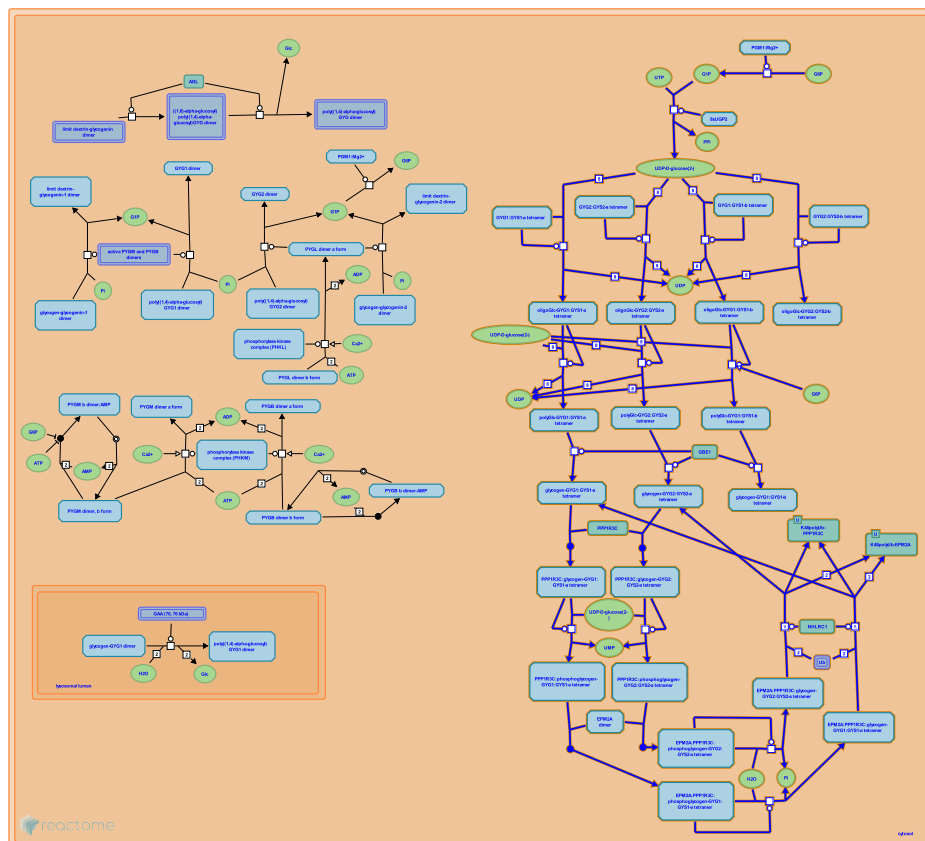


# Glycogen synthesis



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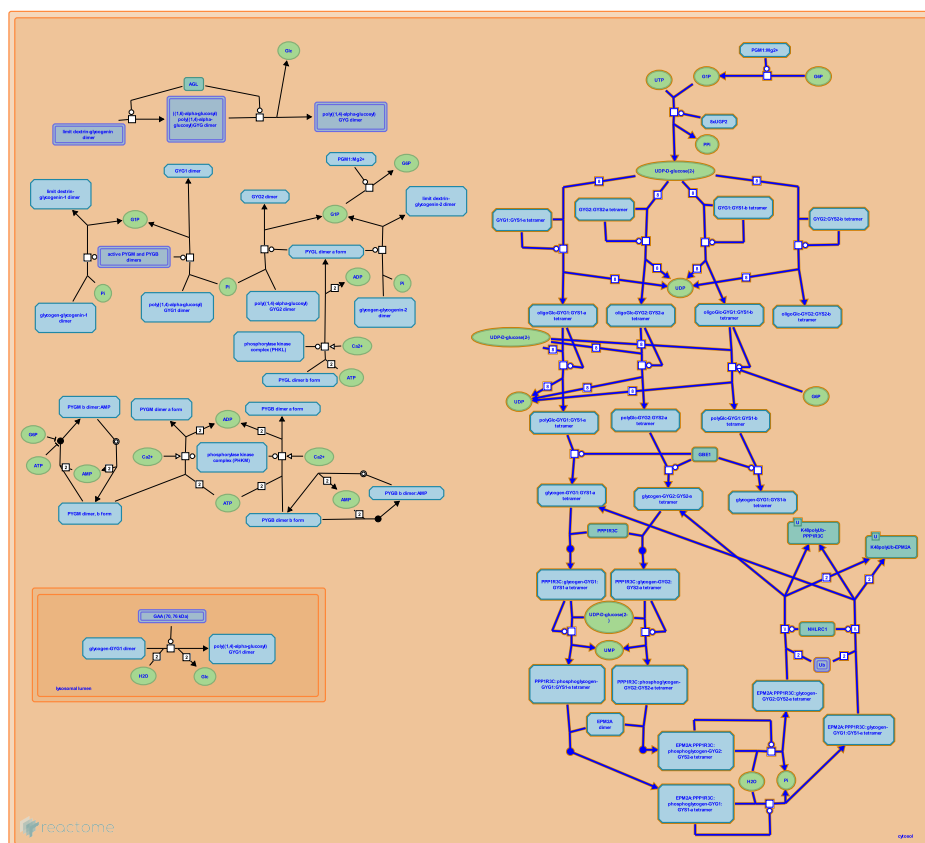
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Glycogen, a highly branched glucose polymer, is formed and broken down in most human tissues, but is most abundant in liver and muscle, where it serves as a major stored fuel. Glycogen metabolism has been studied in most detail in muscle, although considerable experimental data are available concerning these reactions in liver as well. Glycogen metabolism in other tissues has not been studied as extensively, and is thought to resemble the muscle process. Glycogen synthesis involves five reactions. The first two, conversion of glucose 6-phosphate to glucose 1-phosphate and synthesis of UDP-glucose from glucose 1-phosphate and UTP, are shared with several other pathways. The next three reactions, the auto-catalyzed synthesis of a glucose oligomer on glycogenin, the linear extension of the glucose oligomer catalyzed by glycogen synthase, and the formation of branches catalyzed by glycogen branching enzyme, are unique to glycogen synthesis. Repetition of the last two reactions generates large, extensively branched glycogen polymers. The catalysis of glycogenin glucosylation and oligoglucose chain extension by distinct isozymes in liver and nonhepatic tissues allows them to be regulated independently (Agius 2008; Bollen et al. 1998; Roach et al. 2012).

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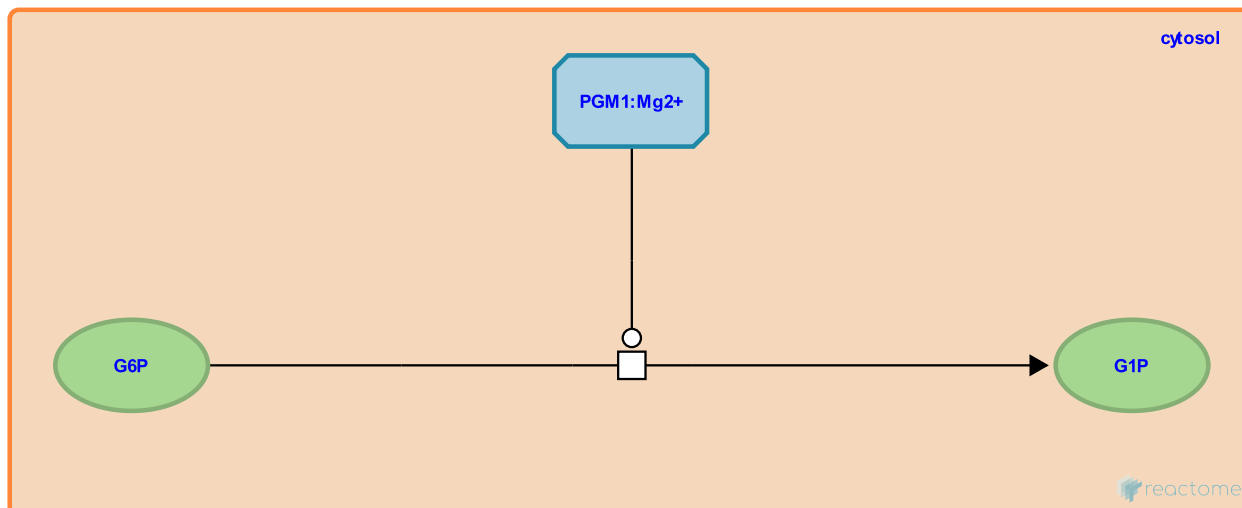
## PGM1:Mg2+ isomerises G6P to G1P ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9638127

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic phosphoglucomutase1 (PGM1) catalyses the reversible conversion of glucose 6-phosphate (G6P) to glucose 1-phosphate (G1P) (March et al. 1993; Quick et al. 1974).

**Followed by:** [UTP + D-glucose 1-phosphate <=> pyrophosphate + UDP-glucose](#)

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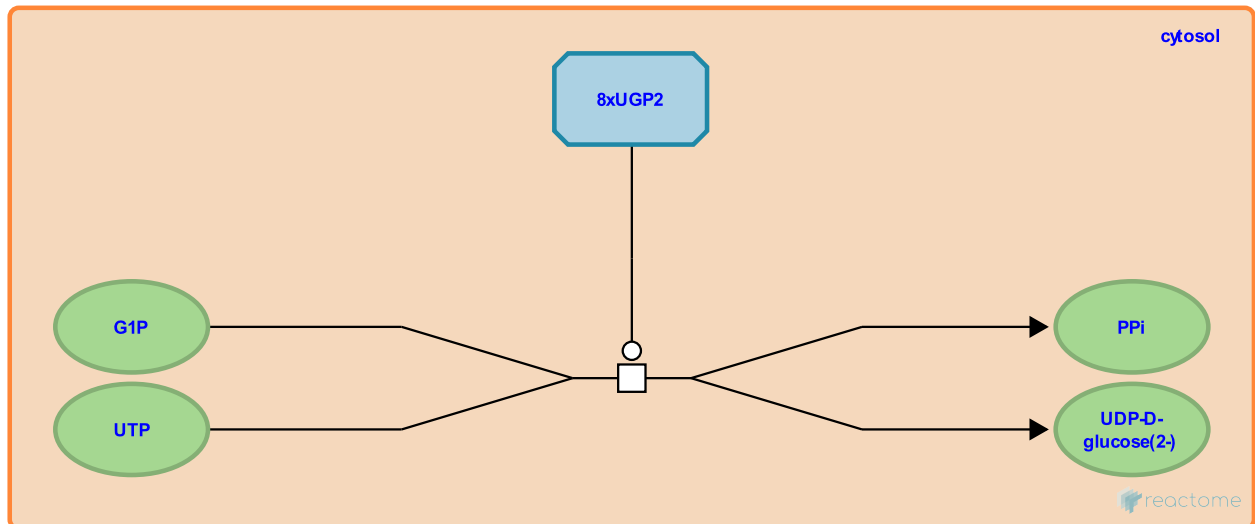
## UTP + D-glucose 1-phosphate <=> pyrophosphate + UDP-glucose ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-70286

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic UDP-glucose pyrophosphorylase 2 (UGP2) catalyzes the reaction of UTP and glucose 1-phosphate to form UDP glucose and pyrophosphate (Knop and Hansen 1970; Duggleby et al. 1996). UGP2 is inferred to occur in the cell as a homooctamer from studies of its bovine homologue (Levine et al. 1969).

**Preceded by:** [PGM1:Mg2+ isomerises G6P to G1P](#)

**Followed by:** [Autoglucosylation of GYG2 complexed with GYS2-b](#), [Autoglucosylation of GYG2 complexed with GYS2-a](#), [Autoglucosylation of GYG1 complexed with GYS1-a](#), [Autoglucosylation of GYG1 complexed with GYS1-b](#)

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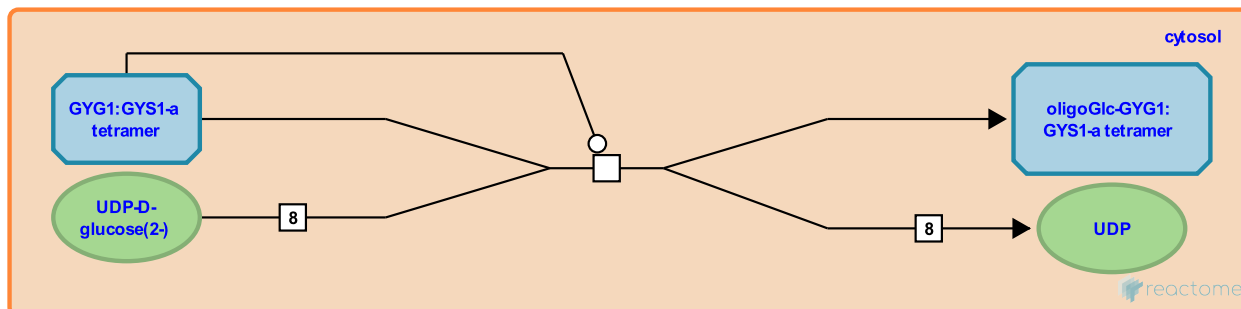
## Autoglycosylation of GYG1 complexed with GYS1-a ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3322025

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Glycogenin 1 (GYG1) catalyzes its autoglycosylation reaction with UDP-glucose to form oligo (1,4)-alpha-D-glucosyl GYG1 (Moslemi et al. 2010). The oligosaccharide is annotated here as containing four glucose residues. Glycogenin occurs as a homodimer complexed with two molecules of glycogen synthase 1 (GYS1), here in an unphosphorylated (a) form (Roach et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [UTP + D-glucose 1-phosphate <=> pyrophosphate + UDP-glucose](#)

**Followed by:** [GYS1 catalyzes the polyglucosylation of oligoGlc-GYG1](#)

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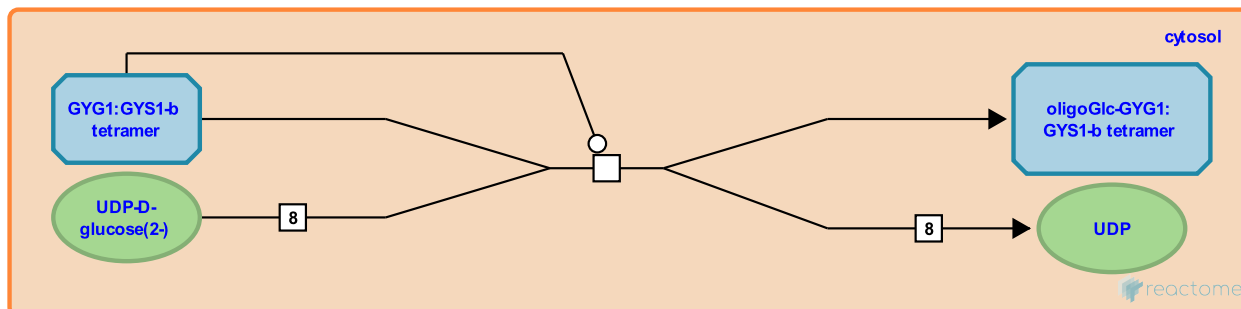
## Autoglycosylation of GYG1 complexed with GYS1-b ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3322003

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Glycogenin 1 (GYG1) catalyzes its autoglycosylation reaction with UDP-glucose to form oligo (1,4)-alpha-D-glucosyl GYG1 (Moslemi et al. 2010). The oligosaccharide is annotated here as containing four glucose residues. Glycogenin occurs as a homodimer complexed with two molecules of glycogen synthase 1 (GYS1), here in a phosphorylated (b) form (Roach et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [UTP + D-glucose 1-phosphate <=> pyrophosphate + UDP-glucose](#)

**Followed by:** [Phosphorylated GYS1 catalyzes the polyglucosylation of oligoGlc-GYG1](#)

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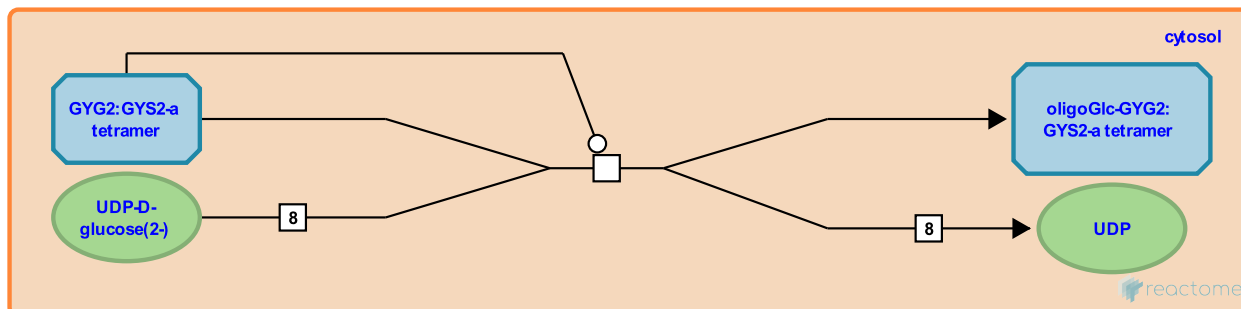
## Autoglycosylation of GYG2 complexed with GYS2-a ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3322014

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Glycogenin 2 (GYG2) catalyzes its autoglycosylation reaction with UDP-glucose to form oligo (1,4)-alpha-D-glucosyl GYG2 (Mu et al. 1997). The oligosaccharide is annotated here as containing four glucose residues. Glycogenin occurs as a homodimer complexed with two molecules of glycogen synthase 1 (GYS2), here in a unphosphorylated (a) form (Roach et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [UTP + D-glucose 1-phosphate <=> pyrophosphate + UDP-glucose](#)

**Followed by:** [GYS2 catalyzes the polyglucosylation of oligoGlc-GYG2](#)

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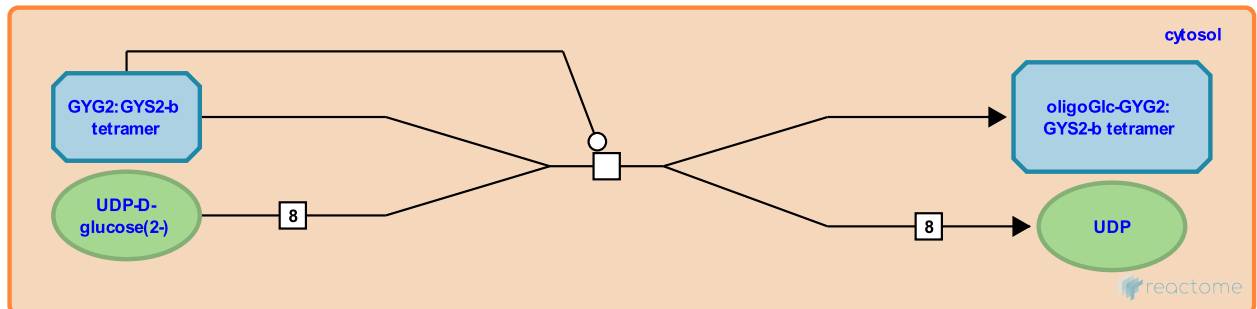
## Autoglycosylation of GYG2 complexed with GYS2-b ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3322019

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Glycogenin 2 (GYG2) catalyzes its autoglycosylation reaction with UDP-glucose to form oligo (1,4)-alpha-D-glucosyl GYG2 (Mu et al. 1997). The oligosaccharide is annotated here as containing four glucose residues. Glycogenin occurs as a homodimer complexed with two molecules of glycogen synthase 1 (GYS2), here in a phosphorylated (b) form (Roach et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [UTP + D-glucose 1-phosphate <=> pyrophosphate + UDP-glucose](#)

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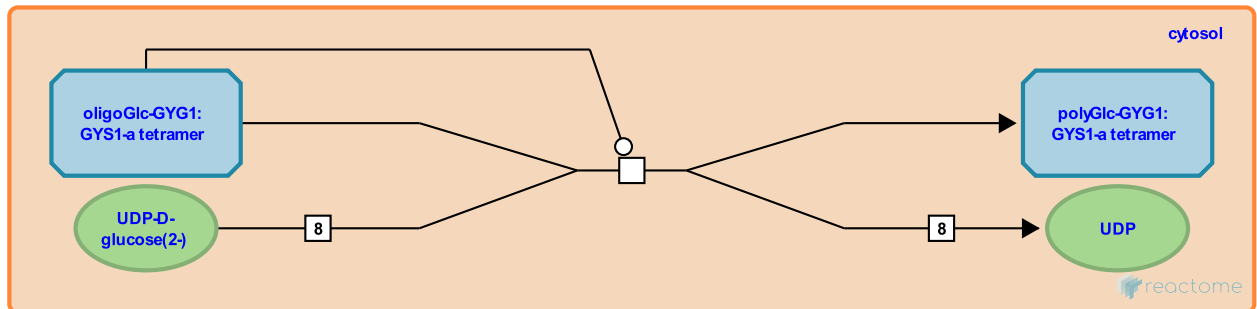
## GYS1 catalyzes the polyglucosylation of oligoGlc-GYG1 ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3322001

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Unphosphorylated glycogen synthase 1 (GYS1-a) complexed with oligo-D-glucose-GYG1 catalyzes the polyglucosylation of the latter. (Here the addition of four glucose residues is annotated.) (Cameron et al. 2009; Roach et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [Autoglucosylation of GYG1 complexed with GYS1-a](#)

**Followed by:** [GBE1 catalyzes branch formation in polyGlc-GYG1 complexed with GYS1-a](#)

### Literature references

Utgikar, R., Robinson, BH., Cameron, JM., Chiasson, D., Halliday, W., Ackerley, CA. et al. (2009). Identification of a novel mutation in GYS1 (muscle-specific glycogen synthase) resulting in sudden cardiac death, that is diagnosable from skin fibroblasts. *Mol. Genet. Metab.*, 98, 378-82. ↗

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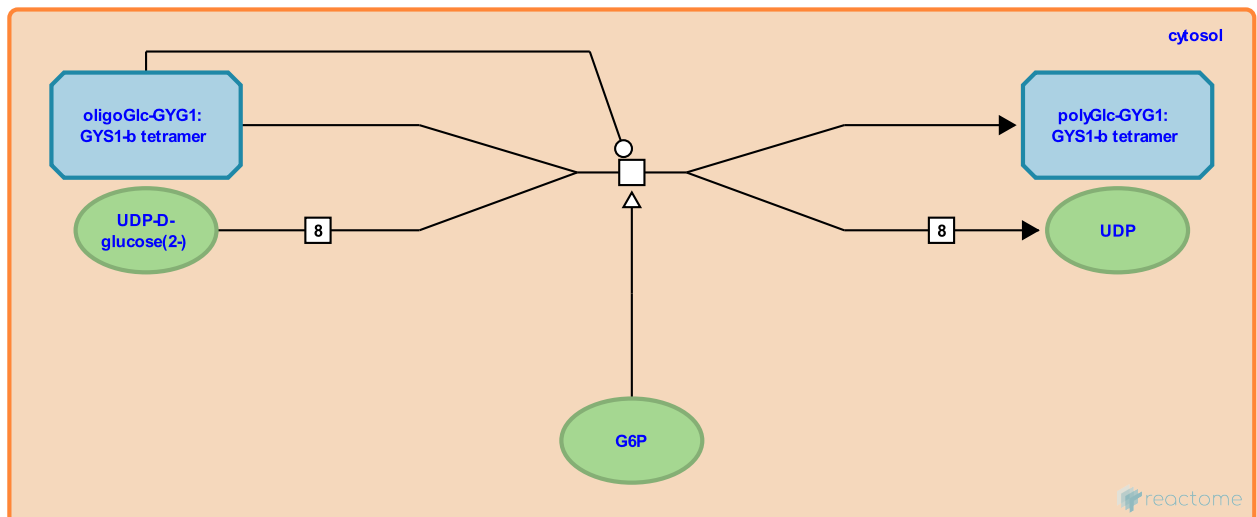
## Phosphorylated GYS1 catalyzes the polyglucosylation of oligoGlc-GYG1 ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3322041

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Phosphorylated glycogen synthase 1 (GYS1-b) complexed with oligo-D-glucose-GYG1 catalyzes the polyglucosylation of the latter. (Here the addition of four glucose residues is annotated.) This reaction is allosterically activated by glucose-6-phosphate (G6P) (Cameron et al. 2009; Roach et al. 2012). Glucose-6-phosphate (G6P) activates the phosphorylated ("b") form of GYS1 ("muscle") glycogen synthase (Roach et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [Autoglucosylation of GYG1 complexed with GYS1-b](#)

**Followed by:** [GBE1 catalyzes branch formation in polyGlc-GYG1 complexed with GYS1-b](#)

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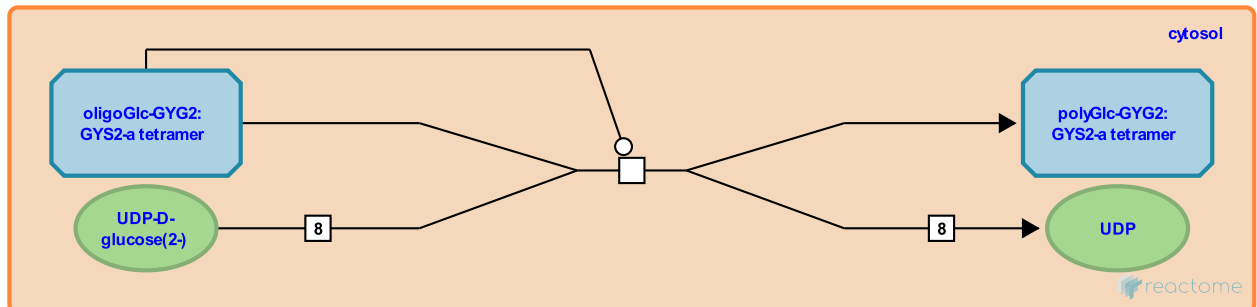
## GYS2 catalyzes the polyglucosylation of oligoGlc-GYG2 ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3322009

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Unphosphorylated glycogen synthase 2 (GYS2-a) complexed with oligo-D-glucose-GYG2 catalyzes the polyglucosylation of the latter. (Here the addition of four glucose residues is annotated.) (Orho et al. 1998; Roach et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [Autoglucosylation of GYG2 complexed with GYS2-a](#)

**Followed by:** [GBE1 catalyzes branch formation in polyGlc-GYG2 complexed with GYS2-a](#)

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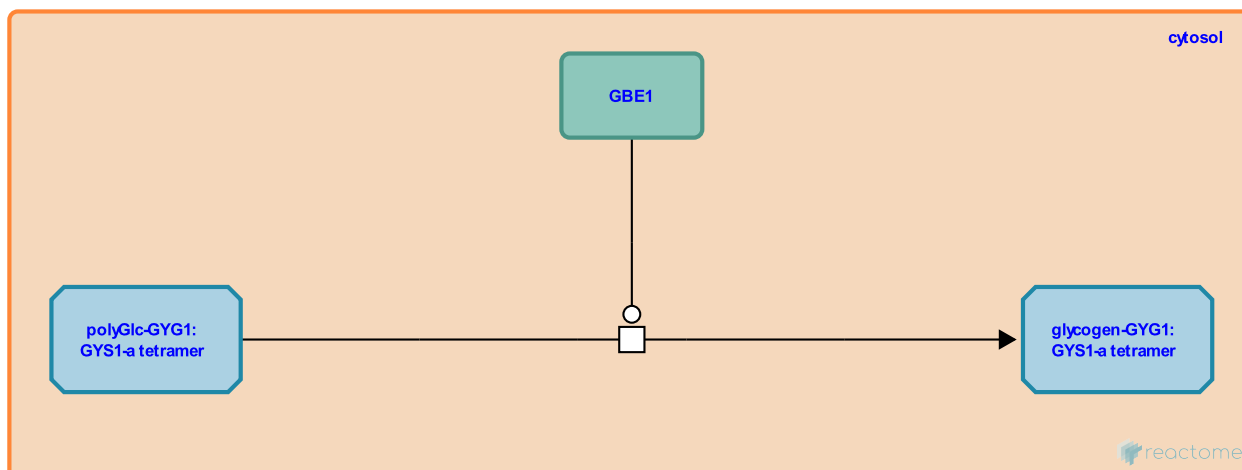
## GBE1 catalyzes branch formation in polyGlc-GYG1 complexed with GYS1-a ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3322005

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic glycogen branching enzyme (GBE1) associated with glycogen granules transfers terminal alpha(1,4) glucose blocks to form alpha(1,6) branches on growing glycogen molecules formed on glycogenin 1 (GYG1) complexed with unphosphorylated glycogen synthase 1 (GYS1-a) (Bao et al. 1996; Roach et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [GYS1 catalyzes the polyglucosylation of oligoGlc-GYG1](#)

**Followed by:** [PPP1R3C binds to glycogen:GYG1:GYS1](#)

### Literature references

Wu, JY., Chen, Y-T., Kishnani, P., Bao, Y. (1996). Hepatic and neuromuscular forms of glycogen storage disease type IV caused by mutations in the same glycogen-branching enzyme gene. *J Clin Invest*, 97, 941-8. ↗

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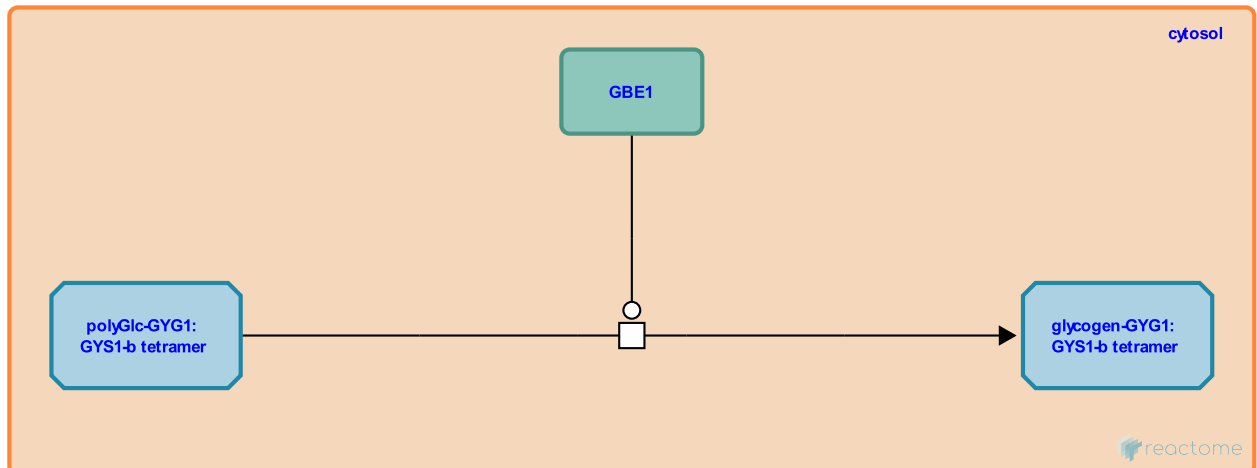
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**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3322057

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic glycogen branching enzyme (GBE1) associated with glycogen granules transfers terminal alpha(1,4) glucose blocks to form alpha(1,6) branches on growing glycogen molecules formed on glycogenin 1 (GYG1) complexed with phosphorylated glycogen synthase 1 (GYS1-b) (Bao et al. 1996; Roach et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [Phosphorylated GYS1 catalyzes the polyglucosylation of oligoGlc-GYG1](#)

### Literature references

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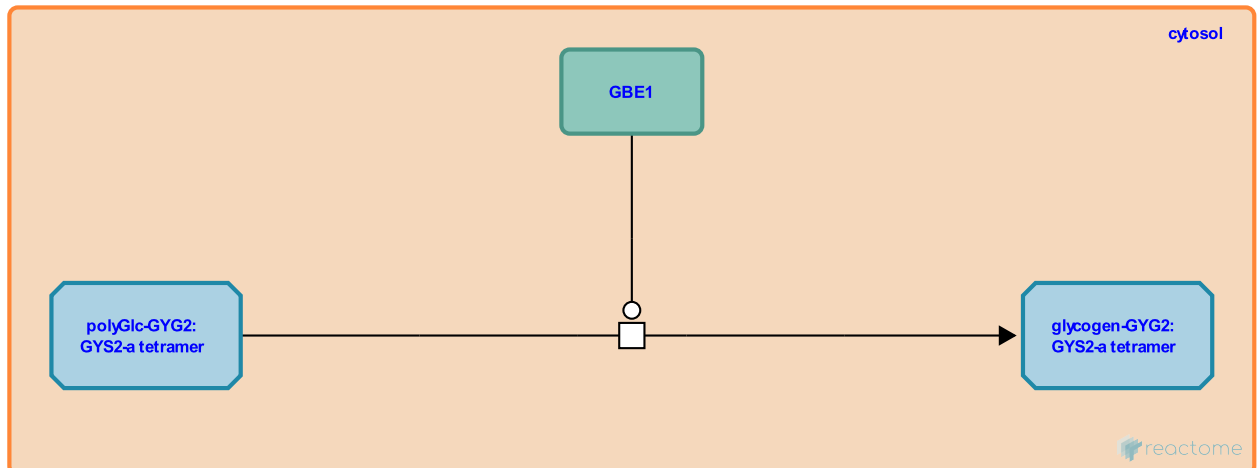
## GBE1 catalyzes branch formation in polyGlc-GYG2 complexed with GYS2-a [↗](#)

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3322016

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic glycogen branching enzyme (GBE1) associated with glycogen granules transfers terminal alpha(1,4) glucose blocks to form alpha(1,6) branches on growing glycogen molecules formed on glycogenin 2 (GYG2) complexed with unphosphorylated glycogen synthase 2 (GYS2-a) (Bao et al. 1996; Roach et al. 2012).

**Preceded by:** [GYS2 catalyzes the polyglucosylation of oligoGlc-GYG2](#)

**Followed by:** [PPP1R3C binds to glycogen:GYG2:GYS2](#)

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Wu, JY., Chen, Y-T., Kishnani, P., Bao, Y. (1996). Hepatic and neuromuscular forms of glycogen storage disease type IV caused by mutations in the same glycogen-branching enzyme gene. *J Clin Invest*, 97, 941-8. [↗](#)

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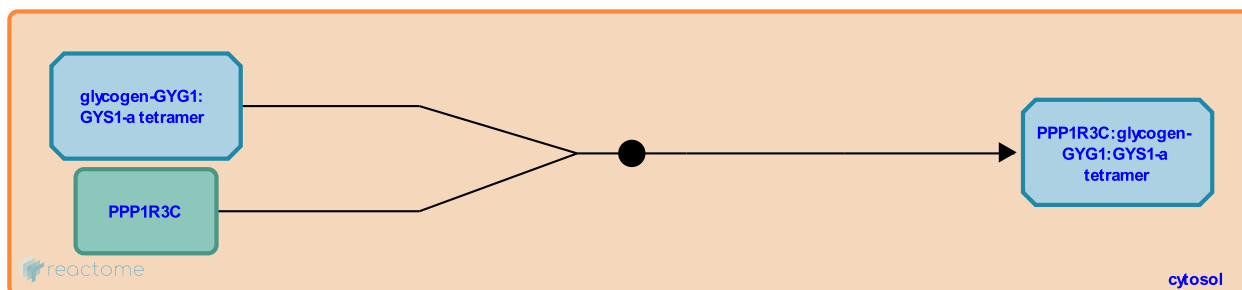
## PPP1R3C binds to glycogen:GYG1:GYS1 [↗](#)

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3781023

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** cytosol



Protein phosphatase 1 regulatory subunit 3C (PPP1R3C, PTG) binds to glycogen particles containing GYG1 (glycogenin 1) and GYS1 (glycogen synthase 1). PPP1R3C appears to function as a scaffolding protein to mediate association of other proteins with glycogen granules and to promote the synthesis of glycogen (Worby et al. 2008).

**Preceded by:** [GBE1 catalyzes branch formation in polyGlc-GYG1 complexed with GYS1-a](#)

**Followed by:** [GYS1 catalyzes the incorporation of phosphoglucose into glycogen-GYG1](#)

### Literature references

Gentry, MS., Worby, CA., Dixon, JE. (2008). Malin decreases glycogen accumulation by promoting the degradation of protein targeting to glycogen (PTG). *J. Biol. Chem.*, 283, 4069-76. [↗](#)

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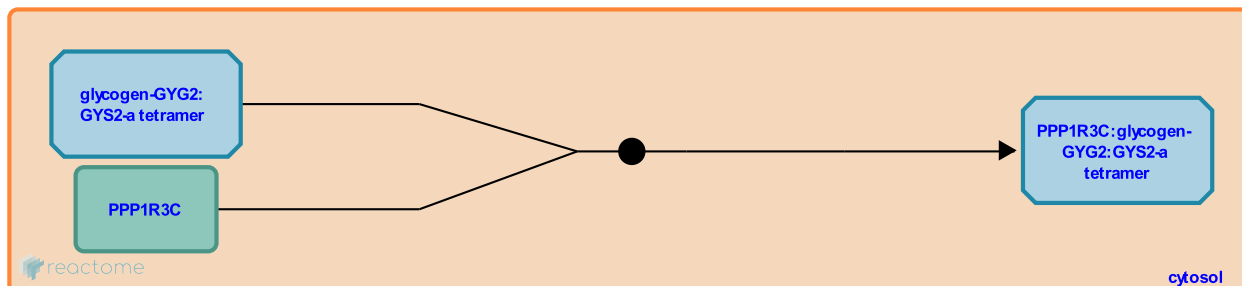
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3780997

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** cytosol



Protein phosphatase 1 regulatory subunit 3C (PPP1R3C, PTG) binds to glycogen particles containing GYG2 (glycogenin 2) and GYS2 (glycogen synthase 2). PPP1R3C appears to function as a scaffolding protein to mediate association of other proteins with glycogen granules and to promote the synthesis of glycogen (Worby et al. 2008). This reaction, involving GYG and GYS isoforms largely expressed in the liver has not been studied in detail but is inferred from the better-characterized one involving GYG1- and GYS1-containing glycogen particles ("muscle" isoforms, widely expressed in the body outside the liver).

**Preceded by:** [GBE1 catalyzes branch formation in polyGlc-GYG2 complexed with GYS2-a](#)

**Followed by:** [GYS2 catalyzes the incorporation of phosphoglucose into glycogen-GYG2](#)

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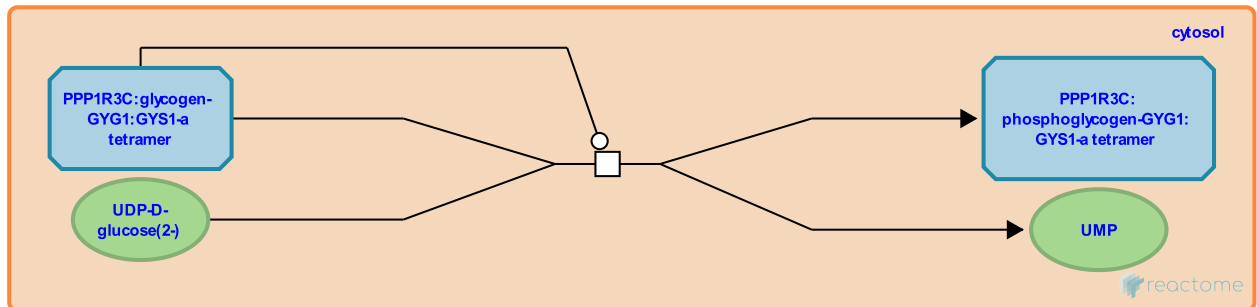
## GYS1 catalyzes the incorporation of phosphoglucose into glycogen-GYG1 [↗](#)

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3781024

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Glycogen synthase 1 (GYS1) catalyzes the incorporation of phosphoglucose into the glycogen-GYG1 molecules with which it is associated in a cytosolic glycogen granule. This reaction occurs at a low rate, yielding approximately one molecule of glucose phosphorylated at its C2, C3, or C6 positions incorporated into a growing glycogen polymer per ten thousand glucose molecules incorporated (DePaoli-Roach et al. 2015; Irimia et al. 2015; Nitschke et al. 2013; Tagliabracci et al. 2011). The function of these small amounts of phosphoglucose in normal glycogen remains to be established.

**Preceded by:** [PPP1R3C binds to glycogen:GYG1:GYS1](#)

**Followed by:** [EPM2A dimer binds PPP1R3C:phosphoglycogen-GYG1 complex](#)

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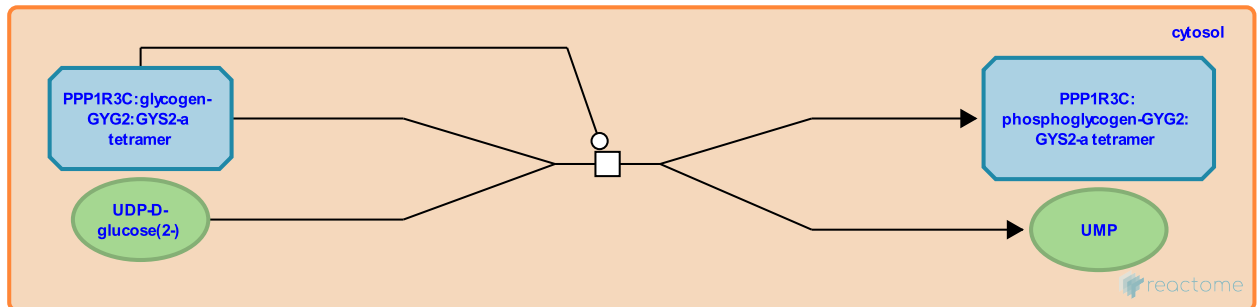
## GYS2 catalyzes the incorporation of phosphoglucose into glycogen-GYG2 ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3780994

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Glycogen synthase 2 (GYS2) catalyzes the incorporation of phosphoglucose into the glycogen-GYG1 molecules with which it is associated in a cytosolic glycogen granule. This reaction occurs at a low rate, yielding approximately one molecule of glucose phosphorylated at its C2, C3, or C6 positions incorporated into a growing glycogen polymer per ten thousand glucose molecules incorporated (DePaoli-Roach et al. 2015; Irimia et al. 2015; Nitschke et al. 2013; Tagliabracci et al. 2011). The function of these small amounts of phosphoglucose in normal glycogen remains to be established. This reaction has been characterized in muscle cells, where it is catalyzed by the homologous GYS1 enzyme. The occurrence of the reaction in liver, catalyzed by GYS2, can be inferred from the fact that in the absence of the enzyme EMP2A (laforin) that removes these phosphate groups, abnormally phosphorylated glycogen accumulates in both tissues (Worby et al. 2008).

**Preceded by:** [PPP1R3C binds to glycogen:GYG2:GYS2](#)

**Followed by:** [EPM2A dimer binds PPP1R3C:phosphoglycogen-GYG2 complex](#)

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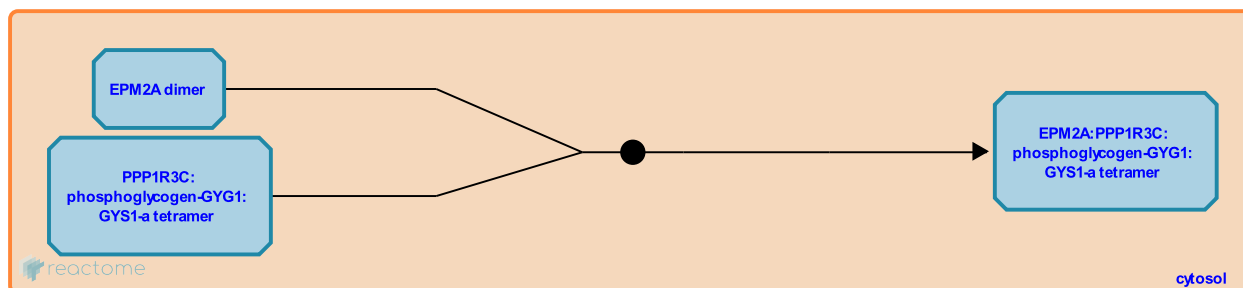
## EPM2A dimer binds PPP1R3C:phosphoglycogen-GYG1 complex ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3781001

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** cytosol



EPM2A (laforin) dimer binds to the PPP1R3C:phosphoglycogen-GYG1 (glycogenin 1) complex, probably through interactions with the PPP1R3C (PTG) and glycogen moieties of the complex (Worby et al. 2008).

**Preceded by:** [GYS1 catalyzes the incorporation of phosphoglucose into glycogen-GYG1](#)

**Followed by:** [EPM2A dimer dephosphorylates phosphoglycogen-GYG1](#)

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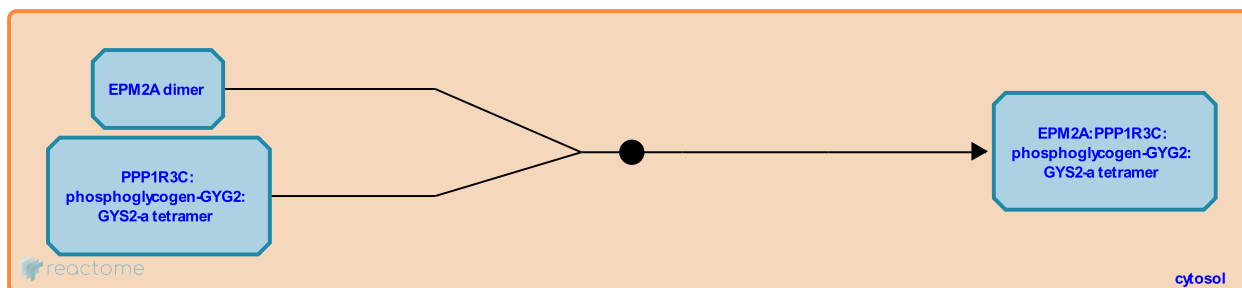
## EPM2A dimer binds PPP1R3C:phosphoglycogen-GYG2 complex ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3781021

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** cytosol



EPM2A (laforin) dimer binds to the PPP1R3C:phosphoglycogen-GYG2 (glycogenin 2) complex, probably through interactions with the PPP1R3C (PTG) and glycogen moieties of the complex (Worby et al. 2008). This reaction is inferred from the properties of the better studied muscle glycogen particles containing GYG1 (glycogenin 1), and from the fact that in the absence of EMP2A (laforin) function, liver glycogen particles become abnormal in the same way as do muscle particles.

**Preceded by:** [GYS2 catalyzes the incorporation of phosphoglucose into glycogen-GYG2](#)

**Followed by:** [EPM2A dimer dephosphorylates phosphoglycogen-GYG2](#)

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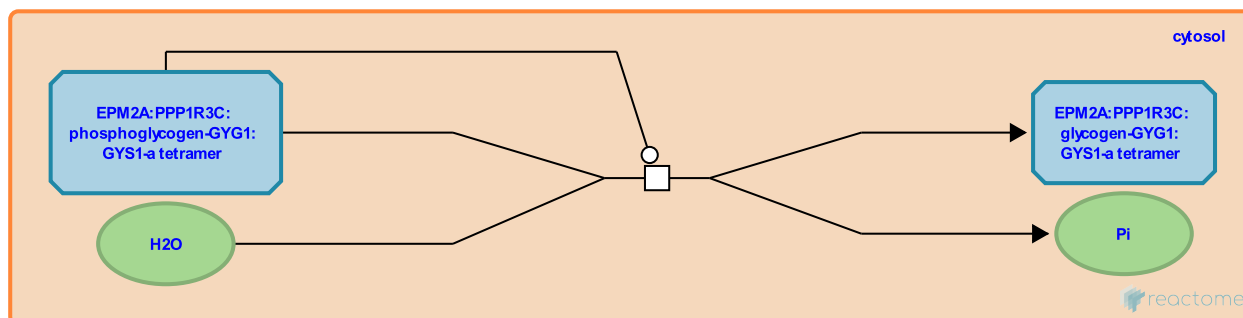
## EPM2A dimer dephosphorylates phosphoglycogen-GYG1 ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3781018

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



EPM2A (laforin), associated with PPP1R3C (protein phosphatase 1 regulatory subunit 3C, PTG) and phosphoglycogen-GYG1 in a cytosolic glycogen particle, catalyzes the dephosphorylation of phosphoglycogen (Tagliabracci et al. 2007). The catalytically active form of EPM2A has been shown to be a homodimer (Raththagala et al. 2015; Sankhala et al. 2015).

**Preceded by:** [EPM2A dimer binds PPP1R3C:phosphoglycogen-GYG1 complex](#)

**Followed by:** [NHLRC1 mediated ubiquitination of EPM2A and PPP1R3C associated with glycogen-GYG1](#)

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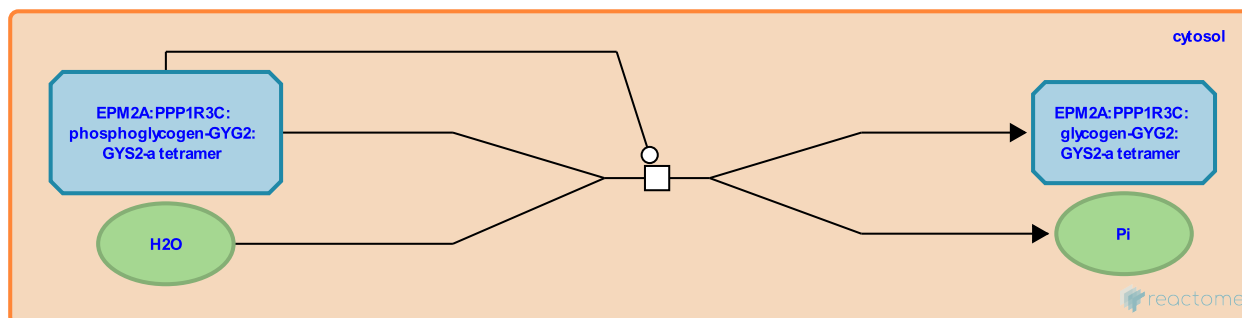
## EPM2A dimer dephosphorylates phosphoglycogen-GYG2 ↗

**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3781011

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



EPM2A (laforin), associated with PPP1R3C (protein phosphatase 1 regulatory subunit 3C, PTG) and phosphoglycogen-GYG2 in a cytosolic glycogen particle, catalyzes the dephosphorylation of phosphoglycogen (Tagliabracci et al. 2007). This reaction is inferred from the activity of EPM2A on phosphoglycogen-GYG1, and from the fact that in the absence of normal EPM2A activity, abnormally phosphorylated forms of both glycogen-GYG1 and glycogen-GYG2 accumulate in cells. The catalytically active form of EPM2A has been shown to be a homodimer (Raththagala et al. 2015; Sankhala et al. 2015).

**Preceded by:** [EPM2A dimer binds PPP1R3C:phosphoglycogen-GYG2 complex](#)

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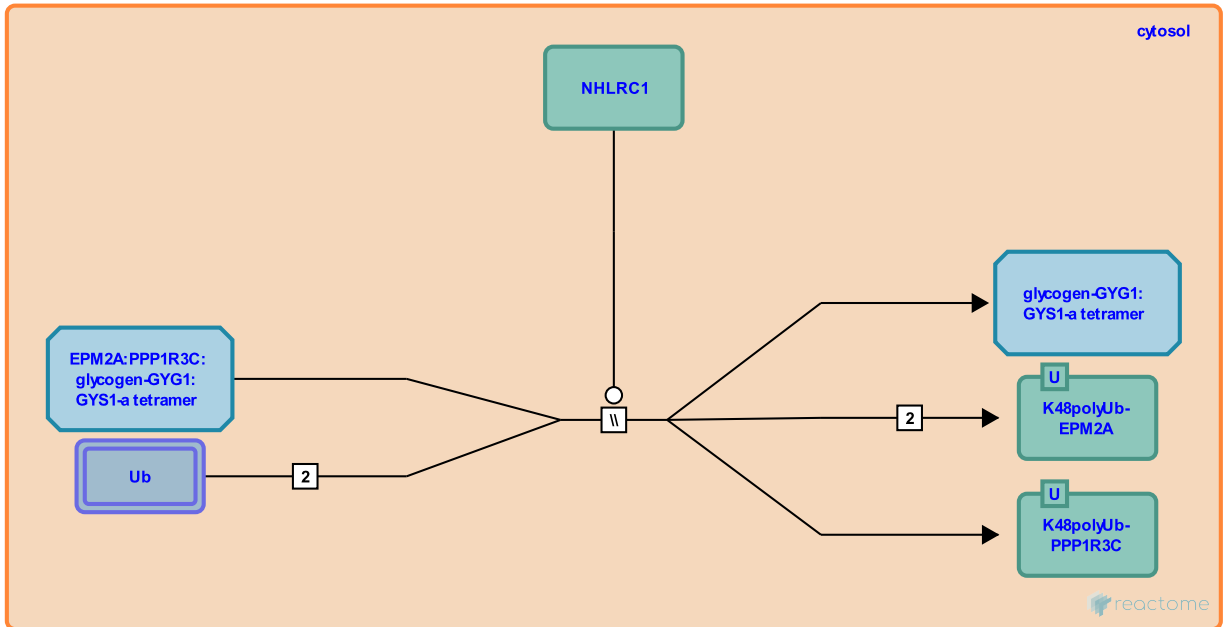
# NHLRC1 mediated ubiquitination of EPM2A and PPP1R3C associated with glycogen-GYG1 ↗

**Location:** Glycogen synthesis

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3781009

**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** cytosol



NHLRC1 (malin) associates with the glycogen particle where it functions as a ubiquitin E3 ligase to mediate the polyubiquitination of EPM2A (laforin) and PPP1R3C (PTG). The two polyubiquitinated proteins are targeted for proteasome-mediated degradation, leaving a glycogen-GYG1 particle associated with GYS1 (Gentry et al. 2005, Worby et al. 2008). In NHLRC1 knockout mice, PPP1R3C levels are unchanged, rather than increased, suggesting that NHLRC1 does not target PPP1R3C for degradation. However, EPM2A protein levels are increased in this knockout consistent with NHLRC1's proposed role (DePaoli-Roach et al. 2010).

**Preceded by:** EPM2A dimer dephosphorylates phosphoglycogen-GYG1

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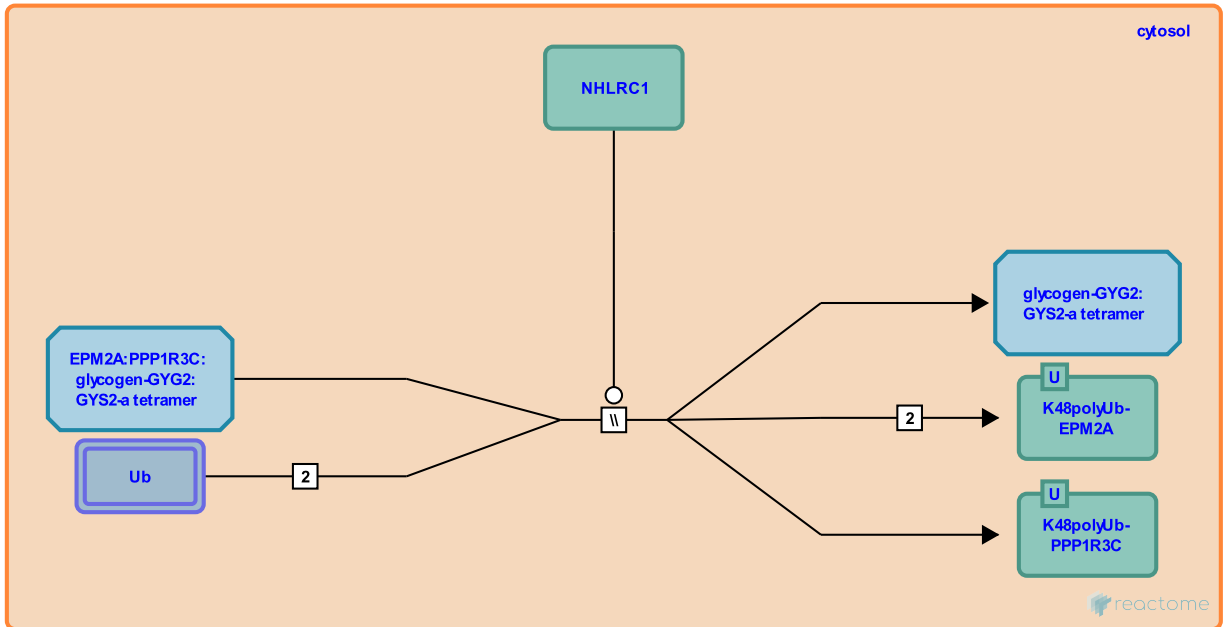
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**Location:** [Glycogen synthesis](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3780995

**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** cytosol



NHLRC1 (malin) associates with the glycogen particle where it functions as a ubiquitin E3 ligase to mediate the polyubiquitination of EPM2A (laforin) and PPP1R3C (protein phosphatase 1 regulatory subunit 3C, PTG). The two polyubiquitinated proteins are targeted for proteasome-mediated degradation, leaving a glycogen-GYG2 particle associated with glycogen synthase 2 GYS2 (Gentry et al. 2005, Worby et al. 2008). In NHLRC1 knockout mice, PPP1R3C levels are unchanged, rather than increased, suggesting that NHLRC1 does not target PPP1R3C for degradation. However, EPM2A protein levels are increased in this knockout consistent with NHLRC1's proposed role. (DePaoli-Roach et al. 2010). This process is inferred from studies of muscle glycogen and from the fact that defects in either EPM2A or NHLRC1 lead to formation of similar aberrant glycogen particles in both tissues.

**Preceded by:** [EPM2A dimer dephosphorylates phosphoglycogen-GYG2](#)

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