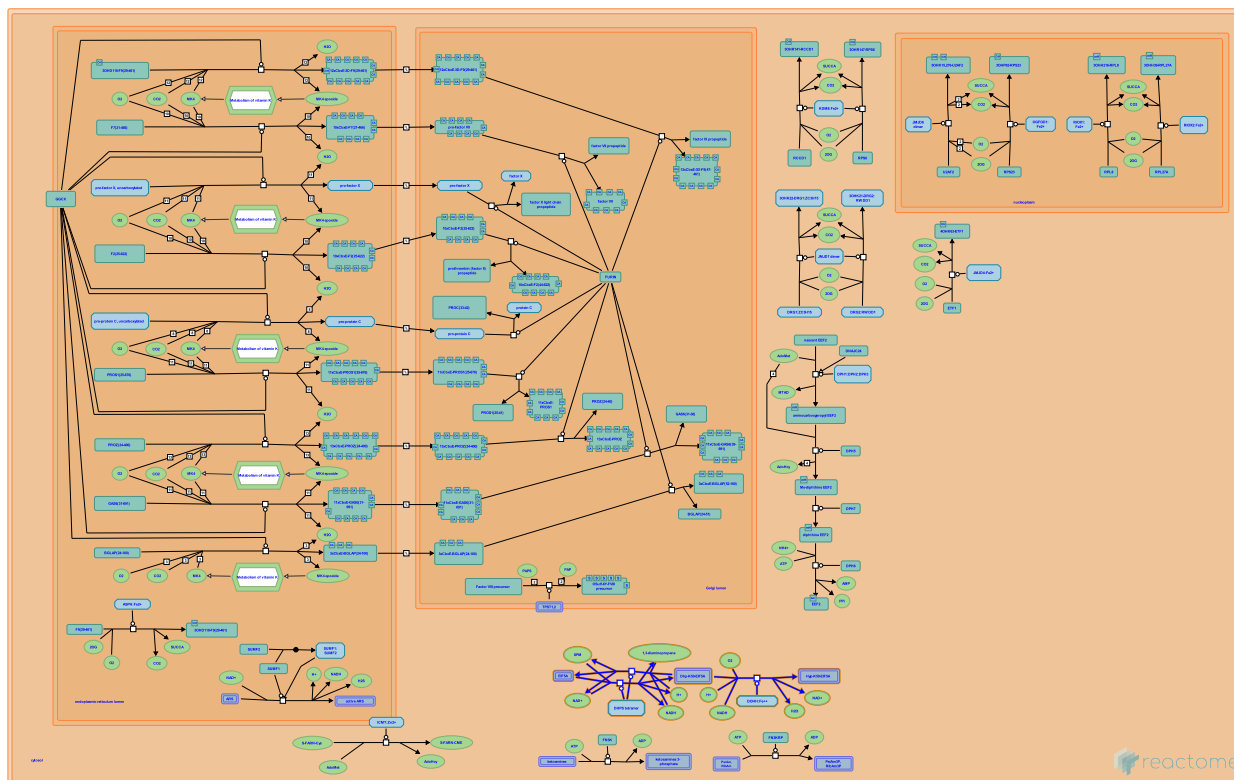


Hypusine synthesis from eIF5A-lysine



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Introduction

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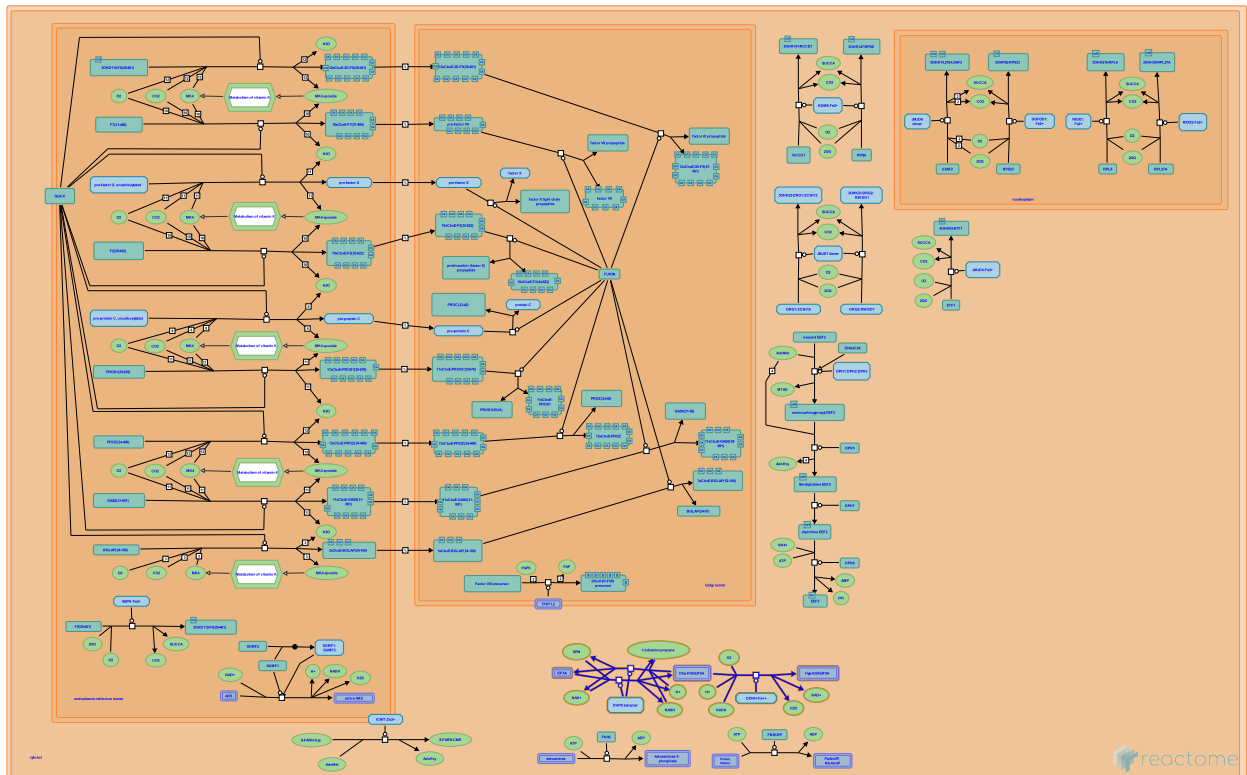
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Compartments: cytosol



Cytosolic eukaryotic translation initiation factor 5A (eIF5A) undergoes a unique two-step post-translational modification at Lys 50 via deoxyhypusine (Dhp) to hypusine (Hyp). In the first step deoxyhypusine synthase transfers the aminobutyl group of spermidine to the epsilon-amino group of lysine 50, using NAD⁺ as a cofactor. Hydroxylation of the C2 of the newly added moiety in the second step is catalyzed by deoxyhypusine hydroxylase/monooxygenase with molecular oxygen as the source. The molecular function of eIF5A is unknown, but the protein is required for viability in eukaryotic cells and its normal function requires hypusinylation. eIF5A is the only protein known to undergo hypusinylation (Park 2006).

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Park, MH. (2006). The post-translational synthesis of a polyamine-derived amino acid, hypusine, in the eukaryotic translation initiation factor 5A (eIF5A). *J Biochem (Tokyo)*, 139, 161-9. ↗

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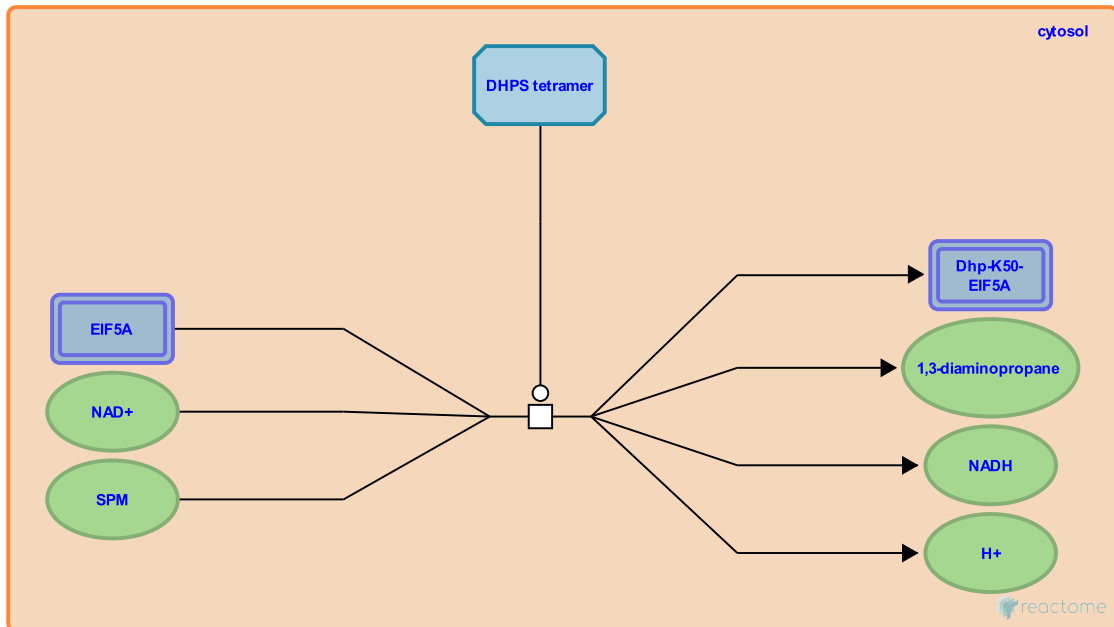
DHPS tetramer synthesizes Dhp-K50-EIF5A from EIF5A and spermidine ↗

Location: [Hypusine synthesis from eIF5A-lysine](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-204647

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



Cytosolic deoxyhypusine synthase (DHPS) tetramer catalyzes the reaction of EIF5A protein, spermidine (SPM), and NAD⁺ to convert lysine 50 of EIF5A to deoxyhypusine (Dhp), generating 1,3 diaminopropane, NADH and H⁺ in the process (Clement et al. 2003; Joe et al. 1995; Park 2006; Wolff et al. 1997). Although the reaction is reversible, the reverse reaction is probably minimized under physiological conditions by the rapid, irreversible conversion of EIF5A Dhp residues to hypusine.

Followed by: [DOHH:Fe2+ hydroxylates Dhp-K50-EIF5A to form Hyp-K50-EIF5A](#)

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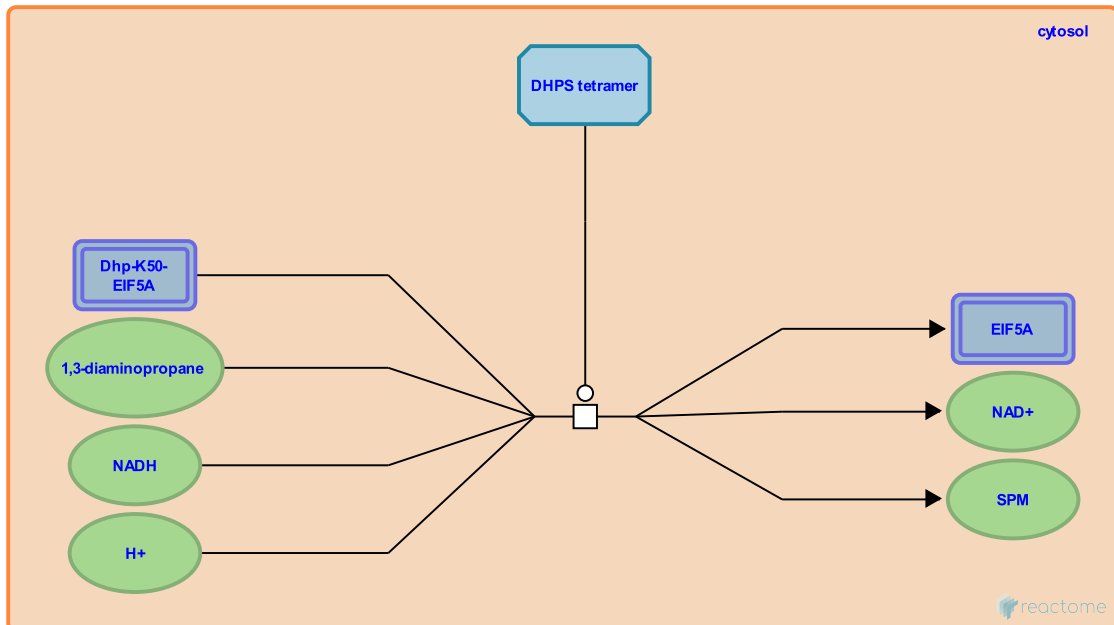
DHPS tetramer synthesizes EIF5A and spermidine from Dhp-K50-EIF5A ↗

Location: [Hypusine synthesis from eIF5A-lysine](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-204617

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



Cytosolic deoxyhypusine synthase (DHPS) tetramer catalyzes the reaction of the deoxyhypusine (Dhp) residue in EIF5A protein (Dhp-K50-EIF5A) with 1,3 diaminopropane, NADH and H⁺ to form EIF5A, spermidine (SPM), and NAD⁺ (Park et al. 2003; Park 2006). While this reaction is readily observed *in vitro*, it is probably minimized by the rapid, irreversible conversion of EIF5A Dhp residues to hypusine.

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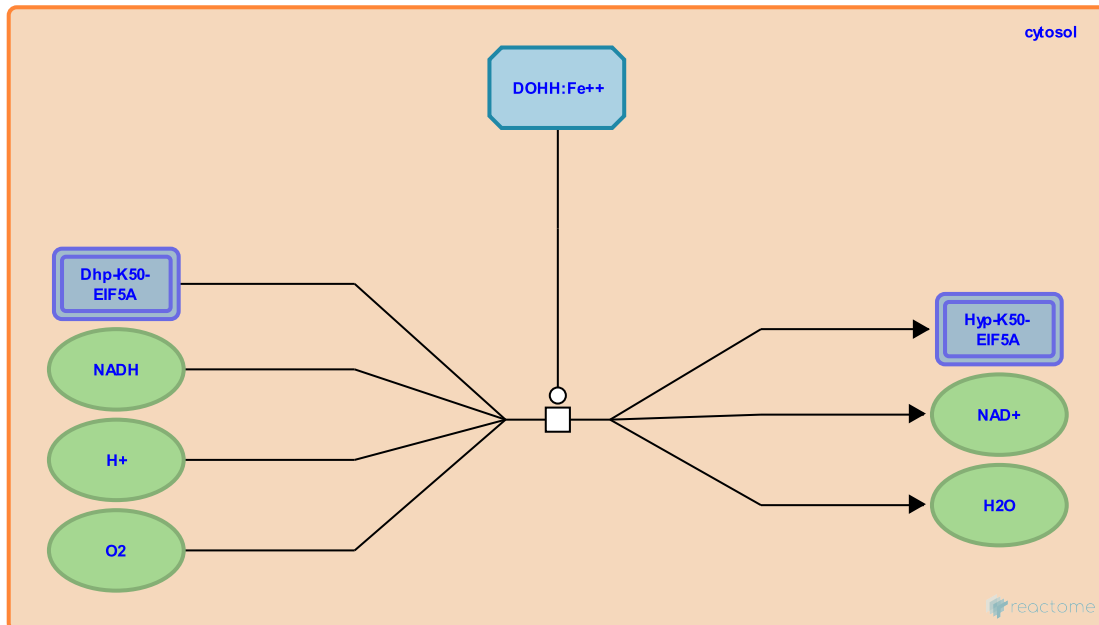
DOHH:Fe²⁺ hydroxylates Dhp-K50-EIF5A to form Hyp-K50-EIF5A ↗

Location: [Hypusine synthesis from eIF5A-lysine](#)

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Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



Cytosolic deoxyhypusine hydroxylase (DOHH) complexed with Fe²⁺ catalyzes the irreversible hydroxylation of peptidyl deoxyhypusine (Dhp-K50-EIF5A) to peptidyl hypusine (Hyp-K50-EIF5A) using molecular oxygen. The only known substrate for this enzyme is the modified lysine at residue 50 of the two isoforms of eIF5A (Clement et al. 2003; Kang et al. 2007; Kim et al. 2006).

Preceded by: [DHPS tetramer synthesizes Dhp-K50-EIF5A from EIF5A and spermidine](#)

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