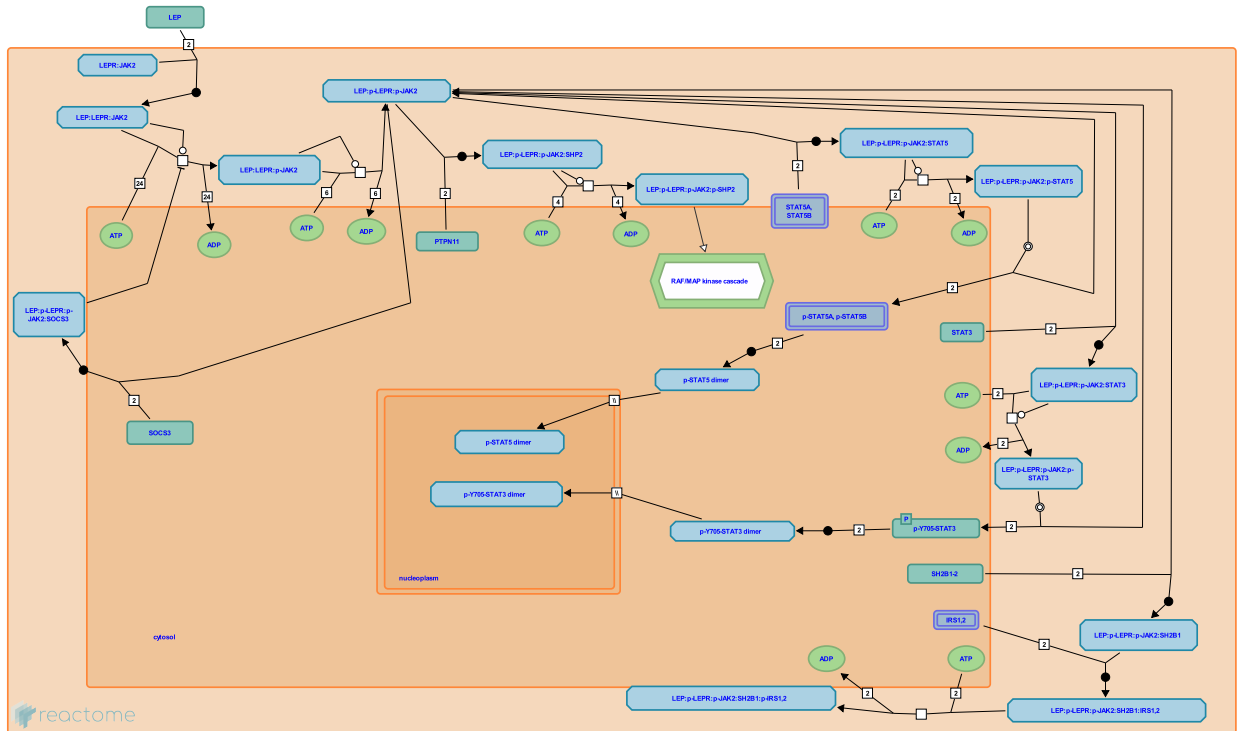


# Signaling by Leptin



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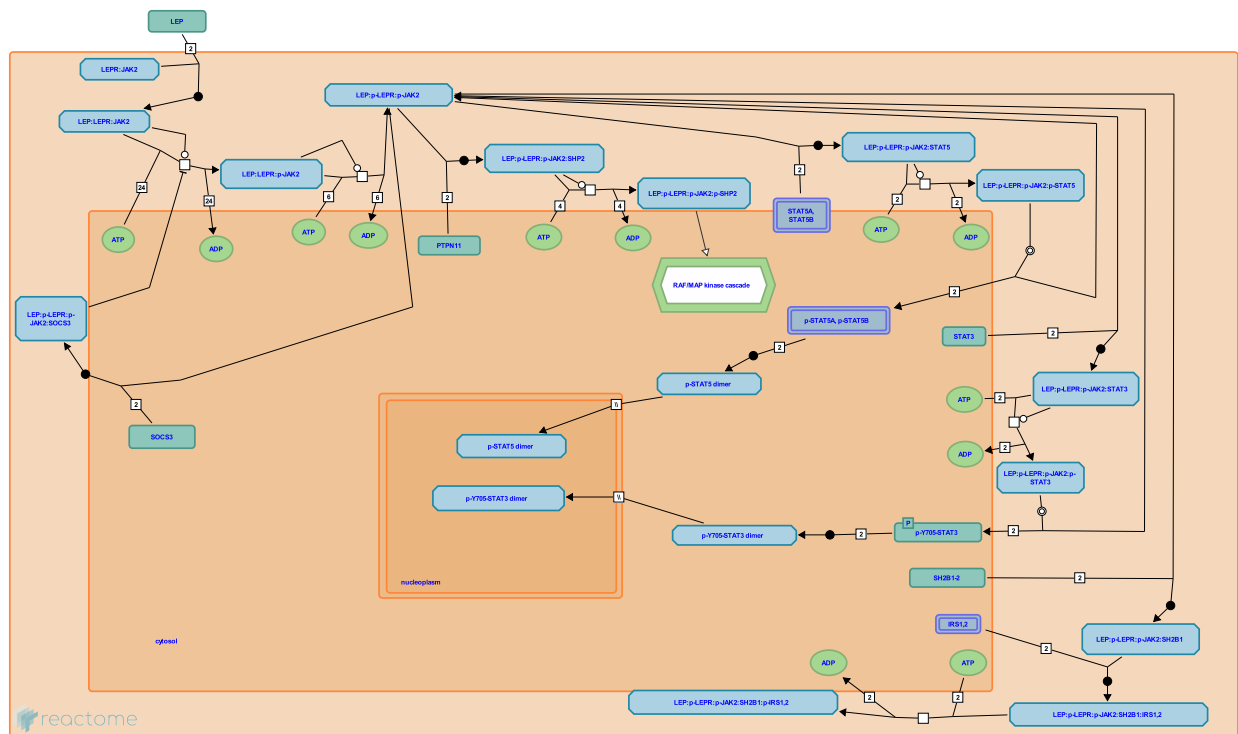
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## Signaling by Leptin ↗

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**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



Leptin (LEP, OB, OBS), a circulating adipokine, and its receptor LEPR (DB, OBR) control food intake and energy balance and are implicated in obesity-related diseases (recently reviewed in Amitani et al. 2013, Dunmore and Brown 2013, Cottrell and Mercer 2012, La Cava 2012, Marroqui et al. 2012, Paz-Filho et al. 2012, Denver et al. 2011, Lee 2011, Marino et al. 2011, Morton and Schwartz 2011, Scherer and Buettner 2011, Shan and Yeo 2011, Wauman and Tavernier 2011, Dardeno et al. 2010, Bjorbaek 2009, Morris and Rui 2009, Myers et al. 2008), including cancer (Guo et al. 2012), inflammation (Newman and Gonzalez-Perez 2013, Iikuni et al. 2008), and angiogenesis (Gonzalez-Perez et al. 2013).

The identification of spontaneous mutations in the leptin gene (*ob* or *LEP*) and the leptin receptor gene (*Ob-R*, *db* or *LEPR*) genes in mice opened up a new field in obesity research. Leptin was discovered as the product of the gene affected by the *ob* (obesity) mutation, which causes obesity in mice. Likewise *LEPR* is the product of the gene affected by the *db* (diabetic) mutation. Leptin binding to *LEPR* induces canonical (JAK2/STATs; MAPK/ERK 1/2, PI-3K/AKT) and non-canonical signaling pathways (PKC, JNK, p38 MAPK and AMPK) in diverse cell types. The binding of leptin to the long isoform of *LEPR* (*OB-R1*) initiates a phosphorylation cascade that results in transcriptional activation of target genes by STAT5 and STAT3 and activation of the PI3K pathway (not shown here), the MAPK/ERK pathway, and the mTOR/S6K pathway. Shorter *LEPR* isoforms with truncated intracellular domains are unable to activate the STAT pathway, but can transduce signals by way of activation of JAK2, IRS-1 or ERKs, including MAPKs.

*LEPR* is constitutively bound to the JAK2 kinase. Binding of LEP to *LEPR* causes a conformational change in *LEPR* that activates JAK2 autophosphorylation followed by phosphorylation of *LEPR* by JAK2. Phosphorylated *LEPR* binds STAT3, STAT5, and SHP2 which are then phosphorylated by JAK2. Phosphorylated JAK2 binds SH2B1 which then binds IRS1/2, resulting in phosphorylation of IRS1/2 by JAK2. Phosphorylated STAT3 and STAT5 dimerize and translocate to the nucleus where they activate transcription of target genes (Jovanovic et al. 2010). SHP2 activates the MAPK pathway. IRS1/2 activate the PI3K/AKT pathway which may be the activator of mTOR/S6K.

Several isoforms of *LEPR* have been identified (reviewed in Gorska et al. 2010). The long isoform (*LEPRb*, *OBRb*) is expressed in the hypothalamus and all types of immune cells. It is the only isoform known to fully activate signaling pathways in response to leptin. Shorter isoforms (*LEPRa*, *LEPRc*, *LEPRd*, and a soluble isoform *LEPRE*) are able to interact with JAK kinases and activate other pathways, however their roles in energy homeostasis are not fully characterized.

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## Leptin Binds Leptin Receptor [↗](#)

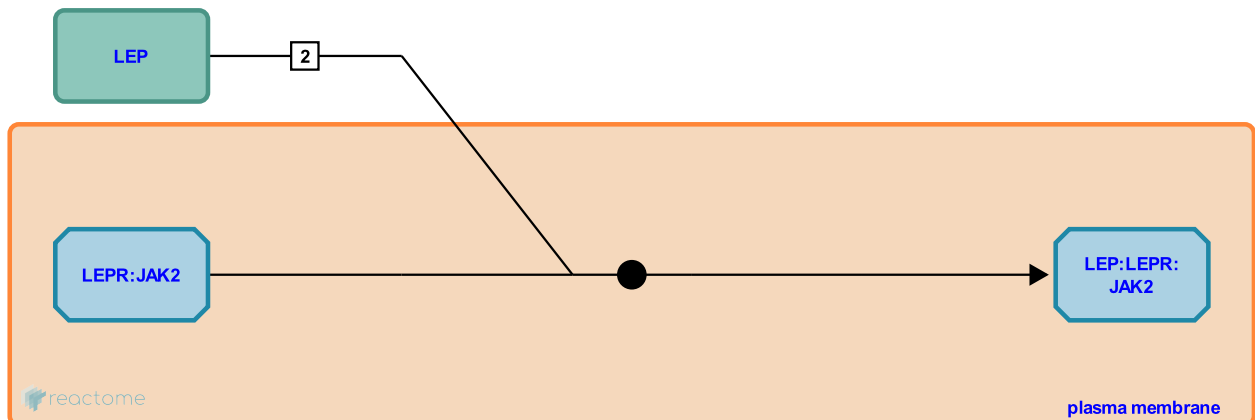
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**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, extracellular region

**Inferred from:** [Leptin Binds Leptin Receptor \(Mus musculus\)](#)



Analysis of a structural model of the Leptin-LEPR complex using as a basis the complex formed by granulocyte-colony stimulator factor (GCSF) and its receptor G-CSF R (Hiroike et al., 2000) suggested that helices I and III of the human leptin structure were likely sites of interaction with the cytokine binding domain of leptin receptor (Gonzalez and Leavis, 2003). It is believed that the Leptin receptor (LEPR) is a dimer constitutively bound in a complex with JAK2 kinase (Couturier and Jockers 2003). It has been proposed that one molecule of Leptin binds each monomer of LEPR (Luoh et al. 1997, Mistrik et al. 2004), however these suggestions need further proof because the structure of the Leptin:LEPR complex has not yet been solved.

**Followed by:** [JAK2 Autophosphorylates in Response to Leptin](#)

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## JAK2 Autophosphorylates in Response to Leptin ↗

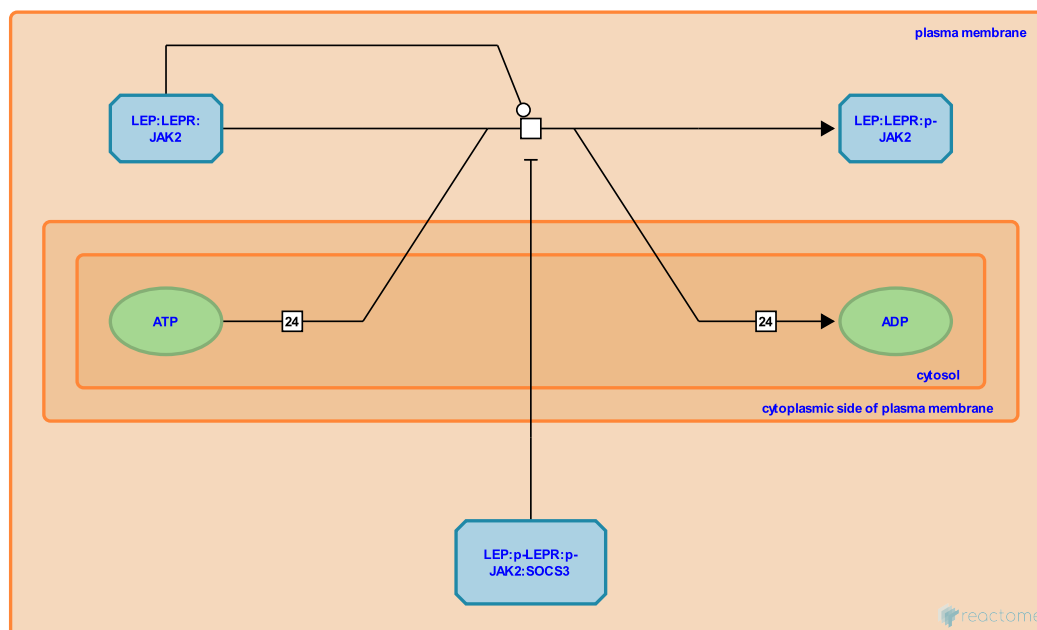
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Jak2 Autophosphorylates in Response to Leptin \(Mus musculus\)](#)



As inferred from mouse, binding of Leptin (LEP) to the Leptin receptor (LEPR) causes a conformational change in LEPR that activates autophosphorylation of JAK2 at multiple tyrosine residues. Phosphorylated JAK2 has much higher kinase activity than unphosphorylated JAK2.

As inferred from mouse, the kinase inhibitory domain of SOCS3 interacts with the activation loop of jAK2 and inhibits the phosphorylation of JAK2.

**Preceded by:** [Leptin Binds Leptin Receptor](#)

**Followed by:** [JAK2 Phosphorylates LEPR](#)

### Literature references

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## JAK2 Phosphorylates LEPR ↗

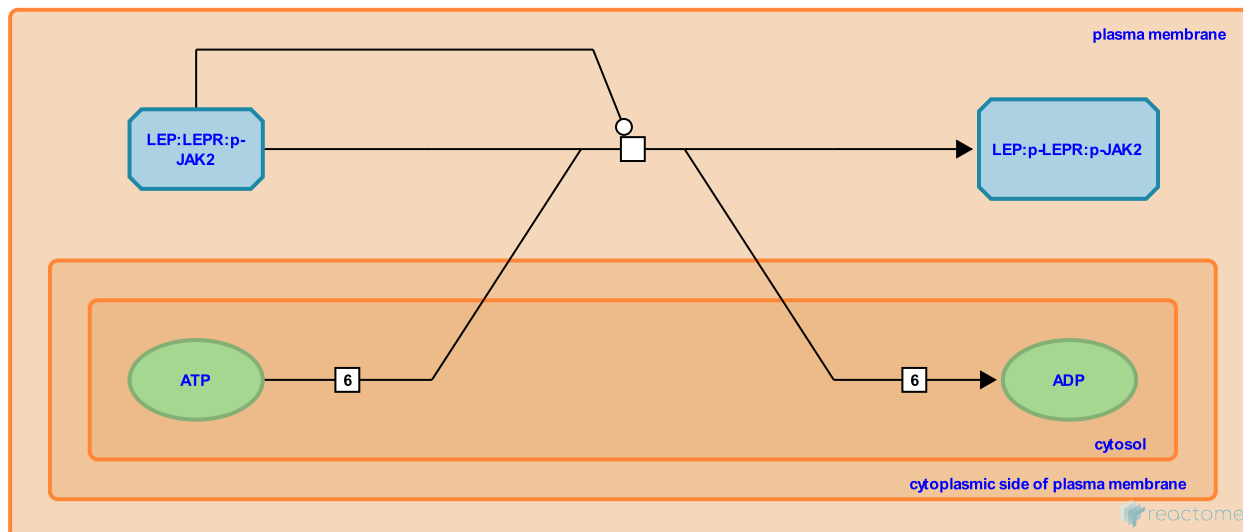
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2586553

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** Jak2 Phosphorylates Lepr (Mus musculus)



Phosphorylated JAK2 phosphorylates the Leptin receptor (LEPR or OB-R1, long isoform) at multiple tyrosine residues in the C-terminal, cytoplasmic domain (Bjorbaek et al. 1997, White et al. 1997, Ghilardi and Skoda 1997, Carpenter et al. 1998). The phosphotyrosines residues of LEPR then act as docking sites for downstream effectors STAT5, STAT3, SHP2, SH2B1, and SOCS3.

**Preceded by:** JAK2 Autophosphorylates in Response to Leptin

**Followed by:** Phosphorylated LEPR Binds SHP2 (PTPN11), Phosphorylated LEP:LEPR:JAK2 Binds SH2B1, Phosphorylated LEPR Binds STAT5, Phosphorylated LEPR Binds SOCS3, Phosphorylated LEPR Binds STAT3

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## Phosphorylated LEPR Binds SHP2 (PTPN11) ↗

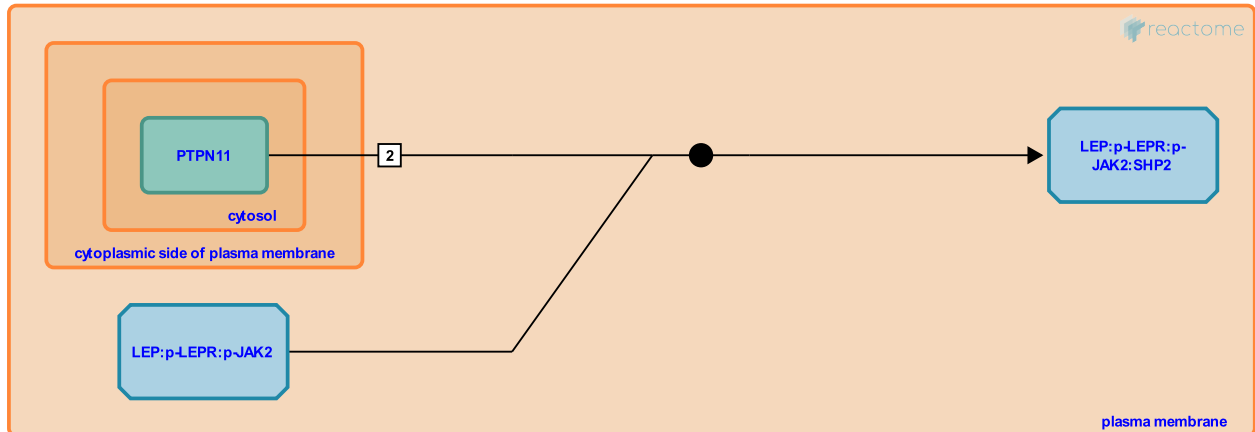
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**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Phosphorylated Lepr Binds Shp2 \(Mus musculus\)](#)



SHP2 (PTPN11) interacts with phosphotyrosine-986 of the phosphorylated Leptin receptor (LEPR) (Carpenter et al. 1998). The corresponding site in mouse is phosphotyrosine-985 and in rat phosphotyrosine-986. SHP2 and SOCS3 compete for the same binding site on LEPR. SHP2 activates MAPK signaling, probably by recruiting GRB2:SOS which activates RAS.

**Preceded by:** [JAK2 Phosphorylates LEPR](#)

**Followed by:** [JAK2 Phosphorylates SHP2 \(PTPN11\) in Response to Leptin](#)

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## JAK2 Phosphorylates SHP2 (PTPN11) in Response to Leptin ↗

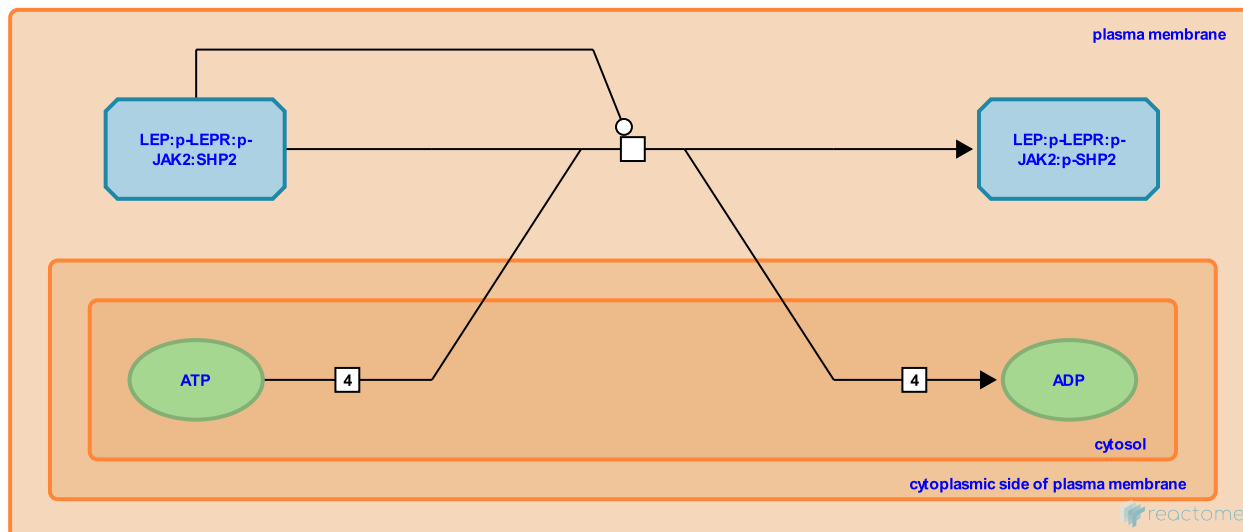
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**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** Jak2 Phosphorylates Shp2 in Response to Leptin (Mus musculus)



Phosphorylated JAK2 in the LEP:LEPR:JAK2:SHP2 complex phosphorylates SHP2 (Carpenter et al. 1998). Phosphorylated SHP2, in turn, activates the RAS-MAPK signaling pathway, possibly via GRB2:SOS.

**Preceded by:** Phosphorylated LEPR Binds SHP2 (PTPN11)

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## Phosphorylated LEPR Binds STAT5 [↗](#)

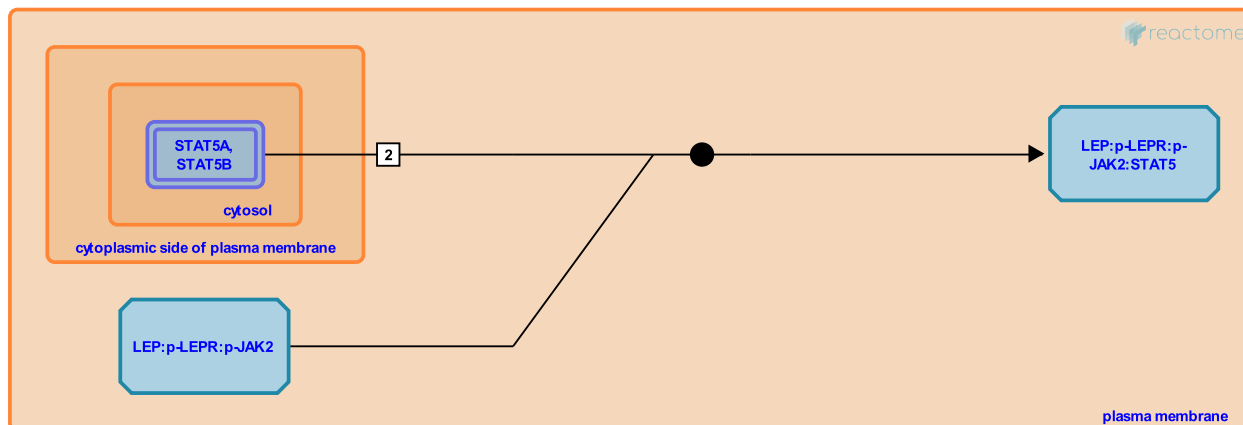
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2671855

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Phosphorylated Lepr Binds Stat5 \(Mus musculus\)](#)



STAT5 interacts with phosphotyrosine-1079 of LEPR in the LEP:LEPR:JAK2 complex, bringing STAT5 in proximity to the JAK2 kinase (Briscoe et al. 2001).

**Preceded by:** [JAK2 Phosphorylates LEPR](#)

**Followed by:** [JAK2 Phosphorylates STAT5 in Response to Leptin](#)

### Literature references

Tadayyon, M., Arch, JR., Briscoe, CP., Hanif, S. (2001). Leptin receptor long-form signalling in a human liver cell line. *Cytokine*, 14, 225-9. [↗](#)

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## JAK2 Phosphorylates STAT5 in Response to Leptin ↗

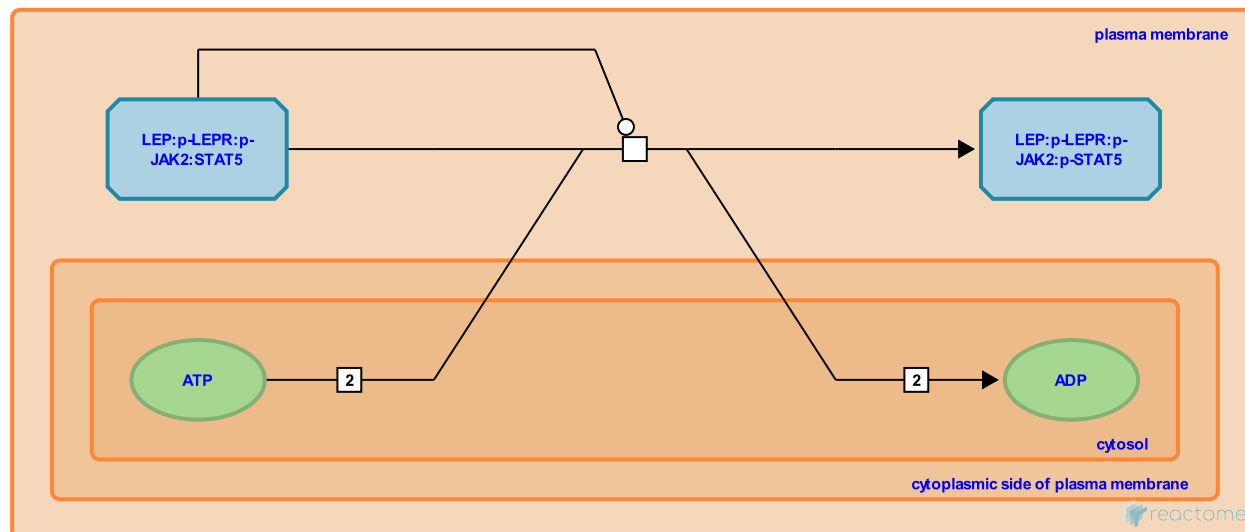
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Jak2 Phosphorylates Stat5 in Response to Leptin \(Mus musculus\)](#)



Phosphorylated JAK2 phosphorylates STAT5 (at phosphotyrosine-694 of STAT5A and probably at the homologous residue in STAT5B) while STAT5 and JAK2 are bound to LEPR (Briscoe et al. 2001).

**Preceded by:** [Phosphorylated LEPR Binds STAT5](#)

**Followed by:** [Phosphorylated STAT5 Dissociates from Leptin Receptor](#)

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## Phosphorylated STAT5 Dissociates from Leptin Receptor ↗

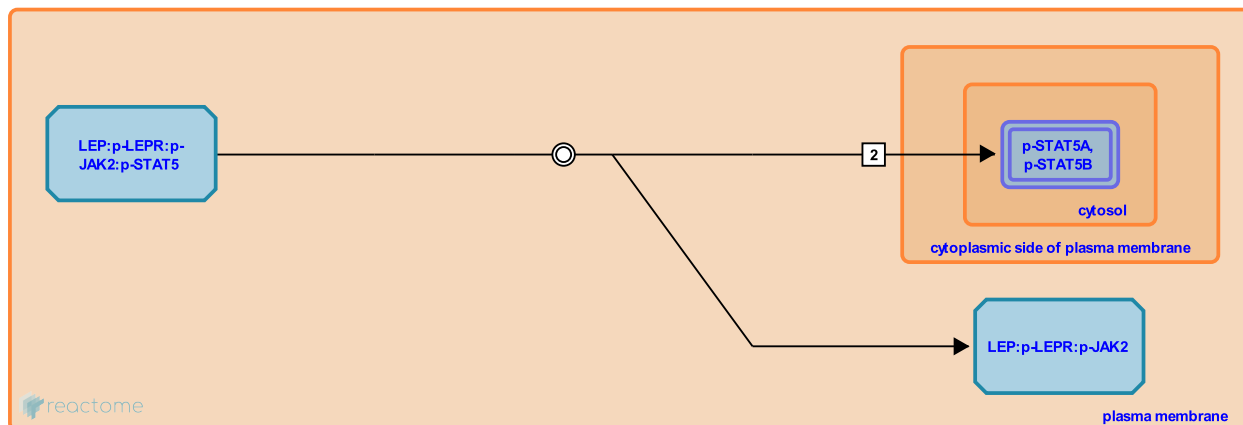
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2671876

**Type:** dissociation

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Phosphorylated Stat5 Dissociates from Leptin Receptor \(Mus musculus\)](#)



Phosphorylated STAT5 dissociates from LEPR, dimerizes, and then translocates to the nucleus.

**Preceded by:** [JAK2 Phosphorylates STAT5 in Response to Leptin](#)

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## p-STAT5 dimerizes ↗

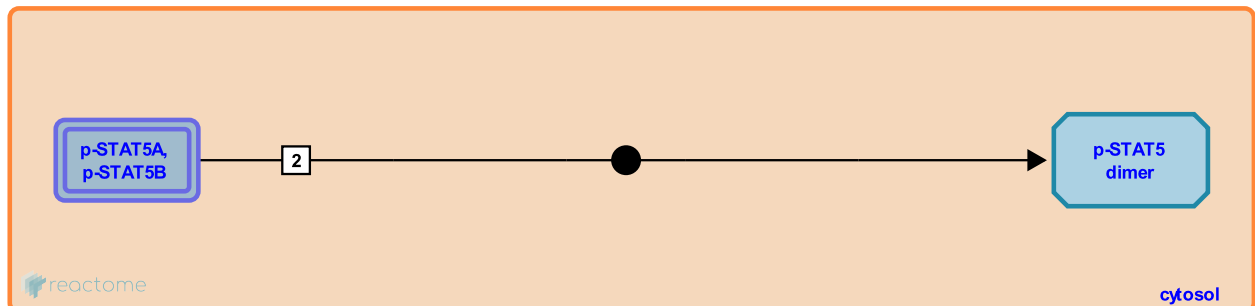
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-452102

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Phosphorylated Stat5 dimerizes \(Mus musculus\)](#)



Phosphorylated STAT5A and STAT5B form homodimers and heterodimers in the cytosol (Gaffen et al. 1996, Rosenthal et al. 1997, also inferred from mouse homologs). Phosphorylation of a critical tyrosine residue in the SH domain (Y694 in STAT5A and Y699 in STAT5B) and intramolecular interactions between hydrophobic residues in the SH domain are required for dimerization (inferred from mouse homologs).

**Followed by:** [STAT5 dimers translocate to the nucleus](#)

## Literature references

Finbloom, DS., Rosenthal, LA., Winestock, KD. (1997). IL-2 and IL-7 induce heterodimerization of STAT5 isoforms in human peripheral blood T lymphoblasts. *Cell Immunol*, 181, 172-81. ↗

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## STAT5 dimers translocate to the nucleus ↗

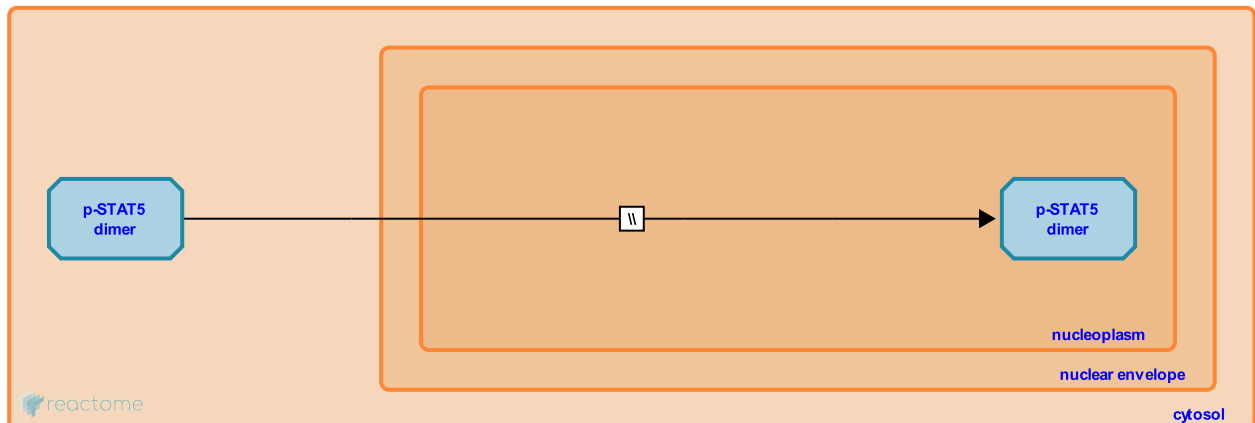
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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Phosphorylated Stat5 Dimer Translocates to the Nucleus \(Mus musculus\)](#)



Interleukin-7 (IL7)-activated Signal transducer and activator of transcription 5A or 5B (typically referred to as STAT5) is recruited rapidly to the promoters of IL7-regulated genes (Ye et al. 2001, Stanton & Brodeur 2005).

**Preceded by:** [p-STAT5 dimerizes](#)

### Literature references

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## Phosphorylated LEPR Binds STAT3 [↗](#)

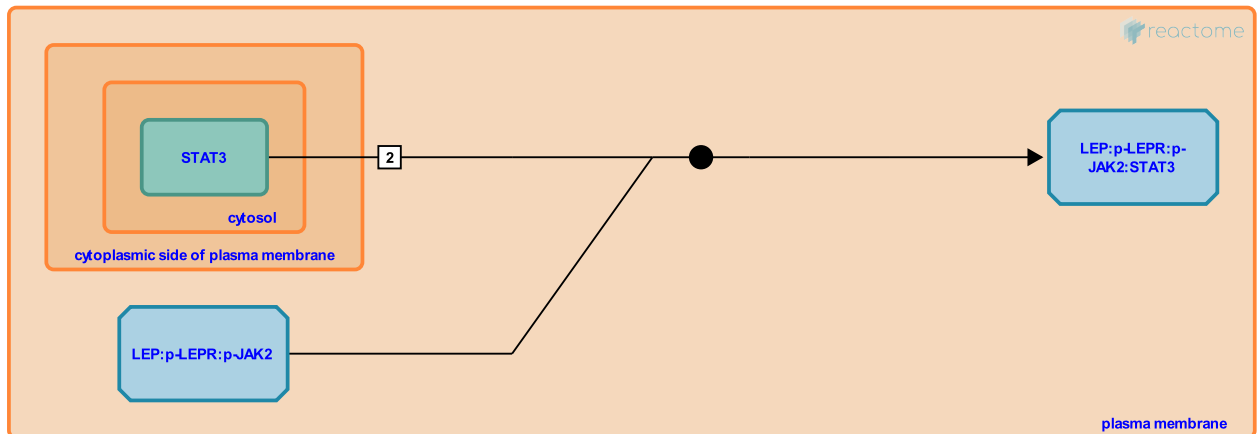
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**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Phosphorylated Lepr Binds Stat3 \(Mus musculus\)](#)



STAT3 binds phosphotyrosine-1141 of the C-terminal, cytoplasmic region of LEPR (Bjorbaek et al. 1997). Only the long isoform of LEPR has tyrosine-1141 and consequently only the long isoform of LEPR activates STAT3. Short isoforms of LEPR exist but their function is uncertain. Shorter LEPR isoforms bind JAK2 and can signal through IRS-1 or ERKs, including MAPKs (Bjorbaek et al. 1997).

**Preceded by:** [JAK2 Phosphorylates LEPR](#)

**Followed by:** [JAK2 Phosphorylates STAT3 in Response to Leptin](#)

### Literature references

da Silva, B., Uotani, S., Flier, JS., Bjorbaek, C. (1997). Divergent signaling capacities of the long and short isoforms of the leptin receptor. *J. Biol. Chem.*, 272, 32686-95. [↗](#)

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## JAK2 Phosphorylates STAT3 in Response to Leptin ↗

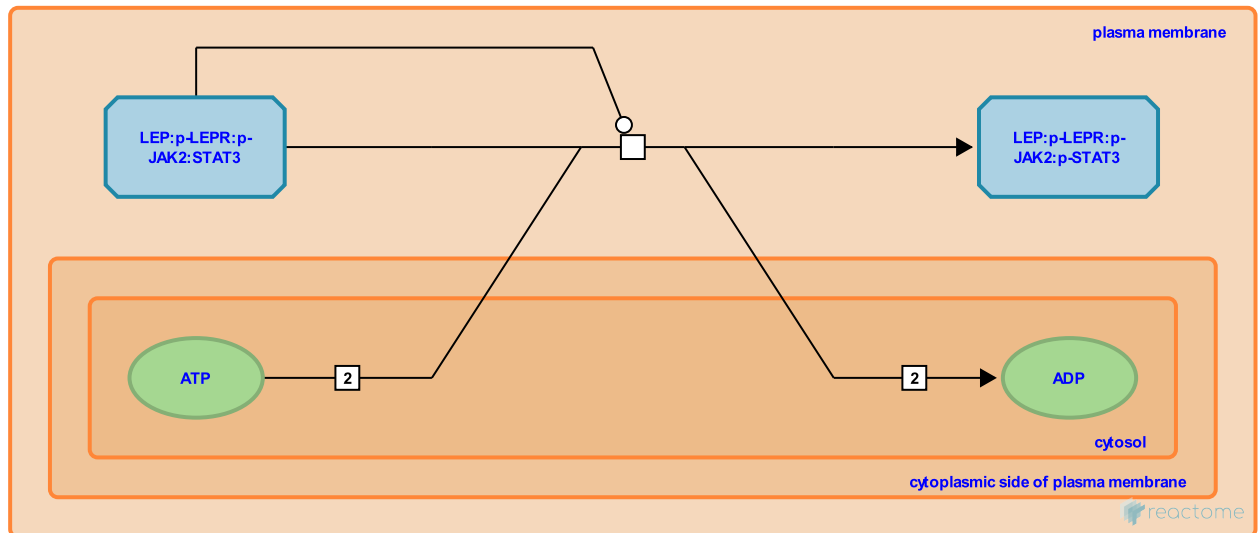
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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** Jak2 Phosphorylates Stat3 in Response to Leptin (Mus musculus)



Phosphorylated JAK2 in the LEP:LEPR:JAK2:STAT3 complex phosphorylates STAT3 at tyrosine-705 (Bjorbaek et al. 1997).

**Preceded by:** Phosphorylated LEPR Binds STAT3

**Followed by:** Phosphorylated STAT3 Dissociates from Leptin Receptor

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## Phosphorylated STAT3 Dissociates from Leptin Receptor ↗

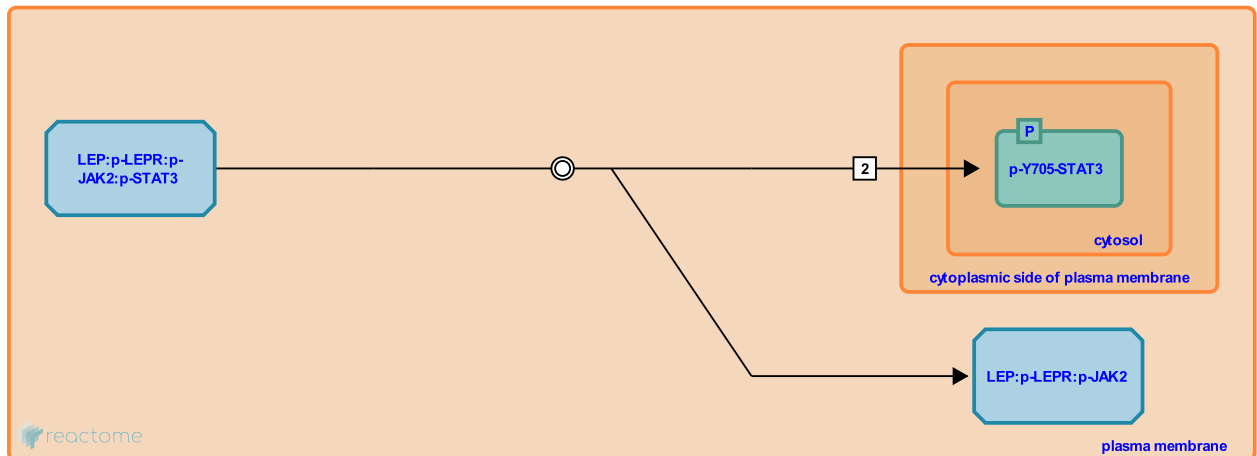
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**Type:** dissociation

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**Inferred from:** [Phosphorylated Stat3 Dissociates from Leptin Receptor \(Mus musculus\)](#)



Phosphorylated STAT3 dissociates from LEPR in the LEP:LEPR:JAK2 complex, dimerizes, and translocates to the nucleus.

**Preceded by:** [JAK2 Phosphorylates STAT3 in Response to Leptin](#)

**Followed by:** [Phosphorylated STAT3 Forms Dimers](#)

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## Phosphorylated STAT3 Forms Dimers [↗](#)

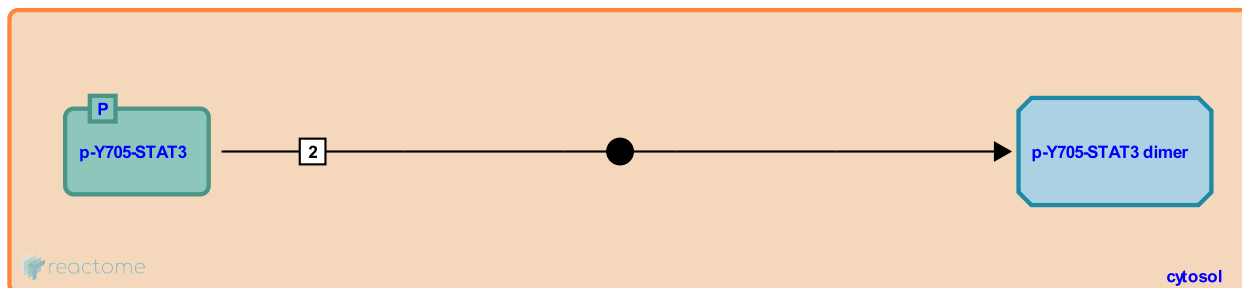
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**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Phosphorylated Stat3 Forms Dimer \(Mus musculus\)](#)



As inferred from mouse, both non-phosphorylated and phosphorylated STAT3 can form dimers and enter the nucleus. Phosphorylation of STAT3 appears to change the equilibrium between these states, causing accumulation of phosphorylated STAT3 in the nucleus. Phosphorylated STAT3 dimers also activate transcription more efficiently.

**Preceded by:** [Phosphorylated STAT3 Dissociates from Leptin Receptor](#)

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## Phosphorylated STAT3 Dimer Translocates to the Nucleus ↗

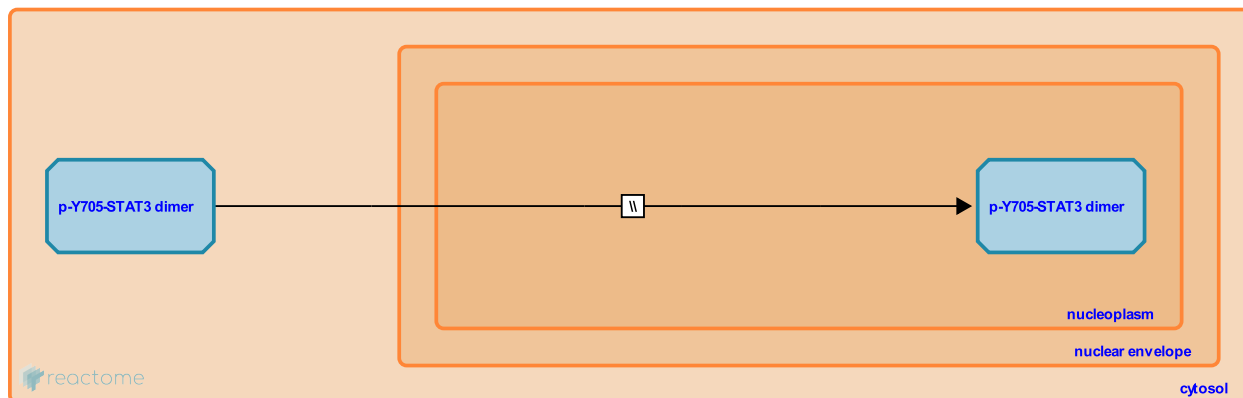
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**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Phosphorylated Stat3 Dimer Translocates to the Nucleus \(Mus musculus\)](#)



As inferred from mouse, both non-phosphorylated and phosphorylated STAT3 are imported and exported from the nucleus. Phosphorylation shifts the equilibrium distribution of STAT3 to the nucleus.

**Preceded by:** [Phosphorylated STAT3 Forms Dimers](#)

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## Phosphorylated LEP:LEPR:JAK2 Binds SH2B1 [↗](#)

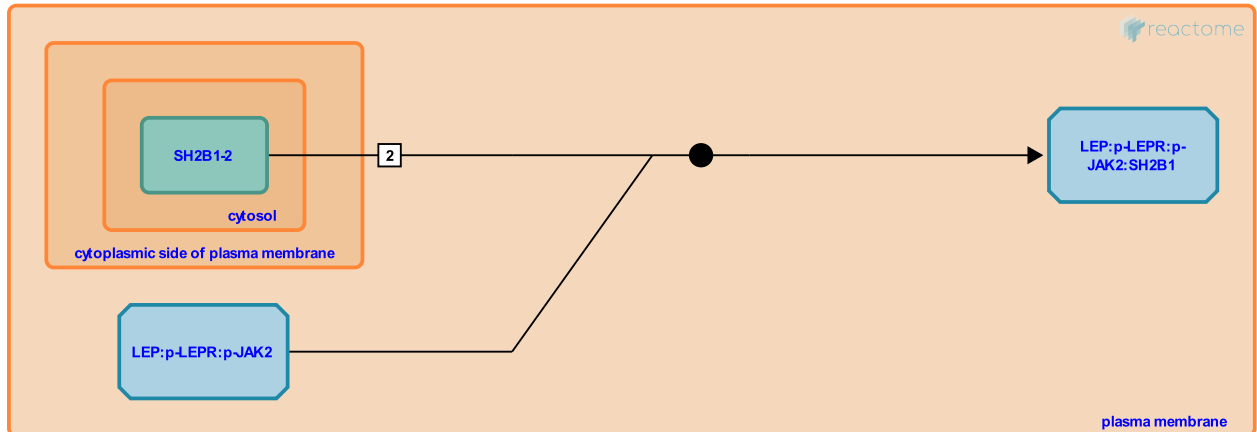
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**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Phosphorylated Lep:Lepr:Jak2 Binds Sh2b1 \(Mus musculus\)](#)



The SH2 domain of SH2B1 binds phosphotyrosine-813 of JAK2 (Nishi et al. 2005, Li et al. 2007). Binding of SH2B1 to JAK2 enhances leptin-induced JAK2 activity. SH2B1 also recruits IRS1 for phosphorylation by JAK2 (Li et al. 2007).

**Preceded by:** [JAK2 Phosphorylates LEPR](#)

**Followed by:** [Phosphorylated LEP:LEPR:JAK2:SH2B1 Binds IRS1/2](#)

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## Phosphorylated LEP:LEPR:JAK2:SH2B1 Binds IRS1/2 ↗

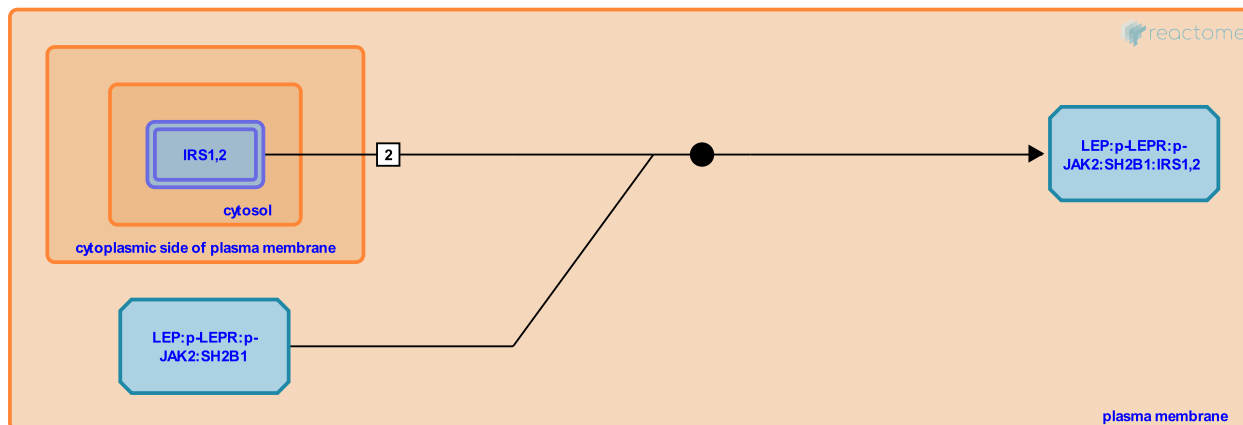
**Location:** [Signaling by Leptin](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2671873

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Phosphorylated Lep:Lepr:Jak2:Sh2b1 Binds Irs1/2 \(Mus musculus\)](#)



SH2B1 in the LEP:LEPR:JAK2:SH2B1 complex can bind either IRS1 or IRS2 (Duan et al. 2004, Li et al. 2007). The binding brings IRS1/2 into proximity with JAK2 for phosphorylation.

**Preceded by:** [Phosphorylated LEP:LEPR:JAK2 Binds SH2B1](#)

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## JAK2 Phosphorylates IRS in Response to Leptin ↗

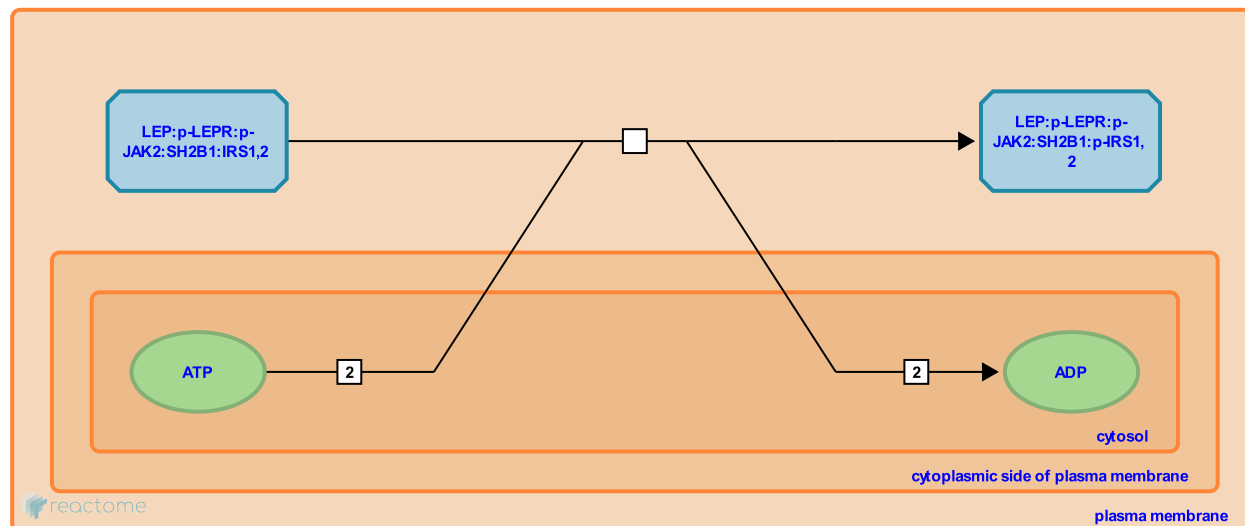
**Location:** Signaling by Leptin

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2671862

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** Jak2 Phosphorylates Irs1/2 in Response to Leptin (Mus musculus)



JAK2 phosphorylates IRS1/2 after IRS1/2 binds SH2B1 in the LEP:LEPR:JAK2:SH2B1 complex (Martin-Romero and Sanchez-Margalet 2001, Li et al. 2007). However, in some cells leptin may only affect phosphorylation of IRS1/2 when insulin signaling subsequently occurs (Szanto and Kahn 2000). As inferred from mouse and rat (Buettner et al. 2008, Hill et al. 2008) phosphorylated IRS1/2 then activates PI3K independently of STAT3 signaling.

**Preceded by:** Phosphorylated LEP:LEPR:JAK2:SH2B1 Binds IRS1/2

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## Phosphorylated LEPR Binds SOCS3 [↗](#)

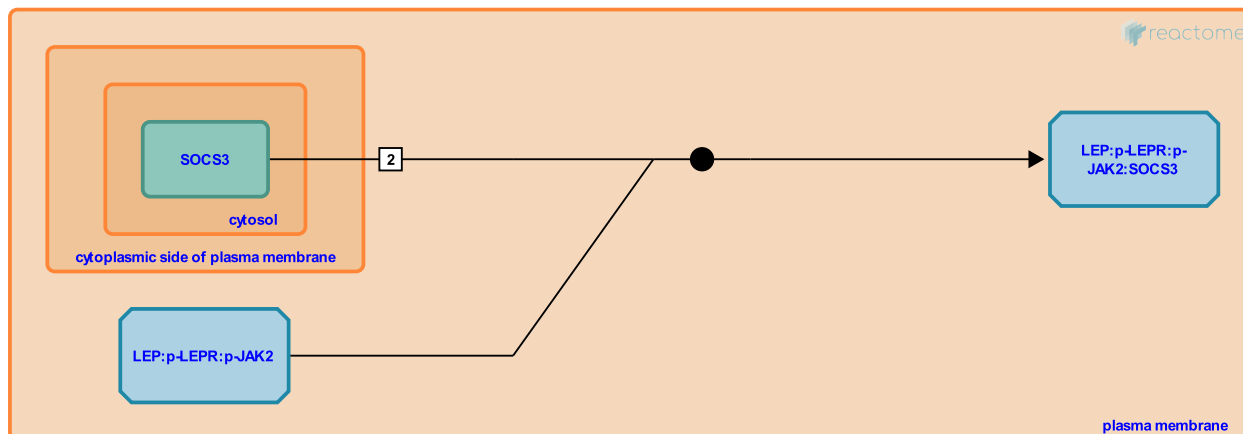
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2672302

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Phosphorylated Lepr Binds Socs3 \(Mus musculus\)](#)



As inferred from mouse, SOCS3 binds LEPR at phosphotyrosine-986 and phosphotyrosine-1079. SOCS3 competes with SHP2 (PTPN11) for phosphotyrosine-986 and with STAT5 for phosphotyrosine-1079. SOCS3 expression is upregulated by leptin and SOCS3 downregulates prolonged leptin signaling, providing a feedback loop to limit leptin's action.

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