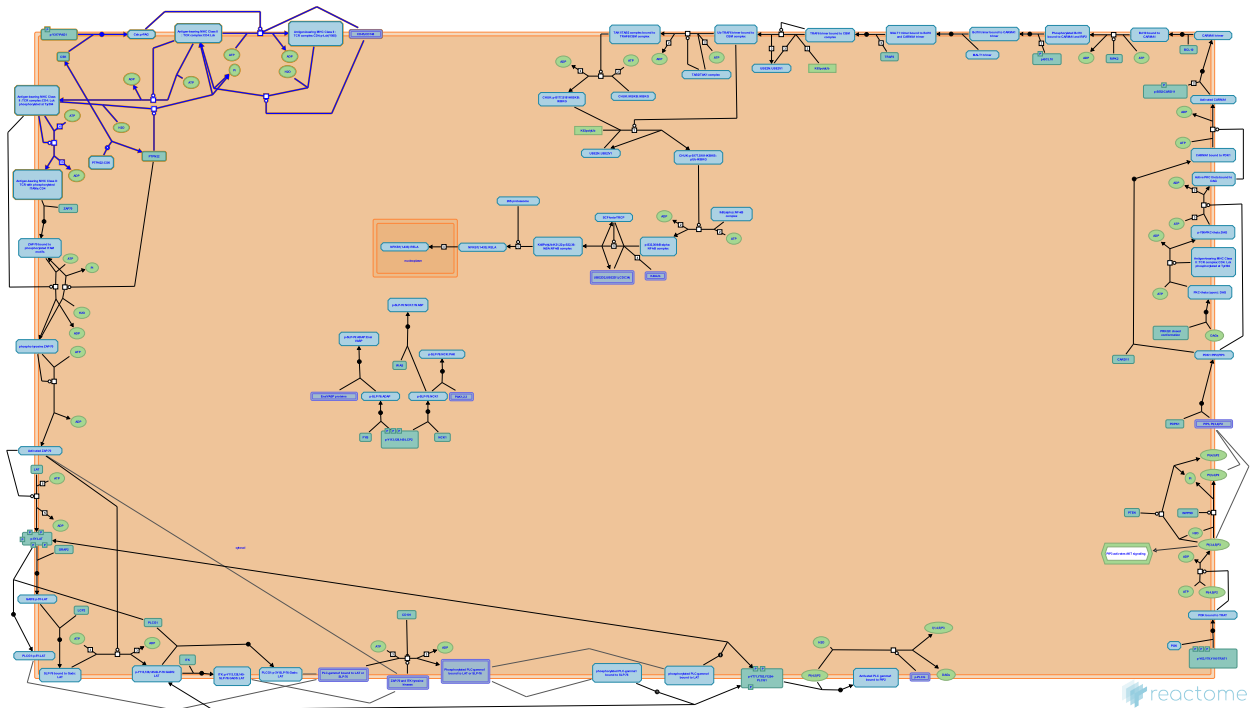


# Phosphorylation of CD3 and TCR zeta chains



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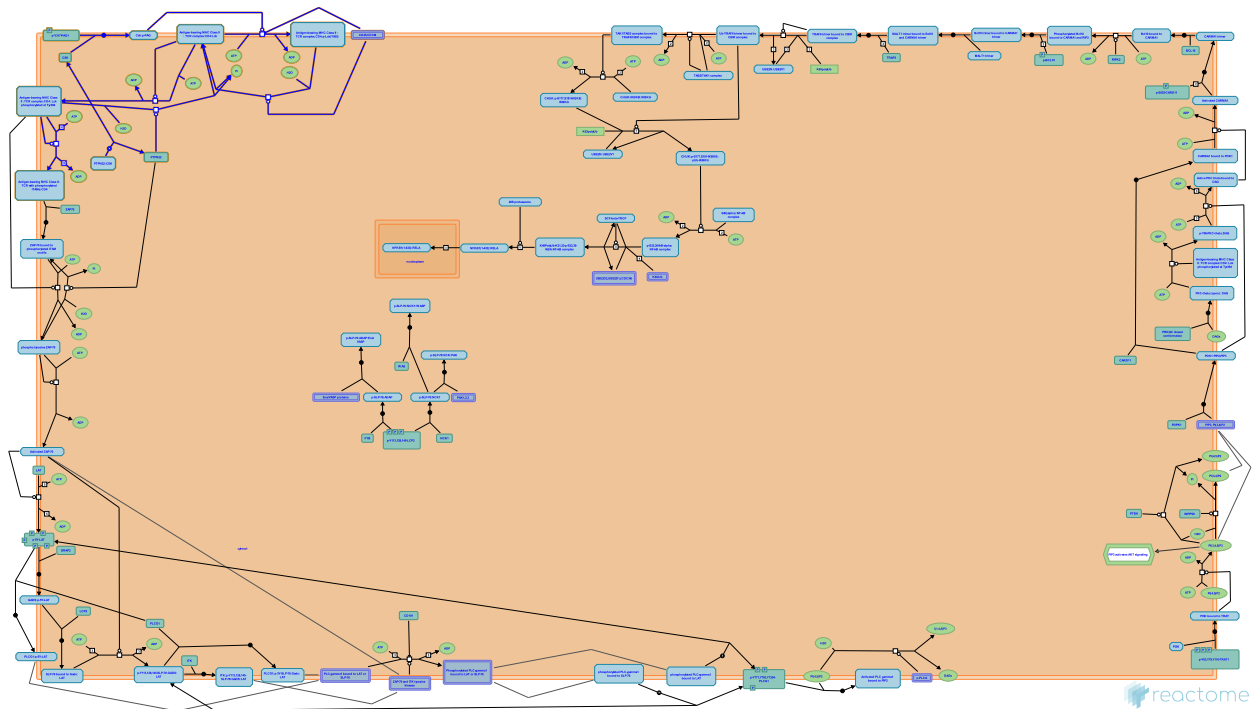
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# Phosphorylation of CD3 and TCR zeta chains ↗

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Compartments: plasma membrane



Prior to T cell receptor (TCR) stimulation, CD4/CD8 associated LCK remains separated from the TCR and is maintained in an inactive state by the action of CSK. PAG bound CSK phosphorylates the negative regulatory tyrosine of LCK and inactivates the LCK kinase domain (step 1). CSK also inhibits PTPN22 by sequestering it via binding (step 2). Upon TCR stimulation, CSK dissociates from PAG1 (step 3) and PTPN22 (step 4) and is unable to inhibit LCK. Furthermore, LCK becomes activated via PTPRC-mediated dephosphorylation of negative regulatory tyrosine residues (step 5). CD4/CD8 binds MHCII receptor in APC and the associated LCK co-localizes with the TCR. LCK is further activated by trans-autophosphorylation on the tyrosine residue on its activation loop (step 6). Active LCK further phosphorylates the tyrosine residues on CD3 chains. The signal-transducing CD3 delta/epsilon/gamma and TCR zeta chains contain a critical signaling motif known as the immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motif (ITAM). The two critical tyrosines of each ITAM motif are phosphorylated by LCK (step 7).

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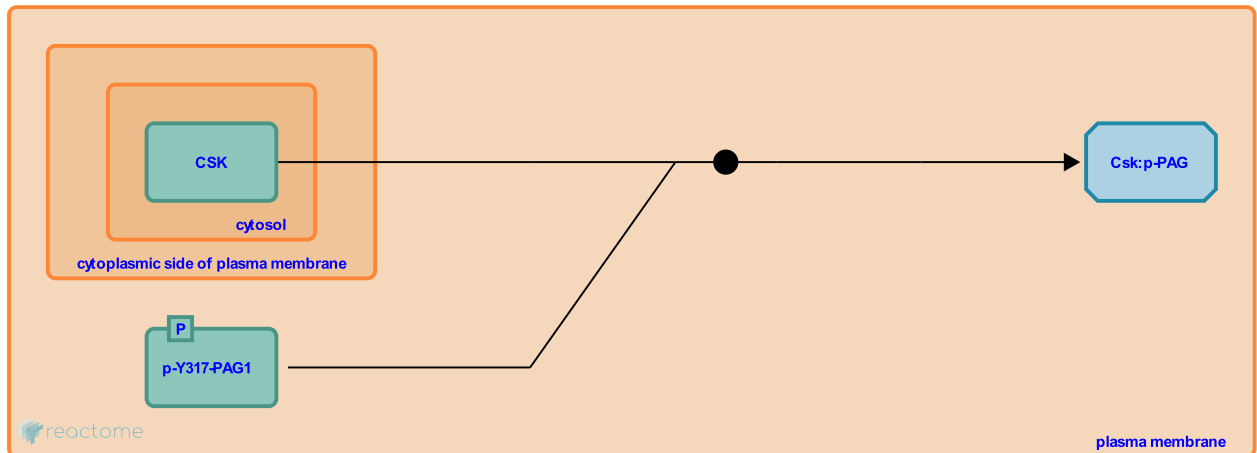
## Interaction of Csk with PAG ↗

**Location:** [Phosphorylation of CD3 and TCR zeta chains](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-203774

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



Csk is a tyrosine kinase that phosphorylates the negative regulatory C-terminal tyrosine residue Y505 of Lck to maintain Lck in an inactive state. In resting T cells, Csk is targeted to lipid rafts through engagement of its SH2 domain with phosphotyrosine residue pY317 of PAG. PAG is expressed as a tyrosine phosphorylated protein in nonstimulated T-cells. This interaction of Csk and PAG allows activation of Csk and inhibition of Lck. Given that PAG-1 T cell knock out show a weak phenotype, some other protein may substitute in activating Csk.

**Followed by:** [Inactivation of Lck by Csk](#)

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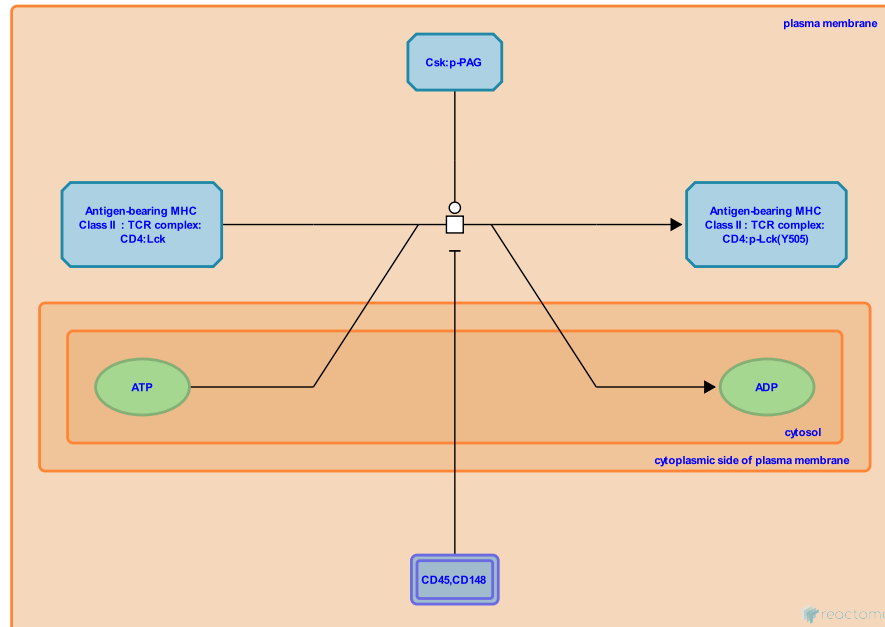
## Inactivation of Lck by Csk ↗

**Location:** Phosphorylation of CD3 and TCR zeta chains

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



Protein tyrosine phosphatase CD45 (PTPRC) and CD148 (PTPRJ) have dual function in TCR signaling. They act both in activation as well as inactivation of Src family kinases (SFks) which are involved in the initiation of TCR signal transduction (Stepanek et al. 2011). The activator role is to dephosphorylate an inhibitory site tyrosine 505 (Y505) at the C-terminal end of Lck, which is needed to enable Lck to an open conformation and expose the activation loop (A-loop) containing the activating tyrosine 394 (Y394) (Xu et al. 1993. McNeill et al. 2007, Zikherman et al. 2010, Stepanek et al. 2011, Salmond et al. 2009).

Lck is a member of the Src family tyrosine kinases and these members have the following domains in common: N-terminal Myristoylation site for saturated fatty acid addition, a unique region, a Src-homology 3 (SH3) domain, an SH2 domain, a tyrosine kinase domain (SH1), and a C-terminal negative regulatory domain. Myristoylation endows Lck with the ability to attach to cellular membranes. This interaction is mediated by both myristic acid and palmitic acid that are bound to the amino terminal glycine and Cys-3 and/or Cys-5.

The unique region of Lck is thought to be involved in the interaction with the cytoplasmic tails of coreceptors CD4 and CD8. The Lck/CD4 interaction require conserved cysteine motifs: a CxCP motif in CD4 and a CxxC motif in the Lck unique domain. The SH3 and SH2 domains of Lck are involved in intramolecular and intermolecular regulation by mediating protein-protein interactions via poly-proline and phosphotyrosine-specific interactions, respectively.

Lck adopts specific conformation that largely dictate its level of activity. The C-ter tail has an autoinhibitory phosphorylation site (tyr 505). When the Y505 is phosphorylated, Lck adopts a closed conformation, where the pY505 residue creates an intramolecular binding motif for the SH2 domain, effectively inactivating the kinase domain. The inactivating phosphorylation on Y505 is carried out by the Src-specific kinase Csk.

**Preceded by:** [Interaction of Csk with PAG](#)

**Followed by:** [Dephosphorylation of Lck-pY505 by CD45](#)

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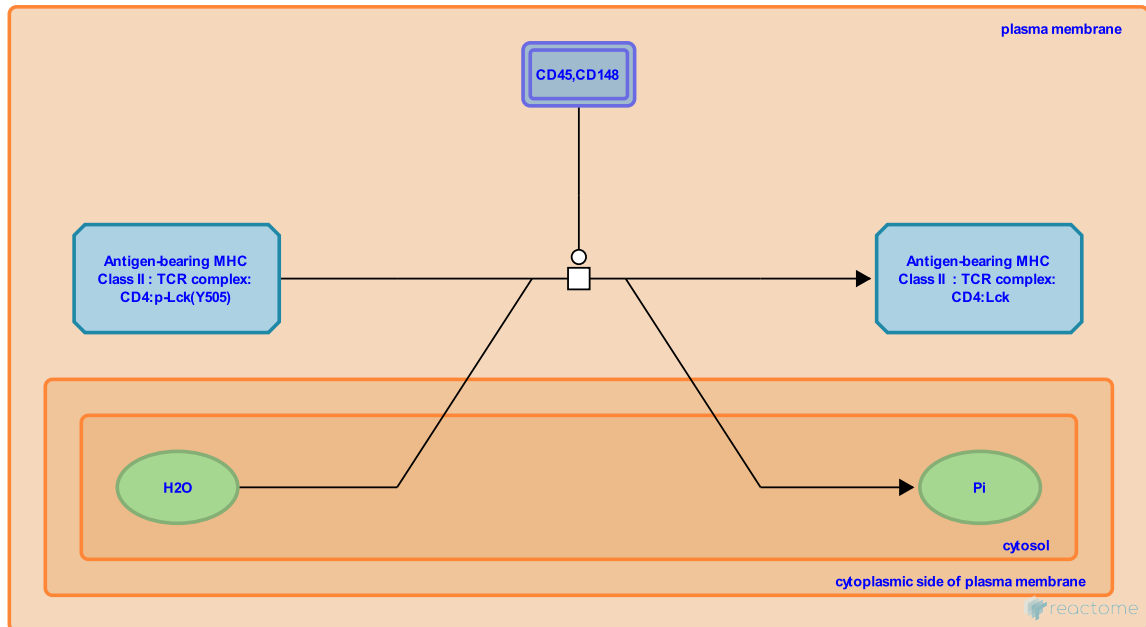
## Dephosphorylation of Lck-pY505 by CD45 [↗](#)

**Location:** [Phosphorylation of CD3 and TCR zeta chains](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-202214

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



TCR stimulation induce the transient dephosphorylation of PAG thereby release the Csk from its plasma membrane anchor. The release of Csk from its proximity with Lck may serve to facilitate the activation of Lck. Protein tyrosine phosphatase CD45 (PTPRC) and CD148 (PTPRJ) have dual function in TCR signalling. They act both in activation as well as inactivation of Src family kinases (SFKs) which are involved in the initiation of TCR signal transduction (Stepanek et al. 2011). The activatory role is to dephosphorylate an inhibitory site tyrosine 505 (Y505) at the C-terminal end of Lck, which is needed to enable Lck to an open conformation and expose the activation loop (A-loop) containing the activating tyrosine 394 (Y394) (Xu et al. 1993, McNeill et al. 2007, Zikherman et al. 2010, Stepanek et al. 2011, Salmond et al. 2009).

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**Followed by:** [Activation of Lck](#)

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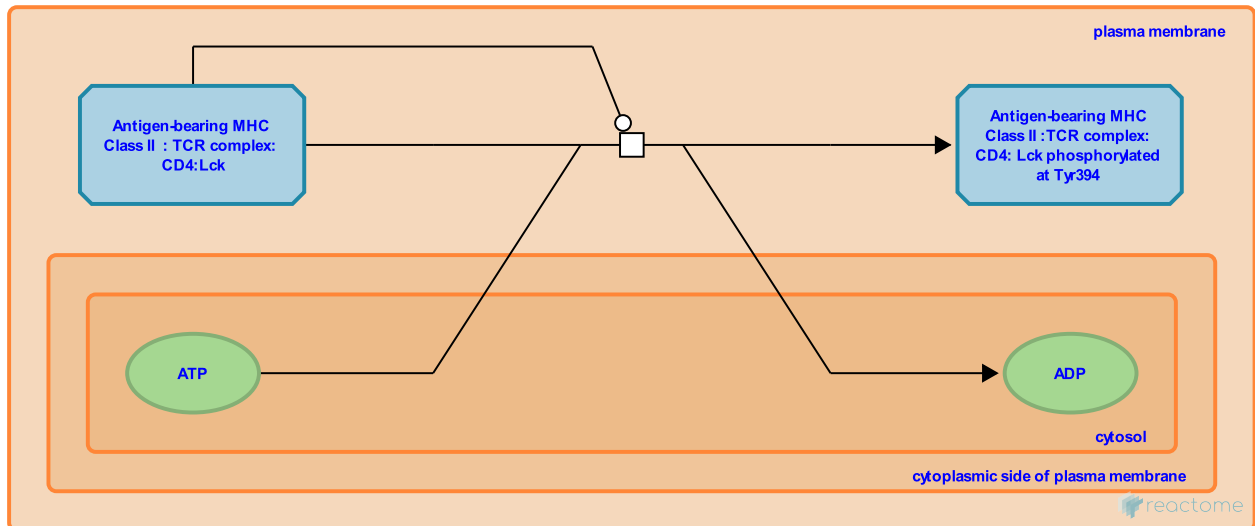
## Activation of Lck ↗

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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-202291

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



The binding of CD4/CD8 to non-polymorphic regions of MHC brings Lck in to proximity with TCR subunits phosphorylation. Lck is further phosphorylated to promote the active conformation and to increase their catalytic activity. The C-term domain contain a regulatory activation loop, which is the site of activating Tyr 394 phosphorylation. This tyrosine is auto-phosphorylated to attain an active conformation on TCR stimulation. Now Lck through its kinase activity phosphorylates the ITAMs in TCR zeta and CD3 members.

**Preceded by:** [Dephosphorylation of Lck-pY505 by CD45](#)

**Followed by:** [Inactivation of LCK by PTPN22](#), [Phosphorylation of ITAM motifs in CD3 complexes](#)

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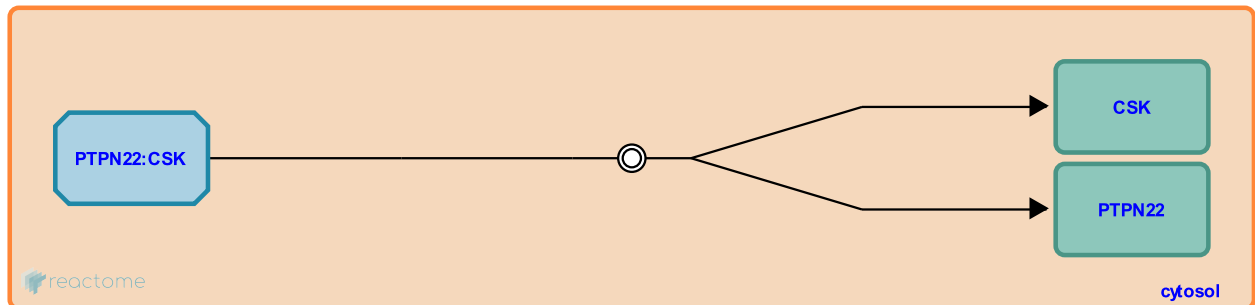
## PTPN22 dissociates from CSK ↗

**Location:** [Phosphorylation of CD3 and TCR zeta chains](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-8855375

**Type:** dissociation

**Compartments:** cytosol



In unstimulated T-lymphocytes, protein tyrosine phosphatase PTPN22 (LYP, PEP) is associated with CSK, which inhibits the catalytic activity of PTPN22. In response to TCR-stimulation, the complex of CSK and PTPN22 dissociates through an unknown mechanism, which allows PTPN22 to be recruited to lipid rafts. The PTPN22 variant PTPN22 R620W, the result of a SNP associated with autoimmune diseases, does not bind to CSK and is constitutively active (Vang et al. 2012).

**Followed by:** [Inactivation of LCK by PTPN22](#)

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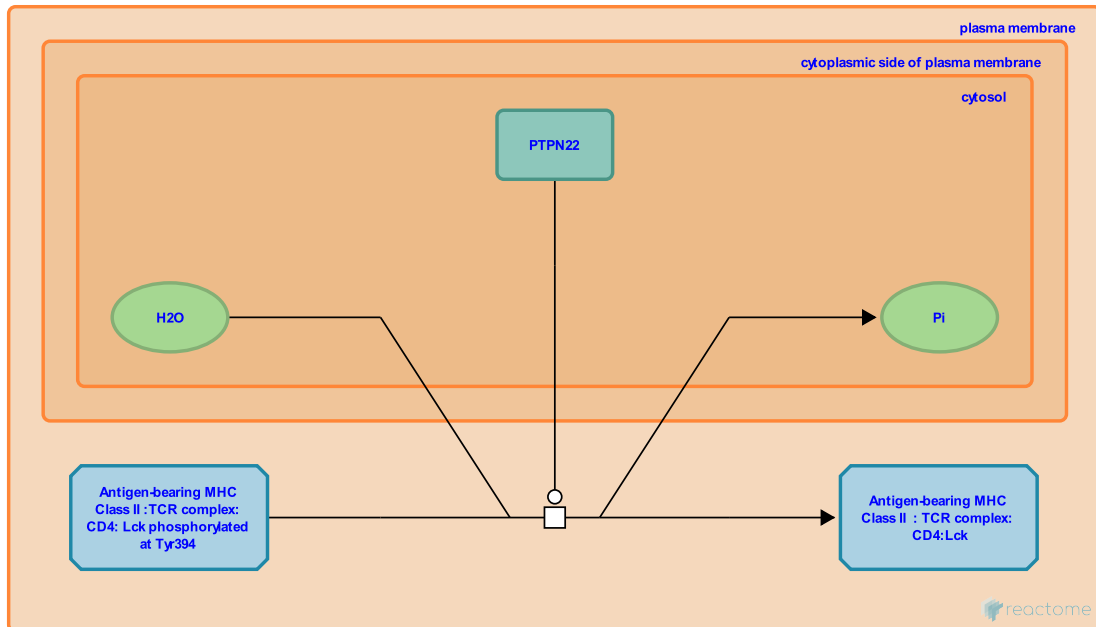
## Inactivation of LCK by PTPN22 ↗

**Location:** Phosphorylation of CD3 and TCR zeta chains

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-8852200

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



Protein tyrosine phosphatase PTPN22 (LYP, PEP) (Cohen et al. 1999) dephosphorylates tyrosine residue Y394 of LCK, thus inactivating LCK and down-regulating TCR signaling (Wu et al. 2006, Vang et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** PTPN22 dissociates from CSK, Activation of Lck

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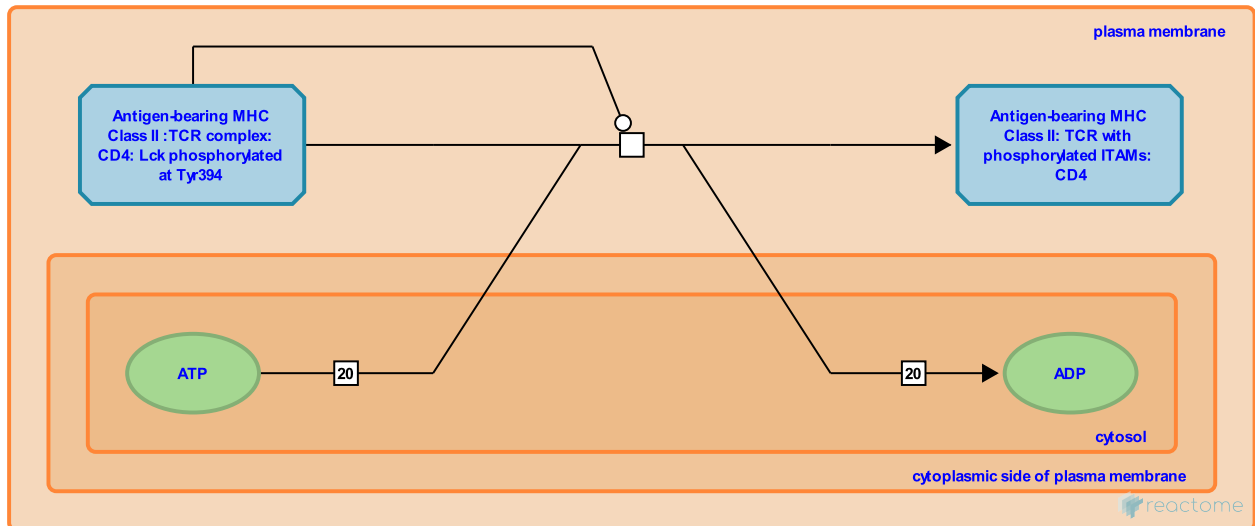
## Phosphorylation of ITAM motifs in CD3 complexes ↗

**Location:** Phosphorylation of CD3 and TCR zeta chains

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-202165

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



The autophosphorylated, active Lck is now proximally positioned to phosphorylate specific tyrosine residues within ITAMs (immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motifs) located within the CD3 and the TCR zeta signaling chains of the TCR. ITAMs consist of evolutionarily conserved amino-acid sequence motifs of D/ExYxxLx(6-8)YxxL. Both the tyrosine residues in the motif are phosphorylated by Lck and the TCR complex include 10 ITAMs with one ITAM in each of the CD3 chains including the three tandem ITAMs in each zeta chains.

**Preceded by:** [Activation of Lck](#)

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