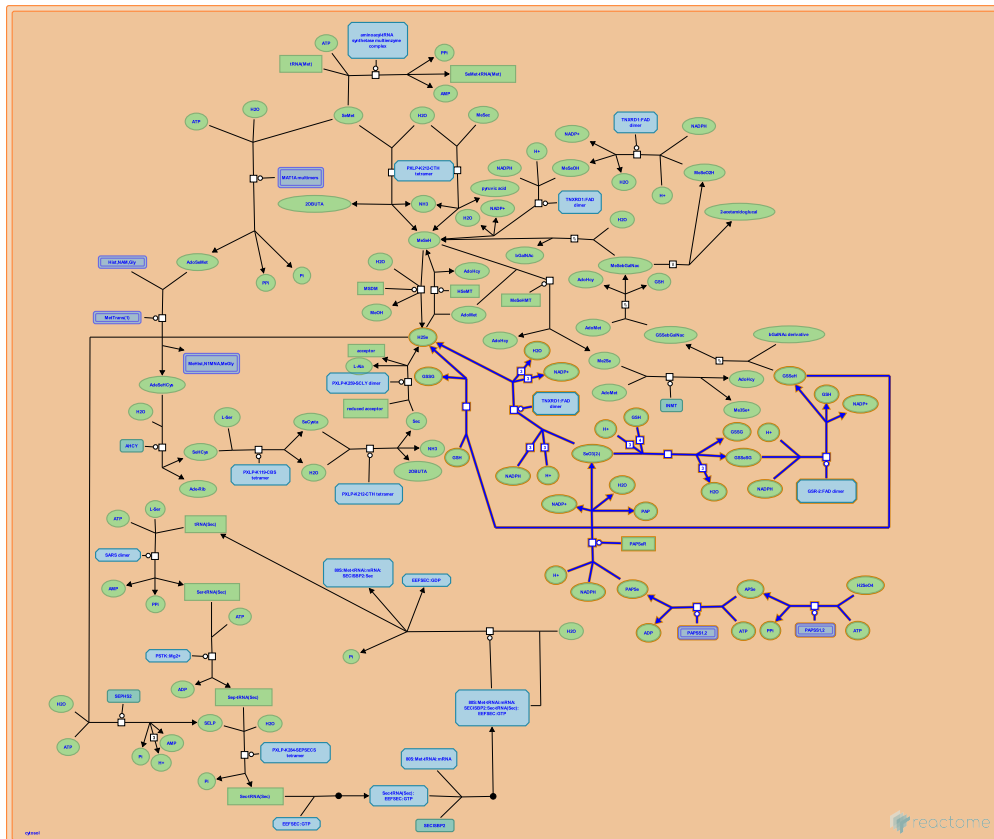


# Metabolism of ingested H<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub> into H<sub>2</sub>Se



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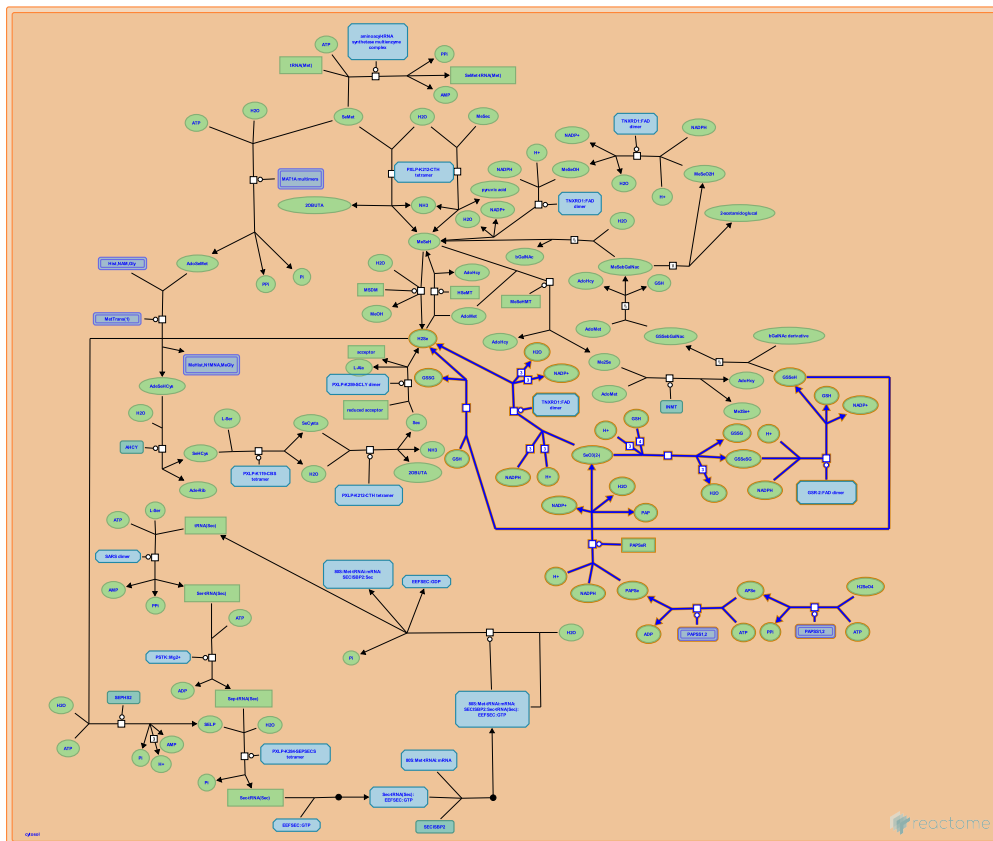
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Ingested selenic acid (H<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>4</sub>) and selenite (SeO<sub>3</sub>(2-)) are reduced to hydrogen selenide (H<sub>2</sub>Se) through a combination of actions involving bifunctional 3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate synthase 1 and 2 (PAPSS1/2), PAPS reductase (PAPSr), and thioredoxin reductase 1 (TXNRD1).

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## H2SeO4 is converted to APSe by PAPSS1,2 ↗

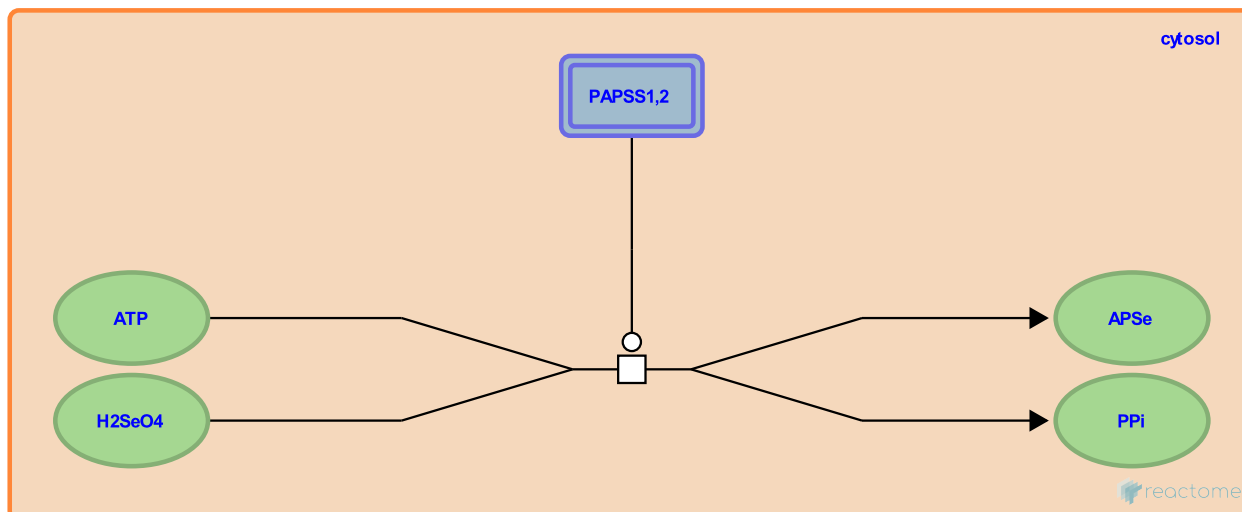
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2408525

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

**Inferred from:** [H2SeO4 is converted to APSe by PAPSS1,2 \(Rattus norvegicus\)](#)



Bifunctional 3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate synthases 1 and 2 (PAPSS1,2) (Venkatachalam et al. 1998, Xu et al. 2000) are involved in transforming adenosine triphosphate (ATP) and selenic acid (H<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>4</sub>) into adenylylselenate (APSe) and diphosphate via its ATP sulphurylase domain. This reaction is inferred from the event in rat (Yu et al. 1989).

**Followed by:** [APSe is phosphorylated to PAPSe by PAPSS1,2](#)

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## APSe is phosphorylated to PAPSe by PAPSS1,2 ↗

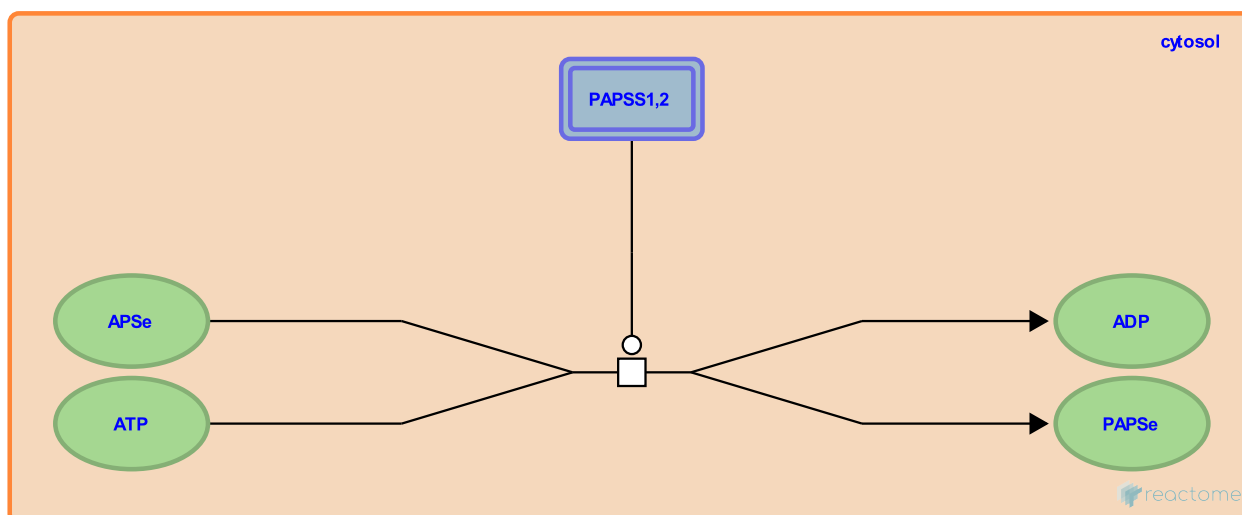
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2408540

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

**Inferred from:** [APSe is phosphorylated to PAPSe by Kaps \(Penicillium chrysogenum\)](#)



Bifunctional 3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate synthases 1 and 2 (PAPSS1,2) (Venkatachalam et al. 1998, Xu et al. 2000) are involved in phosphorylating adenylylselenate (APSe) into 3'-phosphoadenylyl selenate (PAPSe) via its APS kinase domain. This reaction is inferred from the event in *Penicillium chrysogenum* involving APS kinase (Kaps) (Yu et al. 1989).

**Preceded by:** [H<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>4</sub> is converted to APSe by PAPSS1,2](#)

**Followed by:** [PAPSe is reduced to SeO<sub>3</sub>\(2-\) by PAPSe reductase](#)

### Literature references

Venkatachalam, KV., Akita, H., Strott, CA. (1998). Molecular cloning, expression, and characterization of human bifunctional 3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate synthase and its functional domains. *J Biol Chem*, 273, 19311-20. ↗

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## PAPSe is reduced to SeO3(2-) by PAPSe reductase ↗

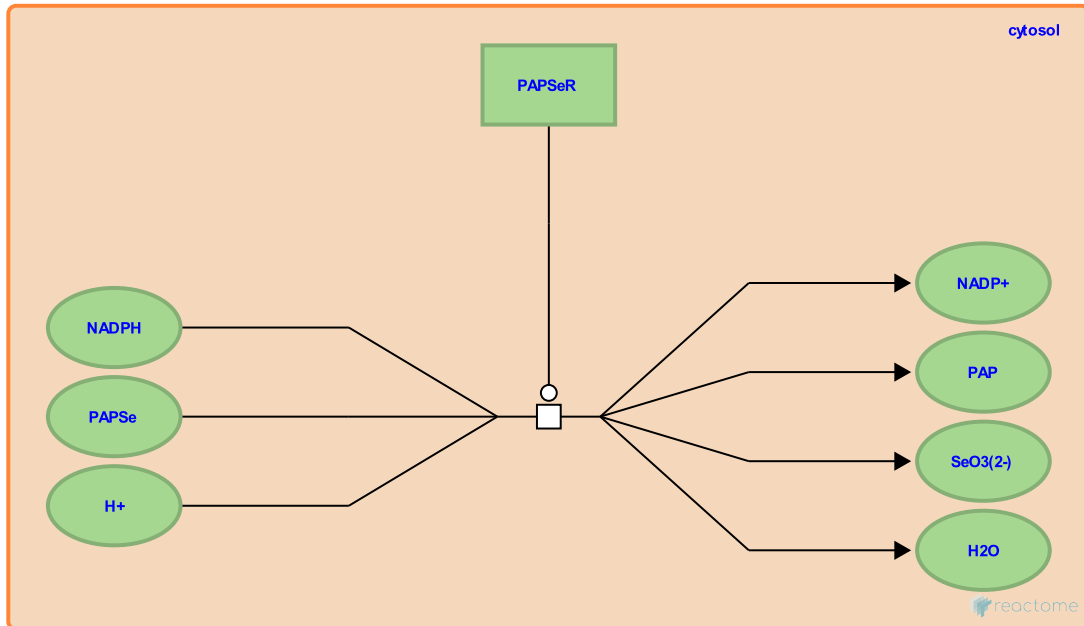
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

**Inferred from:** [PAPSe is reduced to SeO3\(2-\) by MET16 \(Saccharomyces cerevisiae\)](#)



A yet to be identified enzyme with 3'-phosphoadenylyl selenate reductase (PAPSeR) activity is involved in the reduction of 3'-phosphoadenylyl selenate (PAPSe) into selenite (SeO3(2-)) and adenosine 3',5'-bimonophosphate (PAP). This reaction is inferred from the event in yeast (Banszky et al. 2003).

**Preceded by:** [APSe is phosphorylated to PAPSe by PAPSS1,2](#)

**Followed by:** [SeO3\(2-\) is reduced to H2Se by TXNRD1](#), [SeO3\(2-\) combines with GSH to form GSSeSG and GSSG](#)

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## SeO<sub>3</sub>(<sup>2-</sup>) is reduced to H<sub>2</sub>Se by TXNRD1 ↗

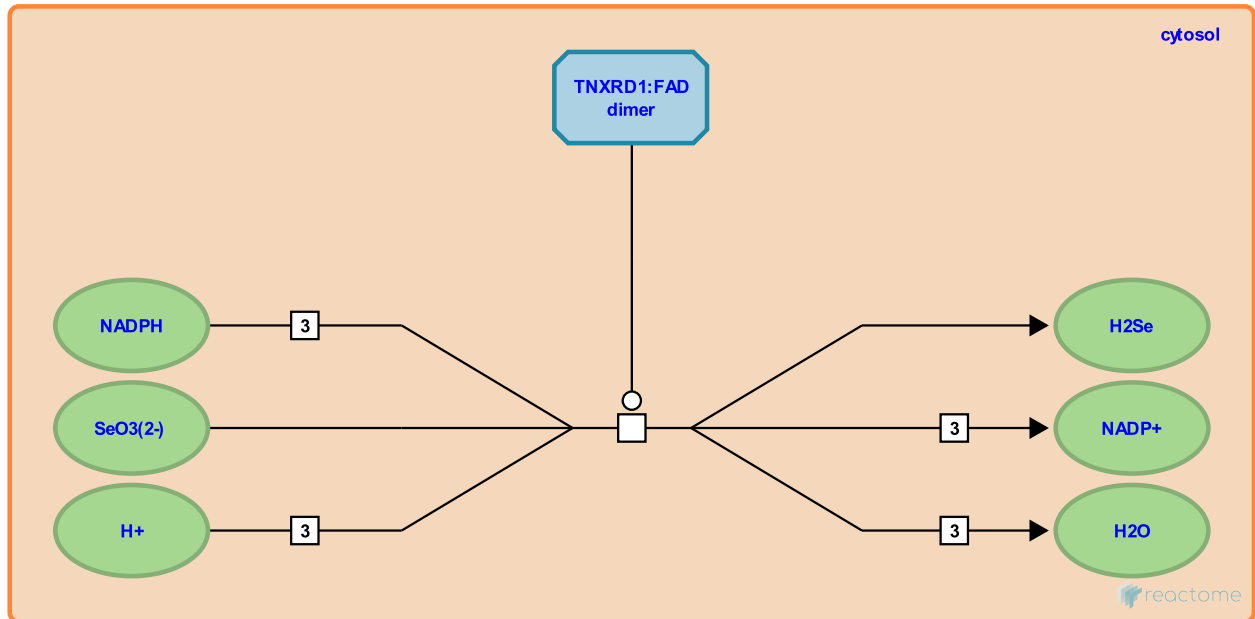
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2408558

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

**Inferred from:** SeO<sub>3</sub>(<sup>2-</sup>) is reduced to H<sub>2</sub>Se by TXNRD1 (Bos taurus)



Thioredoxin reductase 1 (TXNRD1) homodimer (Sun et al. 1999) is involved in the reduction of selenite (SeO<sub>3</sub>(<sup>2-</sup>)) into hydrogen selenide (H<sub>2</sub>Se). This reaction is inferred from the event in cow (Kumar et al. 1992).

**Preceded by:** PAPSe is reduced to SeO<sub>3</sub>(<sup>2-</sup>) by PAPSe reductase

### Literature references

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## SeO3(2-) combines with GSH to form GSSeSG and GSSG ↗

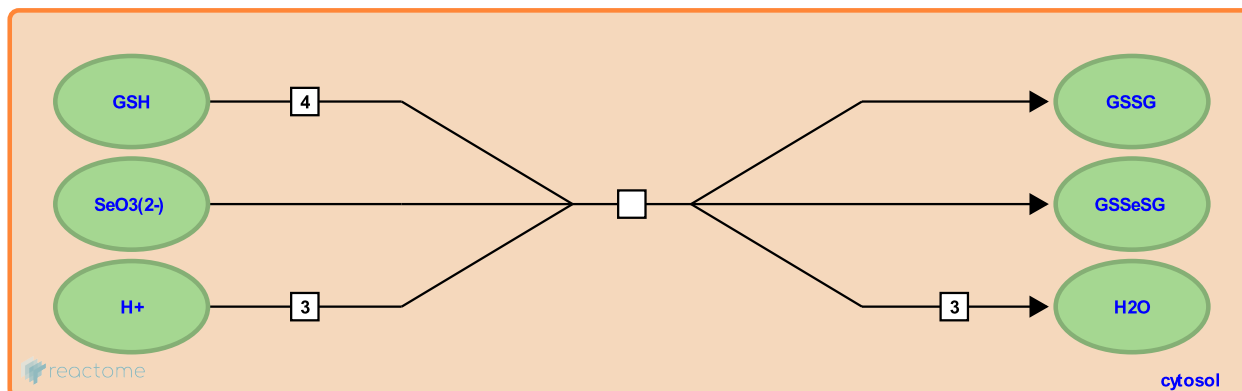
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2408556

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

**Inferred from:** [SeO3\(2-\) combines with GSH to form GSSeSG and GSSG \(Rattus norvegicus\)](#)



Selenite (SeO3(2-)) and reduced glutathione (GSH) spontaneously react to form selenodiglutathione (GSSeSG) and glutathione disulfide (GSSG). This has been proposed to be the major form of entry of selenium compounds into metabolism. This reaction is inferred from the event in rat (Bjornstedt et al. 1992).

**Preceded by:** [GSSeSG is reduced to GSSeH and GSH by GSR, PAPSe is reduced to SeO3\(2-\) by PAPSe reductase](#)

**Followed by:** [GSSeSG is reduced to GSSeH and GSH by GSR](#)

### Literature references

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## GSSeSG is reduced to GSSeH and GSH by GSR ↗

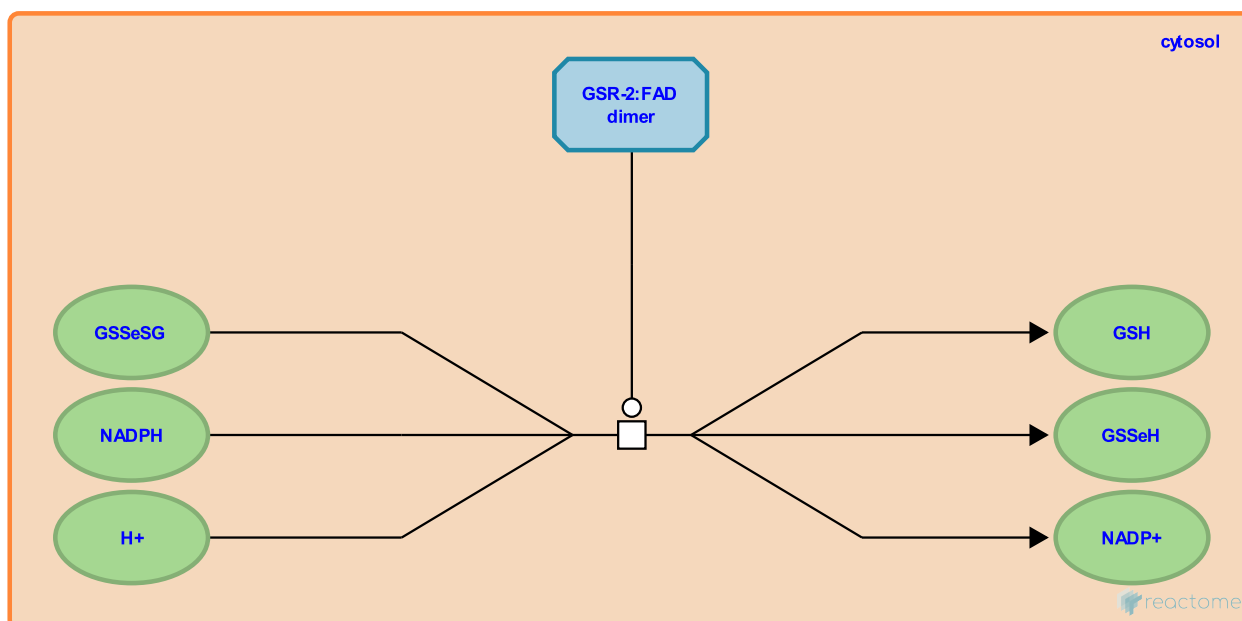
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2408542

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

**Inferred from:** GSSeSG is reduced to GSSeH and GSH by Gsr (Rattus norvegicus)



Glutathione reductase (GSR) homodimer is involved in the reduction of selenodiglutathione (GSSeSG) into glutathioselenol (GSSeH) and reduced glutathione (GSH). This reaction is inferred from the event in rat (Bjornstedt et al. 1992).

**Preceded by:** SeO<sub>3</sub>(2-) combines with GSH to form GSSeSG and GSSG

**Followed by:** GSSeH condenses with GSH to form H<sub>2</sub>Se and GSSG, SeO<sub>3</sub>(2-) combines with GSH to form GSSeSG and GSSG

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## GSSeH condenses with GSH to form H2Se and GSSG ↗

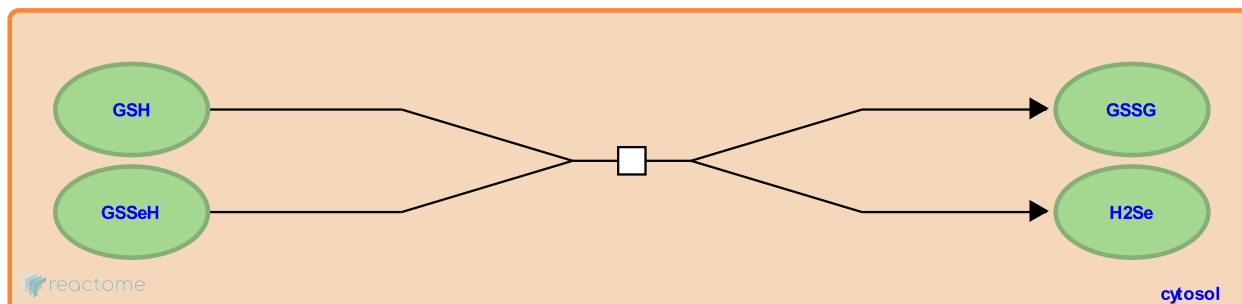
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2408500

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

**Inferred from:** [GSSeH condenses with GSH to form H2Se and GSSG \(Rattus norvegicus\)](#)



Gluthathioselenol (GSSeH) and reduced glutathione (GSH) condense to form hydrogen selenide (H2Se) and glutathione disulfide (GSSG). This reaction is inferred from the event in rat (Bjornstedt et al. 1992).

**Preceded by:** [GSSeSG is reduced to GSSeH and GSH by GSR](#)

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