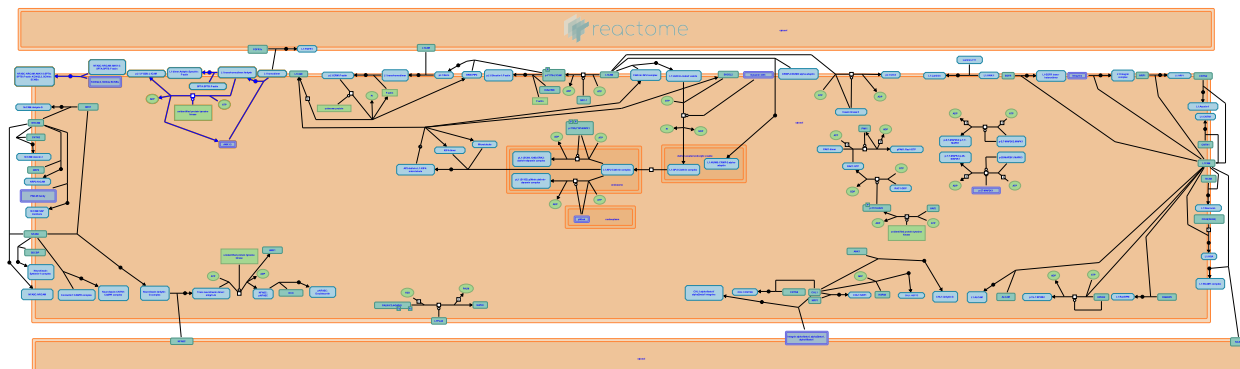


Interaction between L1 and Ankyrins



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Introduction

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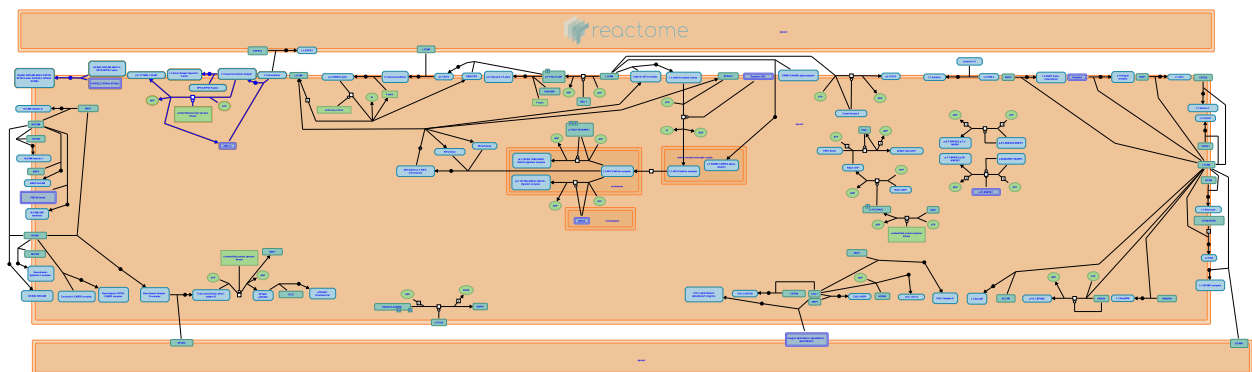
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Ankyrins are a family of adaptor proteins that couple membrane proteins such as voltage gated Na⁺ channels and the Na⁺/K⁺ anion exchanger to the spectrin actin cytoskeleton. Ankyrins are encoded by three genes (ankyrin-G, -B and -R) of which ankyrin-G and -B are the major forms expressed in the developing nervous system. Ankyrins bind to the cytoplasmic domain of L1 CAMs and couple them and ion channel proteins, to the spectrin cytoskeleton. This binding enhances the homophilic adhesive activity of L1 and reduces its mobility within the plasma membrane. L1 interaction with ankyrin mediates branching and synaptogenesis of cortical inhibitory neurons.

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L1 dimer binds Ankyrin [↗](#)

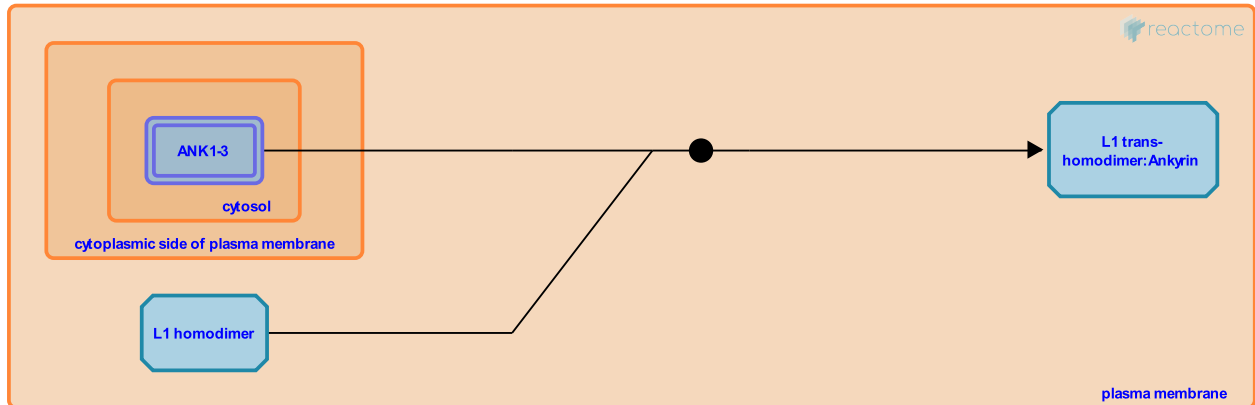
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Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol

Inferred from: [L1 dimer binds Ankyrin \(Homo sapiens\)](#)



L1 recruits membrane skeletal component ankyrin to cell to cell contact sites in response to cis interaction with homophilic axonin 1/TAG 1 or trans L1 L1 homophilic interaction although in mammalian cells trans binding interactions are not required. L1 interacts with ankyrin proteins through two highly conserved amino acid sequence motifs, LADY and FIGQY.

Ankyrin binding immobilizes L1 molecules in the neuronal plasma membrane. This interaction is required for axon maintenance. L1 also elevates cyclic AMP levels in neurons via ankyrin B and mediates Ca²⁺ dependent attraction. The L1/ankyrin interaction is a vital determinant of synaptic targeting of retinal axons to the superior colliculus and cooperates with EphrinB/EphB signaling to induce axon branch attraction.

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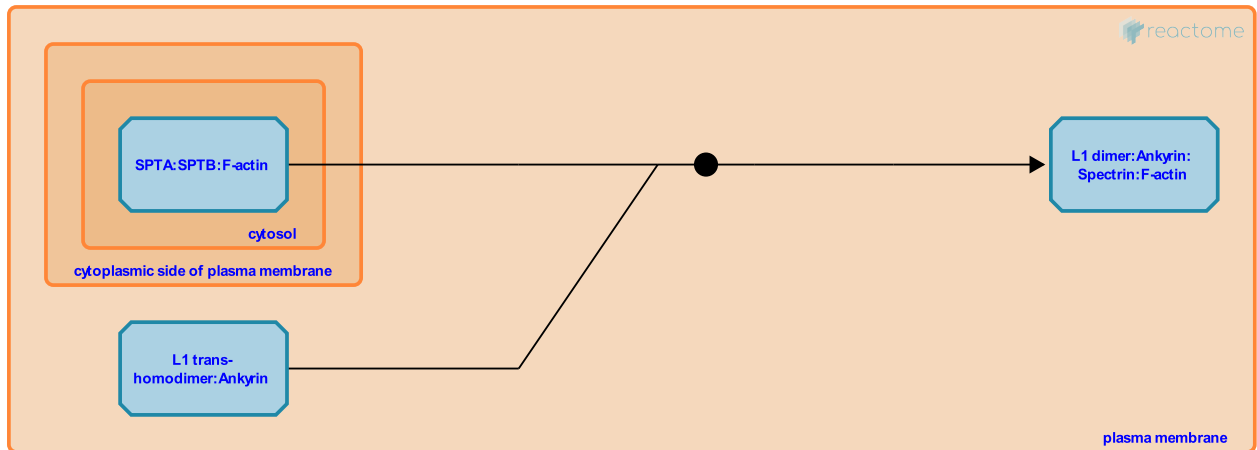
L1 linked to actin cytoskeleton by ankyrin ↗

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Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol



Ankyrins are bifunctional linker proteins that tether L1 to the membrane associated, spectrin based actin cytoskeleton. Spectrin is a tetramer of two alpha- and two beta-chains. The spectrin alpha chain has 21 and the beta chain has 16 (conventional beta) or 30 (heavy beta) successive triple helix repeats. At the N-terminus of beta spectrin, there is a pair of CH (calponin homology) domains which together form an actin binding domain, while the triple helical repeats 14-15 bind ankyrin.

Interaction with spectrin bound F-actin blocks the mobility of L1 and this immobilization mediates adjacent neuron adhesions.

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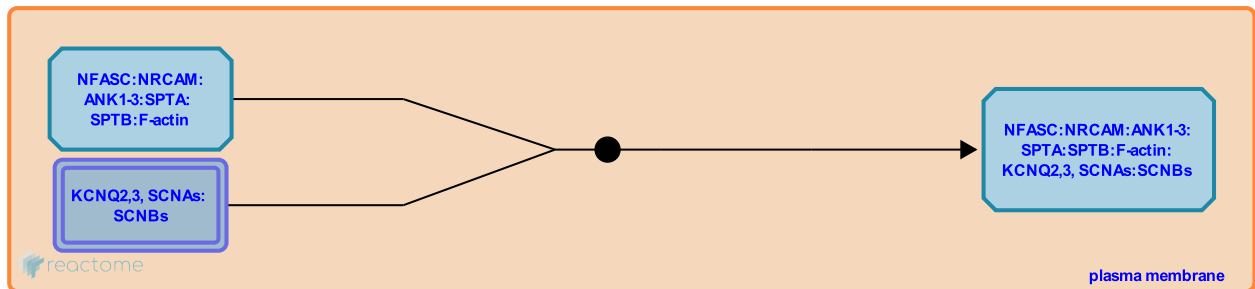
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-373739

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane

Inferred from: [Ankyrins link voltage-gated sodium and potassium channels to spectrin and L1 \(Rattus norvegicus\)](#)



Ankyrins link both L1 and ion channel proteins, coupling them to the spectrin actin cytoskeleton. In the nervous system ankyrins interact with voltage gated channels and cluster them in axon initial segments to generate action potentials. At these points the actin spectrin network is linked via ankyrins to voltage gated sodium channels, L1, and the voltage gated potassium ion channel subunits, KCNQ2 and KCNQ3.

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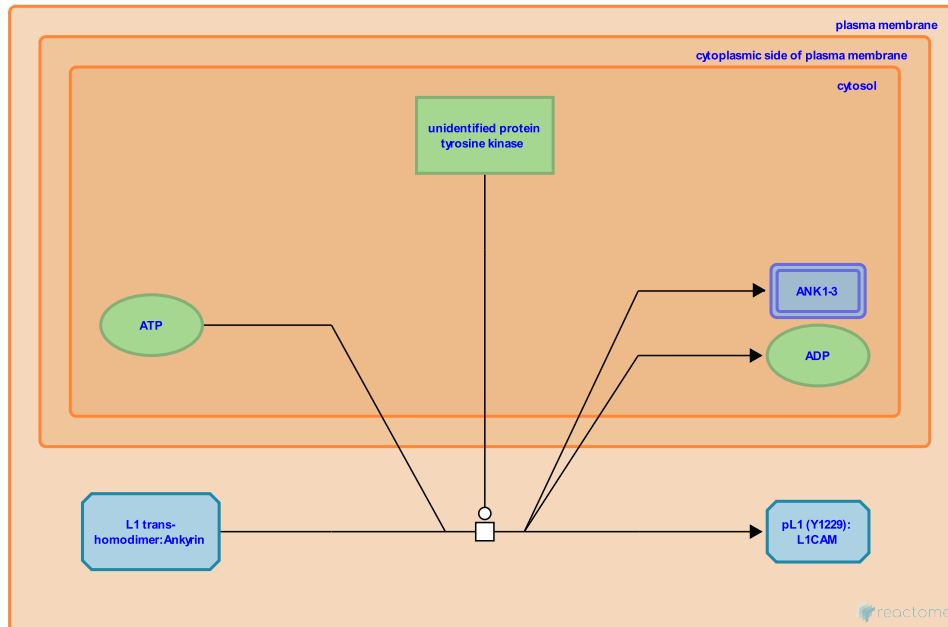
Phosphorylation of Y1229 in L1 [↗](#)

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Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol



Binding of ankyrins is dependent on the phosphorylation and dephosphorylation state of the tyrosine in the L1 FIGQY motif. In the dephosphorylated state ankyrins bind to L1 and in the phosphorylated state L1 releases from ankyrins and binds to doublecortin.

The specific kinase that is responsible for the phosphorylation of this tyrosine residue is still unknown, but components of the MAP kinase pathway may regulate this event. Tyrosine phosphorylation abolishes ankyrin binding and also increases L1 lateral mobility and neurite growth

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