

# cAMP activates EPAC1

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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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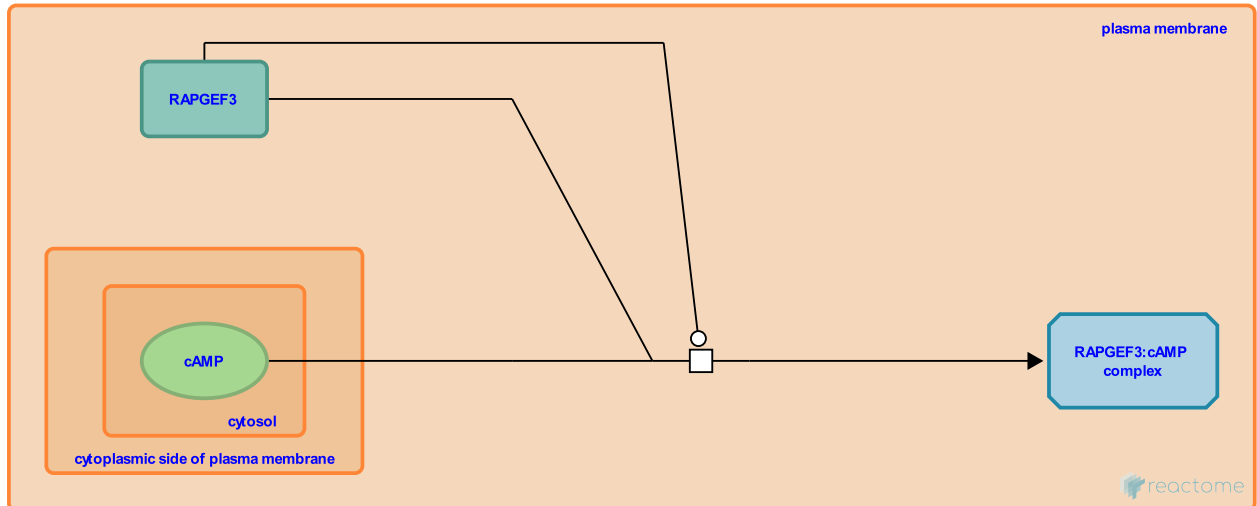
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-381668

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



Each molecule of RAPGEF3 / EPAC1 binds 1 molecule of cAMP. EPAC1 binds cAMP less tightly than PKA binds cAMP so it is believed that EPAC1 binds cAMP after PKA is saturated. The binding of cAMP by EPAC1 activates the guanyl nucleotide exchange activity of EPAC1. EPAC1 also binds the SUR1 subunit of ATP-gated potassium channels (KATP channels) in beta cells so EPAC1 may participate in direct regulation of potassium transport. EPAC1 also interacts with the calcium sensor Piccolo in a complex with Rim2 at the cell membrane. This may influence exocytosis of insulin.

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