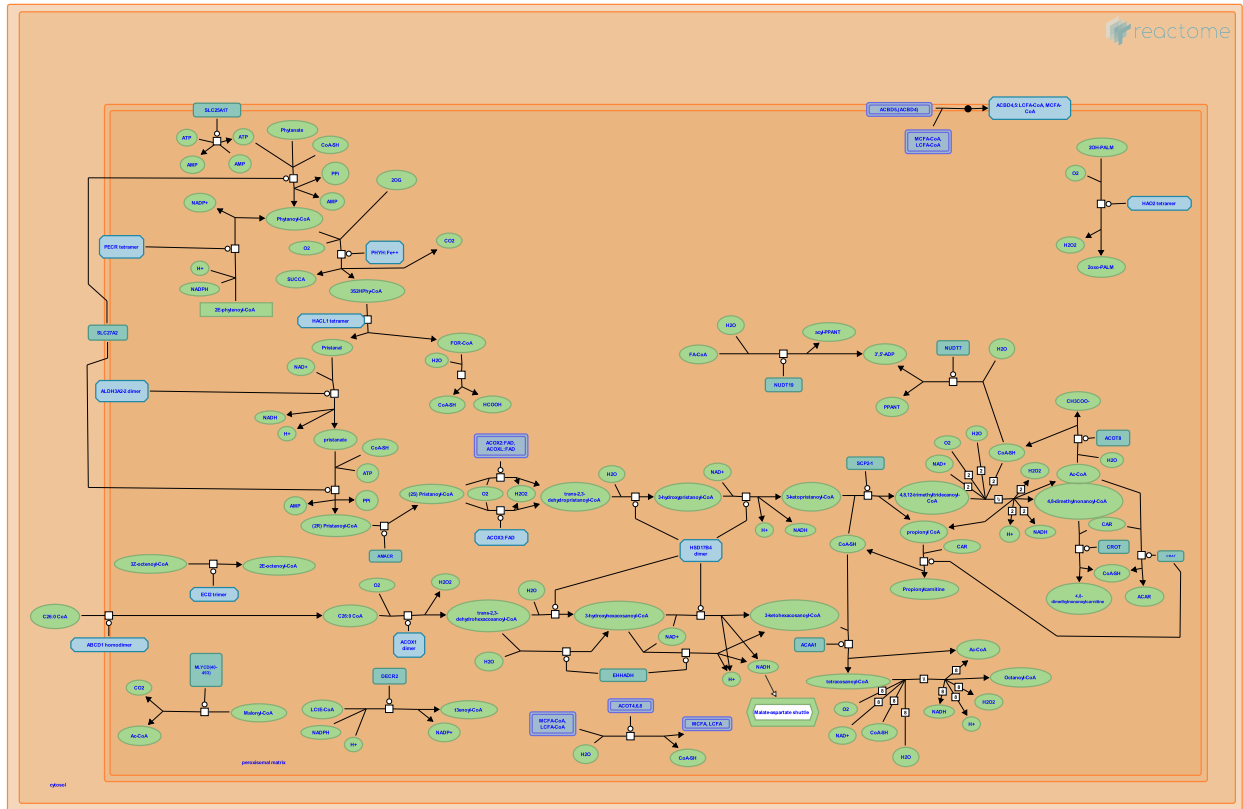


Peroxisomal lipid metabolism



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Introduction

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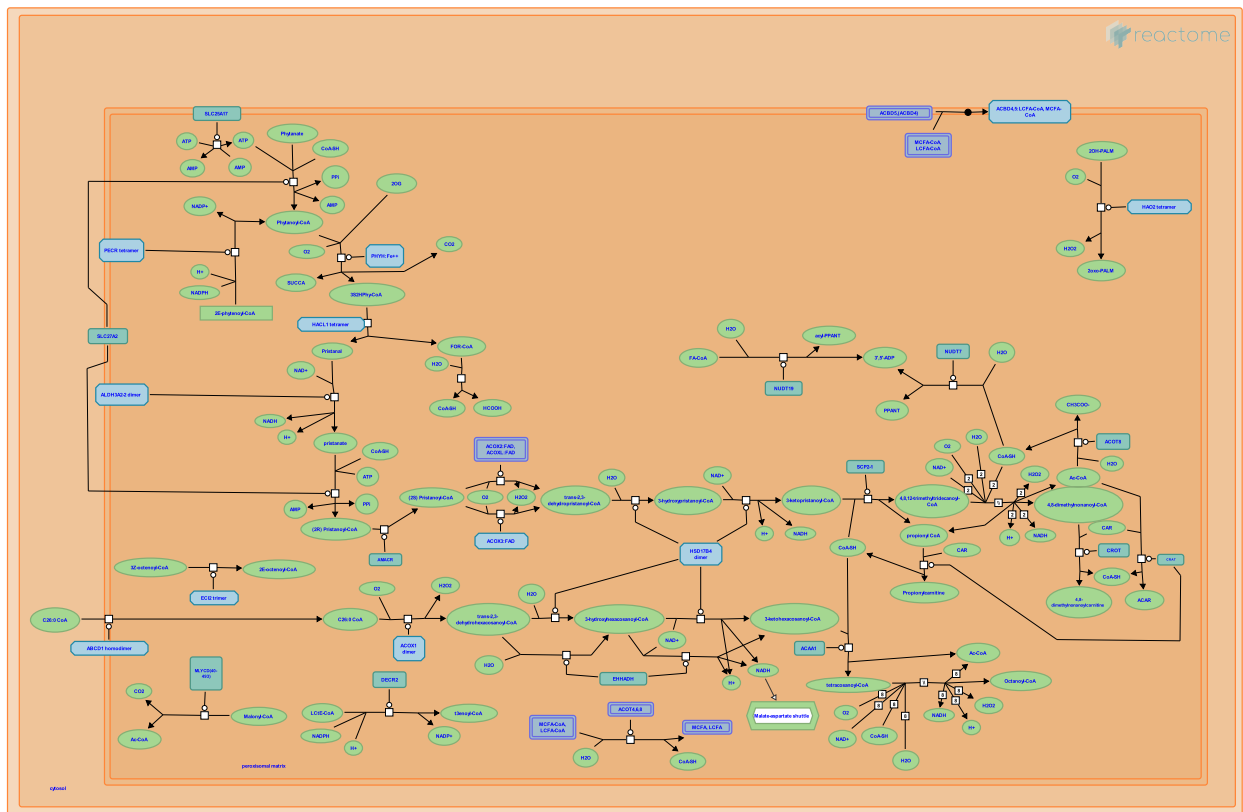
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In humans, the catabolism of phytanate, pristanate, and very long chain fatty acids as well as the first four steps of the biosynthesis of plasmalogens are catalyzed by peroxisomal enzymes. Defects in any of these enzymes or in the assembly of peroxisomes are associated with severe developmental disorders (Wanders and Waterham 2006).

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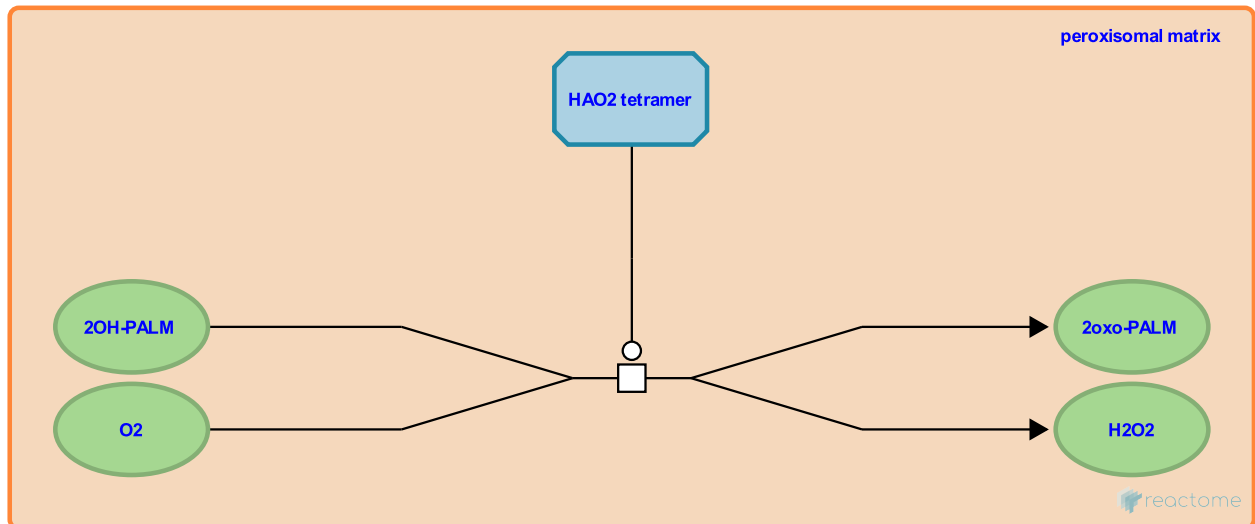
HAO2 tetramer oxidises 2OH-PALM ↗

Location: Peroxisomal lipid metabolism

Stable identifier: R-HSA-6787811

Type: transition

Compartments: peroxisomal matrix



Fatty acids can be metabolised by two distinct pathways; alpha- and beta-oxidation. Peroxisomal hydroxyacid oxidase 2 (HAO2) is thought to take part in alpha-oxidation of long chain fatty acids such as 2-hydroxypalmitate (2OH-PALM). HAO2 functions as a homotetramer and is highly expressed in liver and kidney (Jones et al. 2000).

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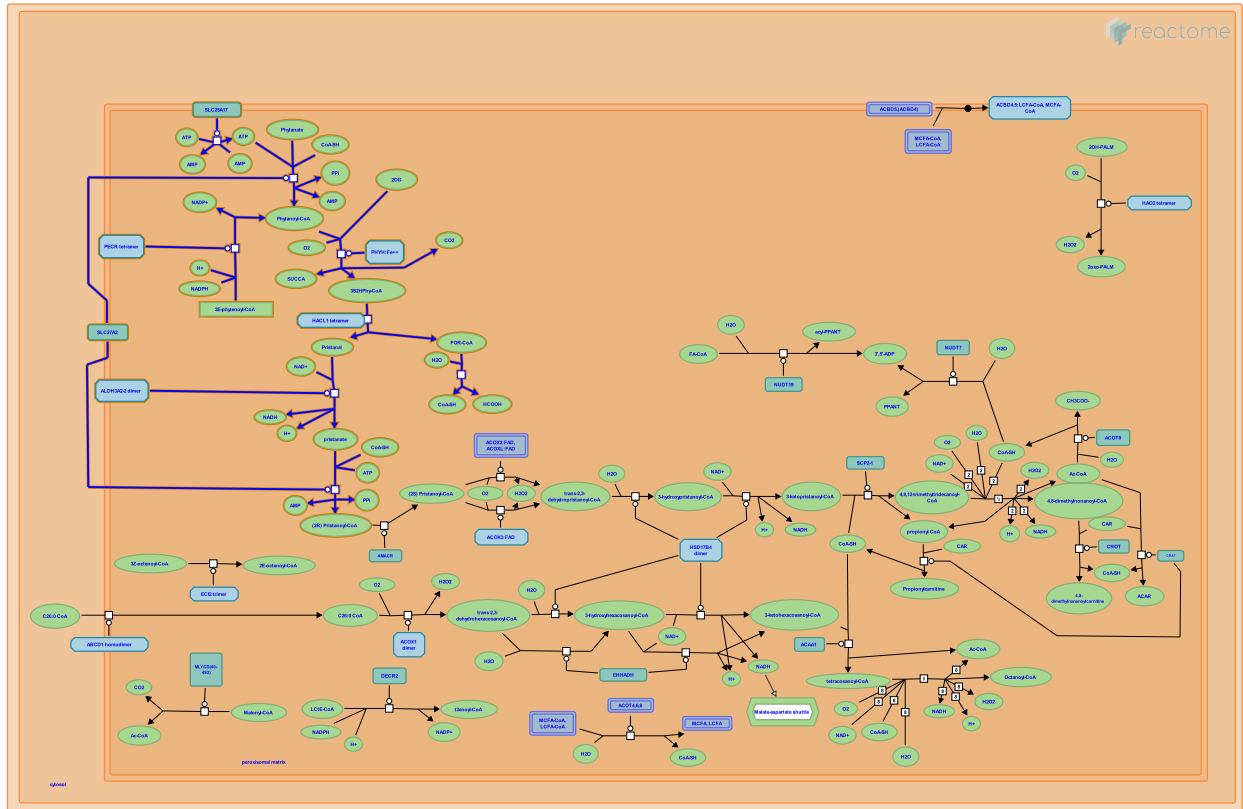
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Alpha-oxidation of phytanate ↗

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Compartments: peroxisomal matrix



Phytanic acid arises through ruminant metabolism of chlorophyll and enters the human diet as a constituent of dairy products (Baxter 1968). It can act as an agonist for PPAR and other nuclear hormone receptors, but its normal role in human physiology, if any, is unclear. It is catabolized via a five-step alpha-oxidation reaction sequence that yields pristanoyl-CoA, which is turn is a substrate for beta-oxidation. These reactions take place in the peroxisomal matrix and their failure is associated with Refsum disease (Wanders et al. 2003).

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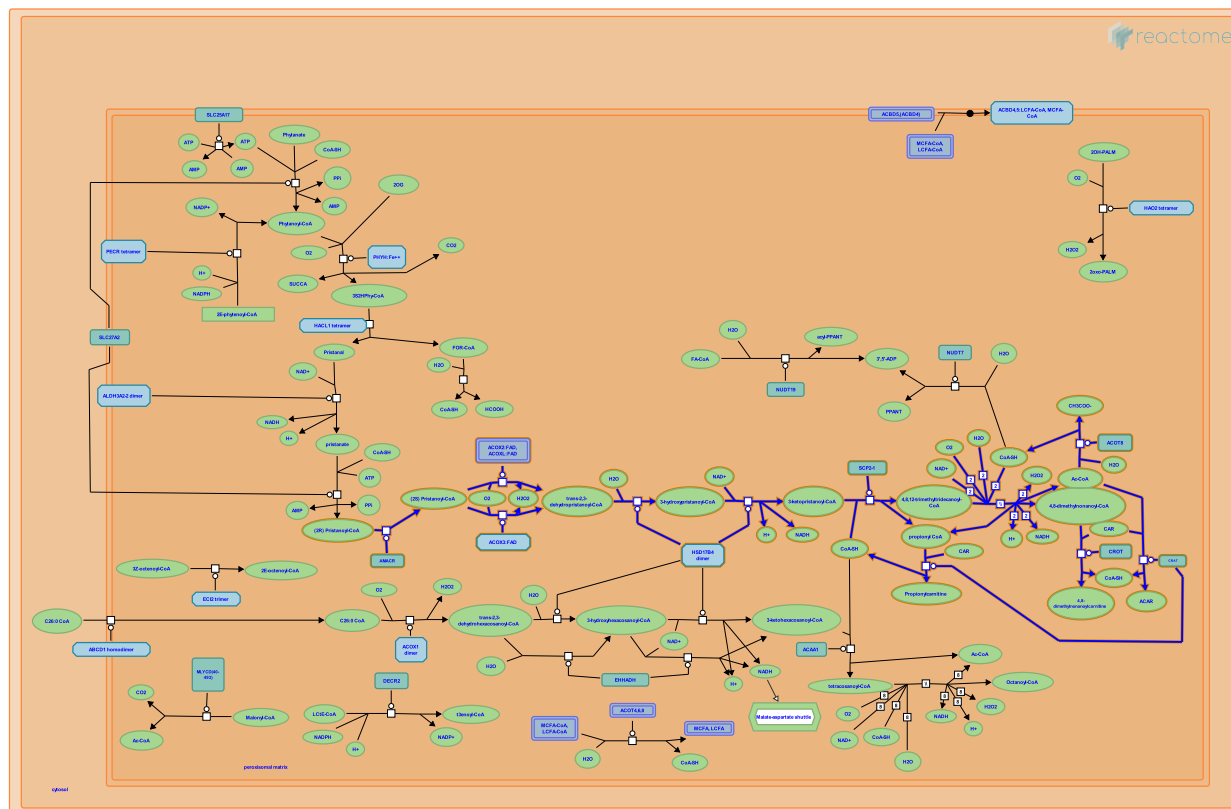
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Beta-oxidation of pristanoyl-CoA ↗

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Compartments: peroxisomal matrix



Pristanoyl-CoA, generated in the peroxisome by alpha-oxidation of dietary phytanic acid, is further catabolized by three cycles of peroxisomal beta-oxidation to yield 4,8-dimethylnonanoyl-CoA, acetyl-CoA and two molecules of propionyl-CoA. These molecules in turn are converted to carnitine conjugates, which can be transported to mitochondria (Wanders and Waterham 2006, Verhoeven et al. 1998, Ferdinandusse et al. 1999).

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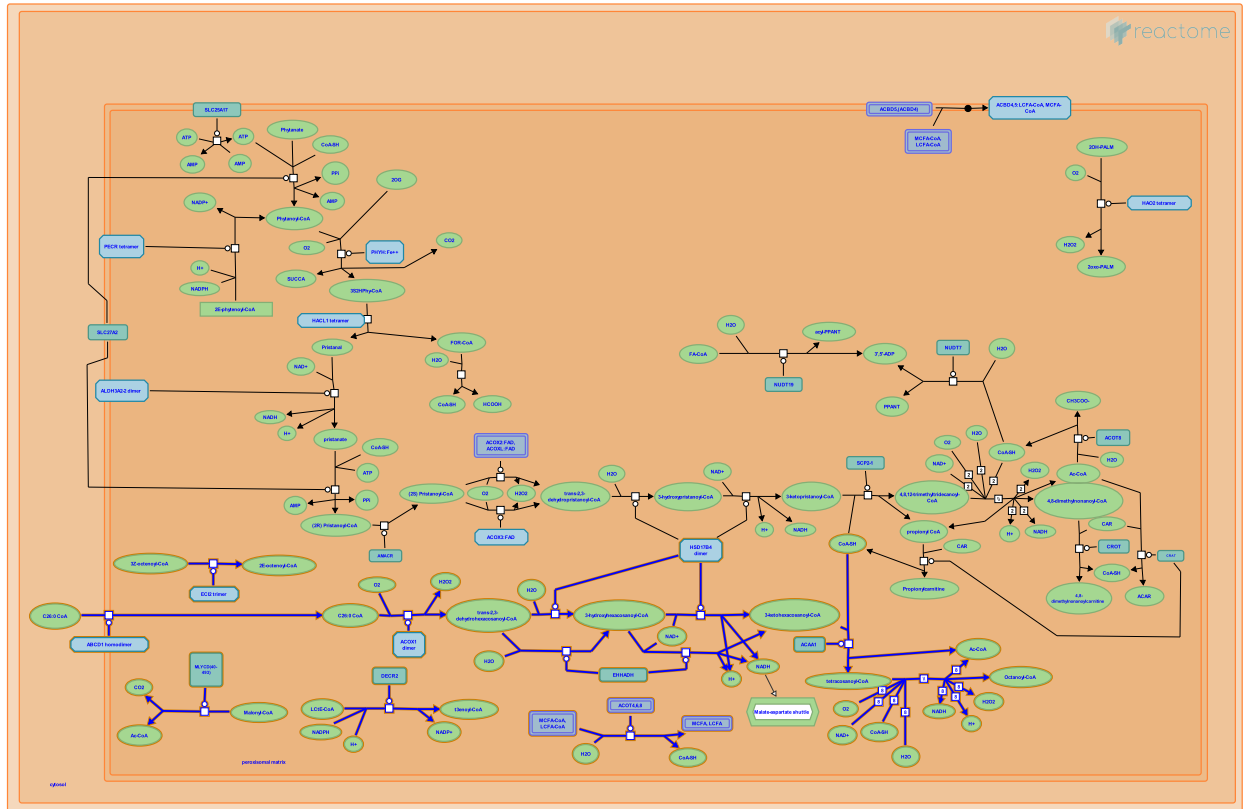
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Beta-oxidation of very long chain fatty acids ↗

Location: Peroxisomal lipid metabolism

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Compartments: peroxisomal matrix



Linear fatty acids containing more than 18 carbons are broken down by beta-oxidation in peroxisomes to yield acetyl-CoA and medium chain-length fatty acyl CoA's such as octanoyl-CoA (Wanders and Waterham 2006).

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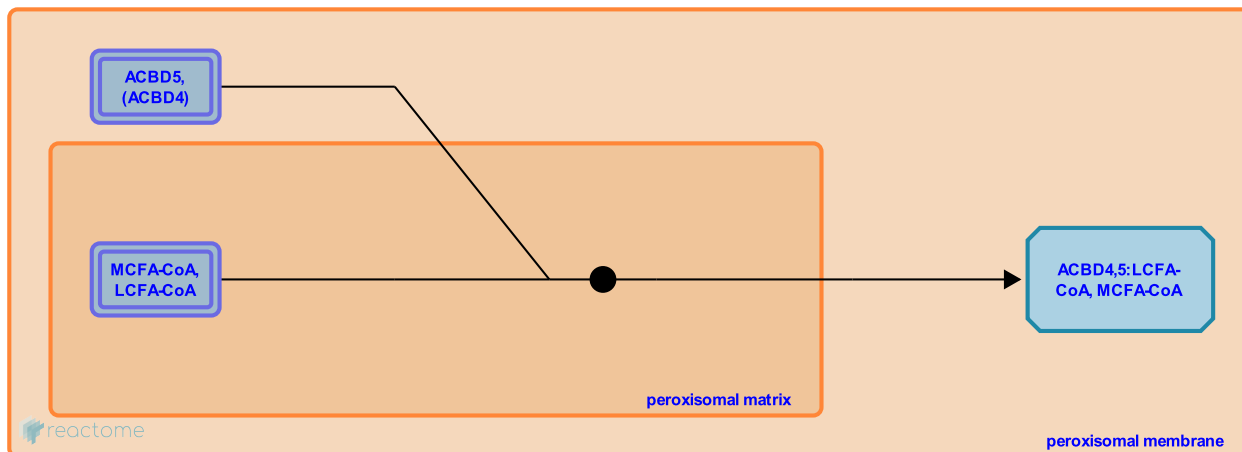
ACBD4,5 bind MCFA-CoA and LCFA-CoA ↗

Location: Peroxisomal lipid metabolism

Stable identifier: R-HSA-8848247

Type: binding

Compartments: peroxisomal matrix, peroxisomal membrane



The selective autophagy of peroxisomes (pexophagy) is controlled by autophagy receptors through the assembly of a receptor protein complex (RPC). These receptors can recruit specific proteins required for pexophagy to occur. The human orthologue of the fungal acyl-CoA-binding protein Atg37, ACBD5, is a positive regulator of the pexophagic RPC process. Palmitoyl-CoA competes with autophagy receptors thus may affect the pexophagic RPC process. Acyl-CoA-binding domain-containing proteins 4 and 5 (ACBD4,5) are peroxisomal membrane-bound proteins and thought to bind medium- and long-chain acyl-CoA esters (MCFA-CoA, LCFA-CoA) (Nazarko et al. 2014, Nazarko 2014). The function of ACBD4 has not yet been determined.

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NUDT7 hydrolyses CoA-SH to 3',5'-ADP and PPANT ↗

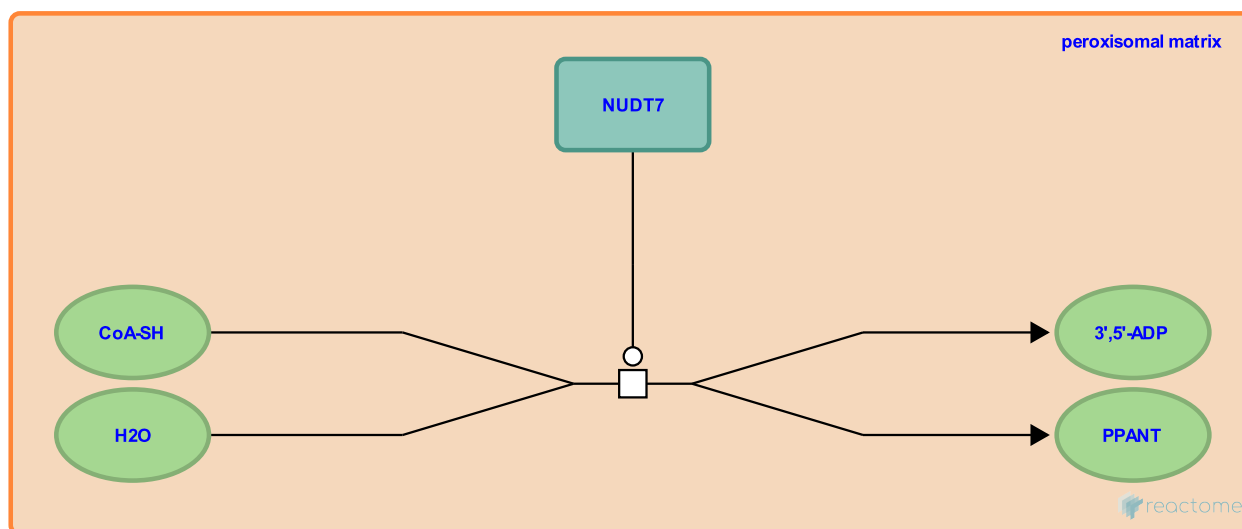
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-6809354

Type: transition

Compartments: peroxisomal matrix

Inferred from: [Nudt7 hydrolyses CoA-SH to 3',5'-ADP and PPANT \(Mus musculus\)](#)



Coenzyme A (CoASH) is a necessary cofactor for the oxidation of lipids in peroxisomes. Peroxisomal coenzyme A diphosphatase (NUDT7) mediates the cleavage of CoA (and CoA esters and oxidised CoA) to produce 3',5'-ADP and 4'-phosphopantetheine (PPANT) and is suggested to be involved in the regulation of peroxisomal CoASH levels. Human NUDT7 activity is inferred from mouse Nudt7 activity (Gasmi et al. 2001, Reilly et al. 2008).

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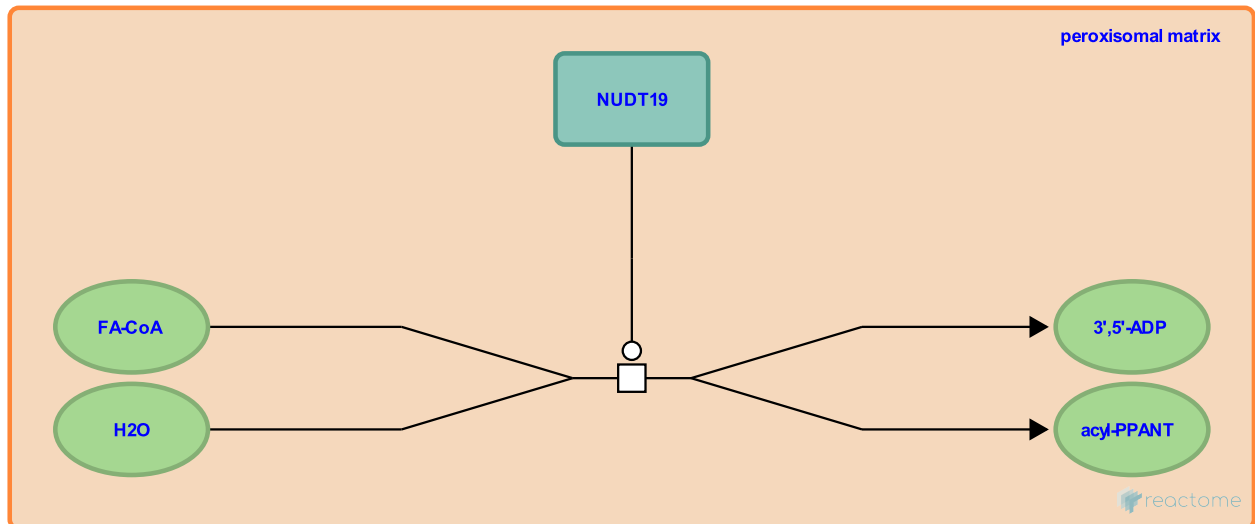
NUDT19 hydrolyses acyl-CoA to 3',5'-ADP and acyl-PPANT ↗

Location: [Peroxisomal lipid metabolism](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-6810474

Type: transition

Compartments: peroxisomal matrix



Coenzyme A (CoA-SH) and acyl-coenzyme A (acyl-CoA) can be degraded in peroxisomes by two members of the Nudix (nucleoside diphosphates linked to some moiety X) hydrolase superfamily; NUDT7 and NUDT19. NUDT19 hydrolyses free fatty acyl-CoA to form acyl-phosphopantetheine (acyl-PPANT) and 3',5'-ADP. Human NUDT19 activity is inferred from mouse *Nudt19* activity (Ofman et al. 2006).

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