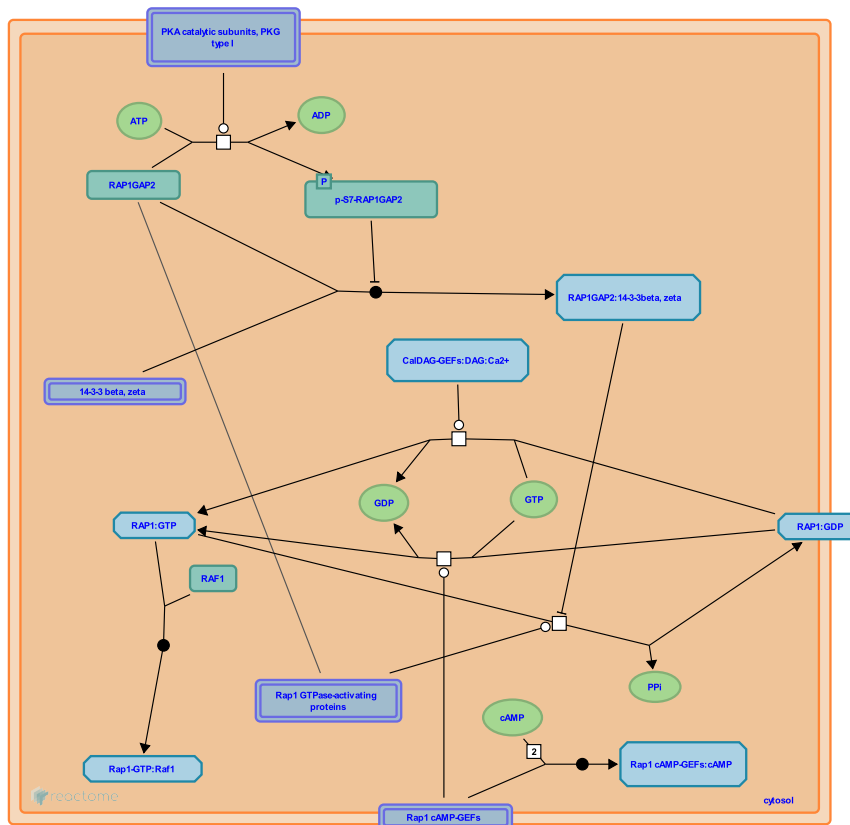


# Rap1 signalling



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## Introduction

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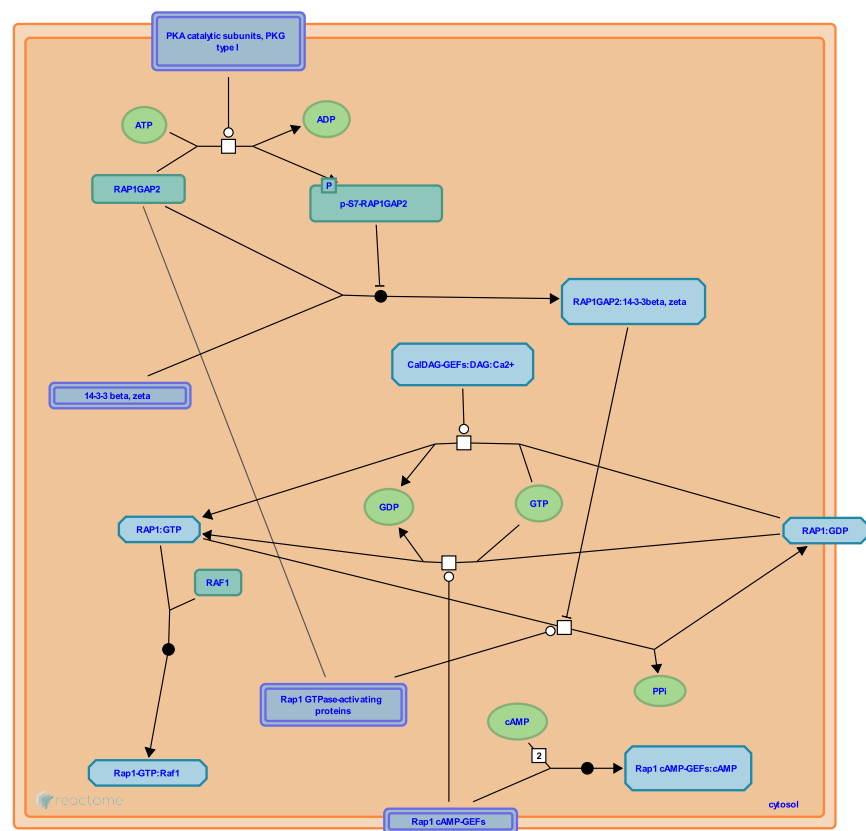
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Rap1 signalling ↗

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Compartments: plasma membrane



Rap1 (Ras-proximate-1) is a small G protein in the Ras superfamily. Like all G proteins, Rap1 is activated when bound GDP is exchanged for GTP. Rap1 is targeted to lipid membranes by the covalent attachment of lipid moieties to its carboxyl terminus. Movement of Rap1 from endosomal membranes to the plasma membrane upon activation has been reported in several cell types including Jurkat T cells and megakaryocytes. On activation, Rap1 undergoes conformational changes that facilitate recruitment of a variety of effectors, triggering its participation in integrin signaling, ERK activation, and others.

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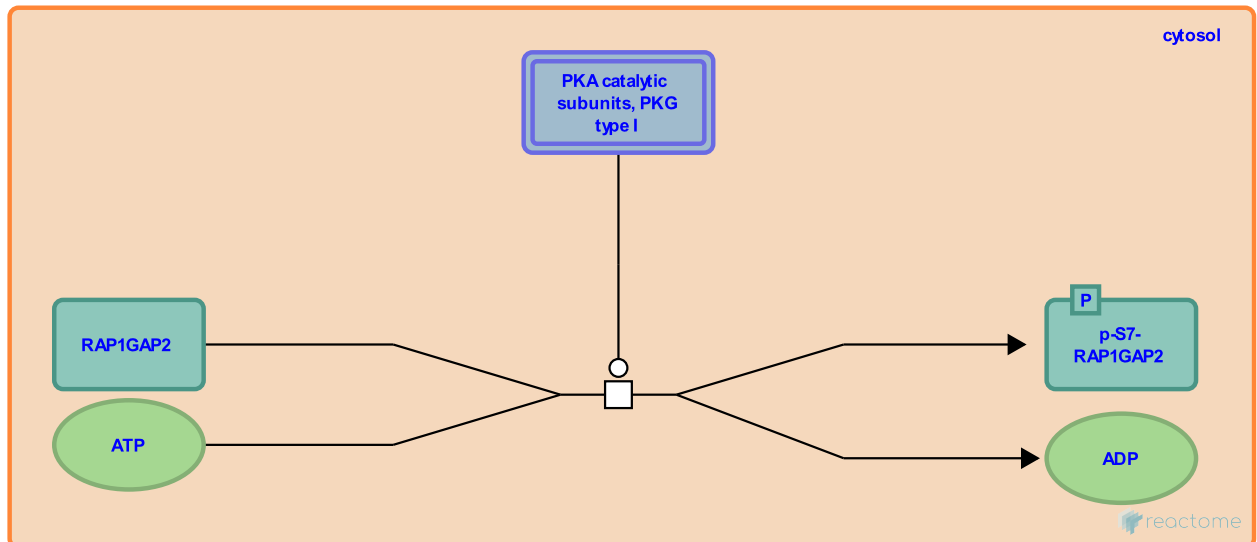
## PKA/PKG phosphorylate Rap1GAP2 ↗

**Location:** [Rap1 signalling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-913996

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



cGMP and cAMP dependent protein kinases (PKG and PKA respectively) phosphorylate the Rap1 GTPase activating RAP1GAP2 at serine 7 (Schultess et al. 2007). This reduces the binding of inhibitory 14-3-3 proteins to RAP1GAP2.

**Followed by:** [14-3-3 proteins beta and zeta bind and inhibit Rap1Gap2](#)

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Schultess, J., Danielewski, O., Smolenski, AP. (2005). Rap1GAP2 is a new GTPase-activating protein of Rap1 expressed in human platelets. *Blood*, 105, 3185-92. ↗

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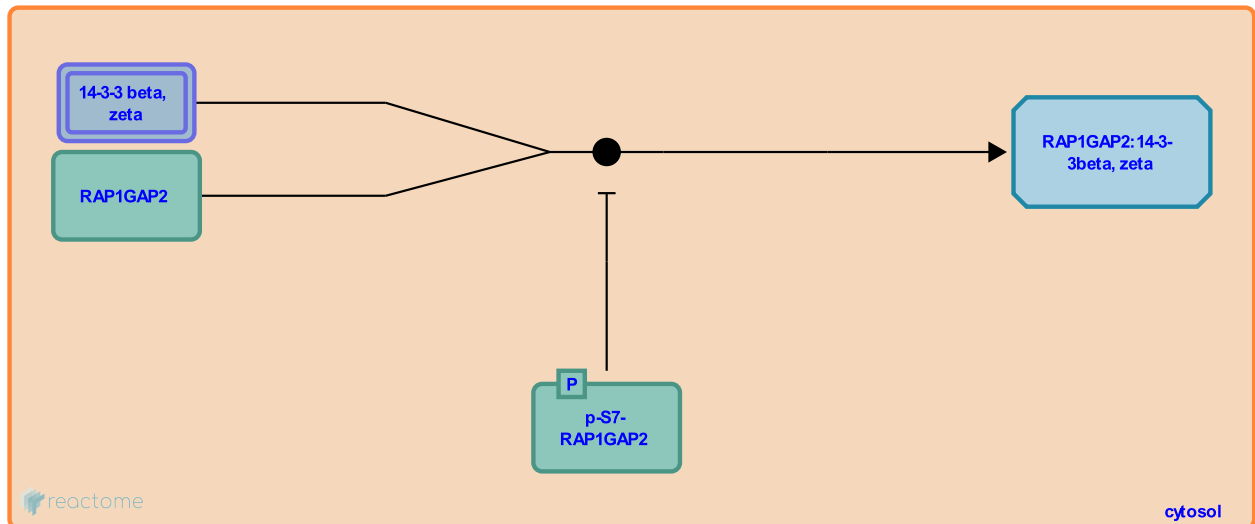
## 14-3-3 proteins beta and zeta bind and inhibit Rap1Gap2 ↗

**Location:** [Rap1 signalling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-913993

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** cytosol



RAP1GAP2 binds 14-3-3 proteins beta and zeta, inhibiting its GAP activity for Rap1. This effect is diminished by Ser-7 phosphorylation of RAP1GAP2 by cGMP- and cAMP-dependent protein kinases (PKG and PKA respectively), which inhibits the binding of 14-3-3 proteins beta and zeta to Rap1GAP2. 14-3-3 binding does not appear to alter the GTPase-activating function of Rap1GAP2 in vitro, but attenuates Rap1GAP2 mediated inhibition of cell adhesion (Hoffmeister et al. 2008).

**Preceded by:** [PKA/PKG phosphorylate Rap1GAP2](#)

**Followed by:** [Rap1 signal termination by Rap1GAPs](#)

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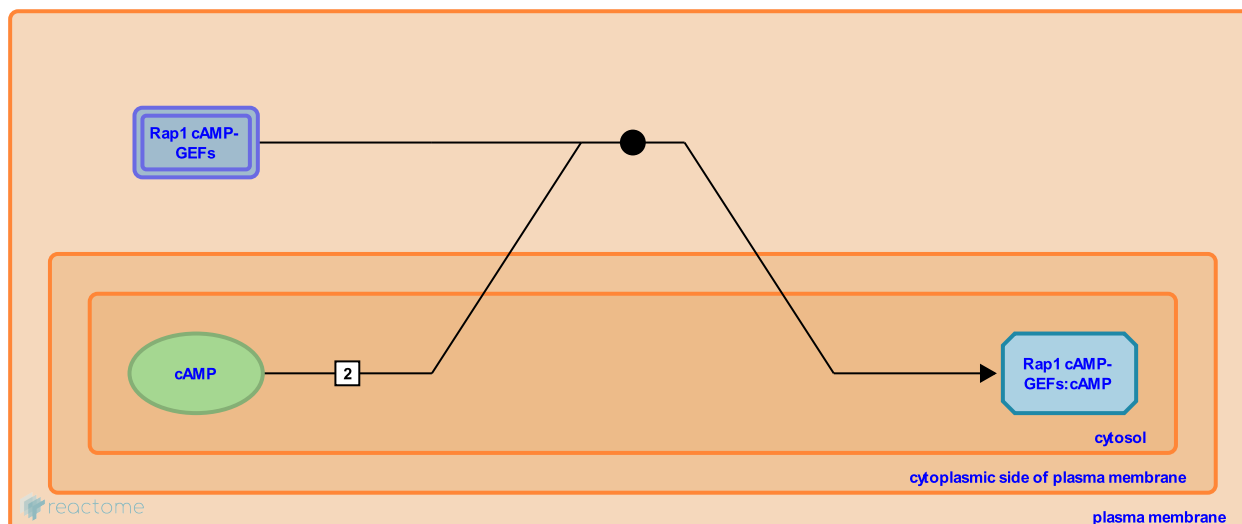
## Activation of EPACs by cAMP ↗

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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-392834

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



EPACs (exchange proteins directly activated by cAMP) are Rap1 GEFs that are activated by direct binding of cAMP (cyclic adenosine monophosphate). cAMP-GEFI (EPAC1) is widely expressed, while cAMP-GEFII (EPAC2) is enriched in brain and adrenal tissue. Both are selective for Rap1. A role of EPACs has been proposed for Rap1-dependent cell adhesion to laminin in both epithelial and red blood cells, and in the regulation of vascular endothelial barrier function.

**Followed by:** [Activation of Rap1 by membrane-associated GEFs](#)

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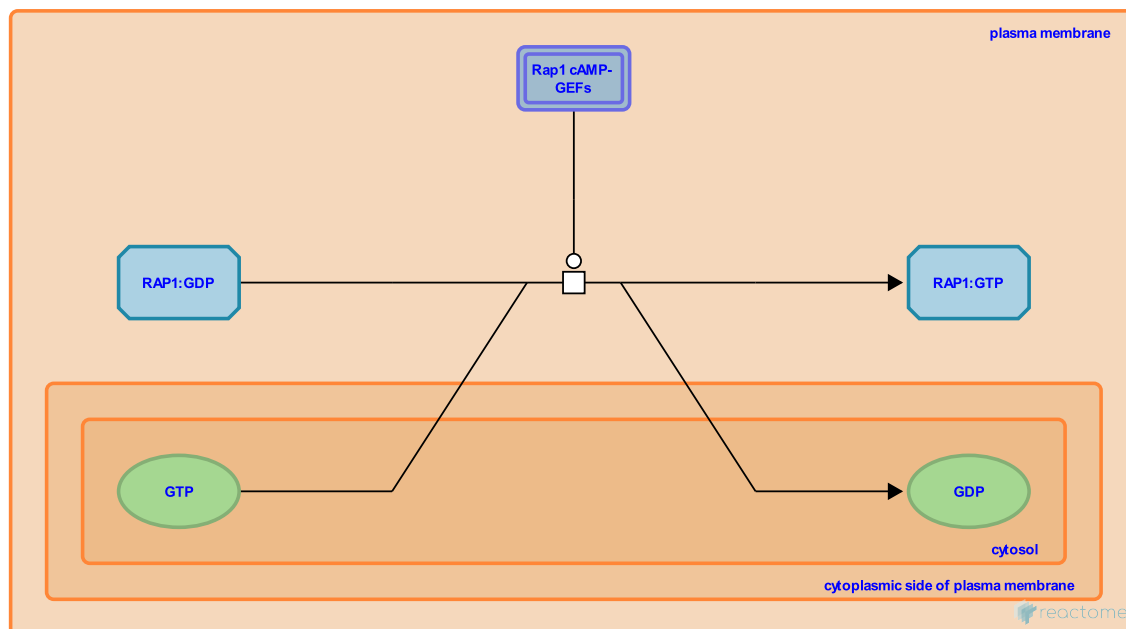
## Activation of Rap1 by membrane-associated GEFs ↗

**Location:** [Rap1 signalling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-939265

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



Signals from agonist receptors (such as GPVI) trigger the production of PIP3, DAG, cAMP and elevated  $Ca^{++}$  levels. This leads to the activation and translocation of active Rap1-GTP to the plasma membrane. Rap-GEFs stimulate the replacement of GDP for GTP, activating Rap1. Several Rap1 GEFs have been identified enabling Rap1 to respond to diverse stimuli. CalDAG-GEFs activate Rap1 in response to calcium and DAG, downstream of Phospholipase C. EPAC (exchange proteins directly activated by cAMP) GEFs are activated by binding cAMP.

**Preceded by:** [Activation of EPACs by cAMP](#)

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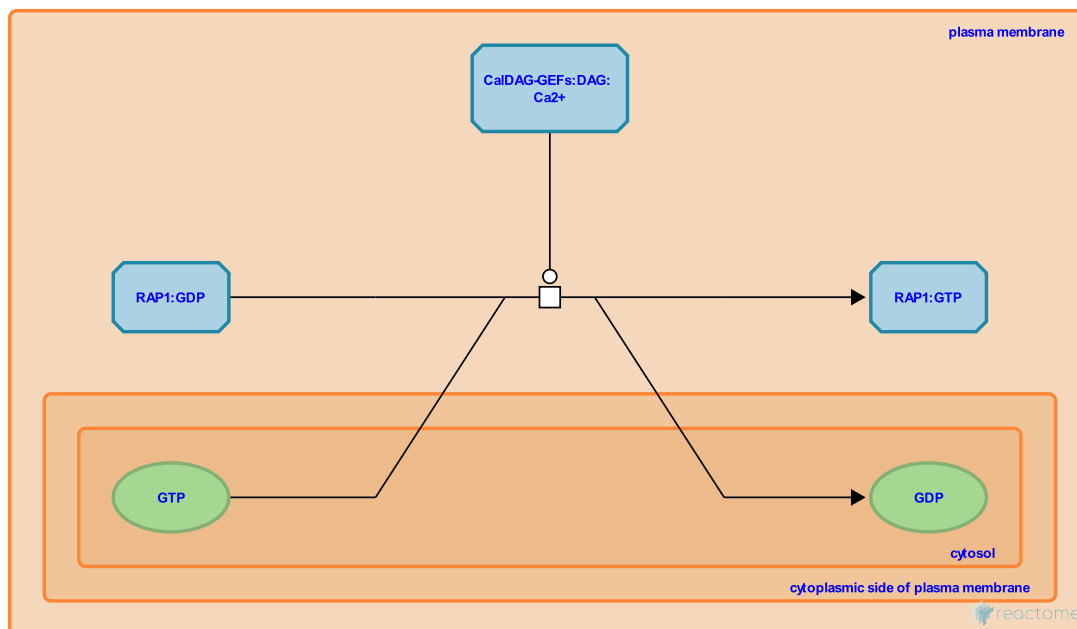
## Activation of Rap1 by cytosolic GEFs ↗

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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-354173

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



Signals from agonist receptors (such as GPVI) trigger the production of PIP3, DAG, cAMP and elevated  $Ca^{++}$  levels. This leads to the activation and translocation of active Rap1-GTP to the plasma membrane. Rap-GEFs stimulate the replacement of GDP for GTP, activating Rap1. Several Rap1 GEFs have been identified enabling Rap1 to respond to diverse stimuli. CalDAG-GEFs activate Rap1 in response to calcium and DAG, downstream of Phospholipase C. EPAC (exchange proteins directly activated by cAMP) GEFs are activated by binding cAMP.

**Followed by:** [Rap1 sequesters Raf1 to inhibit ERK cascade](#), [Rap1 signal termination by Rap1GAPs](#)

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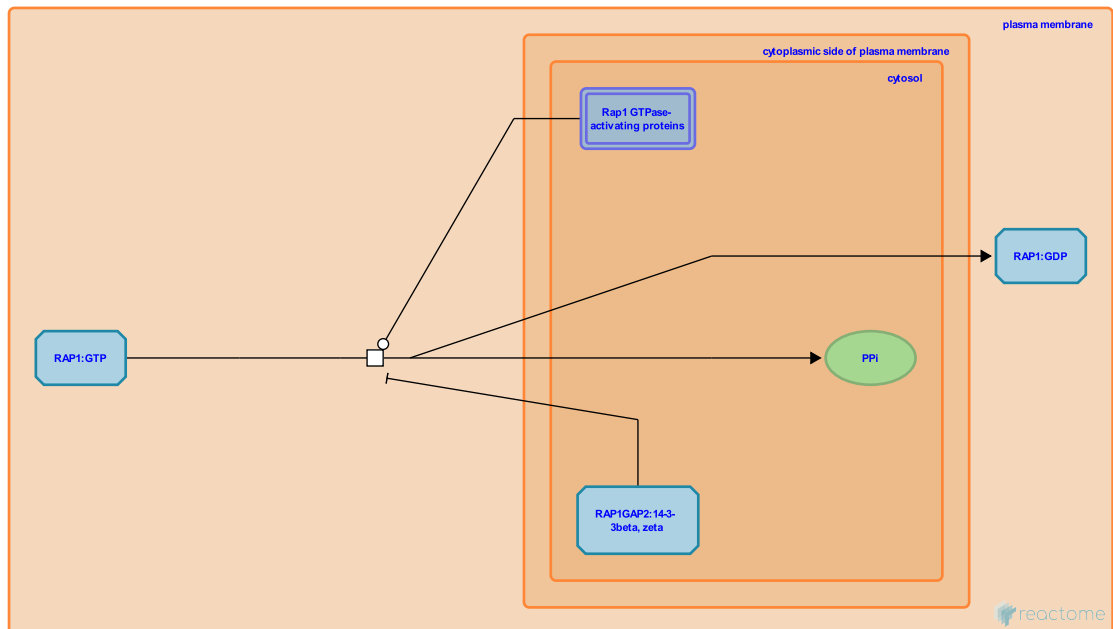
# Rap1 signal termination by Rap1GAPs ↗

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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-392513

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



Rap1 signalling is terminated by the hydrolysis of bound GTP to GDP. The intrinsic GTPase activity of Rap1 is greatly enhanced by GTP-ase activating proteins (GAPs).

**Preceded by:** [Activation of Rap1 by membrane-associated GEFs](#), [Activation of Rap1 by cytosolic GEFs](#), [14-3-3 proteins beta and zeta bind and inhibit Rap1GAP2](#)

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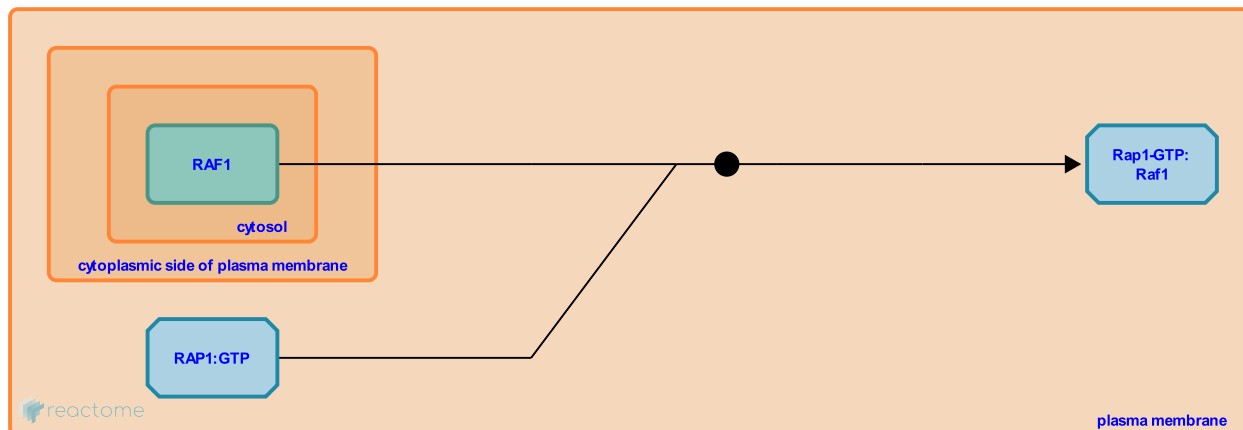
## Rap1 sequesters Raf1 to inhibit ERK cascade ↗

**Location:** [Rap1 signalling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-392835

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



Active Rap1 binds but does not activate Raf-1, preventing Raf-1 from participating in the Ras/ERK pathway.

**Preceded by:** [Activation of Rap1 by membrane-associated GEFs](#), [Activation of Rap1 by cytosolic GEFs](#)

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