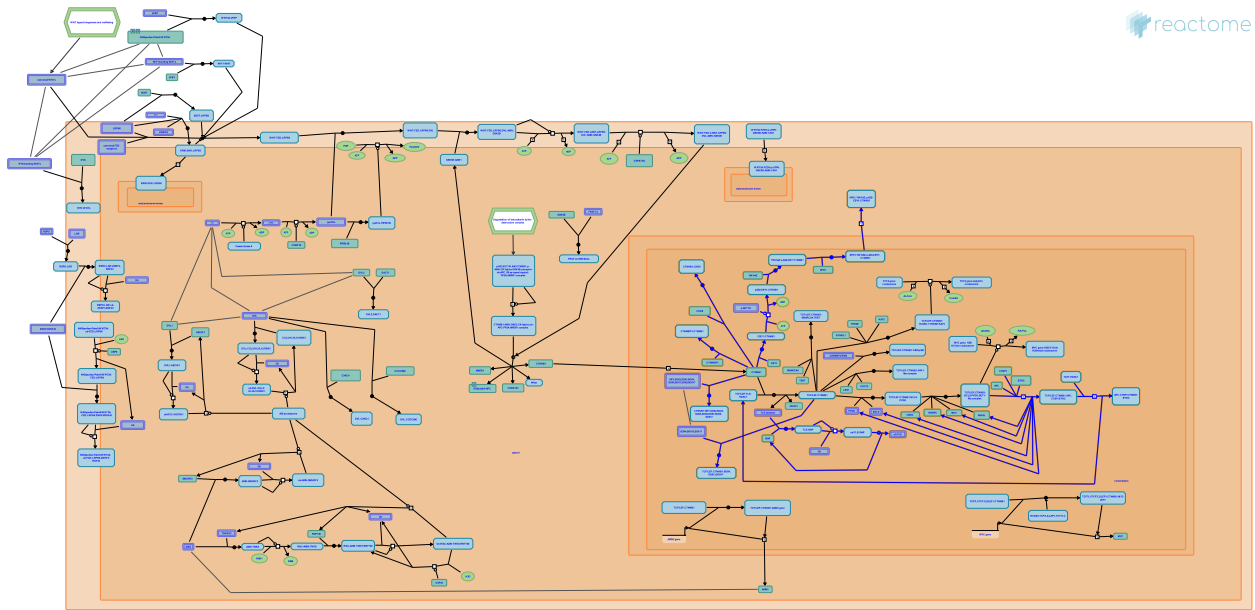


# Deactivation of the beta-catenin trans-activating complex



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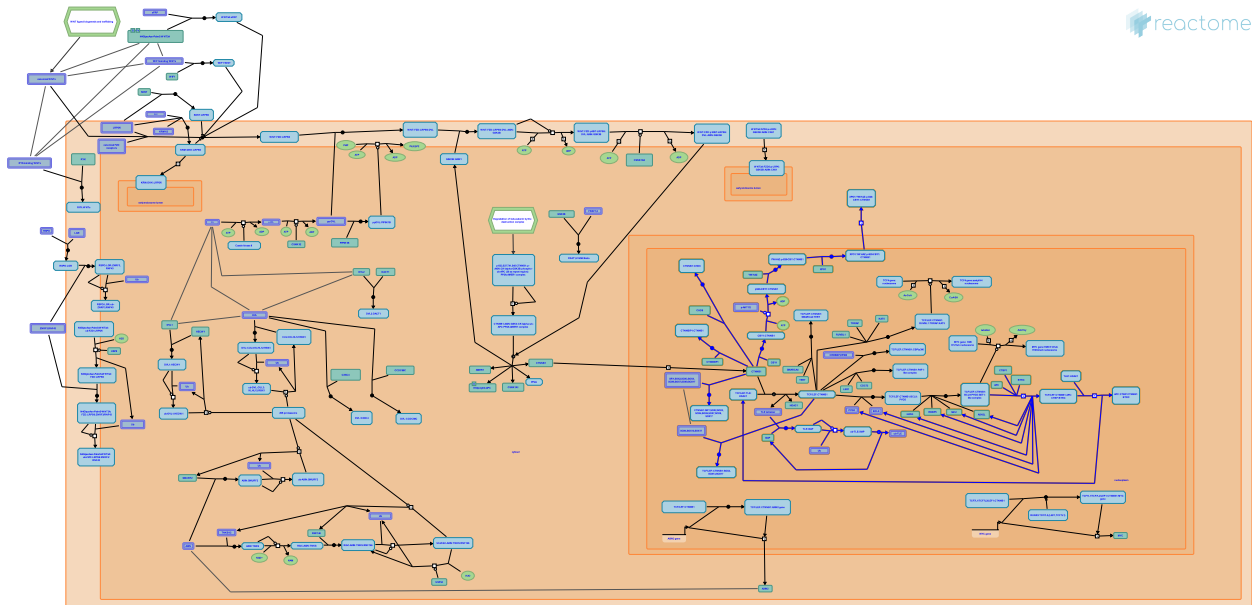
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## Deactivation of the beta-catenin transactivating complex ↗

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The mechanisms involved in downregulation of TCF-dependent transcription are not yet very well understood. beta-catenin is known to recruit a number of transcriptional repressors, including Reptin, SMRT and NCoR, to the TCF/LEF complex, allowing the transition from activation to repression (Bauer et al, 2000; Weiske et al, 2007; Song and Gelmann, 2008). CTNNBIP1 (also known as ICAT) and Chibby are inhibitors of TCF-dependent signaling that function by binding directly to beta-catenin and preventing interactions with critical components of the transactivation machinery (Takemaru et al, 2003; Li et al, 2008; Tago et al, 2000; Graham et al, 2002; Daniels and Weiss, 2002). Chibby additionally promotes the nuclear export of beta-catenin in conjunction with 14-3-3/YWHAZ proteins (Takemura et al, 2003; Li et al, 2008). A couple of recent studies have also suggested a role for nuclear APC in the disassembly of the beta-catenin activation complex (Hamada and Bienz, 2004; Sierra et al, 2006). It is worth noting that while some of the players involved in the disassembly of the beta-catenin transactivating complex are beginning to be worked out in vitro, the significance of their role in vivo is not yet fully understood, and some can be knocked out with little effect on endogenous WNT signaling (see for instance Voronina et al, 2009).

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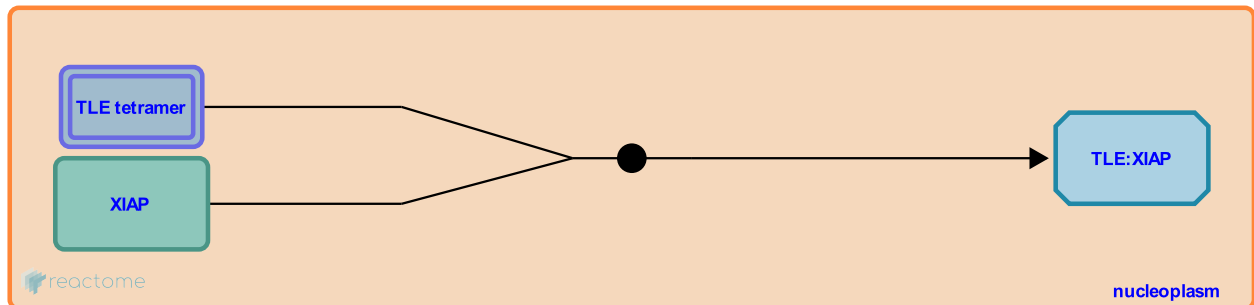
## XIAP binds TLE ↗

**Location:** [Deactivation of the beta-catenin transactivating complex](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-3322431

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



XIAP (X-linked inhibitor of apoptosis) has three BIR domains with known roles in the degradation of caspases and a C-terminal E3 ligase domain with both anti-apoptotic and non-apoptotic roles (Galban and Duckett, 2010; Burstein et al, 2004). The *Drosophila* homologue DAIP1 was recently identified in a screen in S2 cells for regulators of Wg signalling (Hanson et al, 2012). Knockdown of XIAP in HEK293 cells reduces WNT3a-induced reporter activity and expression of endogenous WNT target genes without affecting beta-catenin levels or localization. In vitro studies show that XIAP can ubiquitinate all human TLE isoforms, including the truncated isoform Amino-terminal enhancer of split (AES). TLE3 co-immunoprecipitates with XIAP from HEK293 cells in both the presence and absence of WNT signalling, consistent with a constitutive role for XIAP in TLE regulation. XIAP may act either by ubiquitinating free nuclear TLE to reduce the amount available to interact with TCF/LEFs or by ubiquitinating TLE in the context of TCF/LEF transcriptional complexes to promote its dissociation, or both. In support of the latter model, XIAP is pulled down with TCF7L2 (TCF4) in a WNT-dependent manner, and knockdown of XIAP reduces the amount of beta-catenin that co-immunoprecipitates with TCF7L2 (TCF4) upon WNT pathway activation (Hanson et al, 2012).

**Followed by:** [XIAP monoubiquitinates TLE](#)

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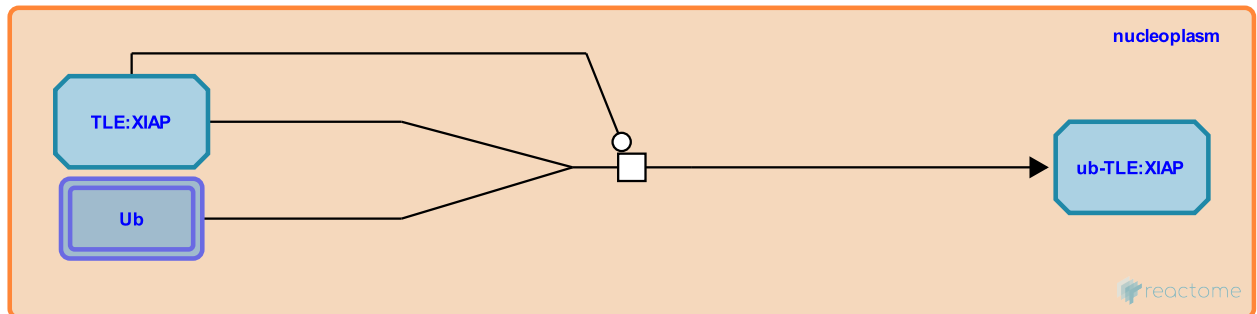
## XIAP monoubiquitinates TLE ↗

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



XIAP has been shown to ubiquitinate all human isoforms of TLE in vitro, likely in the conserved Q domain. Ubiquitination does not appear to affect the stability, localization or tetramerization of TLE; rather ubiquitination affects the interaction with TCF/LEF. Ubiquitinated TLE3 is not able to bind TCF7L2 (TCF4) in vitro and addition of XIAP to TLE3-TCF7L2 complexes promotes the dissociation of TLE from TCF7L2. Although XIAP ubiquitinates TLE in a constitutive manner, XIAP only co-immunoprecipitates with TCF7L2 upon activation of the WNT signalling pathway. These data support a model where XIAP regulates the interaction between TLE and TCF/LEF by limiting the pool of free nuclear TLE that is available for binding, and by potentially disrupting existing repression complexes at WNT-responsive promoters. By disrupting the interaction between TLE and TCF/LEF, XIAP may facilitate the recruitment of beta-catenin and the establishment of an activation complex at WNT-responsive promoters (Hanson et al, 2012)

**Preceded by:** [XIAP binds TLE](#)

**Followed by:** [XIAP dissociates from ub-TLE](#)

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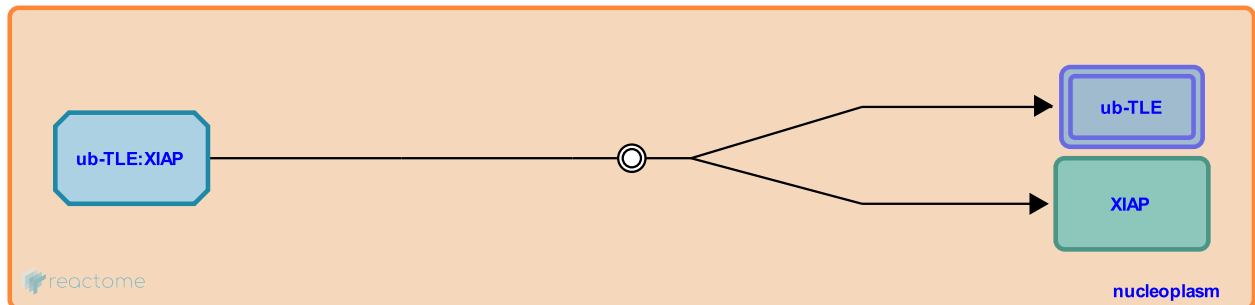
## XIAP dissociates from ub-TLE ↗

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**Type:** dissociation

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



After ubiquitinating TLE, XIAP presumably dissociates. The model proposed by Hanson et al suggests the existence of an as-yet unidentified deubiquitinase that removes the ubiquitin from TLE to allow it to rebind to TCF/LEF.

**Preceded by:** [XIAP monoubiquitinates TLE](#)

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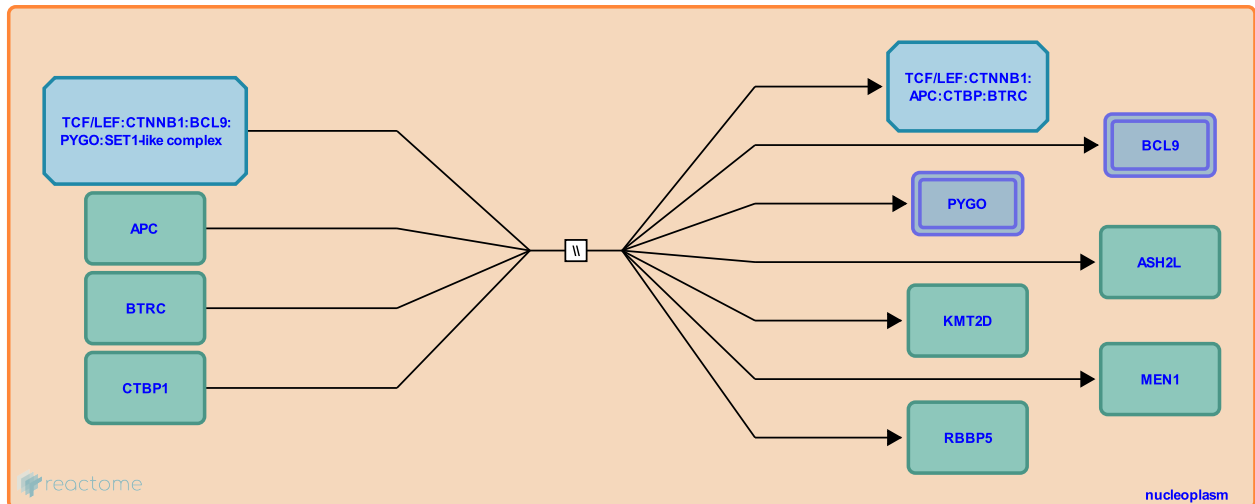
## APC promotes disassembly of beta-catenin transactivation complex ↗

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Studies in mouse myoblast and colorectal cancer cell lines show that APC, beta-TrCP and the CTBP corepressor are present at the MYC enhancer at times when beta-catenin and its associated coactivators are also present. Binding of APC is correlated with dissociation of the activator complex and precedes recruitment of TLE1 and HDAC1, suggesting that APC may promote the exchange between activator and repressor complexes at the enhancer (Sierra et al, 2006). CSNK1gamma phosphorylation of APC strongly increases its affinity for beta-catenin, and a phosphorylated APC fragment disrupts the formation of a DNA:LEF1:beta-catenin complex by EMSA, consistent with previous reports (Xing et al, 2003; Xing et al, 2004; Sierra et al, 2006). Because beta-catenin is unable to simultaneously bind APC and TCF/LEF, however, the mechanism of APC recruitment to the enhancer complex is unclear (Sierra et al, 2006). Full-length APC associates with CTBP in vitro and in vivo (Hamada and Bienz, 2004; Sierra et al, 2006) while Class I and Class II mutant APC proteins, which are commonly found in colorectal cancers, do not (Sierra et al, 2006; reviewed in Neufeld, 2009). CTBP repressor functions may therefore include facilitating the exchange of coactivator and corepressor complexes at WNT target genes.

**Followed by:** [beta-catenin is replaced by repression complexes at the promoter](#)

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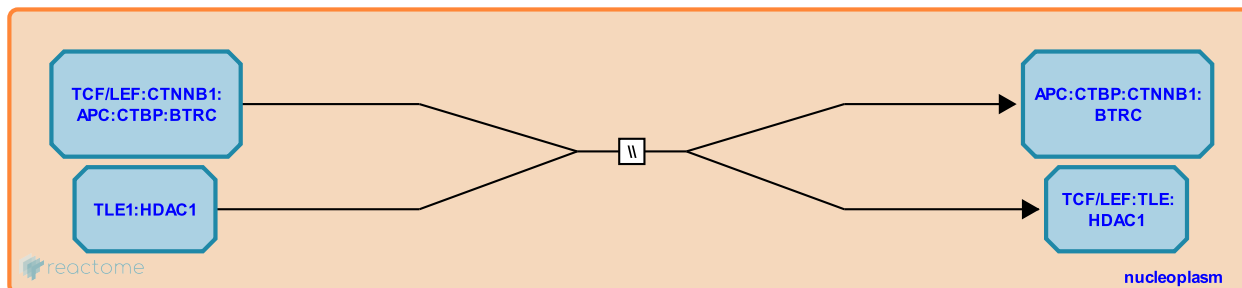
## beta-catenin is replaced by repression complexes at the promoter ↗

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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



Displacement of the APC:CTBP:beta-catenin:betaTrCP complex allows subsequent recruitment of TLE:HDAC1 to TCF/LEF, re-establishing a repression complex (Sierra et al, 2006)

**Preceded by:** [APC promotes disassembly of beta-catenin transactivation complex](#)

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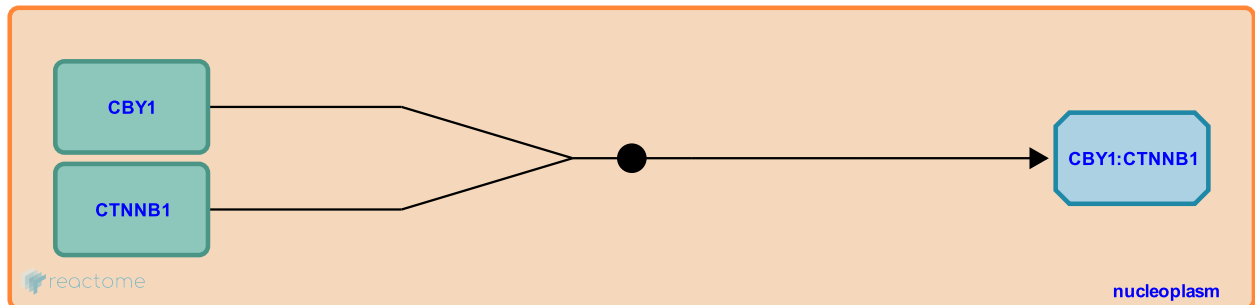
## CBY1 binds beta-catenin ↗

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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



Chibby (CBY1) is a conserved 126 amino acid protein that acts as an antagonist to the canonical WNT signaling pathway. CBY1 binds to the C-terminal region of beta-catenin and inhibits beta-catenin-dependent signaling by competing for the TCF/LEF binding sites and by promoting beta-catenin nuclear export (Takemaru et al, 2003; Li et al, 2008; Li et al, 2010). Endogenous CBY1 and beta-catenin co-immunoprecipitate from HEK293 cells and overexpression of CBY1 reduces expression of a beta-catenin dependent reporter gene, supporting a functional role for the CBY1-beta-catenin interaction in vivo (Takemaru et al, 2003). Studies with CBY1 knockout mice show only a slight effect on expression of WNT-dependent target genes, however; more work will be required to fully elucidate the role of CBY1 in regulating endogenous WNT signaling (Veronina et al, 2009).

**Followed by:** [AKT phosphorylates CBY1](#)

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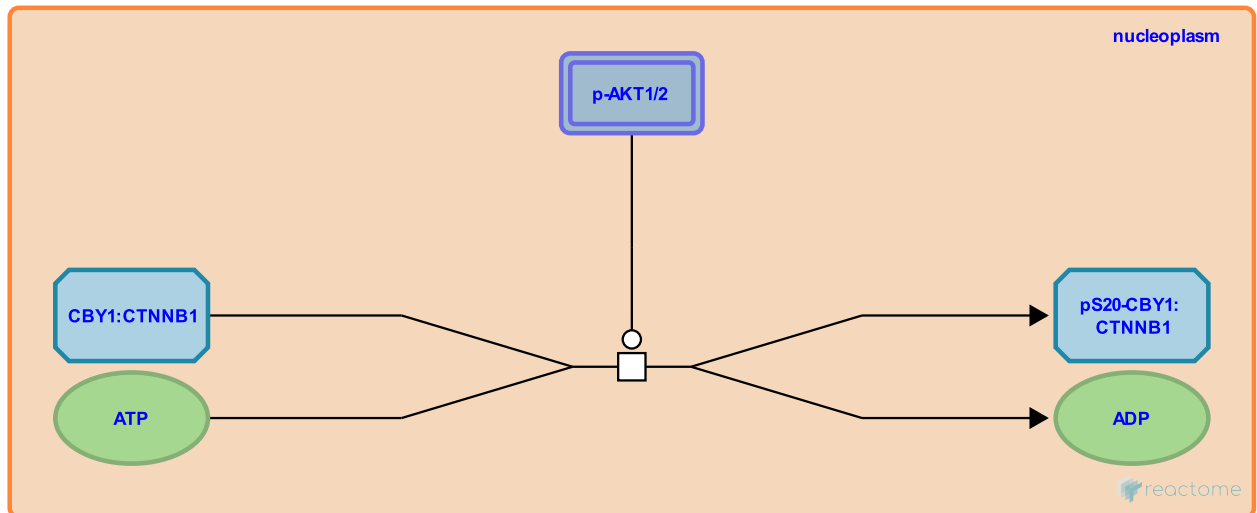
## AKT phosphorylates CBY1 ↗

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



CBY1 is phosphorylated in vitro at serine 20 by AKT1 and AKT2. In vivo, this phosphorylation is required for the export of beta-catenin from the nucleus, facilitated by the binding of 14-3-3/YWHAZ proteins to the pS20 residue of CBY1 (Li et al, 2008).

**Preceded by:** [CBY1 binds beta-catenin](#)

**Followed by:** [YWHAZ binds p-CBY:CTNNB1](#)

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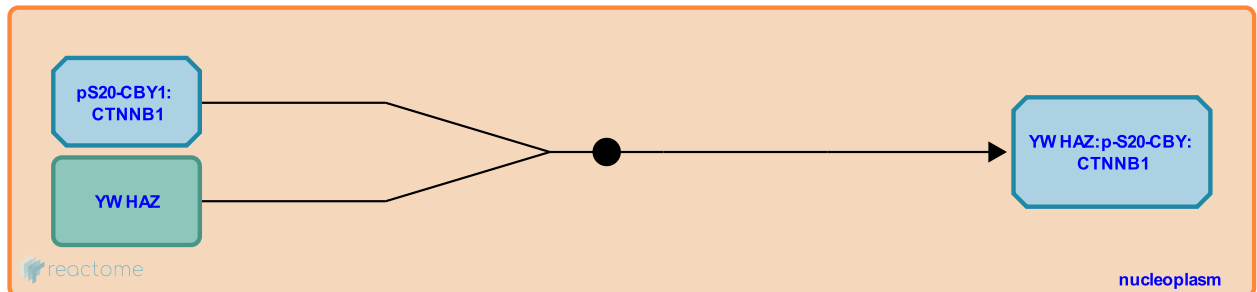
## YWHAZ binds p-CBY:CTNNB1 [↗](#)

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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



14-3-3 proteins, represented here as YWHAZ, bind directly to CBY1 after AKT-dependent phosphorylation of CBY1 serine 20. Tagged versions of beta-catenin, CBY1 and 14-3-3/YWHAZ expressed in HEK293 cells co-immunoprecipitate in a CBY1-phosphorylation dependent manner. 14-3-3/YWHAZ binding promotes sequestration of CBY1 and beta-catenin in the cytoplasm, thus antagonizing beta-catenin-dependent transcription (Li et al, 2008).

**Preceded by:** [AKT phosphorylates CBY1](#)

**Followed by:** [XPO1 binds the beta-catenin:CBY complex](#)

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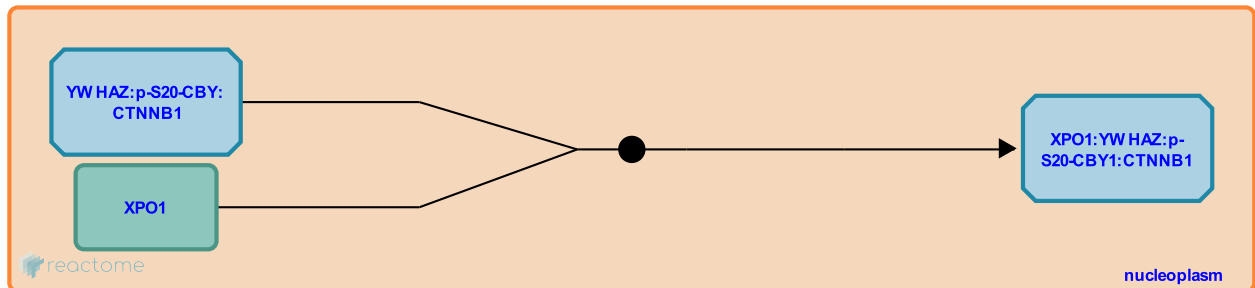
## XPO1 binds the beta-catenin:CBY complex ↗

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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



CBY1 contains both NLS and NES sequences and continuously shuttles between the cytoplasm and the nucleus. Treatment of cells with leptomycin B (LMB), an inhibitor of XPO1-mediated nuclear export, results in nuclear accumulation of both CBY1 and 14-3-3/YWHAZ proteins (Li et al, 2008; Li et al, 2010). Consistent with this, CBY1 binds to XPO1 in an NES-dependent manner. 14-3-3/YWHAZ enhances the CBY1-XPO1 interaction, possibly by inducing a conformational change that exposes the adjacent NES sequence. Binding of 14-3-3/YWHAZ also inhibits the interaction of CBY1 with alpha-importin, additionally favouring its cytoplasmic localization. CBY1 NES mutants that are incapable of nuclear export show reduced ability to repress a beta-catenin-dependent reporter, and knockdown of endogenous CBY1 causes an accumulation of beta-catenin in the nucleus. These data support a role for CBY1 in the nuclear export of beta-catenin (Li et al, 2010). Despite growing evidence for a role for CBY1 in regulating WNT signaling, a formal requirement for CBY1 in vivo is still lacking.

**Preceded by:** [YWHAZ binds p-CBY:CTNNB1](#)

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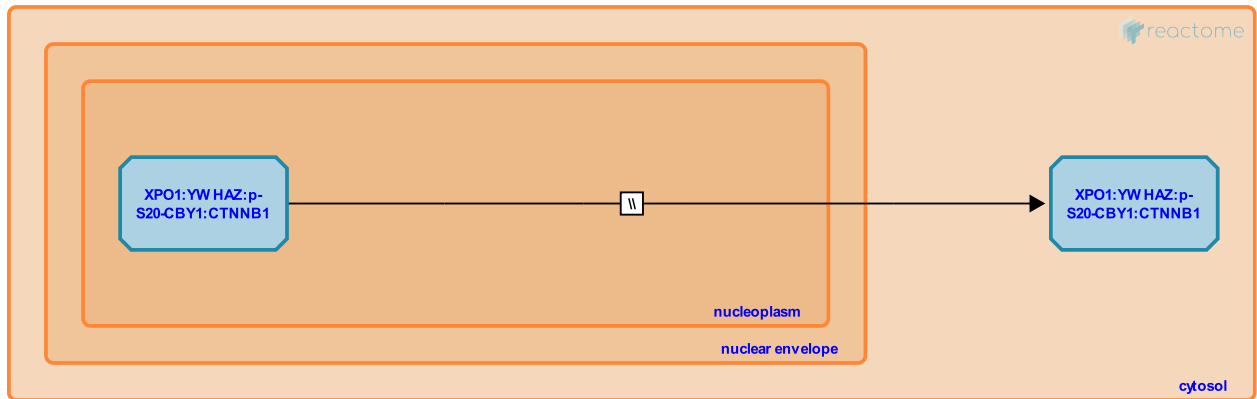
## YWHAZ and XPO1 mediate the nuclear export of beta-catenin ↗

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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm, cytosol



14-3-3/YWHAZ and XPO1 both contribute to the CBY1-mediated nuclear export of beta-catenin (Li et al, 2008; Li et al, 2010). The fate of the tripartite beta-catenin:CBY1:14-3-3/YWHAZ complex in the cytoplasm is unknown, although it may represent a reservoir of beta-catenin available for further signaling. CBY1 may remain associated with 14-3-3/YWHAZ in the cytoplasm, as 14-3-3/YWHAZ binding inhibits binding of alpha-importin to CBY1 (Li et al, 2010). This suggests the presence of a phosphatase that dephosphorylates S20 on CBY1 to allow binding with alpha-importin and reimport into the nucleus.

**Preceded by:** [XPO1 binds the beta-catenin:CBY complex](#)

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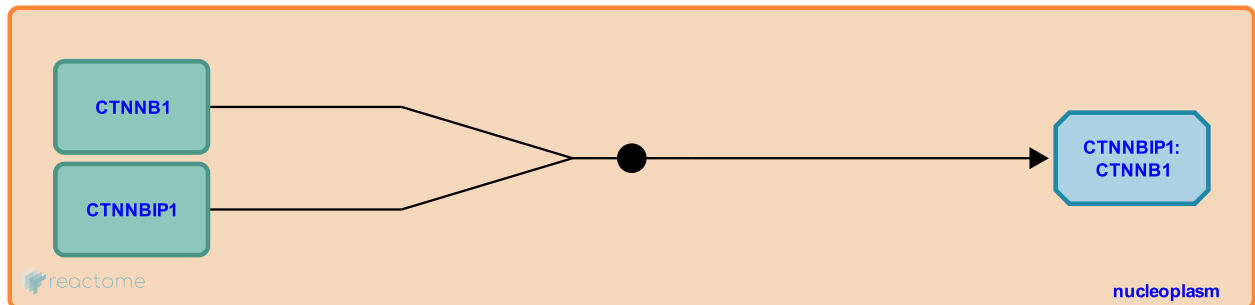
## CTNNBIP1 binds beta-catenin [↗](#)

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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



CTNNBIP1 (also known as ICAT) is an 81 amino-acid protein that was identified in a two-hybrid screen to identify beta-catenin interacting partners (Tago et al, 2000). CTNNBIP1 binds directly to beta-catenin in vitro and in vivo and interferes with the formation of a TCF/LEF:beta-catenin complex (Tago et al, 2000; Daniels and Weiss et al, 2002; Graham et al, 2002). Expression of CTNNBIP1 abrogates expression of a WNT-dependent reporter gene (Tago et al, 2000).

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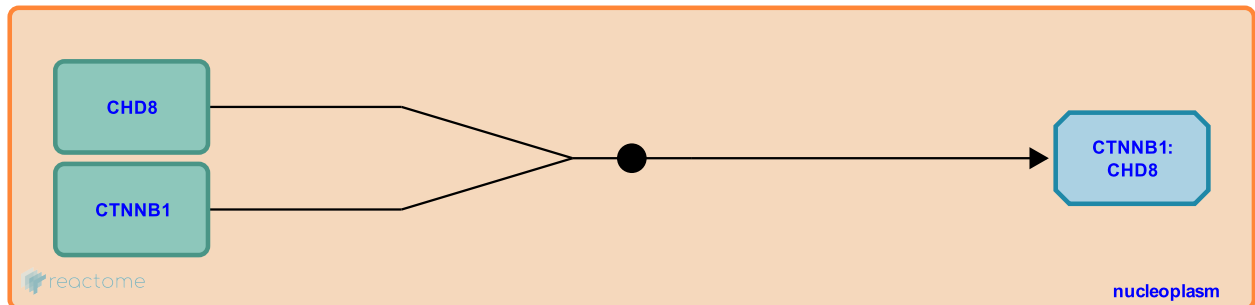
## CHD8 binds beta-catenin to negatively regulate WNT-dependent gene expression [↗](#)

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CHD8 is a ATP-dependent chromatin remodeling factor that binds directly to beta-catenin to repress transcription of WNT target genes (Thompson et al, 2008; Sakamoto et al, 2000). ChIP studies show that CHD8 is recruited to the promoters of several beta-catenin-responsive targets, and knockdown of CHD8 results in induction of these target genes in vivo (Thompson et al, 2008). An N-terminal fragment of CHD was independently identified as the rat protein Duplin. Duplin was shown to negatively regulate WNT target gene expression by competing with TCF7L2 for beta-catenin binding (Sakamoto et al, 2000; Kobayashi et al, 2002). A corresponding fragment of CHD8 has not been identified in human cells and its significance is not clear.

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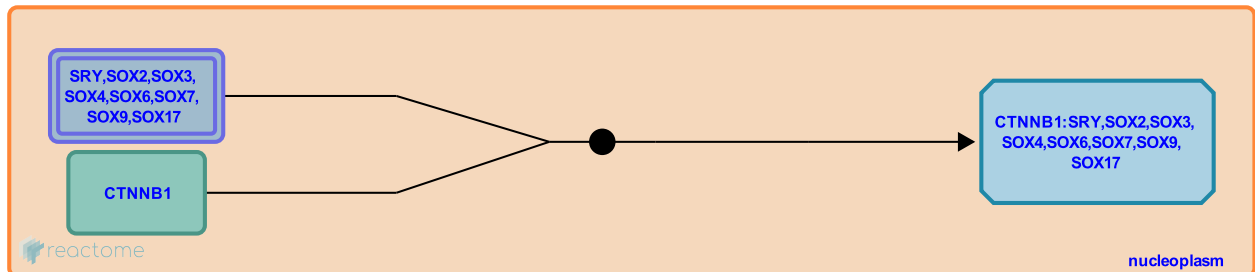
## Beta-catenin binds SOX proteins ↗

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SOX protein family members are the transcription factors that regulate many different development processes and also control homeostasis in adult tissues. SOX proteins can be either transcriptional activators or repressors depending on the cellular context and their associated interacting proteins (Kormish et al. 2010). There are over twenty SOX proteins encoded in mammalian genome of which many of these can physically interact with beta-catenin and TCF (T-cell factor) transcription factors and modulate the Wnt signaling. Evidences suggest that SOX proteins have widespread role in modulating Wnt signaling in development and disease. In most cases SOX proteins repress WNT transcriptional responses, however some SOX proteins appear to enhance WNT-regulated gene expression. The precise mechanism by which SOX proteins regulate beta-catenin/TCF activity are still unclear. Differential recruitment of transcriptional co-activators or co-repressors is one mechanism by which SOX factors can either enhance or repress Wnt-target gene transcription. Another mechanism by which some SOX proteins repress Wnt signaling is by promoting proteasome-mediated beta-catenin degradation (Kormish et al. 2010).

Human SRY binds beta-catenin through a N-terminal domain (Bernard et al. 2008), SOX6 interacts via a centrally located leucine zipper (LZ/Q) element (Iguchi et al. 2007), and mammalian SOX7, SOX9 and SOX17 all bind beta-catenin via their C-terminal regions (Zorn et al., 1999; Takash et al., 2001; Akiyama et al., 2004; Sinner et al., 2007, Kormish et al. 2010). SRY and SOX9 function in part by suppressing canonical Wnt signaling by promoting beta-catenin phosphorylation in the nucleus (Topol et al. 2009). SOX9 and SRY are involved in the regulation of mammalian sex determination and mutation in human SRY and SOX9 results in sex reversal, with female development in XY individuals (Bernard et al. 2008). SOX2 binds beta-catenin and promotes cell proliferation by transcriptionally activating the Wnt target Cyclin D1 gene in breast cancer cells (Chen et al., 2008), whereas SOX6 represses Cyclin D1 transcription in pancreatic cells (Iguchi et al., 2007). SOX7 and SOX17 reduce cyclin-D1 expression and repress proliferation by stimulating beta-catenin degradation (Sinner et al. 2007, Zhang et al. 2008, 2009).

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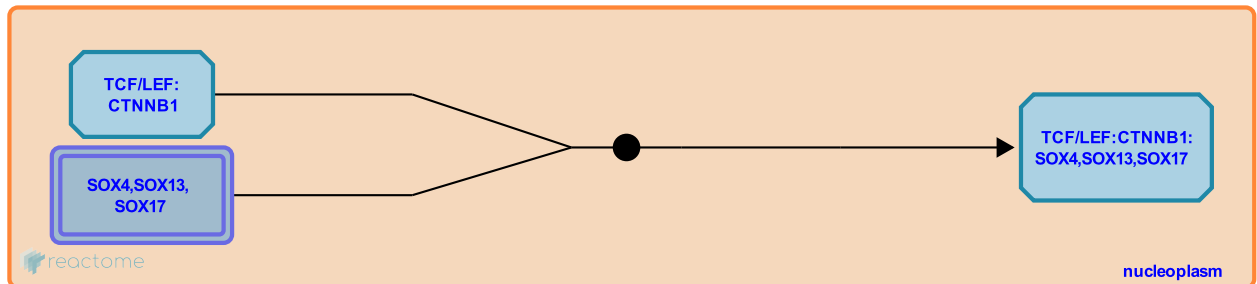
## TCF:Beta-catenin binds SOX proteins ↗

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In vitro protein binding experiments have shown that mammalian SOX4, SOX13 and SOX17 can directly interact with TCF (T-cell factor) (Sinner et al. 2007). SOX4 and SOX17 can interact with either TCF or beta-catenin protein. They have opposite effects on Wnt signalling, SOX4 enhances while SOX17 represses Wnt activity (Sinner et al. 2007). SOX13 is known to repress Wnt signaling by interacting and sequestering TCF1 from the Wnt transcriptionally active complex (Melichar et al. 2007). SOX and TCF proteins interact with overlapping armadillo repeats with in beta-catenin and thus might compete for beta-catenin binding (Kormish et al. 2010).

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