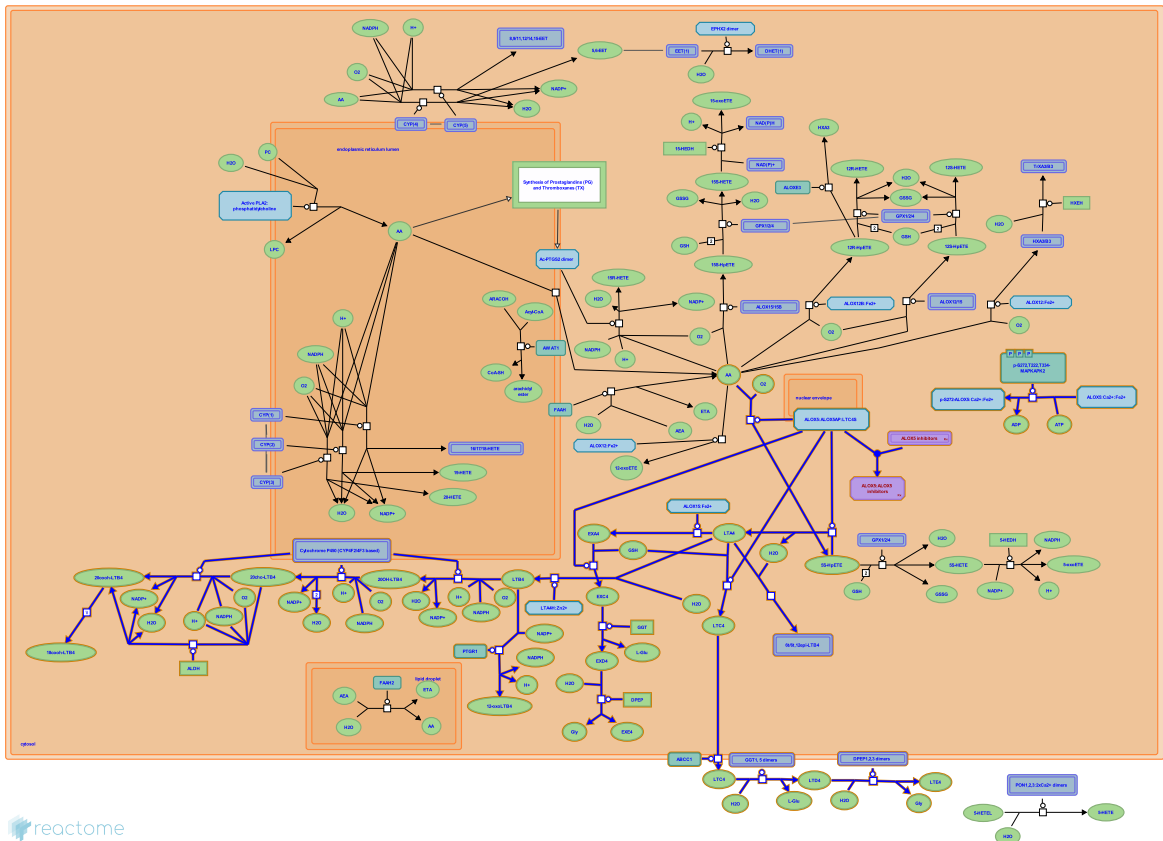


# Synthesis of Leukotrienes (LT) and Eoxins

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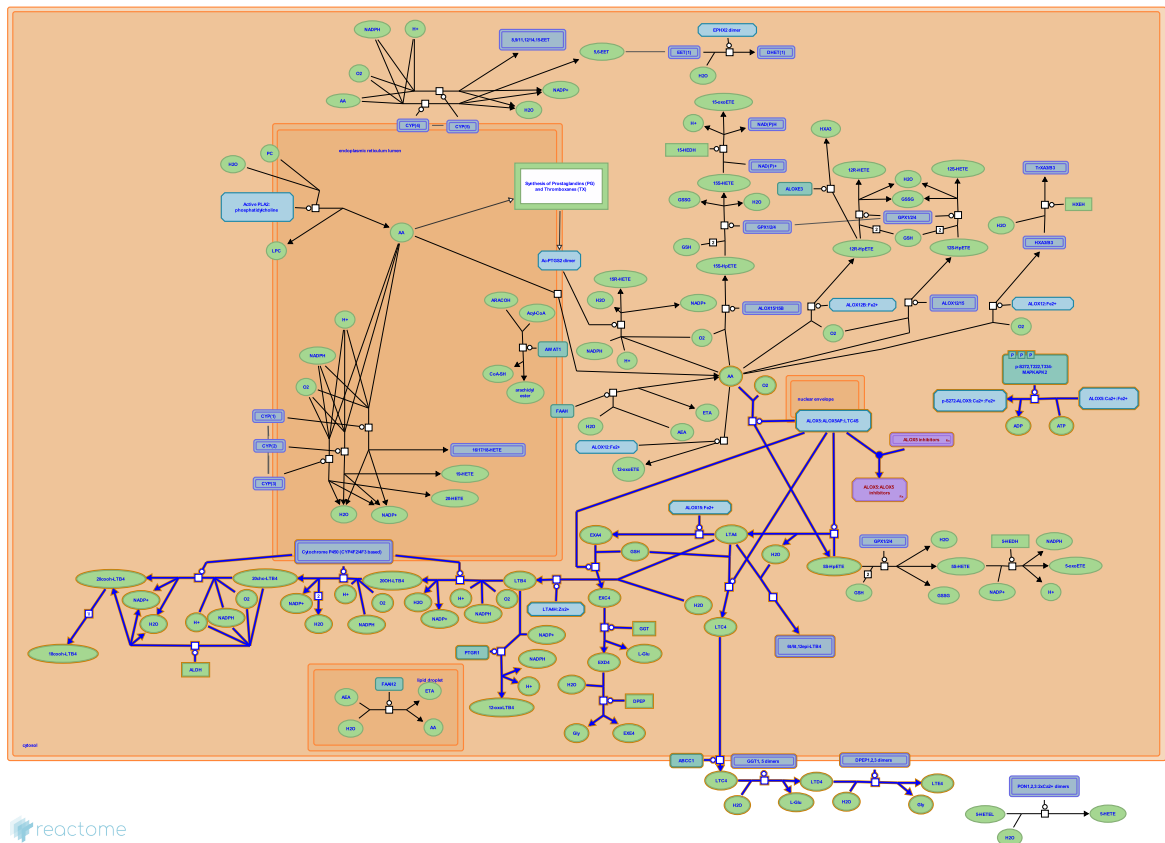
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# Synthesis of Leukotrienes (LT) and Eoxins (EX) ↗

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Leukotrienes (LTs) are biologically active molecules formed in response to inflammatory stimuli. They cause contraction of bronchial smooth muscles, stimulation of vascular permeability, and attraction and activation of leukocytes. LTs were discovered in 1938 and were termed the "slow release substance" (SRS) until their structures were determined in 1979 and they were then renamed to leukotrienes. LTs are derived from arachidonic acid through action by arachidonate 5-lipoxygenase (ALOX5). Cysteinyl leukotrienes (LTC<sub>4</sub>, LTD<sub>4</sub>, and LTE<sub>4</sub>) are generated as products derived from leukotriene A<sub>4</sub> (LTA<sub>4</sub>). Eoxins are generated from leukotrienes (LTs) and resemble cysteinyl leukotrienes but have a different three-dimensional structure (Murphy & Gijon 2007, Hammarstrom 1983, MA.Claesson 2009, Vance & Vance 2008, Buczynski et al. 2009).

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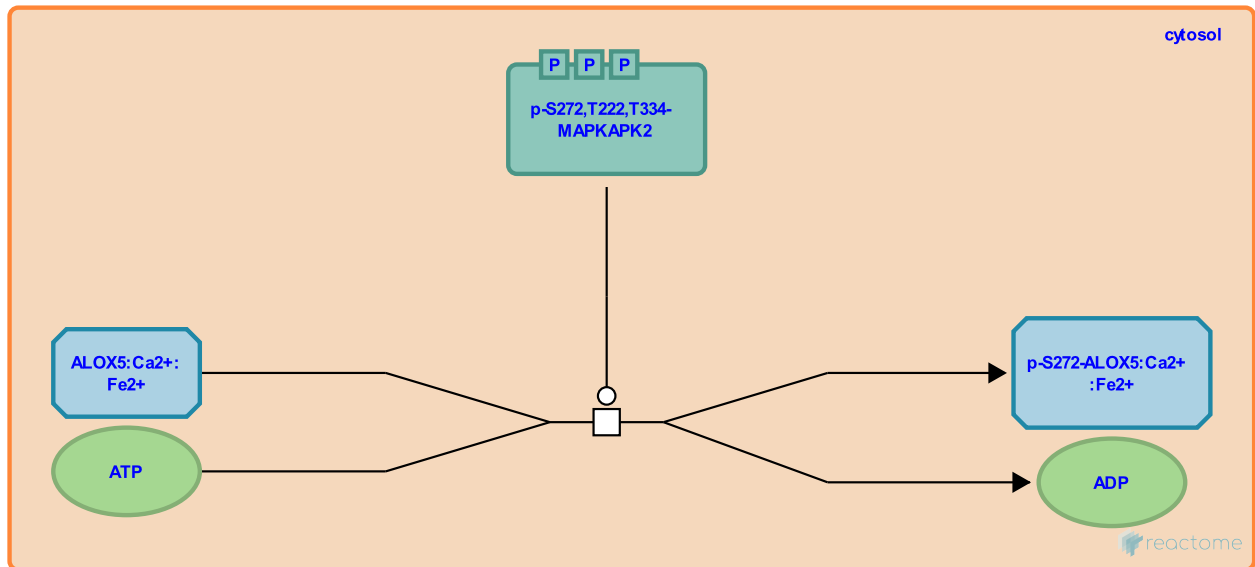
## ALOX5 is phosphorylated by MAPKAP2 ↗

**Location:** Synthesis of Leukotrienes (LT) and Eoxins (EX)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-429016

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Arachidonate 5-lipoxygenase (ALOX5) catalyzes the first step in leukotriene biosynthesis and has a key role in inflammatory processes. ALOX5 is phosphorylated by MAPKAP2; MAPKAP2 is stimulated by arachidonic acid.

**Followed by:** Arachidonic acid is oxidised to 5S-HpETE by ALOX5

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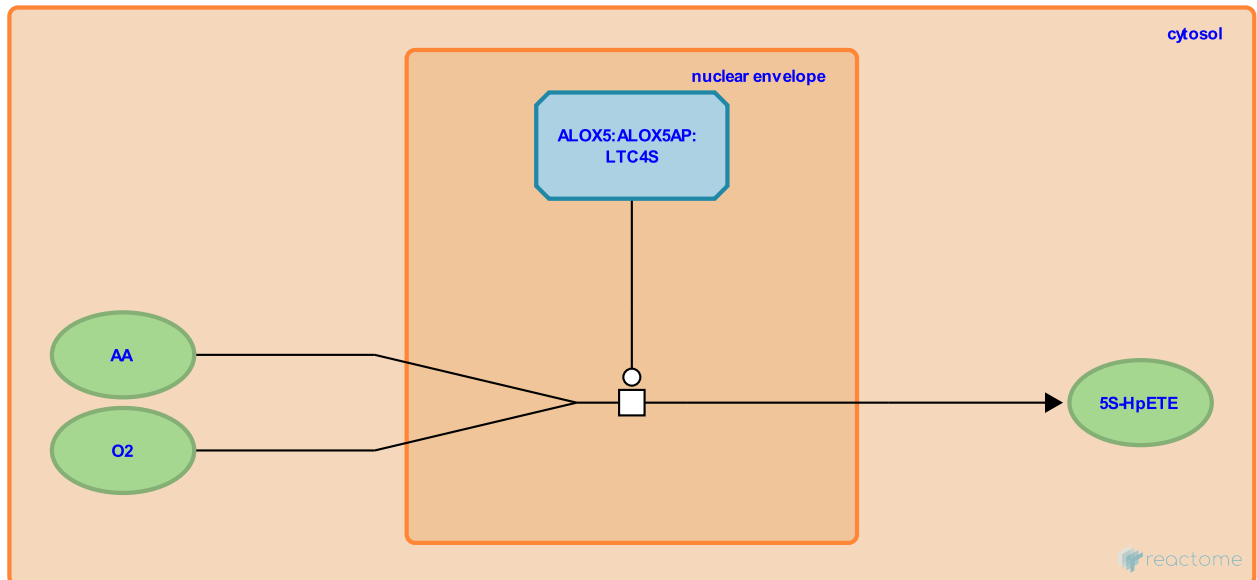
## Arachidonic acid is oxidised to 5S-HpETE by ALOX5 ↗

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-265296

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nuclear envelope, cytosol



Arachidonate 5-lipoxygenase (ALOX5) catalyzes the formation of leukotriene A4 (LTA4) from arachidonic acid in a two-step process. First, arachidonic acid AA is oxidized to form 5S-hydroperoxyeicosatetraenoic acid (5S-HpETE) (Rouzer et al. 1988, Rouzer & Samuelsson 1987, Rouzer et al. 1986).

**Preceded by:** [ALOX5 is phosphorylated by MAPKAP2](#)

**Followed by:** [5S-HpETE is dehydrated to LTA4 by ALOX5](#)

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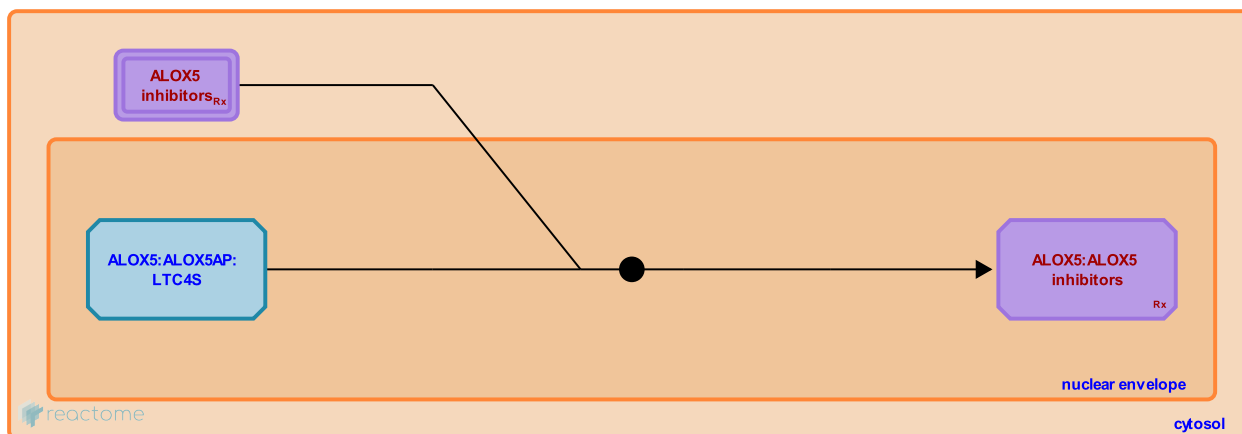
## ALOX5 binds ALOX5 inhibitors ↗

**Location:** Synthesis of Leukotrienes (LT) and Eoxins (EX)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707186

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** nuclear envelope, cytosol



Eicosanoids, oxygenated, 20-carbon fatty acids, are autocrine and paracrine signaling molecules that modulate physiological processes including pain, fever, inflammation, blood clot formation, smooth muscle contraction and relaxation, and the release of gastric acid. Eicosanoids are synthesized in humans primarily from arachidonic acid (AA) that is released from membrane phospholipids. Once released, AA can be acted on by various enzymes to form different eicosanoids. Arachidonate lipoxygenase 5 (ALOX)5 form leukotrienes (LTs) and eicosatetraenoic acids (ETEs) from AA. LTs and ETEs are biologically active molecules formed in response to inflammatory stimuli. They cause contraction of bronchial smooth muscles, stimulation of vascular permeability, and attraction and activation of leukocytes. When produced in excess, these molecules may contribute to a wide range of pathological inflammatory responses.

ALOX5 inhibitors are compounds that slow or stop the action of the ALOX5 enzyme, which is responsible for the production of inflammatory LTs and ETEs. Zileuton blocks the activity of ALOX5 (Carter et al. 1991). Zileuton is used in the treatment of acne vulgaris (Zouboulis 2005, Zouboulis et al. 2009) and for the prophylaxis and chronic treatment of allergic asthma (Bruno et al. 2018, Morina et al. 2016). Meclofenamic acid is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) used for the relief of mild to moderate pain, for the treatment of primary dysmenorrhea and for the treatment of idiopathic heavy menstrual blood loss. It is also used for relief of the signs and symptoms of acute and chronic rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis. In vitro meclufenamic acid was found to be an inhibitor of human ALOX5 activity (Boctor et al. 1986). Balsalazide, olsalazine and sulfasalazine are all pro-drugs that are enzymatically cleaved in the colon to produce the anti-inflammatory agent mesalazine (5-aminosalicylic acid, 5-ASA, mesalazine (Klotz 1985, Selby et al. 1985, Sharon et al. 1978, Hawkey et al. 1985, Neilsen et al. 1987). Once metabolised, 5-ASA acts locally in the colon to reduce inflammation in conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease and ulcerative colitis (Wiggins & Rajapakse 2009, Rask-Madsen et al. 1992, Singer et al. 2006, Hoult 1986, Feagan & Macdonald 2012).

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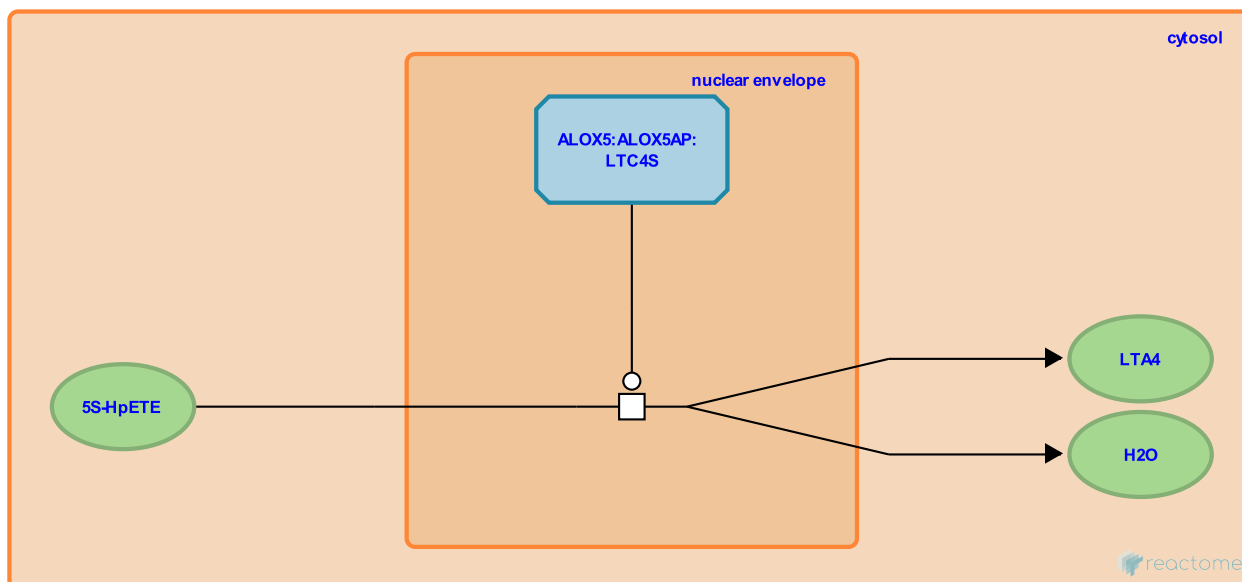
## 5S-HpETE is dehydrated to LTA4 by ALOX5 ↗

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-266051

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nuclear envelope, cytosol



In the second step of the formation of leukotriene A4 (LTA4) from arachidonic acid, arachidonate 5-lipoxygenase (ALOX5) converts 5S-hydroperoxyeicosatetranoic acid (5S-HpETE) to an allylic epoxide, leukotriene A4 (LTA4) (Rouzer et al. 1988, Rouzer & Samuelsson 1987, Rouzer et al. 1986).

**Preceded by:** [Arachidonic acid is oxidised to 5S-HpETE by ALOX5](#)

**Followed by:** [LTA4 is hydrolysed to 6t-/6t,12epi-LTB4](#), [LTA4 is converted to EXA4 by ALOX15](#), [LTA4 is hydrolysed to LTB4 by LTA4H](#), [LTA4 is converted to LTC4 by LTC4S](#)

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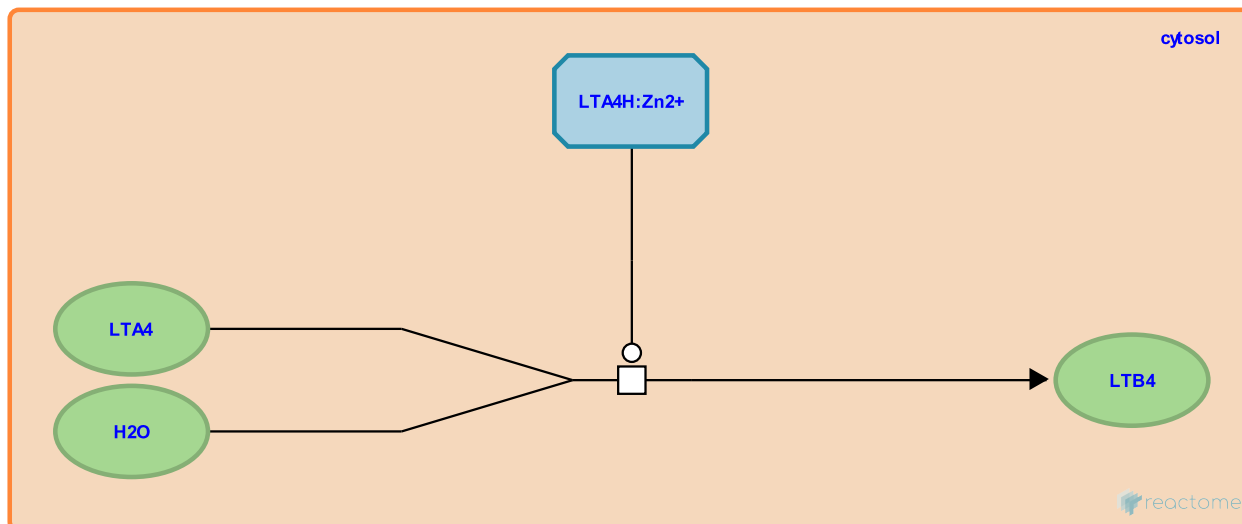
## LTA4 is hydrolysed to LTB4 by LTA4H ↗

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Leukotriene A4 hydrolase (LTA4H) is a monomeric, soluble enzyme that catalyzes the hydrolysis of the allylic epoxide leukotriene A4 (LTA4) to the dihydroxy acid leukotriene B4 (LTB4) (Radmark et al. 1984, McGee & Fitzpatrick 1985).

**Preceded by:** [5S-HpETE is dehydrated to LTA4 by ALOX5](#)

**Followed by:** [LTB4 is oxidised to 12-oxoLTB4 by PTGR1, CYP4F2, 4F3 20-hydroxylate LTB4](#)

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## LTB4 is oxidised to 12-oxoLTB4 by PTGR1 ↗

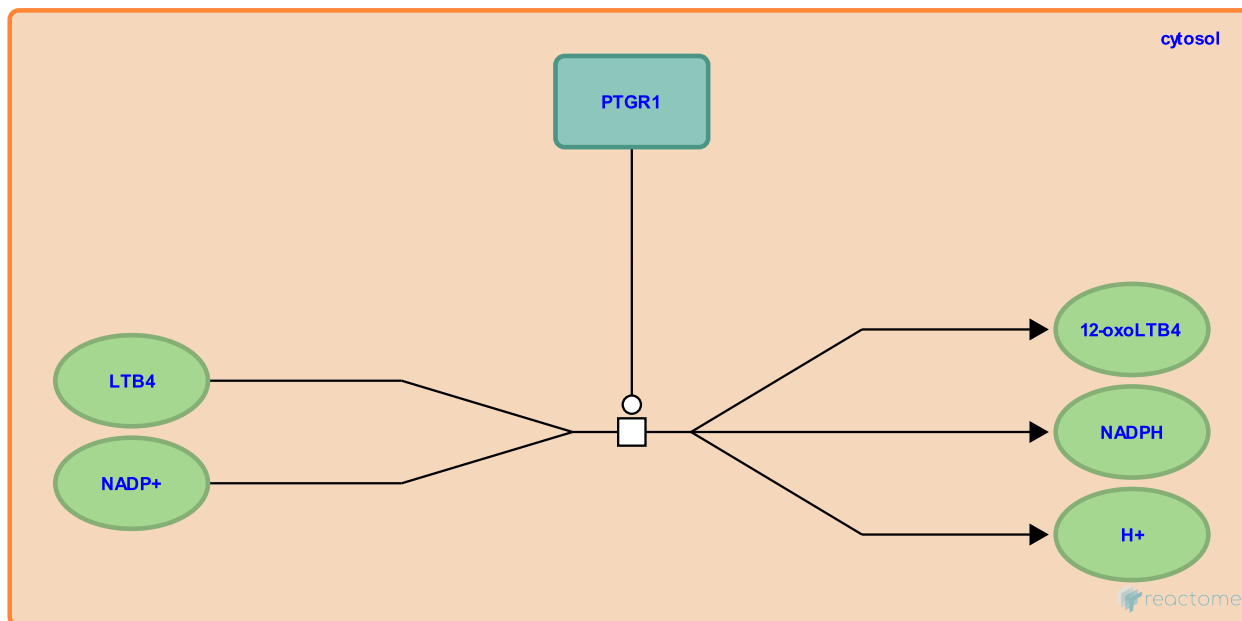
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2161567

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

**Inferred from:** [LTB4 is oxidised to 12-oxoLTB4 by PTGR1 \(Sus scrofa\)](#)



Prostaglandin reductase 1 (PTGR1) aka LTB4DH metabolizes eicosanoids by catalysing the oxidation of leukotriene B4 (LTB4) to form 12-oxo-Leukotriene B4 (12-oxoLTB4) aka 12-Keto-LTB4. The gene was originally cloned as leukotriene B4 12-hydroxydehydrogenase (LTB4DH) but was later discovered to have dual functionality as a prostaglandin reductase (Yokomizo et al. 1996). This reaction has been inferred from a reaction in pigs (Yokomizo et al. 1993, Ensor et al. 1998).

**Preceded by:** [LTA4 is hydrolysed to LTB4 by LTA4H](#)

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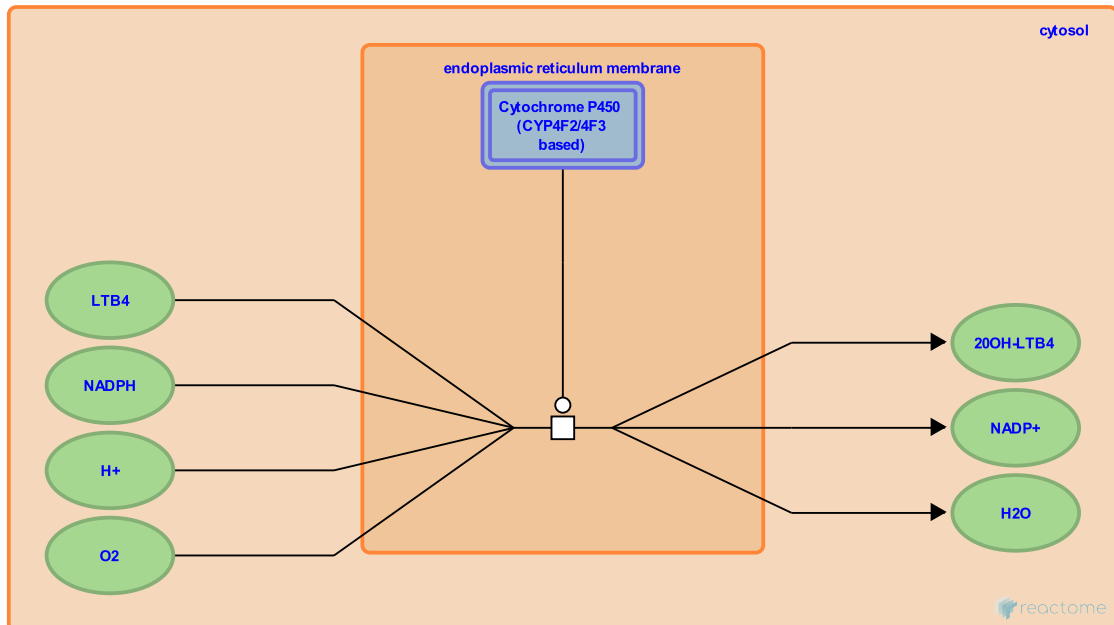
## CYP4F2, 4F3 20-hydroxylate LTB4 ↗

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-211873

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** endoplasmic reticulum membrane, cytosol



Leukotriene B<sub>4</sub> (LTB<sub>4</sub>) is formed from arachidonic acid and is a potent inflammatory mediator. LTB<sub>4</sub>'s activity is terminated by formation of its omega hydroxylated metabolite, 20-hydroxyleukotriene B<sub>4</sub> (20OH-LTB<sub>4</sub>), catalysed by CYP4F2 primarily in human liver (Jin et al. 1998) and also by CYP4F3 (Kikuta et al. 1998).

**Preceded by:** [LTA4 is hydrolysed to LTB4 by LTA4H](#)

**Followed by:** [20oh-LTB4 is oxidised to 20cho-LTB4 by CYP4F2/4F3](#)

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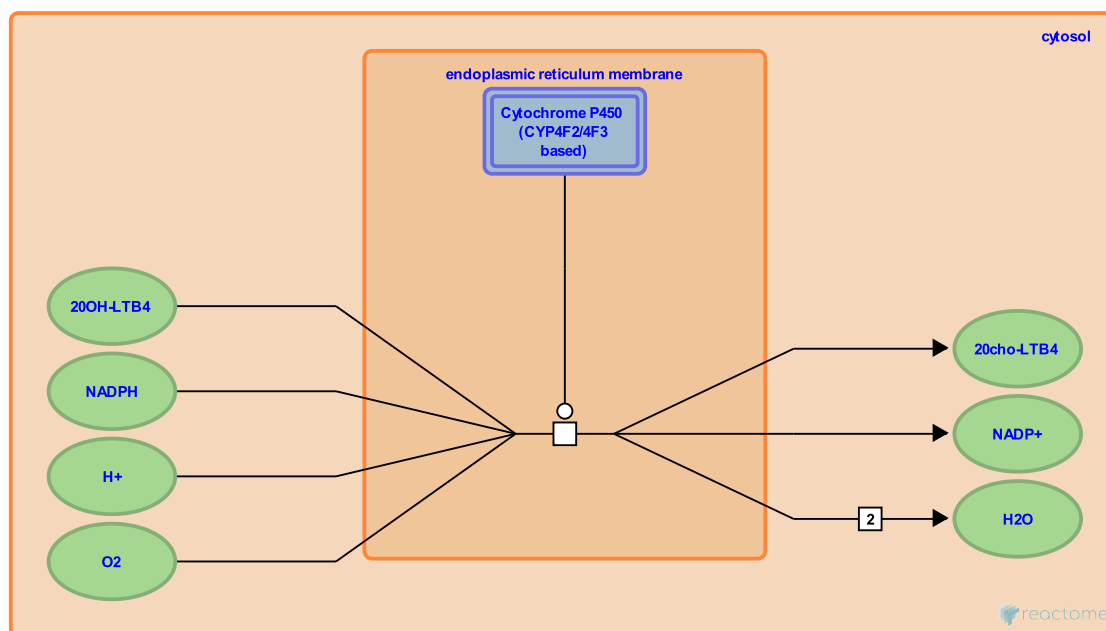
## 20oh-LTB4 is oxidised to 20cho-LTB4 by CYP4F2/4F3 ↗

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2161745

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** endoplasmic reticulum membrane, cytosol



The cytochrome P450s 4F2 (CYP4F2) and F3 (CYP4F3) oxidise the omega hydroxylated metabolite, 20-hydroxy-leukotriene B4 (20oh-LTB4) to form 20-aldehyde leukotriene B4 (20cho-LTB4) (Soberman et al. 1988).

**Preceded by:** [CYP4F2, 4F3 20-hydroxylate LTB4](#)

**Followed by:** [20cho-LTB4 is oxidised to 20cooh-LTB4 by ALDH](#), [20cho-LTB4 is oxidised to 20cooh-LTB4 by CYP4F2/4F3](#)

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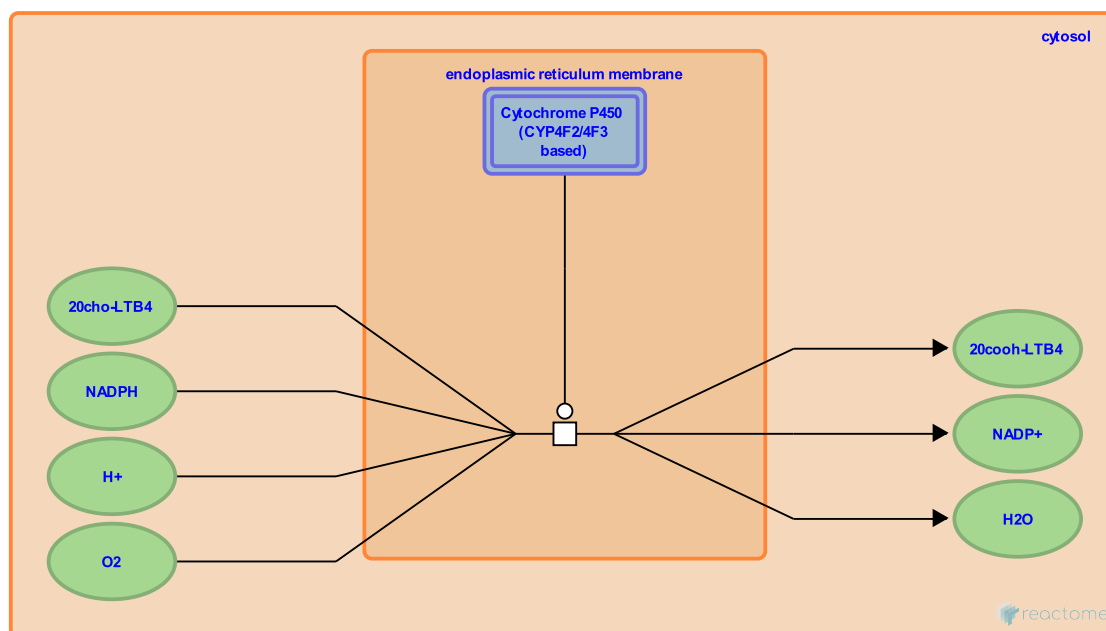
## 20cho-LTB4 is oxidised to 20cooh-LTB4 by CYP4F2/4F3 ↗

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2161792

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** endoplasmic reticulum membrane, cytosol



The cytochrome P450s 4F2 (CYP4F2) and F3 (CYP4F3) oxidise 20-aldehyde leukotriene B4 (20cho-LTB4) to form 20-carboxy leukotriene B4 (20cooh-LTB4) (Soberman et al. 1988).

**Preceded by:** [20oh-LTB4 is oxidised to 20cho-LTB4 by CYP4F2/4F3](#)

**Followed by:** [20cooh-LTB4 is converted to 18cooh-LTB4](#)

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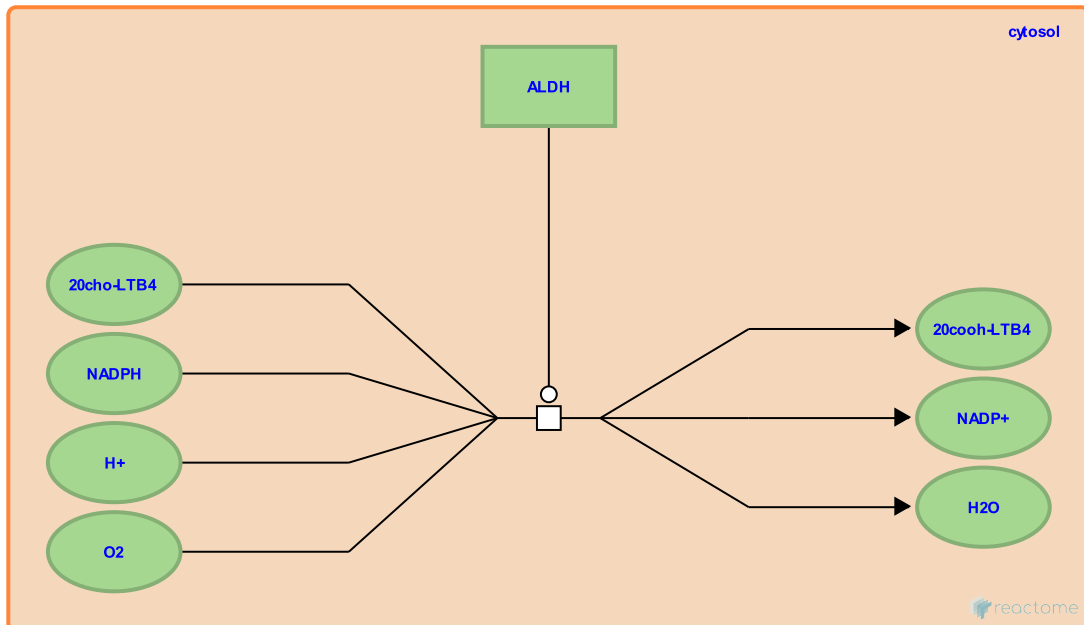
## 20cho-LTB4 is oxidised to 20cooh-LTB4 by ALDH [↗](#)

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2161979

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



An aldehyde dehydrogenase (ALDH) yet to be cloned in humans has been observed to oxidise 20-aldehyde leukotriene B4 (20cho-LTB4) to form 20-carboxy leukotriene B4 (20cooh-LTB4) (Sutyak et al. 1989).

**Preceded by:** [20oh-LTB4 is oxidised to 20cho-LTB4 by CYP4F2/4F3](#)

**Followed by:** [20cooh-LTB4 is converted to 18cooh-LTB4](#)

### Literature references

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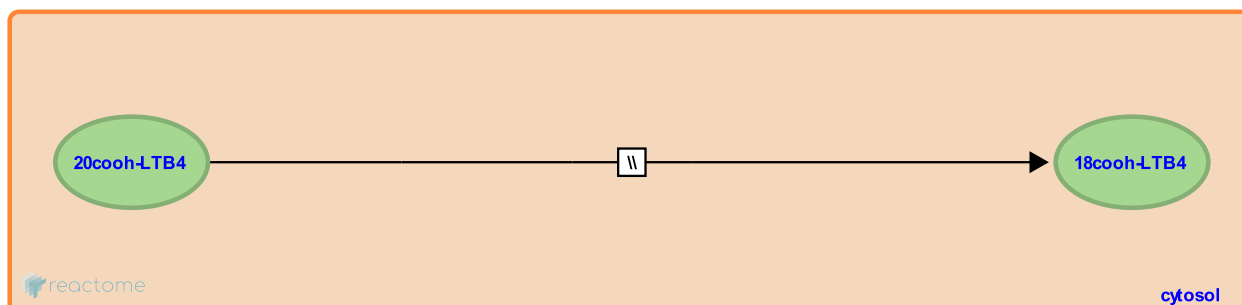
## 20cooh-LTB4 is converted to 18cooh-LTB4 ↗

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**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** cytosol



Once omega-oxidation has occurred, 20-carboxy leukotriene B4 (20cooh-LTB4) can be further metabolized by beta-oxidation at its omega end into 18-carboxy-LTB4 (18cooh-LTB4) (Berry et al. 2003, Wheelan et al. 1999). The actual human enzyme or enzymes involved have yet to be identified.

**Preceded by:** [20cho-LTB4 is oxidised to 20cooh-LTB4 by ALDH](#), [20cho-LTB4 is oxidised to 20cooh-LTB4 by CYP4F2/4F3](#)

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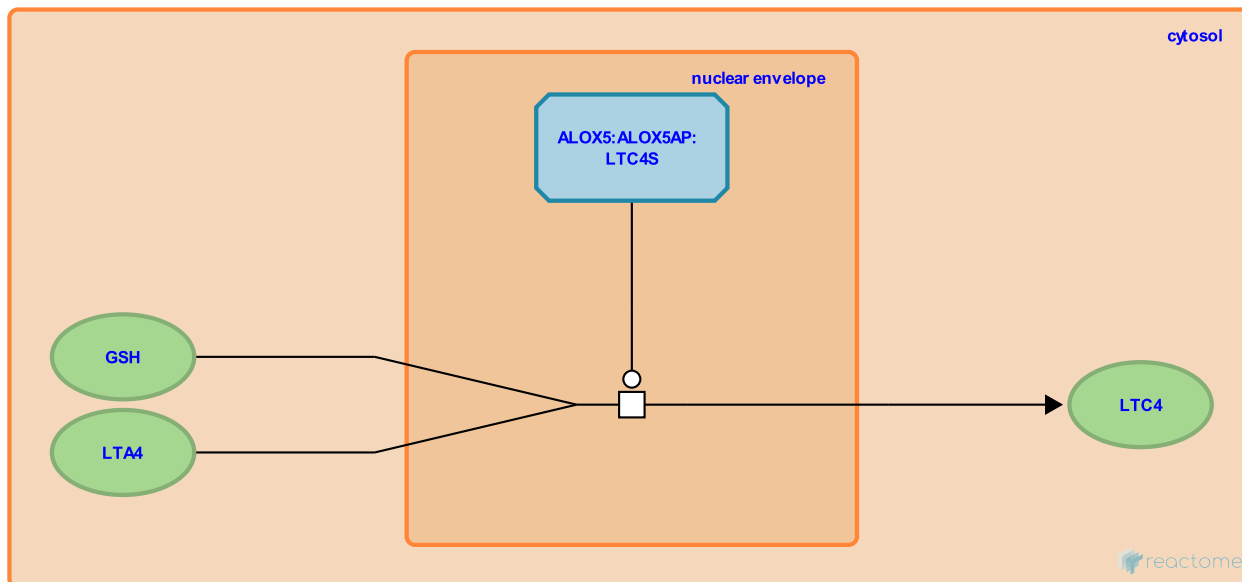
## LTA4 is converted to LTC4 by LTC4S ↗

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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-266050

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nuclear envelope, cytosol



Leukotriene A4 conjugates with reduced glutathione (GSH) to produce leukotriene C4 (LTC4). This conjugation is mediated by the homodimeric, perinuclear membrane-bound enzyme leukotriene C4 synthase (LTC4S) (Lam et al. 1994, Welsch et al. 1994). LTC4S differs from cytosolic and microsomal GSH-S-transferases by having a very narrow substrate specificity and the inability to conjugate xenobiotics.

**Preceded by:** [5S-HpETE is dehydrated to LTA4 by ALOX5](#)

**Followed by:** [LTC4 is exported from the cytosol by ABCC1](#)

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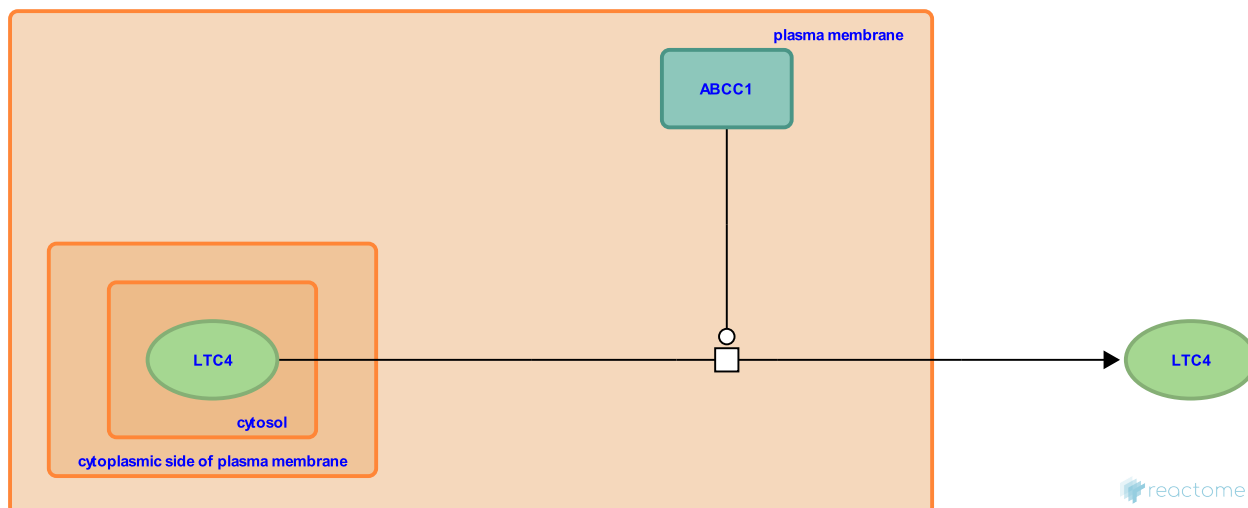
## LTC4 is exported from the cytosol by ABCC1 ↗

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-266070

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, extracellular region, cytosol



On formation, leukotriene C4 (LTC4) is exported to the extracellular region by the ABCC1 transporter (Sjolinder et al. 1999, Lam et al. 1989) and processed further by cleavage reactions.

**Preceded by:** [LTA4 is converted to LTC4 by LTC4S](#)

**Followed by:** [GGT1, 5 dimers hydrolyse LTC4 to LTD4](#)

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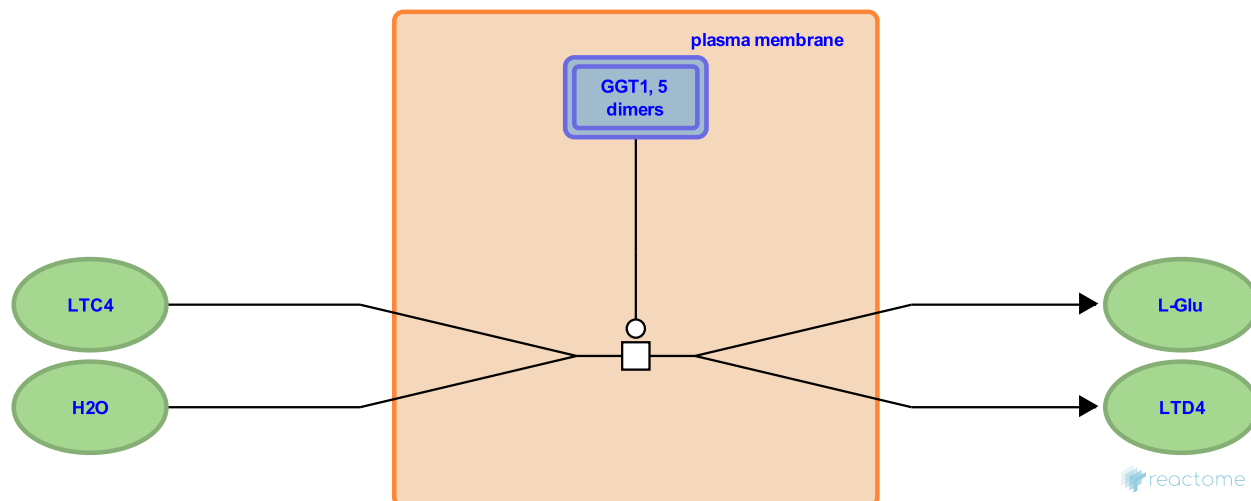
## GGT1, 5 dimers hydrolyse LTC4 to LTD4 ↗

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-266046

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, extracellular region



The reversible conversion of leukotriene C4 (LTC4) to leukotriene D4 (LTD4) is catalysed by gamma-glutamyl transferases 1 (GGT1) and 5 (GGT5). GGTs are present on the outer surface of plasma membranes and are a heterodimer of a heavy and a light chain. Its action involves the hydrolysis of the gamma-glutamyl peptide bond of glutathione and glutathione conjugates, releasing glutamate. In this example, LTC4 is a glutathione conjugate that is hydrolysed to LTD4 (Anderson et al. 1982, Wickham et al. 2011).

**Preceded by:** [LTC4 is exported from the cytosol by ABCC1](#)

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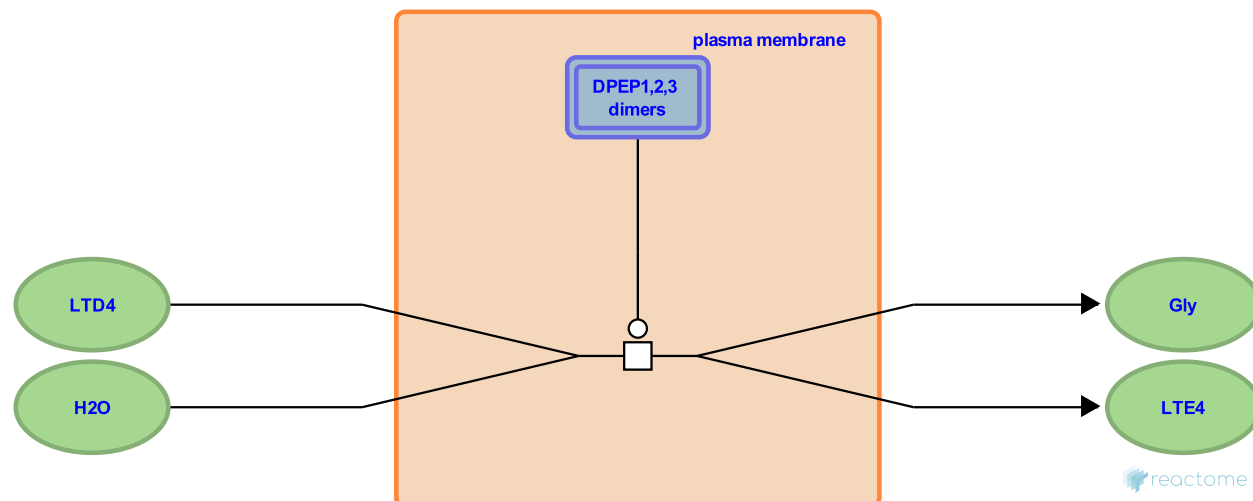
## LTD4 is converted to LTE4 by DPEP1/2 [↗](#)

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-266012

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, extracellular region



Another outer surface membrane-bound, homodimeric enzyme, dipeptidase, existing in two forms DPEP1 (Adachi et al. 1989) and DPEP2 (Lee et al. 1983, Raulf et al. 1987), further hydrolyses leukotriene D4 (LTD4) to leukotriene E4 (LTE4), cleaving a glycine residue in the process.

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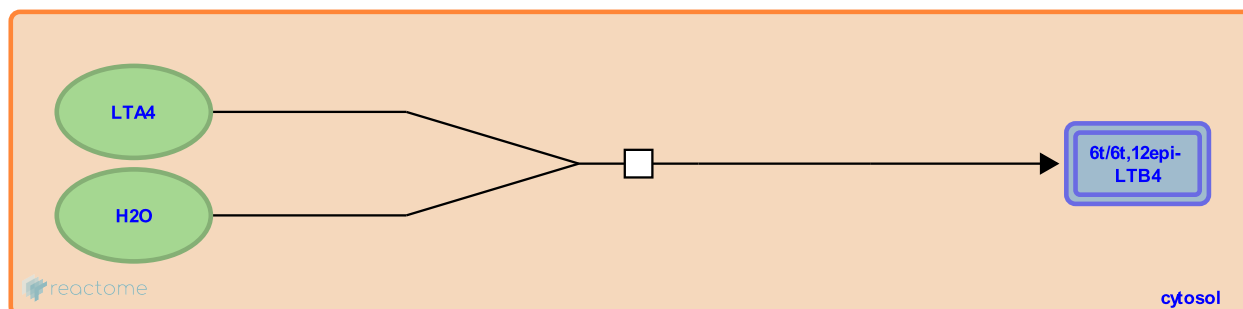
## LTA4 is hydrolysed to 6t-/6t,12epi-LTB4 ↗

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2161962

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Non-enzymatic hydrolysis of the leukotriene A4 (LTA4) epoxide bond creates 6-trans leukotriene B4 (6t-LTB4) and 6-trans,12-epi leukotriene B4 (6t,12epi-LTB4) stereoisomers (Mansour & Agha 1999, Sirois et al. 1985).

**Preceded by:** [5S-HpETE is dehydrated to LTA4 by ALOX5](#)

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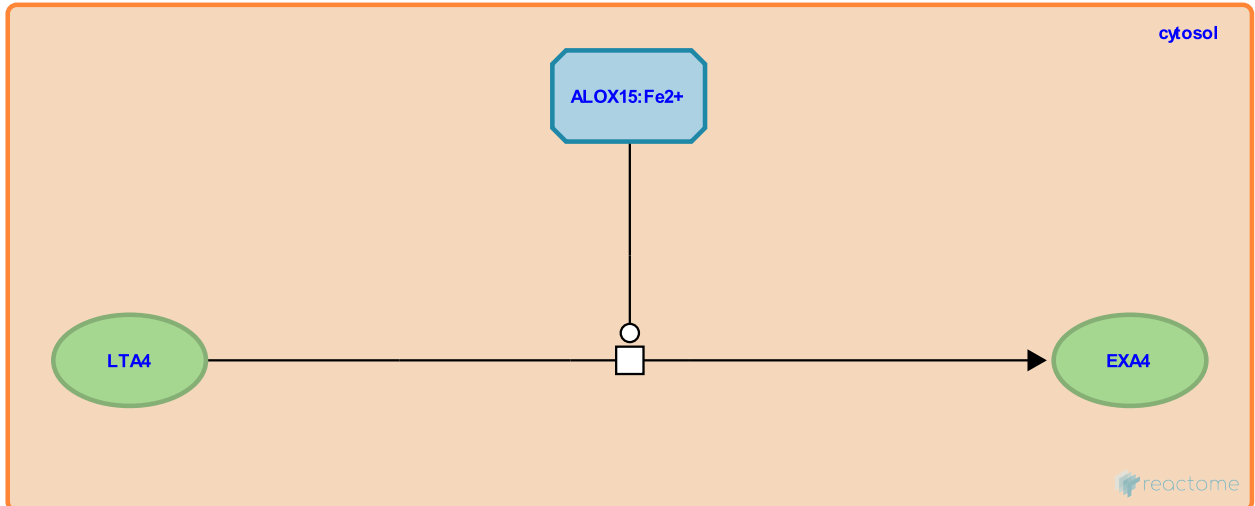
## LTA4 is converted to EXA4 by ALOX15 ↗

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2162019

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Analogous to arachidonate 5-lipoxygenase (ALOX5) biosynthesis of leukotriene A4 (LTA4), arachidonate 15-lipoxygenase (ALOX15) can form an epoxide across C-14 and C-15 to form 14,15-LTA4 aka eoxin A4 (EXA4) (Feltenmark et al. 2008, Claesson et al. 2008).

**Preceded by:** [5S-HpETE is dehydrated to LTA4 by ALOX5](#)

**Followed by:** [EXA4 is converted to EXC4 by LTC4S](#)

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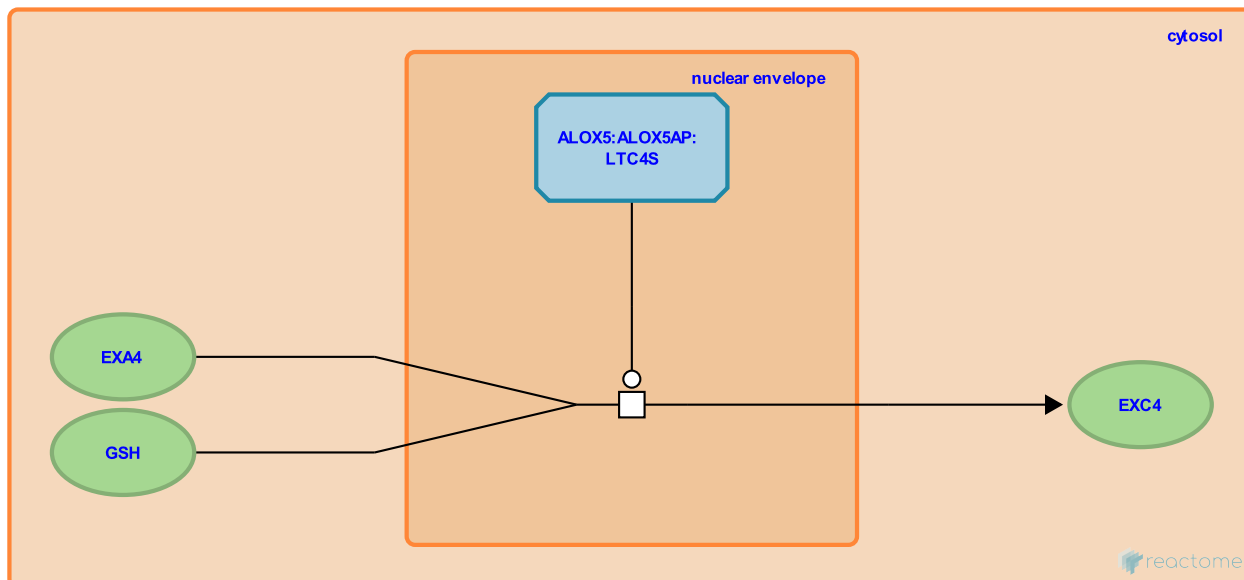
## EXA4 is converted to EXC4 by LTC4S ↗

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2161768

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nuclear envelope, cytosol



In addition to its role converting leukotriene A4 (LTA4) into leukotriene C4 (LTC4), the enzyme leukotriene C4 synthase (LTC4S) analogously converts eoxin A4 (EXA4), with reduced glutathione (GSH), to eoxin C4 (EXC4) (Feltenmark et al. 2008, Claesson et al. 2008).

**Preceded by:** [LTA4 is converted to EXA4 by ALOX15](#)

**Followed by:** [EXC4 is converted to EXD4 by GGT](#)

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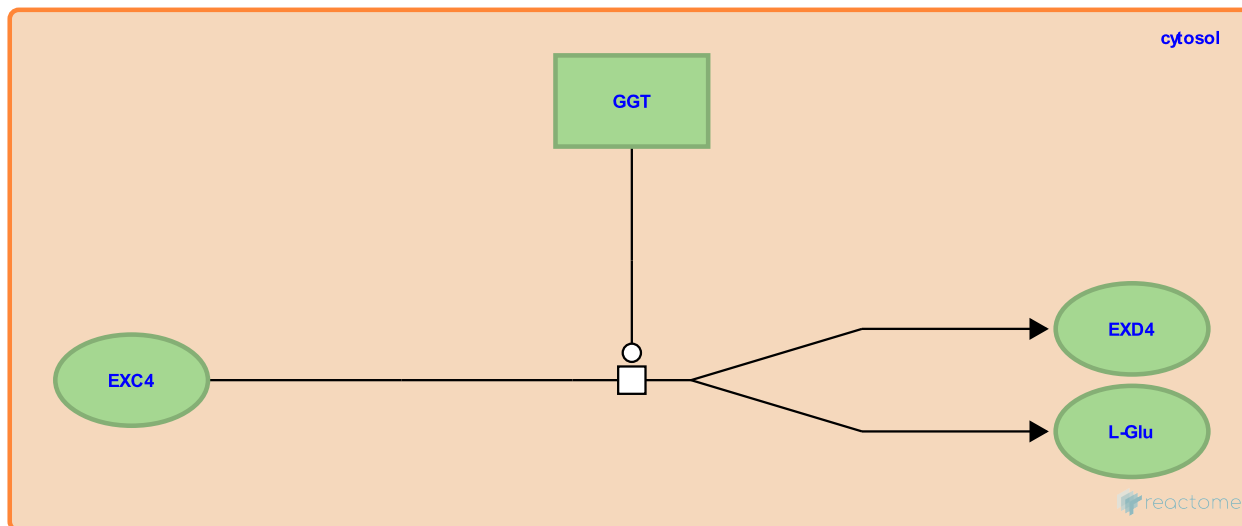
## EXC4 is converted to EXD4 by GGT [↗](#)

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2161945

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



In an analogous reaction to the formation of leukotriene D4 (LTD4), eoxin C4 (EXC4) is converted to eoxin D4 (EXD4) by a class of gamma-glutamyltransferase (GGT) (Feltenmark et al. 2008, Claesson et al. 2008) which has not yet been identified.

**Preceded by:** [EXA4 is converted to EXC4 by LTC4S](#)

**Followed by:** [EXD4 is converted to EXE4 by DPEP](#)

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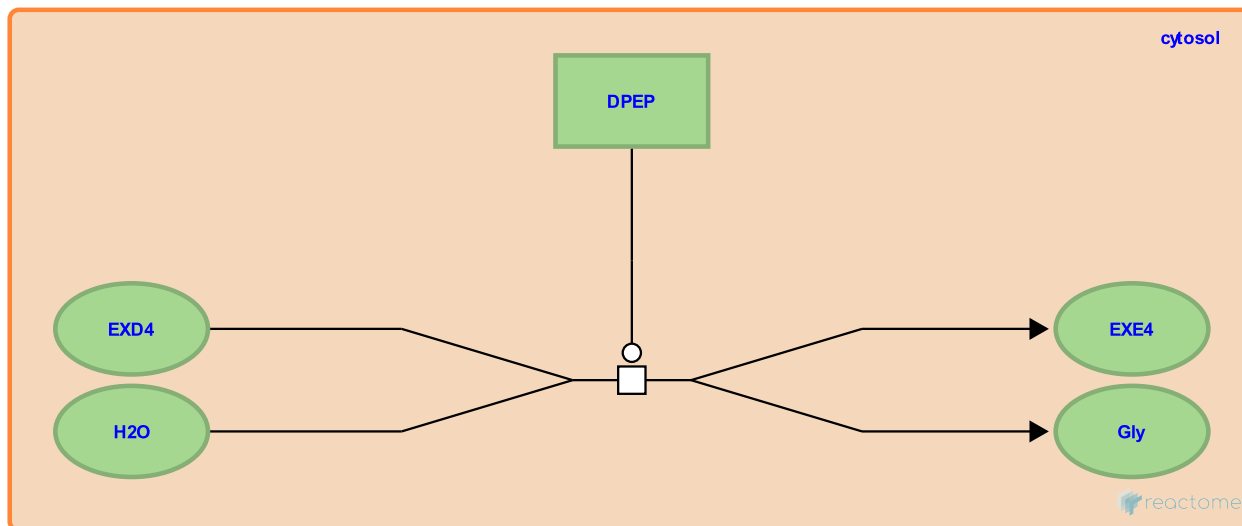
## EXD4 is converted to EXE4 by DPEP ↗

**Location:** [Synthesis of Leukotrienes \(LT\) and Eoxins \(EX\)](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2161868

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



In an analogous reaction to the formation of leukotriene E4 (LTE4), eoxin D4 (EXD4) is converted to eoxin E4 (EXE4) by a dipeptidase (DPEP) (Feltenmark et al. 2008, Claesson et al. 2008) which has not yet been identified.

**Preceded by:** [EXC4 is converted to EXD4 by GGT](#)

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