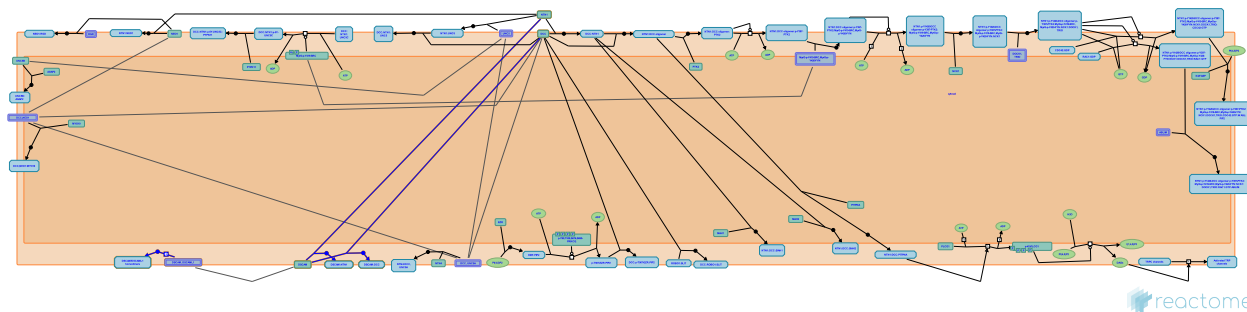


DSCAM interactions



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Introduction

Reactome is open-source, open access, manually curated and peer-reviewed pathway database. Pathway annotations are authored by expert biologists, in collaboration with Reactome editorial staff and cross-referenced to many bioinformatics databases. A system of evidence tracking ensures that all assertions are backed up by the primary literature. Reactome is used by clinicians, geneticists, genomics researchers, and molecular biologists to interpret the results of high-throughput experimental studies, by bioinformaticians seeking to develop novel algorithms for mining knowledge from genomic studies, and by systems biologists building predictive models of normal and disease variant pathways.

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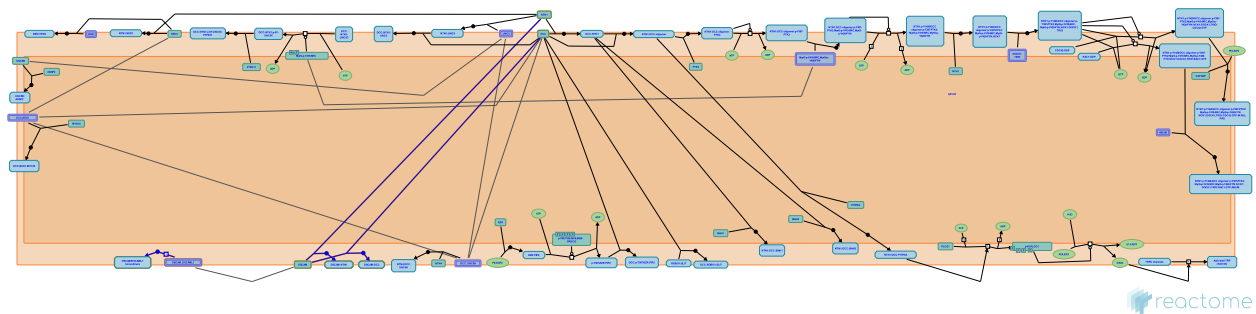
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DSCAM interactions ↗

Stable identifier: R-HSA-376172

Compartments: plasma membrane



DSCAM (Down syndrome cell adhesion molecule) is one of the members of the Ig superfamily CAMs with a domain architecture comprising 10 Ig domains, 6 fibronectin type III (FN) repeats, a single transmembrane and a C terminal cytoplasmic domain. DSCAM is implicated in Down syndrome (DS) due to the chromosomal location of the DSCAM gene, but no evidence supports a direct involvement of DSCAM with DS. It likely functions as a cell surface receptor mediating axon pathfinding. Besides these important implications, little is known about the physiological function or the molecular mechanism of DSCAM signal transduction in mammalian systems. A closely related DSCAM paralogue Down syndrome cell adhesion moleculelike protein 1 (DSCAML1) is present in humans. Both these proteins are involved in homophilic intercellular interactions.

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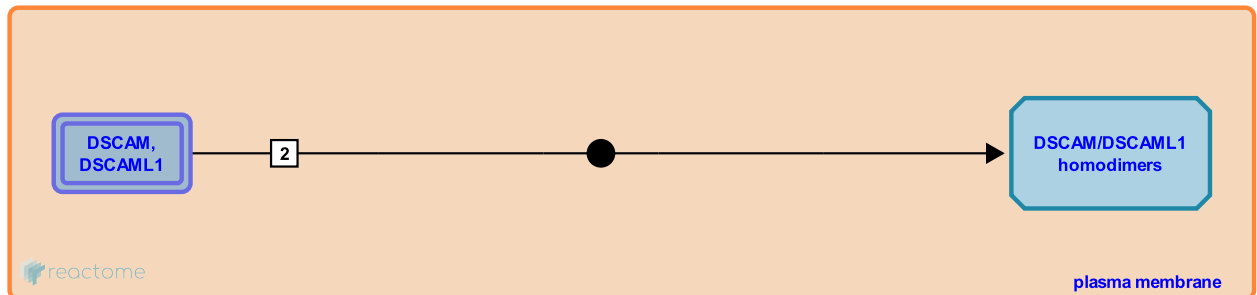
DSCAM/DSCAML1 homodimerization ↗

Location: [DSCAM interactions](#)

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Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane



DSCAM and DSCAML1 proteins are involved in homophilic intercellular interactions and these recognition events may play a role in neural connectivity. Recent studies in mouse demonstrate that DSCAM is selectively expressed in subclasses of cells and suggest that it uses homophilic repulsion to simultaneously promote both self avoidance (an essential developmental mechanism that allows axonal and dendrite processes to uniformly cover their synaptic fields) and tiling (ensures that the receptive fields of neurons from the same class do not overlap with one another) (Fuerst et al. 2008).

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DSCAM binds DCC ↗

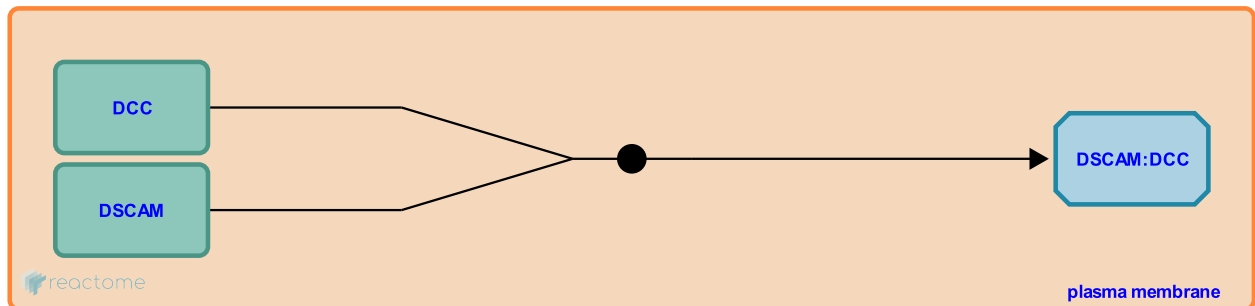
Location: [DSCAM interactions](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-451345

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane

Inferred from: [Dscam binds Dcc \(Mus musculus\)](#)



DSCAM and DCC (Deleted in Colorectal Carcinoma) form a receptor complex in commissural axons in the absence of netrin1. They associate through a transmembrane interaction. The functional implication of this interaction is not known, but may allow DCC and DSCAM to contribute to other guidance pathways in a netrin1 independent fashion. It may serve as a way to hold DSCAM and DCC in a resting state, until netrin1 reaches a critical concentration at which both receptors are activated.

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DSCAM binds Netrin-1 ↗

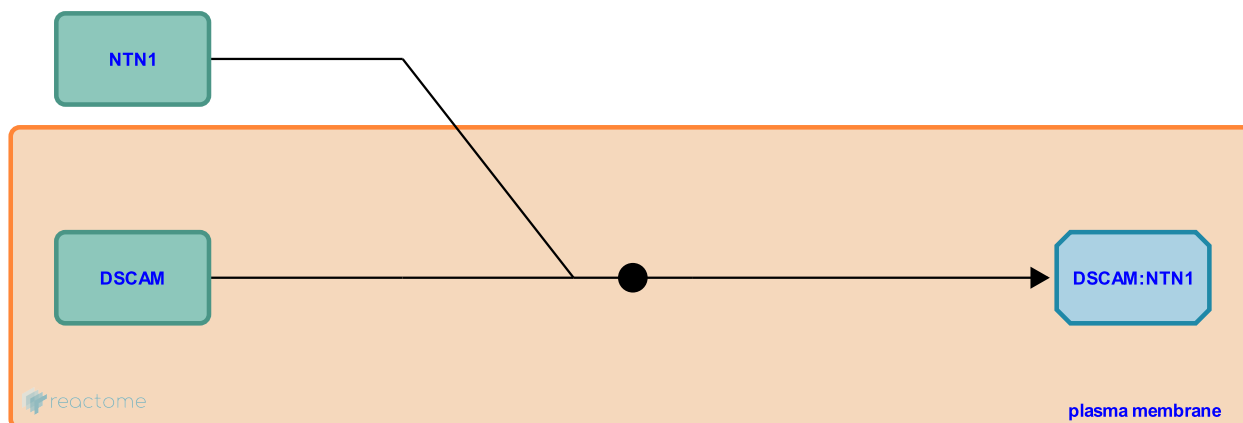
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-376126

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region

Inferred from: [Dscam binds Netrin-1 \(Mus musculus\)](#)



DSCAM binds netrin-1 and directs the turning of axons towards netrin-1 source independent of DCC or cooperatively depending on the cellular and developmental context. Signaling mechanisms activated by netrin-1 downstream of DSCAM involve phosphorylation of Fyn and PAK1.

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