)](#), [ENPEP hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-8\) to Angiotensin-\(2-8\)](#)

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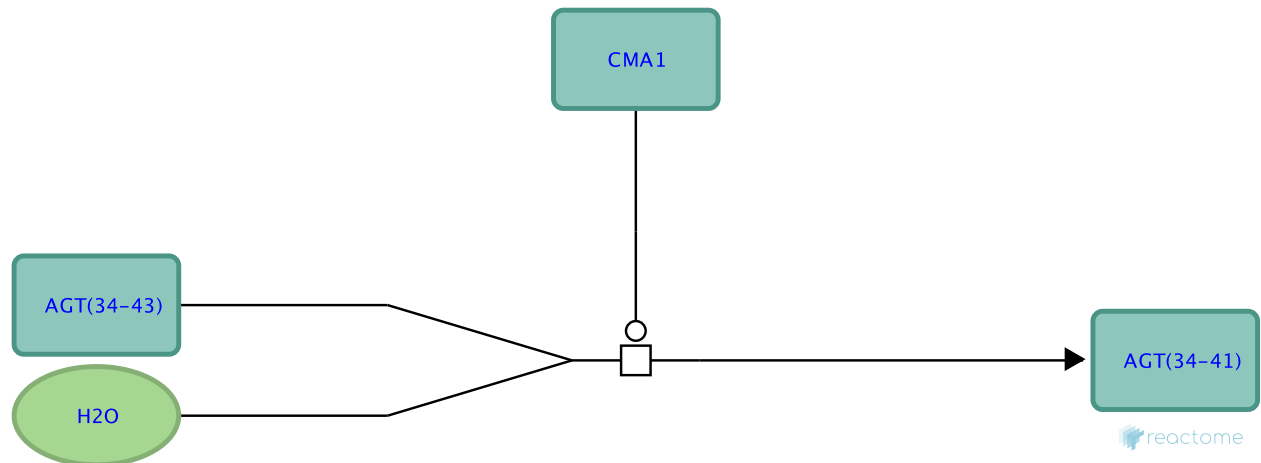
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region



Chymase hydrolyzes angiotensin-(1-10) (angiotensin) to yield angiotensin-(1-8) (angiotensin II) at a higher rate than does angiotensin-converting enzyme (Reilly et al. 1982, Urata et al. 1990, Caughey et al. 2000, Richard et al. 2001).

**Preceded by:** [Renin:Prorenin Receptor hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#), [Renin hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#), [Prorenin:Prorenin Receptor hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#)

**Followed by:** [ACE2 hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-8\) to Angiotensin-\(1-7\)](#), [ENPEP hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-8\) to Angiotensin-\(2-8\)](#)

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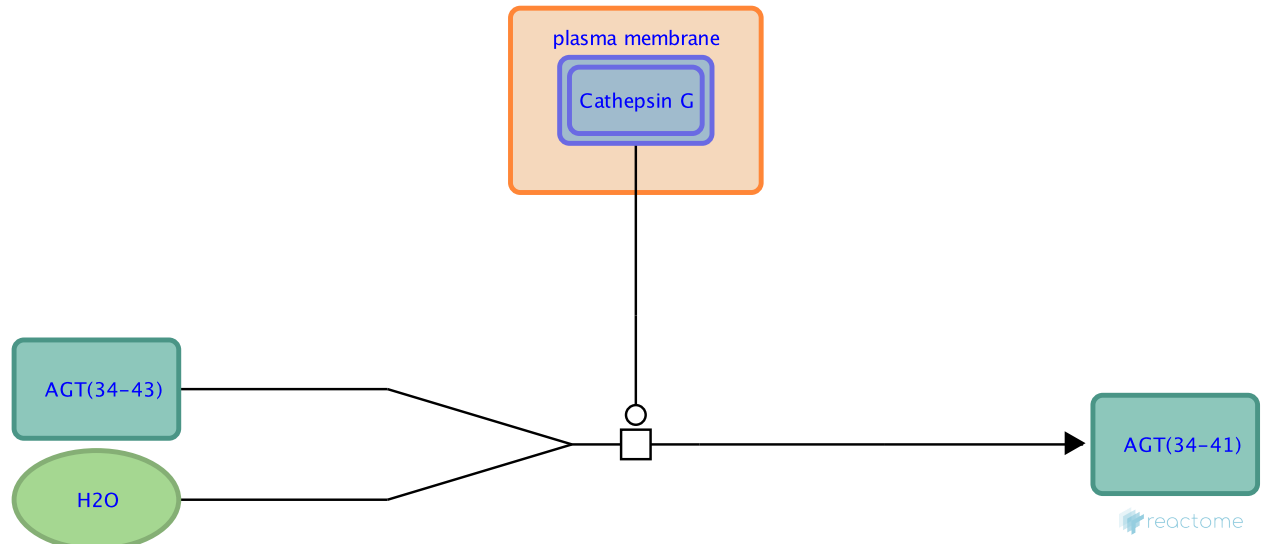
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



Cathepsin G hydrolyzes angiotensin-(1-10) (angiotensin I) to yield angiotensin-(1-8) (angiotensin II) (Reilly et al. 1982, Owen and Campbell 1998, Raymond et al. 2010). Cathepsin bound to the plasma membrane of neutrophils has a higher activity than does soluble cathepsin G (Owen and Campbell 1998).

**Preceded by:** [Renin:Prorenin Receptor hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#), [Renin hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#), [Prorenin:Prorenin Receptor hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#)

**Followed by:** [ACE2 hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-8\) to Angiotensin-\(1-7\)](#), [ENPEP hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-8\) to Angiotensin-\(2-8\)](#)

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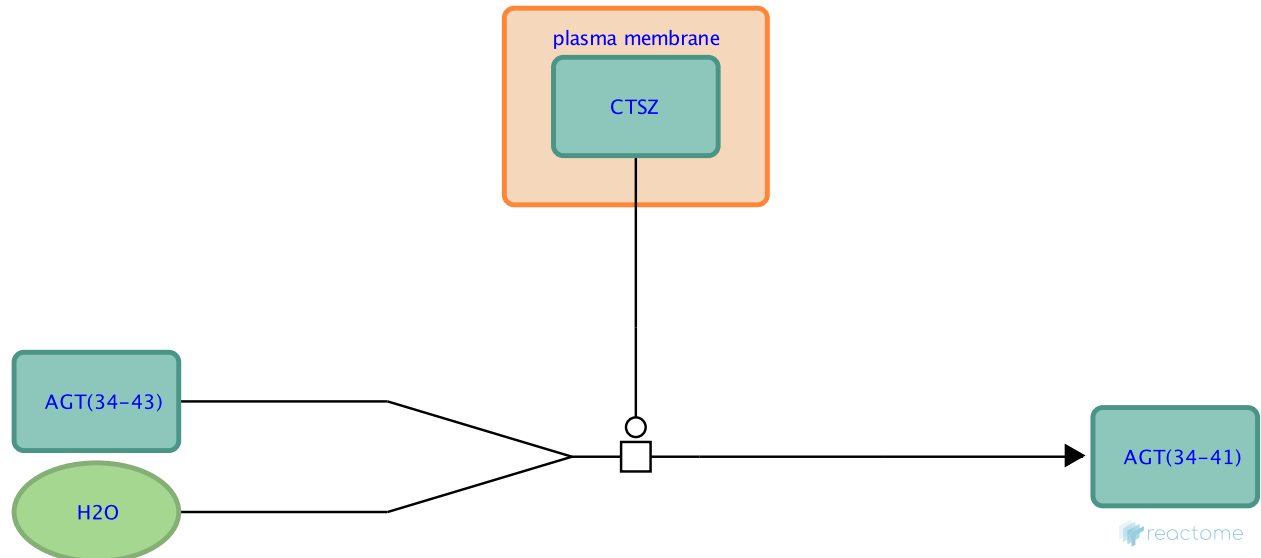
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



Cathepsin Z (cathepsin X) hydrolyzes angiotensin-(1-10) (angiotensin I) to yield angiotensin-(1-8) (angiotensin II) (Nagler et al. 2010).

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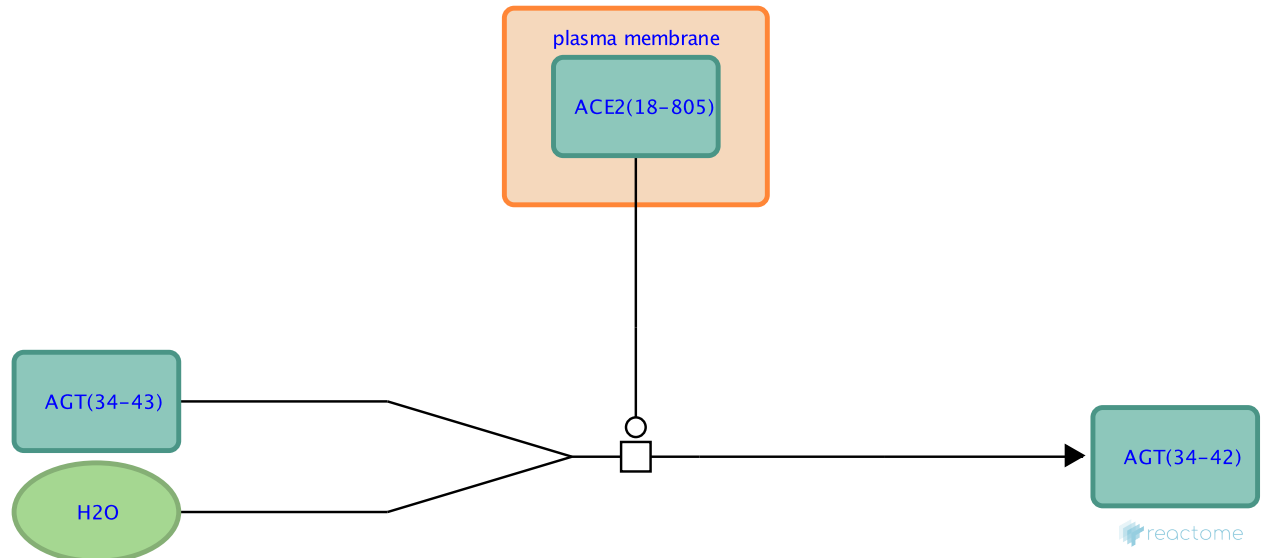
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



Angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) hydrolyzes angiotensin-(1-10) (angiotensin I) to yield angiotensin-(1-9) (Donoghue et al. 2000, Tipnis et al. 2000, Vickers et al. 2002, Rice et al. 2004). The activity of ACE2 on angiotensin I is weak (Rice et al. 2004), being 400-fold lower than the activity of ACE2 on angiotensin II (Vickers et al. 2002).

**Preceded by:** [Renin:Prorenin Receptor hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#), [Renin hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#), [Prorenin:Prorenin Receptor hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#)

**Followed by:** [MME:Zn<sup>2+</sup> hydrolyses AGT\(34-42\)](#), [ACE hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-9\) to Angiotensin-\(1-7\)](#)

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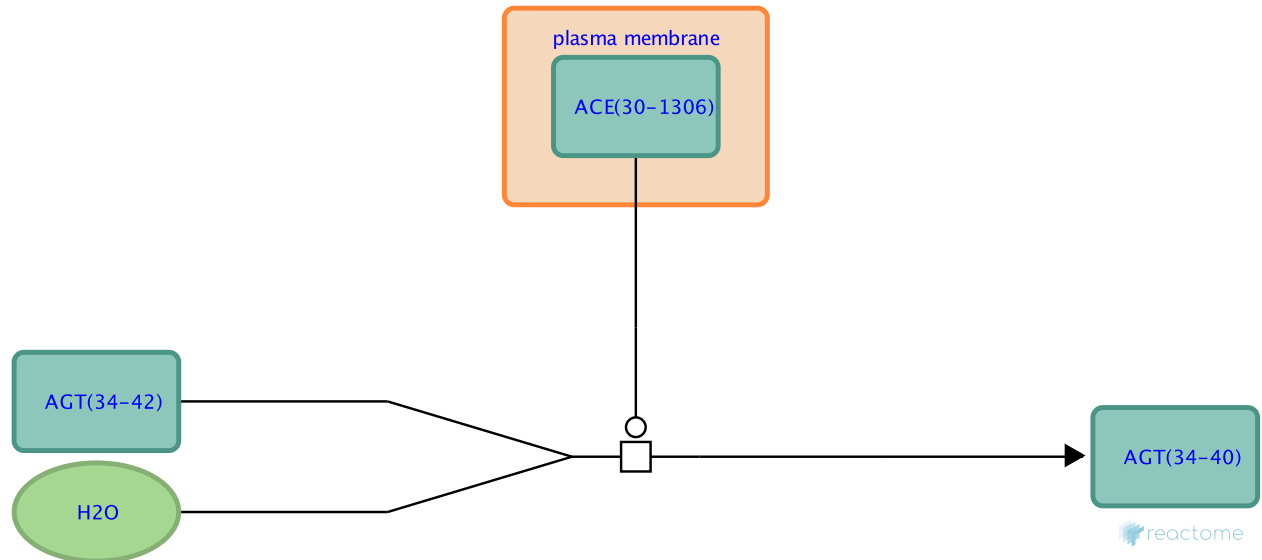
## ACE hydrolyzes Angiotensin-(1-9) to Angiotensin-(1-7) ↗

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) hydrolyzes angiotensin-(1-9) to yield angiotensin-(1-7) (Rice et al. 2004).

**Preceded by:** [ACE2 hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-9\)](#)

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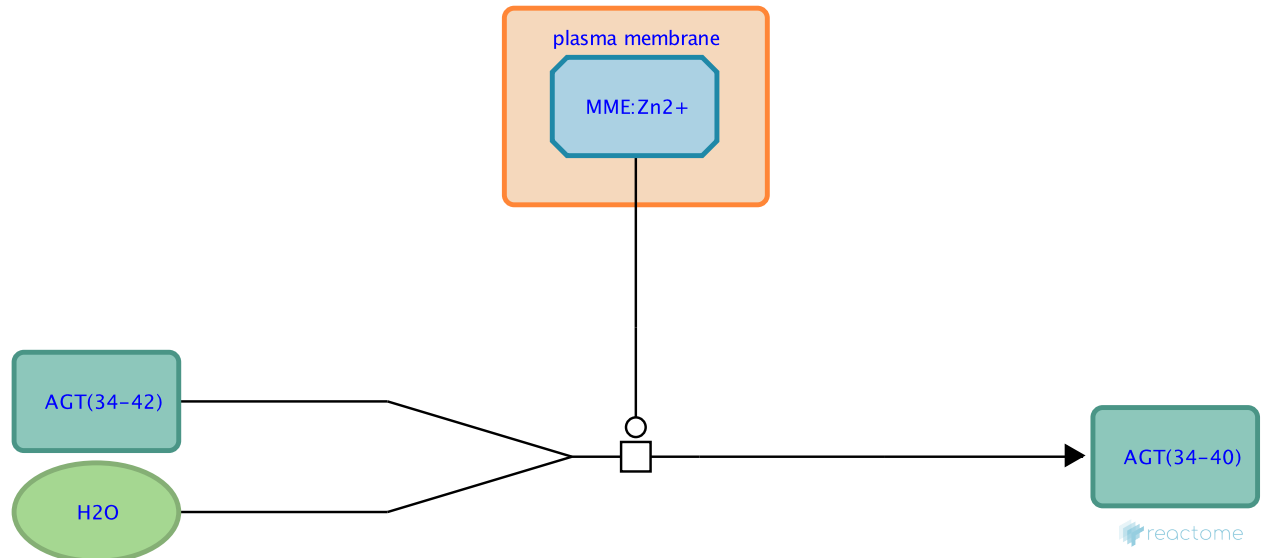
## MME:Zn<sup>2+</sup> hydrolyses AGT(34-42) ↗

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



Neprilysin (MME aka neutral endopeptidase NEP) hydrolyzes angiotensin-(1-9) (AGT(34-42)) to yield angiotensin-(1-7) (Rice et al. 2004). The hydrolysis of angiotensin-(1-9) catalyzed by neprilysin is more efficient than that catalyzed by angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) (Rice et al. 2004). MME is the major enzyme involved in the metabolic inactivation of a number of bioactive signaling peptides including the enkephalins, substance P, endothelin, bradykinin, atrial natriuretic factor, and the incretin hormone glucagon-like peptide 1. MME requires zinc as cofactor (Oefner et al. 2004, Oefner et al. 2007).

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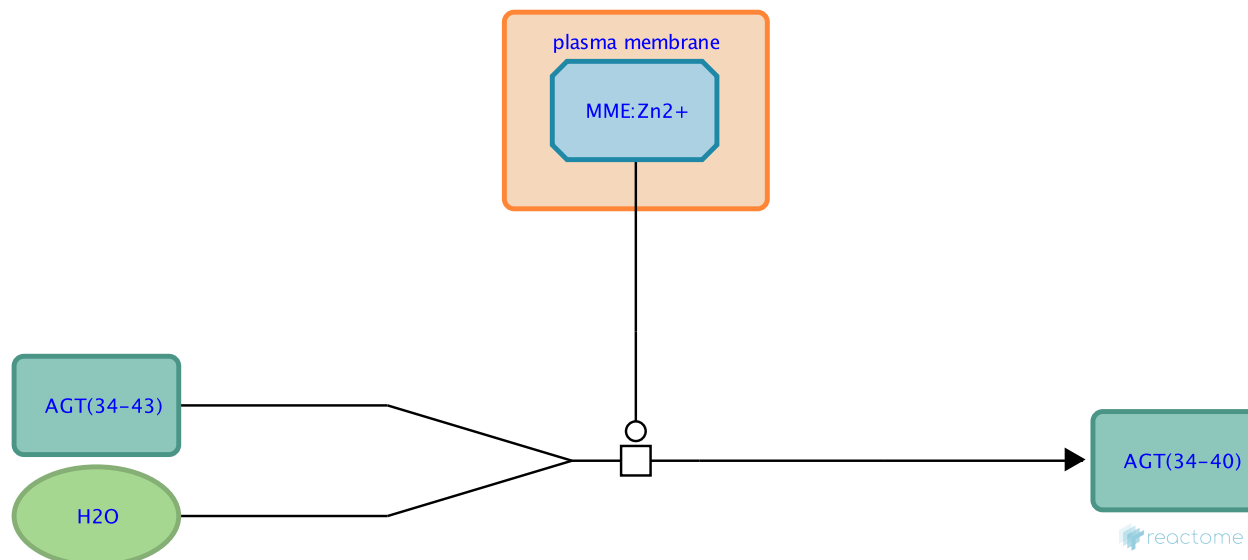
## MME:Zn2+ hydrolyses AGT(34-43) ↗

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**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



Neprilysin (MME aka neutral endopeptidase NEP) hydrolyzes angiotensin-(1-10) (AGT(34-43), angiotensin I) directly to angiotensin-(1-7) (Rice et al. 2004). MME is the major enzyme involved in the metabolic inactivation of a number of bioactive signaling peptides including the enkephalins, substance P, endothelin, bradykinin, atrial natriuretic factor, and the incretin hormone glucagon-like peptide 1. MME requires zinc as cofactor (Oefner et al. 2004, Oefner et al. 2007).

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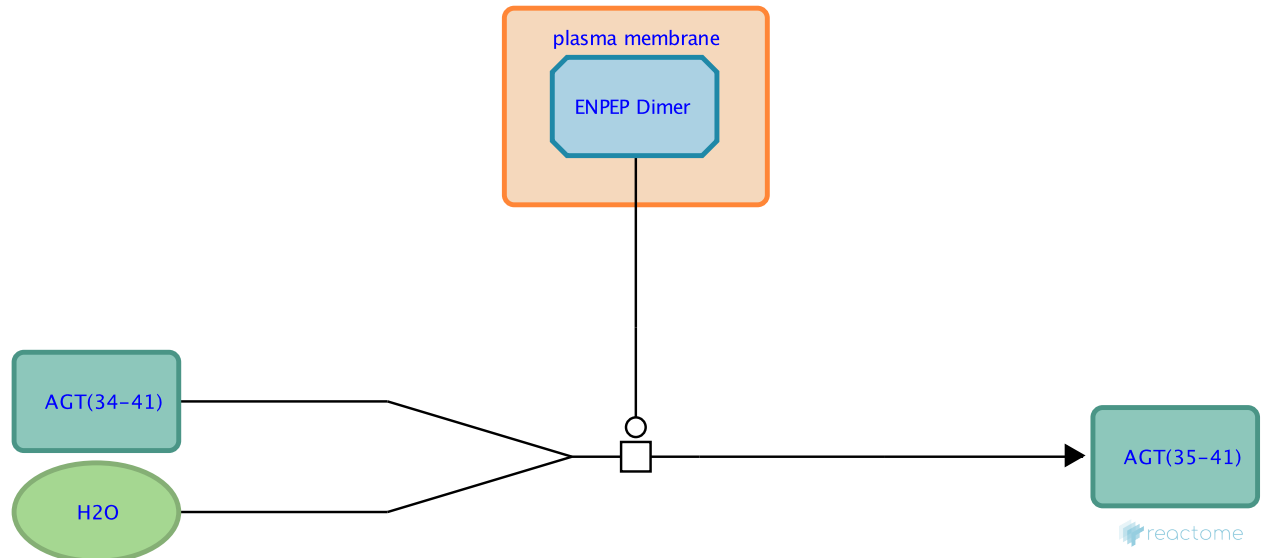
## ENPEP hydrolyzes Angiotensin-(1-8) to Angiotensin-(2-8) ↗

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



Aminopeptidase A (APA, ENPEP) hydrolyzes the N-terminal amino acid of angiotensin-(1-8) (angiotensin II) to yield angiotensin-(2-8) (angiotensin III) (Goto et al. 2006). The catalysis is more specific and efficient in the presence of calcium ions (Goto et al. 2006).

**Preceded by:** [ACE hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [Cathepsin G hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [Cathepsin Z \(Cathepsin X\) hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [Chymase hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [Secreted ACE hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#)

**Followed by:** [ANPEP hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(2-8\) to Angiotensin-\(3-8\)](#)

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## ANPEP hydrolyzes Angiotensin-(2-8) to Angiotensin-(3-8) ↗

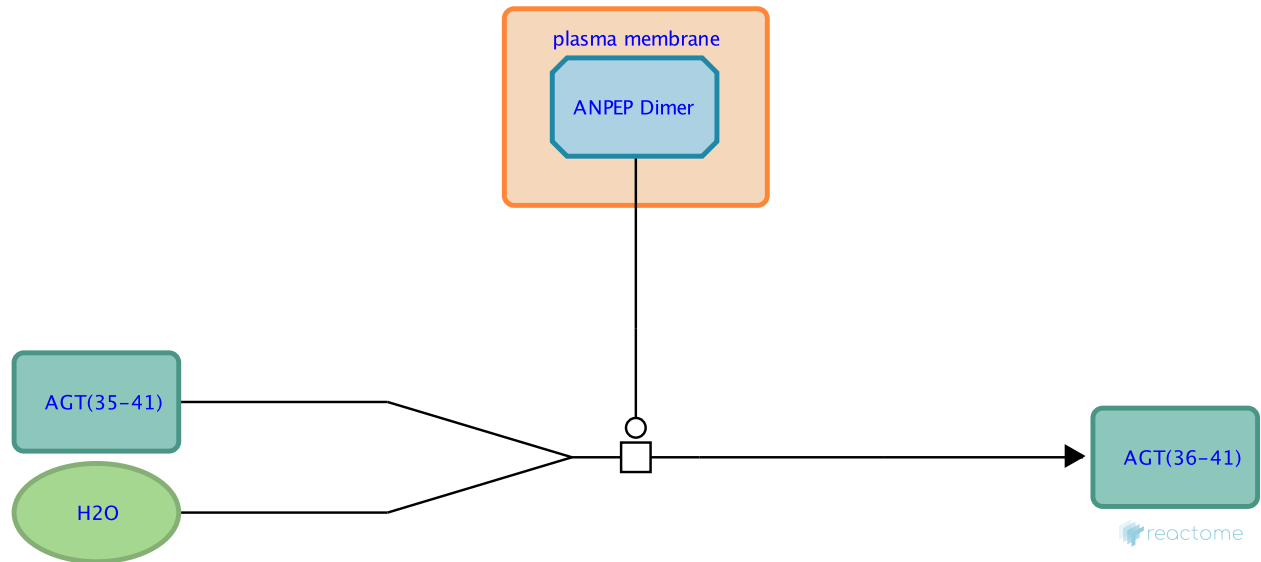
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**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane

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Aminopeptidase N (APN, ANPEP, aminopeptidase M, alanyl aminopeptidase) hydrolyzes angiotensin-(2-8) (angiotensin III) to yield angiotensin-(3-8) (angiotensin IV) (see the positive control reactions in Diaz-Perales et al. 2005). Aminopeptidase O (AOPEP) also hydrolyzes angiotensin-(2-8) to angiotensin-(3-8) in vitro (Diaz-Perales et al. 2005) but AOPEP is located in the nucleolus in vivo (Axton et al. 2008) and angiotensin-(2-8) has not been observed in the nucleus.

**Preceded by:** [ENPEP hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-8\) to Angiotensin-\(2-8\)](#)

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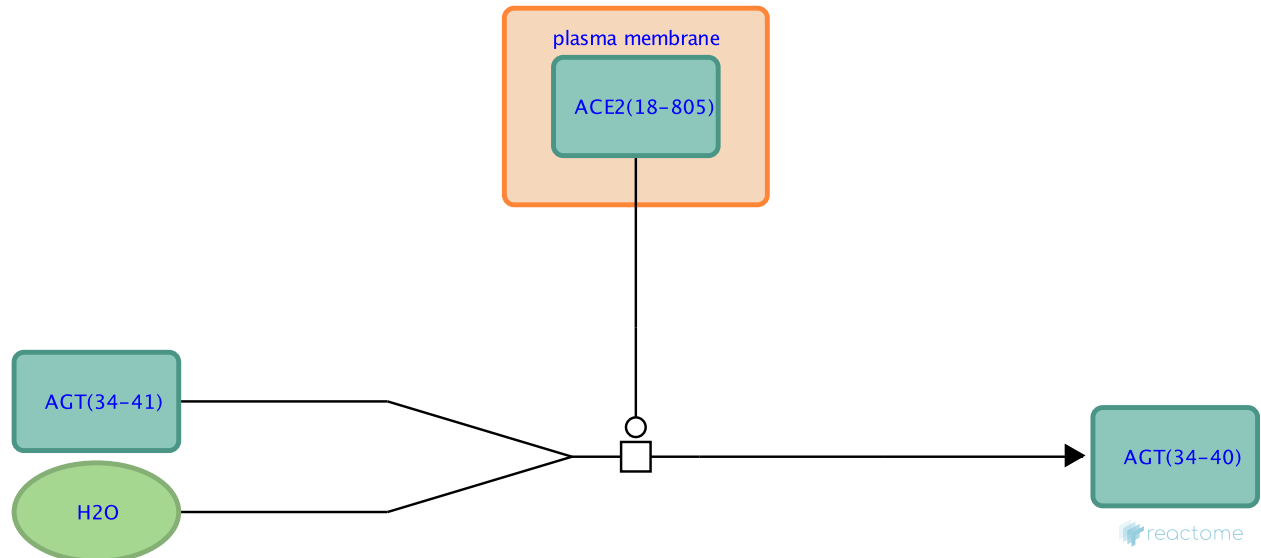
## ACE2 hydrolyzes Angiotensin-(1-8) to Angiotensin-(1-7) ↗

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



Angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) hydrolyzes angiotensin-(1-8) (angiotensin II) to yield angiotensin-(1-7) (Vickers et al. 2002, Rice et al. 2004). The activity of ACE2 on angiotensin-(1-8) is 400-fold higher than on angiotensin-(1-10) (Vickers et al. 2002).

**Preceded by:** [ACE hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [Cathepsin G hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [Cathepsin Z \(Cathepsin X\) hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [Chymase hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#), [Secreted ACE hydrolyzes Angiotensin-\(1-10\) to Angiotensin-\(1-8\)](#)

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## Mast Cell Carboxypeptidase hydrolyzes Angiotensin-(1-10) to Yield Angiotensin-(1-9)

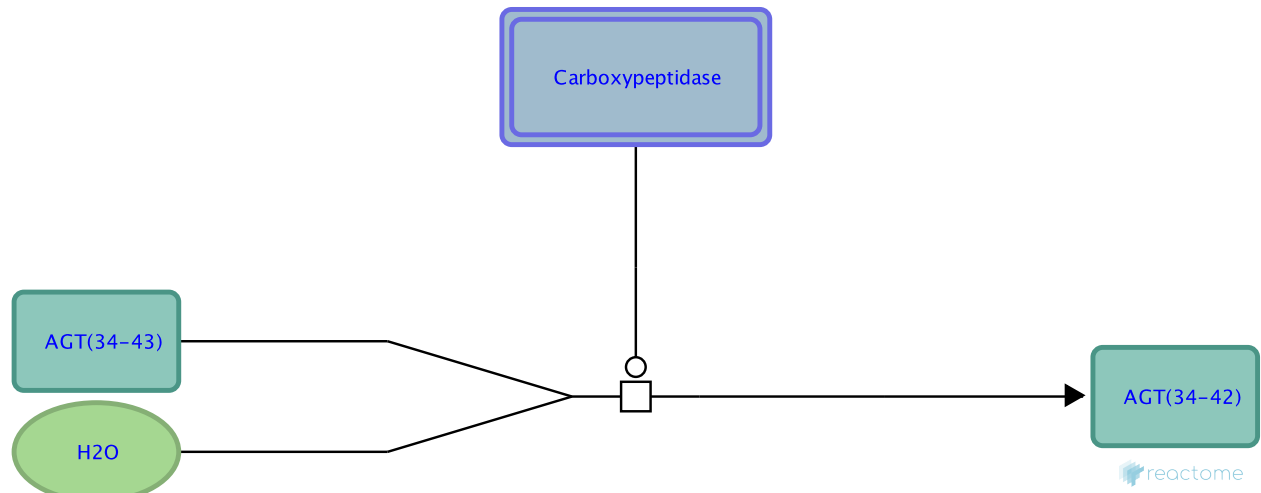


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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region



Mast cell carboxypeptidase (CPA3) hydrolyzes a single amino acid residue from the C-terminus of angiotensin-(1-10) (angiotensin I) to yield angiotensin-(1-9).

**Preceded by:** [Renin:Prorenin Receptor hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#), [Renin hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#), [Prorenin:Prorenin Receptor hydrolyzes Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin-\(1-10\)](#)

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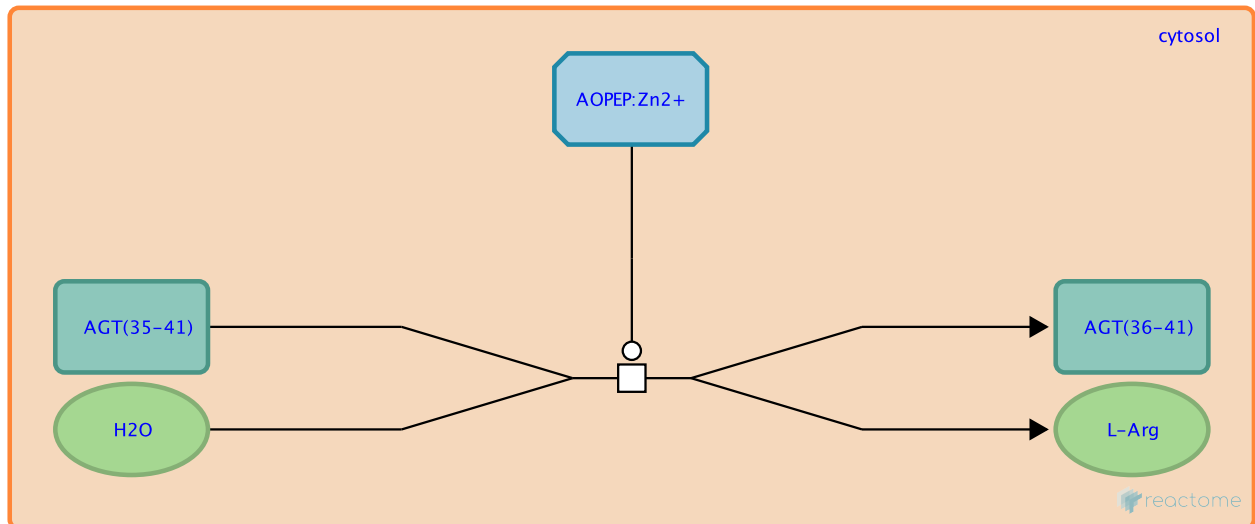
## AOPEP:Zn<sup>2+</sup> hydrolyses AGT(35-41) to AGT(36-41) ↗

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Aminopeptidase O (AOPEP, AP-O) is a member of the M1 family of zinc metallopeptidases or gluzincins. AOPEP contains a large catalytic gluzincin domain which has the archetypal metalloprotease zinc-binding site ending in a family-specific Glu residue (HEXXHX[18]E) typical to this family. AOPEP is able to catalyse the hydrolysis of an arginine residue (L-Arg) from angiotensin III (AGT(35-41)) to form angiotensin IV (AGT(36-41)), a bioactive peptide of the renin-angiotensin pathway. AOPEP does not contain a recognisable signal sequence or type II transmembrane domain, indicating that it likely belongs to the cytoplasmic subfamily of gluzincins (Díaz-Perales et al. 2005). AOPEP mRNA transcripts are predominantly detected in the pancreas, placenta, liver, testis, and heart. Expression of the AOPEP in heart and testis could suggest involvement in the regulation of cardiac and male reproductive physiology (Díaz-Perales et al. 2005).

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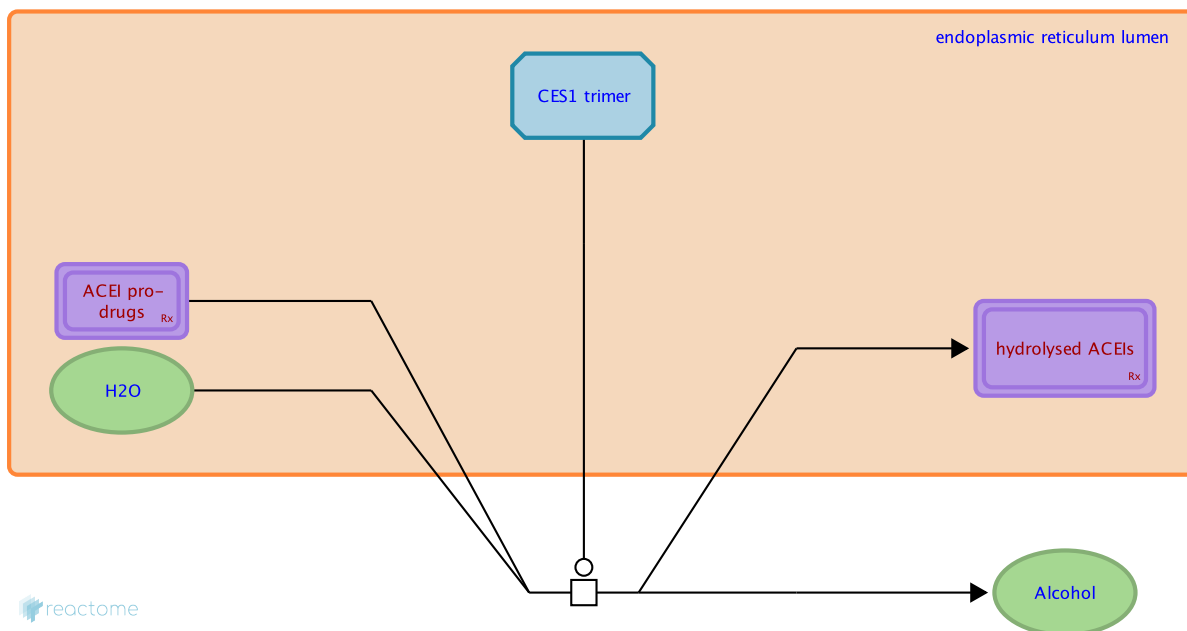
## CES1 trimer hydrolyses ACEI pro-drugs to ACEIs ↗

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region



Mammalian carboxylesterases (CES) are a well conserved family that catalyse the hydrolysis of a vast array of endogenous and exogenous substrates including environmental toxins and drugs. CES-mediated hydrolysis plays an important role in the disposition of a number of widely prescribed therapeutic agents from a diverse range of drug classes including angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEIs). In humans, two carboxylesterases, CES1 and CES2, are important enzymes in drug metabolism (Brzezinski et al. 1994, Pindel et al. 1997). Both are expressed in liver but levels of CE1 are much higher than CE2. Most ACEI prodrugs (except captopril and lisinopril) are administered as esterified prodrugs which are probably susceptible to hydrolysis by CES1 trimer (Thomsen et al. 2014). The resultant active drugs (suffix 'prilat') can inhibit the conversion of angiotensin I to angiotensin II, thereby contributing to the antihypertensive effect of these drugs. Some CES1 genetic variants (eg. G143E) may impair ACEI activation, and consequently affect therapeutic outcomes of ACEI prodrugs (Wang et al. 2016).

**Followed by:** [ACEIs translocate from ER lumen to extracellular region](#)

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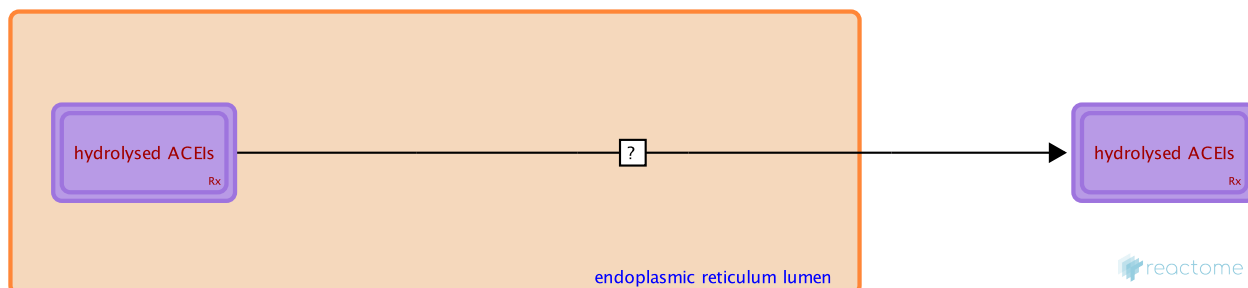
## ACEIs translocate from ER lumen to extracellular region ↗

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**Type:** uncertain

**Compartments:** endoplasmic reticulum lumen, extracellular region



To exert their biological effects on extracellular angiotensin, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEIs) translocate to the extracellular region by an unknown mechanism (Johnston et al. 1986).

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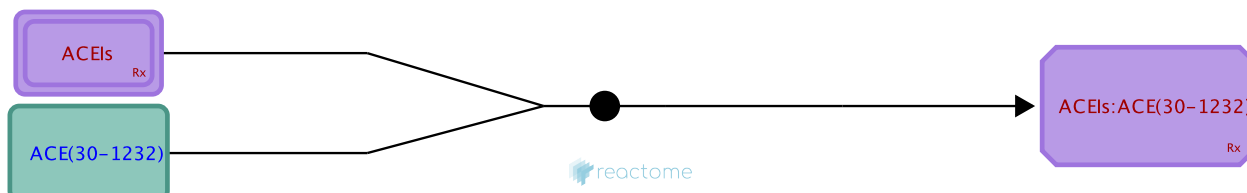
## ACEIs bind ACE ↗

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**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** extracellular region



Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) is a central component of the renin–angiotensin-aldosterone system (RAAS), controlling blood pressure by regulating the fluid volume in the body. It converts the hormone angiotensin I (ATI) to the active vasoconstrictor angiotensin II (ATII). Therefore, ACE indirectly increases blood pressure by causing blood vessels to constrict. ACE inhibitors (ACEIs) block the conversion of ATI to ATII, thereby lowering arteriolar resistance and increasing venous capacity. The first ACEI, captopril, was developed from a peptide found in pit viper venom, used by the indigenous Brazilian tribes as an arrowhead poison (Patlak 2004). ACEIs decrease the production of ATII, which prevents aldosterone release from the adrenal cortex. This allows the kidney to excrete sodium ions along with obligate water, and retain potassium ions. This has the effect of decreasing blood volume, leading to decreased blood pressure (Kono et al. 1979, 1982). ACEIs are widely used as pharmaceutical drugs primarily for the treatment of hypertension (elevated blood pressure) and congestive heart failure (Abrams et al. 1984, Johnston et al. 1984, 1986).

ACEIs can be divided into three groups based on their molecular structure; sulfhydryl-containing agents (captopril, zofenopril), dicarboxylate-containing agents (includes enalapril, ramipril, quinapril, perindopril, lisinopril, benazepril, imidapril, trandolapril, cilizapril and spirapril) and the phosphonate-containing agent fosinopril. Captopril (Capoten), was the first ACE inhibitor developed in 1975 and gaining FDA approval in 1981 (Smith & Vane 2003). Unlike the majority of ACE inhibitors, captopril is not administered as a prodrug (the only other being lisinopril). It is used in the treatment of hypertension and some types of congestive heart failure (Hollenberg 1984, Turini et al. 1983). It is also used to improve survivability after myocardial infarction and to preserve kidney function in diabetic nephropathy. Zofenopril is administered as a prodrug and is metabolized in the liver to the active form zofenoprilat (Jiang et al. 2011, Tian et al. 2015). It is used in the treatment of hypertension and ischemic heart disorders (Nilsson 2007, Ambrosioni 2007).

Enalapril is a prodrug that is metabolized by the liver into the active form enalaprilat (Shioya et al. 1992). It is used to treat hypertension, diabetic nephropathy, and heart failure (Davies et al. 1984, Gomez et al. 1985). Ramipril is an ACE inhibitor (Bunning 1984) which is administered as a prodrug and metabolized by the liver to its active form ramiprilat (Vasmant & Bender 1989). It is used to treat mild to moderate hypertension and congestive heart failure (Frampton & Peters 1995). Quinapril is a second-generation ACE inhibitor, administered as a pro-drug which is converted to its active metabolite, quinaprilat in the liver (Cetnarowski-Cropp 1991). It inhibits plasma ACE activity in studies with healthy volunteers (Sedman & Posvar 1989). Quinapril is used in the treatment of patients with hypertension and congestive heart failure (Plosker & Sorkin 1994). Efficacy is comparable to other ACE inhibitors but with a lower incidence of adverse events or withdrawals than captopril or enalapril (Frank et al. 1990).

Perindopril is an ester prodrug that is metabolized in the liver to its active form perindoprilat. It is used

to treat hypertension, heart failure and stable coronary artery disease (Chalmers & MacMahon 2003). Lisinopril was the third ACE inhibitor (after captopril and enalapril) to be approved for clinical use in the treatment of hypertension (Pool et al. 1987) and congestive heart failure (Giles 1989). Chemically, it is the lysine analogue of enalapril. Unlike other ACE inhibitors, it is not a prodrug and is excreted unchanged in the urine (Armayer & Lopez 1988, Noble & Murray 1988). Benazepril is administered as an ester prodrug and metabolized by the liver to its active form benazeprilat (Sioufi et al. 1988). It is used primarily in the treatment of hypertension, congestive heart failure, and heart attacks (Gengo & Brady 1991, Balfour & Goa 1991). Imidapril is an ACE inhibitor (Robinson et al. 2007), administered as a prodrug which is metabolized in the liver to the active form, imidaprilat (Hoogkamer et al. 1997). It is used in the treatment of mild to moderate essential hypertension (Palma-Gamiz et al. 2007) as well as preventing the onset of heart failure in patients after a myocardial infarction (Dolezal 2006).

Trandolapril is a prodrug that is metabolized in the liver to its active form trandolaprilat (Conen & Brunner 1993). Is an ACE inhibitor used to treat hypertension and congestive heart failure (Ducky & Brunner 1992, Diaz & Ducharme 2008). Cilazapril is a prodrug converted to the active drug cilazaprilat in the liver (Deget & Brogden 1991). It is used for the treatment of hypertension and congestive heart failure (Waterfall 1989, Szucs 1991). Cilazapril is branded as Dynorm, Inhibace and Vaspace in various countries but is not available in the US. Spirapril is a prodrug metabolized to the active metabolite spiraprilat (Bellissant et al. 1997). It is used in the treatment of mild to moderate hypertension, administered once daily due to its long duration of action but with a narrow dose range ((Hayduk & Kraul 1999). Fosinopril is the only member of a phosphinic acid derivative which undergoes rapid hydrolysis mainly in the gastrointestinal mucosa and liver to the active form fosinoprilat (Cur et al. 2007). It is used for the treatment of hypertension and some types of chronic heart failure (Murdoch & McTavish 1992, Davis et al. 1997).

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