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Introduction

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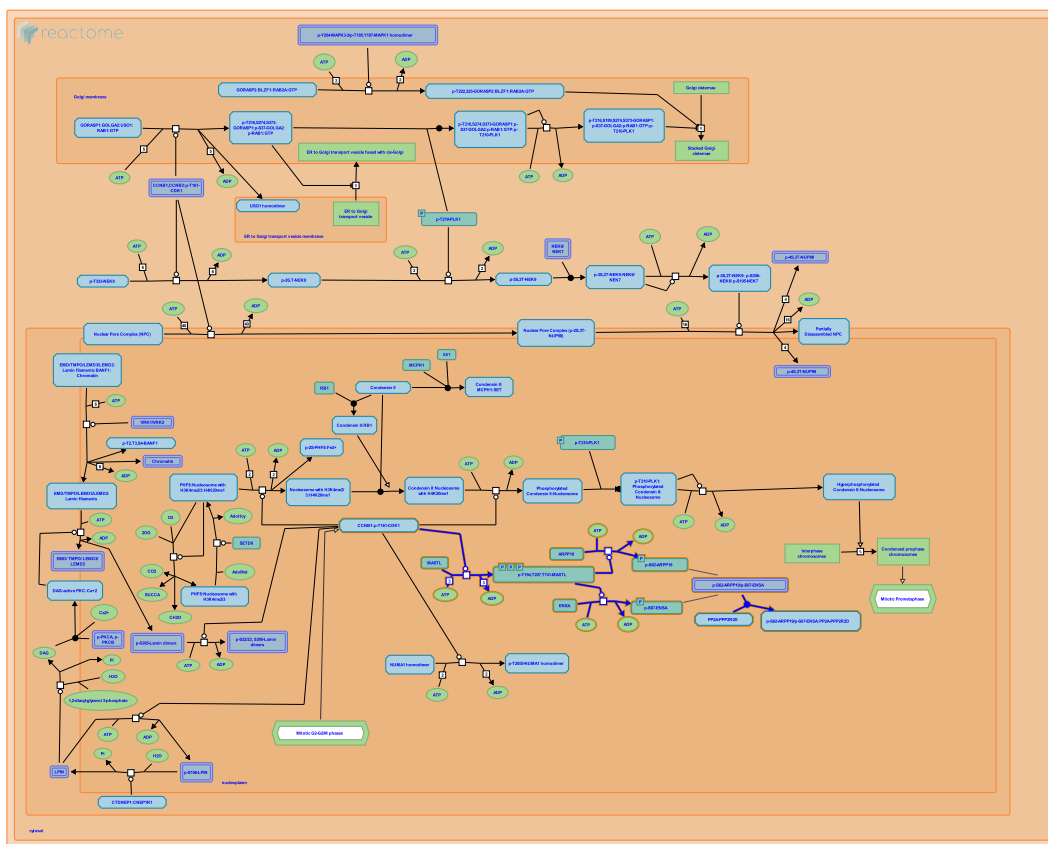
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MASTL Facilitates Mitotic Progression ↗

Stable identifier: R-HSA-2465910

Compartments: nucleoplasm



The activity of MASTL, also known as the Greatwall kinase (GWL), is necessary for the entry and progression of mitosis. MASTL is activated by phosphorylation of several key residues during mitotic entry. Phosphorylation on the serine residue S875 (S883 in *Xenopus*), likely through autophosphorylation (Blake-Hodek et al. 2012) appears to be critical (Vigneron et al. 2011). Several other sites, including putative CDK1 targets T194, T207 and T741, contribute to the full activation of MASTL (Yu et al. 2006, Blake-Hodek et al. 2012). Other kinases, such as PLK1 (Vigneron et al. 2011) and other MASTL phosphorylation sites may also be functionally important (Yu et al. 2006, Blake-Hodek et al. 2012).

Activated MASTL phosphorylates ARPP19 and ENSA on serines S62 and S67, respectively, enabling them to bind to and inhibit the phosphatase activity of PP2A complexed with the regulatory subunit PPP2R2D (B55-delta). Inhibition of PP2A-PPP2R2D activity by ARPP19 or ENSA prevents dephosphorylation of CDK1 targets, hence allowing entry and maintenance of mitosis (Mochida et al. 2010, Gharbi-Ayachi et al. 2010, Burgess et al. 2010).

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CDK1 phosphorylates MASTL ↗

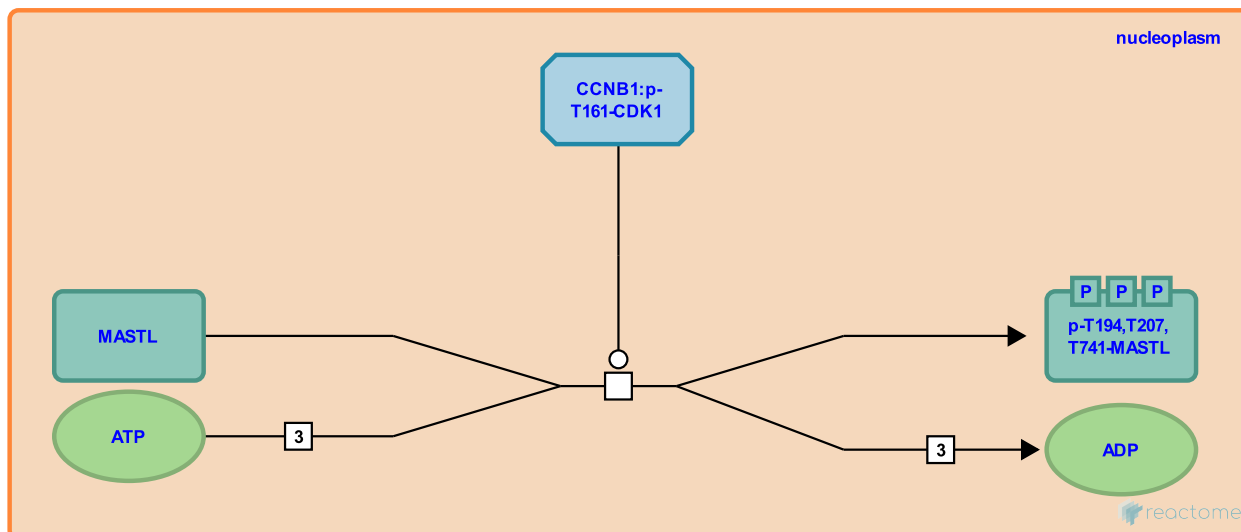
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Type: transition

Compartments: nucleoplasm

Inferred from: [CDK1 phosphorylates Mastl \(Homo sapiens\)](#)



At the beginning of mitosis, MASTL (GWL, Greatwall kinase) is activated by phosphorylation at several key sites. Many of these sites, including functionally important threonine residues T194, T207 and T741 (corresponding to *Xenopus* residues T193, T206 and T748), are proline directed, matching CDK1 consensus sequence, and thus probably phosphorylated by CDK1, as shown by *in vitro* studies (Yu et al. 2006, Blake-Hodek et al. 2012). Phosphorylation of the serine residue S875 (S883 in *Xenopus*) is implicated as critical for the mitotic function of MASTL (Vigneron et al. 2011) and likely occurs through autophosphorylation (Blake-Hodek et al. 2012). Other kinases, such as PLK1 (Vigneron et al. 2011) and other MASTL phosphorylation sites may also be involved in mitotic activation of MASTL (Yu et al. 2006, Vigneron et al. 2011, Blake-Hodek et al. 2012). Phosphorylation of the serine residue S102 (S101 in *Xenopus*) is functionally important but the responsible kinase has not been identified (Blake-Hodek et al. 2012).

Followed by: [MASTL phosphorylates ENSA](#), [MASTL \(GWL\) phosphorylates ARPP19](#)

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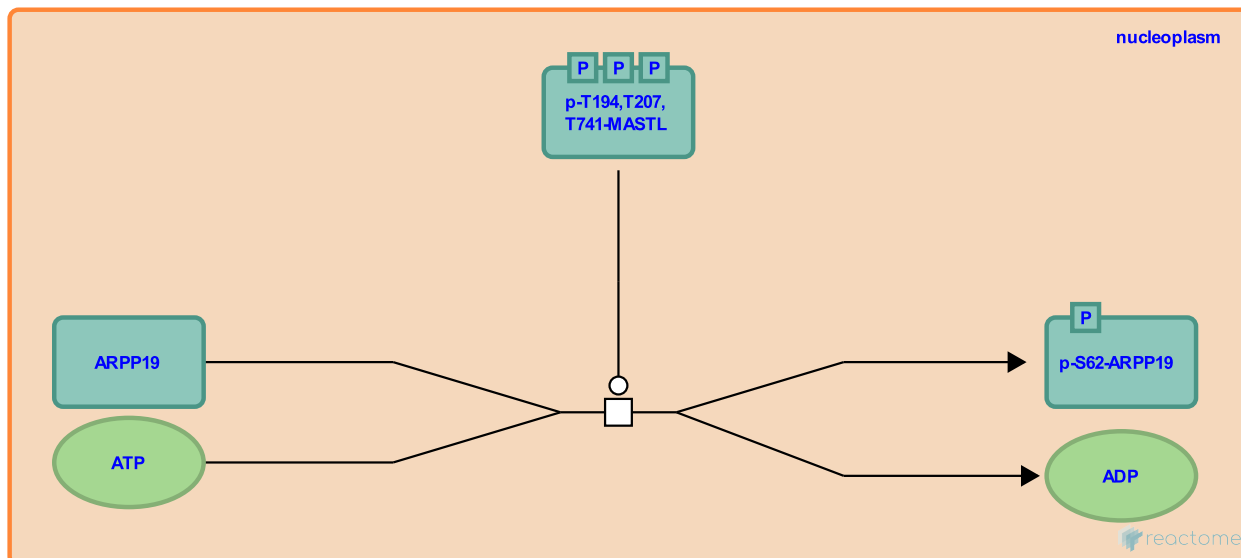
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-2168079

Type: transition

Compartments: nucleoplasm



MASTL (GWL i.e. Greatwall kinase) phosphorylates ARPP19 on serine residue S62 (Gharbi-Ayachi et al. 2010). S62 of human ARPP19 corresponds to serine residue S67 of *Xenopus* Arpp19, which is phosphorylated by *Xenopus* Mastl (Mochida et al. 2010).

Preceded by: [CDK1 phosphorylates MASTL](#)

Followed by: [p-S62-ARPP19/p-S67-ENSA binds PP2A-PPP2R2D](#)

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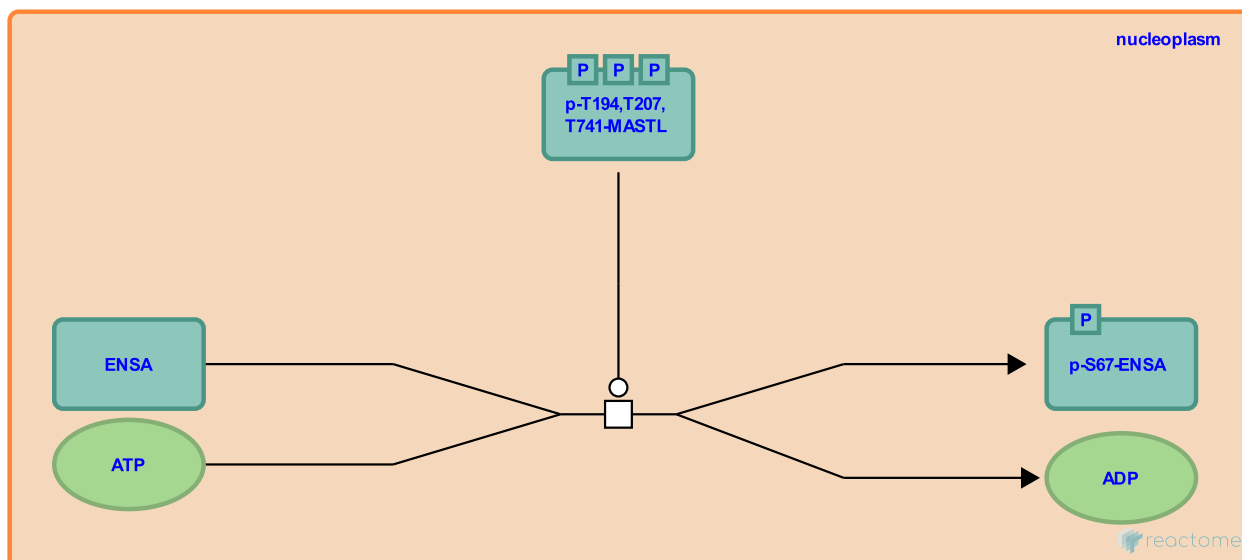
MASTL phosphorylates ENSA ↗

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Type: transition

Compartments: nucleoplasm



MASTL (GWL) activates ENSA by phosphorylating it on serine residue S67 (Mochida et al. 2010, Gharbi-Ayachi et al. 2010).

Preceded by: [CDK1 phosphorylates MASTL](#)

Followed by: [p-S62-ARPP19/p-S67-ENSA binds PP2A-PPP2R2D](#)

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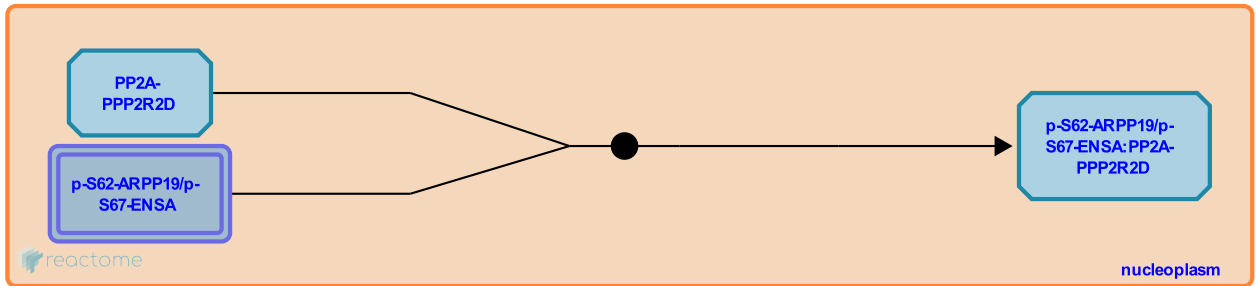
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Type: binding

Compartments: nucleoplasm

Inferred from: [p-S67-Ensa/p-S67-Arpp19 binds PP2A-Ppp2r2d \(Xenopus laevis\)](#)



ARPP19 and ENSA, activated by MASTL (GWL) mediated phosphorylation, bind and inhibit PP2A complexed with the regulatory subunit PPP2R2D (B55-delta). Inhibition of PP2A-PPP2R2D phosphatase activity allows mitosis entry and maintenance by preventing dephosphorylation of CDK1 mitotic targets (Mochida et al. 2010, Gharbi-Ayachi et al. 2010).

Preceded by: [MASTL \(GWL\) phosphorylates ARPP19](#), [MASTL phosphorylates ENSA](#)

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