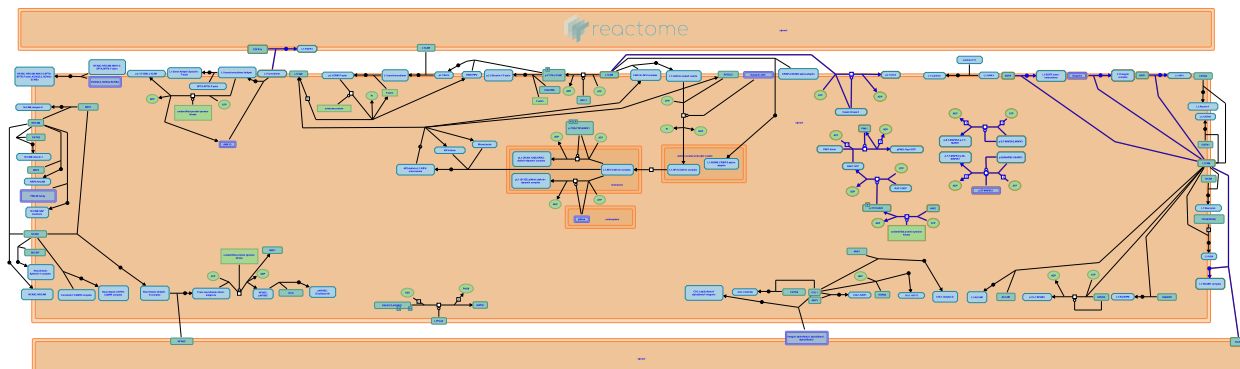


Signal transduction by L1



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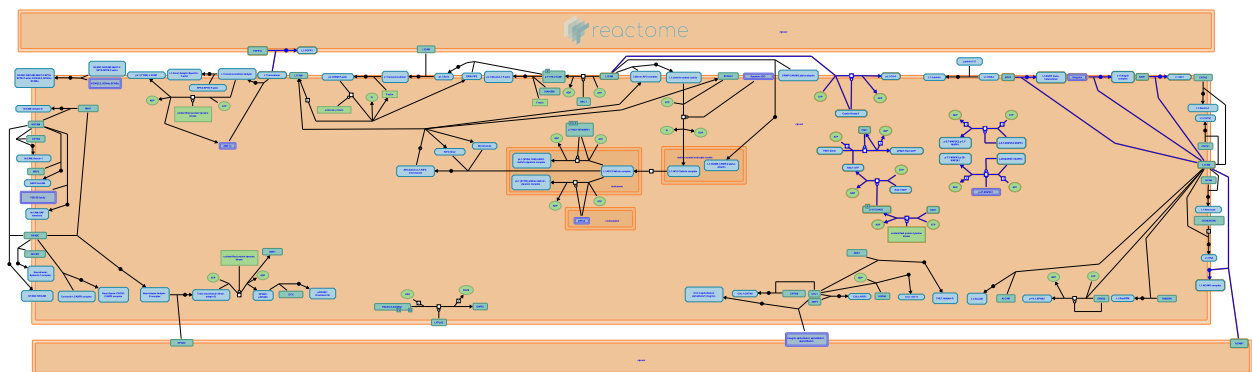
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Besides adhesive roles in cell cell interaction, L1 functions as a signal transducing receptor providing neurons with cues from their environment for axonal growth and guidance. L1 associates with beta1 integrins on the cell surface to induce a signaling pathway involving sequential activation of pp60csrc, Vav2 -GEF, Rac1, PAK1, MEK and ERK1/2. L1 stimulates cell migration and neurite outgrowth through the MAP kinases ERK1/2. CHL1 also associates with integrins and activates a MAPK signaling pathway via pp60c-src, MEK and ERK1/2.

L1 also binds the Sema3A receptor neuropilin1 and acts as an obligate coreceptor to mediate Sema3A induced growth cone collapse and axon repulsion. This repulsion can be converted to attraction by homophilic binding of L1 on an apposing cell in trans with L1 complexed with Neuropilin1 (NP1) in the responding neuron.

L1 also interacts with FGF receptor and activates PLC gamma and DAG, resulting in the production of arachidonic acid and subsequent opening of voltage-gated channels.

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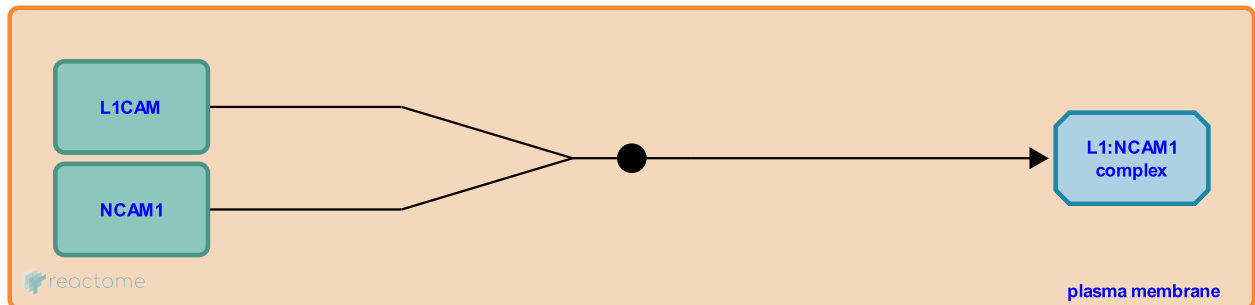
L1 and NCAM1 engaged in cis-interaction ↗

Location: [Signal transduction by L1](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-374681

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane



L1 and NCAM1 co-expressed on a single cell interact with each other via the fourth Ig domain of NCAM1 and the oligomannose type oligosaccharides carried by L1. This interaction has synergetic effects on L1-mediated cell aggregation and adhesion, a phenomenon referred to as 'assisted homophilic L1-L1 trans-binding'.

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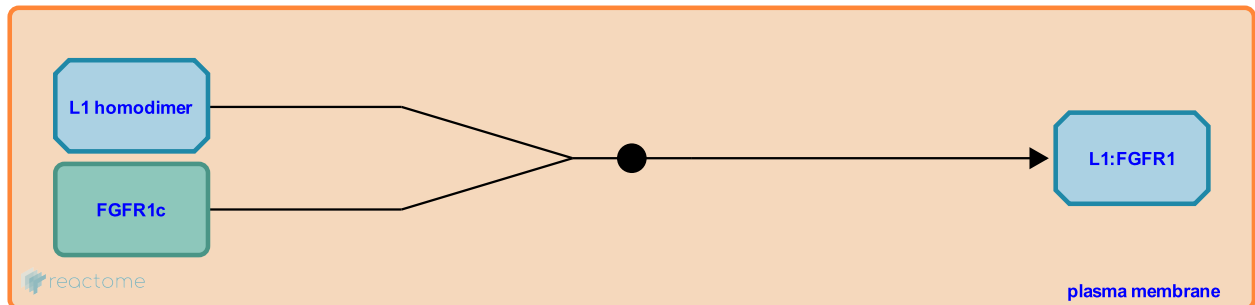
L1-FGFR cis-heterodimerization ↗

Location: [Signal transduction by L1](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-437230

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane



L1-L1 trans-homodimers interact with the fibroblast growth factor receptor (FGFR). The CAM homology domain (CHD) in the FGFR, which resides between Ig like domains 1 and 2, interacts with the putative FGFR-CHD binding motif in the Fn3 module 4 of L1. This interaction leads to activation of the tyrosine kinase domain of the FGFR and subsequent activation of PLCgamma. PLCgamma then hydrolyses PIP2 to generate IP3 and DAG which finally leads to an increase in localized Ca²⁺ influx and activation of Ca²⁺/Calmodulin kinase II.

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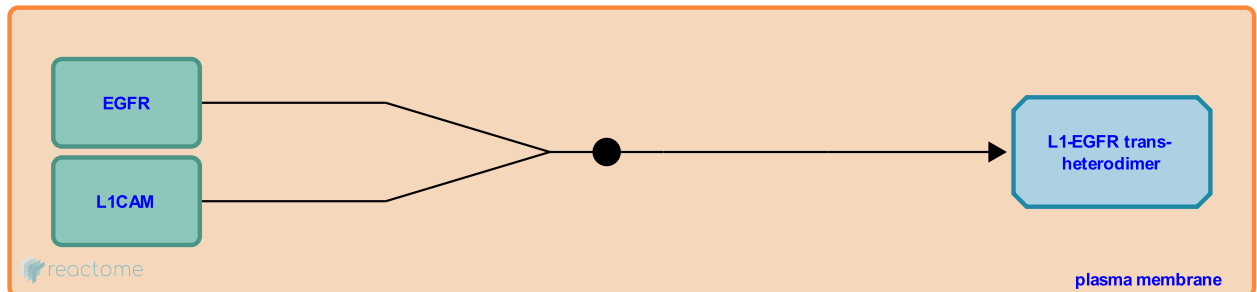
L1-EGFR trans-heterodimerization [↗](#)

Location: [Signal transduction by L1](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-445069

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane



L1CAM and EGFR engage in a weak heterophilic trans interaction and this induces EGFR tyrosine kinase activity and its activation. However, this trans interaction alone is not sufficient to induce EGFR autophosphorylation, which requires additional cis type interactions between the two proteins.

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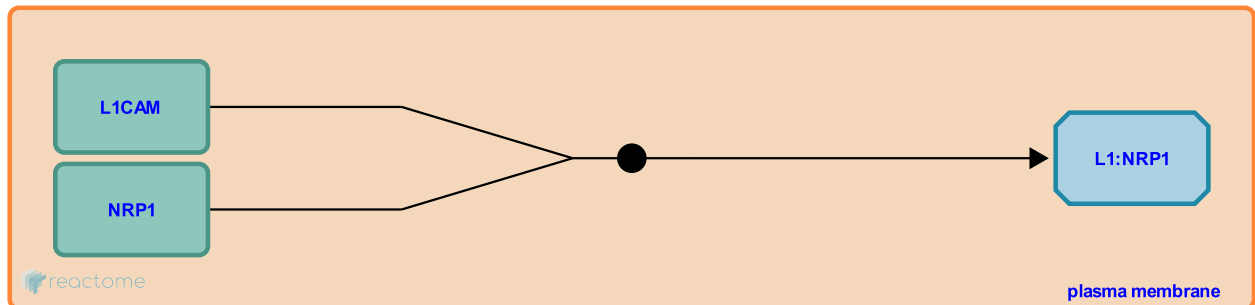
L1 binds NRP1 [↗](#)

Location: [Signal transduction by L1](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-374669

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane



L1 interacts with neuropilin 1 (NP-1) through a conserved sequence (FASNKL) present within the Ig1 domain of L1 and this association is required as a part of semaphorin 3A (Sema3A) receptor complex for axon guidance responses.

L1 interacts with NP-1 in cis to form a receptor complex that induces repulsive turning of the growth cone in response to Sema3A binding, whereas trans interaction of L1 with NP-1 switches Sema3A triggered repulsion to attraction.

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Castellani, V., De Angelis, E., Rougon, G., Kenwrick, S. (2002). Cis and trans interactions of L1 with neuropilin-1 control axonal responses to semaphorin 3A. *EMBO J*, 21, 6348-57. [↗](#)

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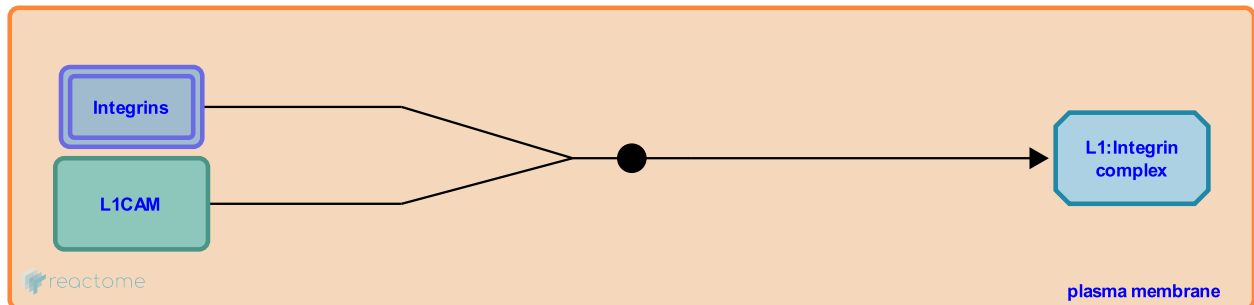
L1 interaction with Integrins ↗

Location: [Signal transduction by L1](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-374686

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane



L1 can function as a trans-heterophilic ligand for multiple members of the integrin superfamily. It binds multiple integrins including α v β 3, α v β 1, α 5 β 1, α IIb β 3 and α 9 β 1. The RGD motif in the sixth Ig domain and the third FnIII repeat of L1 are important for these interactions, which serves to strengthen the adhesion of the neuron to the extracellular matrix.

L1 and β 1 integrins association activates a common intracellular signaling pathway. This pathway involves the sequential activation of the tyrosine kinase c-Src, PI3 kinase, Vav2 guanine nucleotide exchange factor, Rac1 GTPase, PAK1, MEK, and the MAP kinases ERK1/2, which is essential for L1 induced neurite outgrowth and cell motility.

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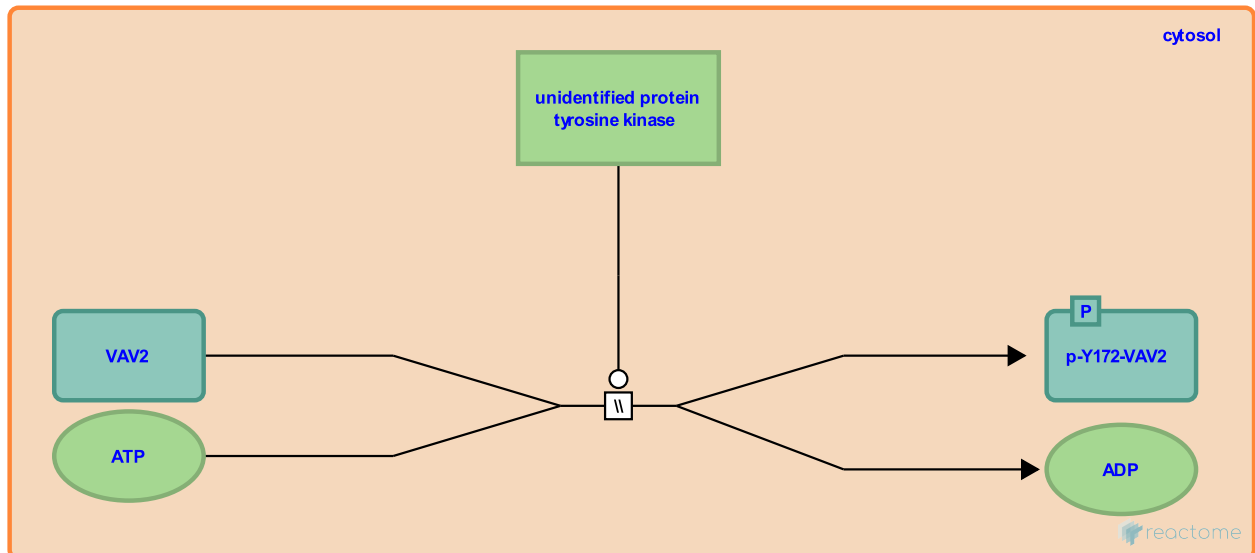
Phosphorylation of VAV2 ↗

Location: [Signal transduction by L1](#)

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Type: omitted

Compartments: cytosol



L1 crosslinking leads to the tyrosine phosphorylation and activation of VAV2. Tyr-172 in VAV2 binds to the DBL homology region autoinhibiting its GEF-activity. Tyrosine kinase src may phosphorylate this residue and relieve the autoinhibition.

Followed by: [Activation of Rac1 by VAV2](#)

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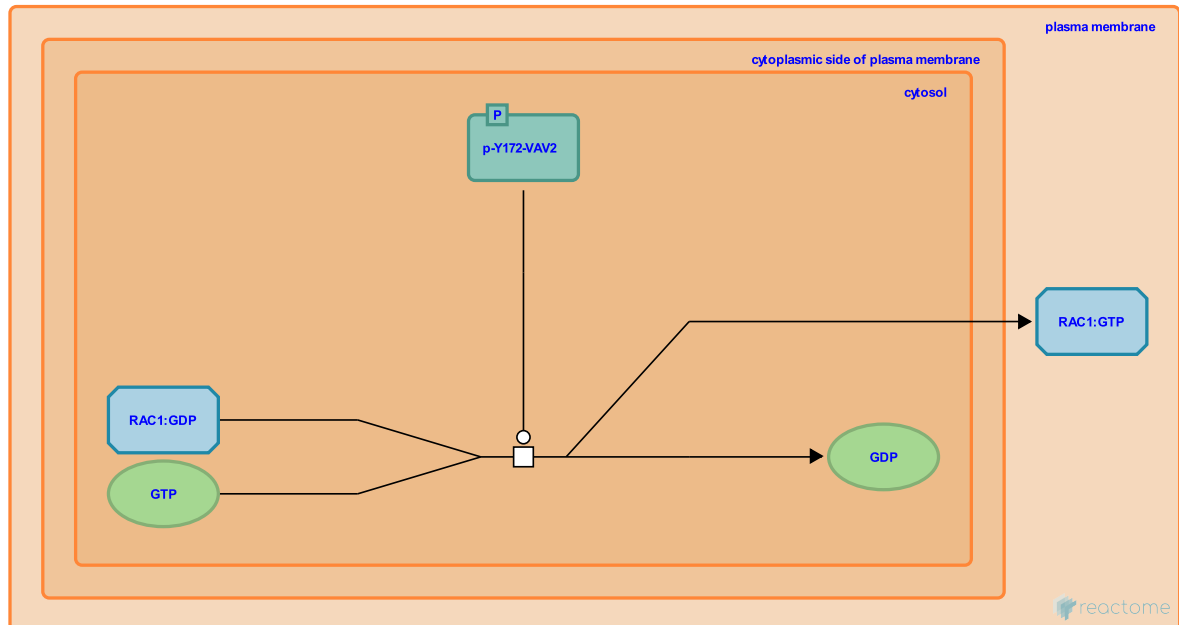
Activation of Rac1 by VAV2 [↗](#)

Location: [Signal transduction by L1](#)

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Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



The small GTPase p21Rac1 is one of the important targets of VAV2 GEF activity. On L1 stimulation tyrosine phosphorylated VAV2, catalyses GDP/GTP exchange on Rac1.

Preceded by: [Phosphorylation of VAV2](#)

Followed by: [Interaction of PAK1 with Rac1-GTP](#)

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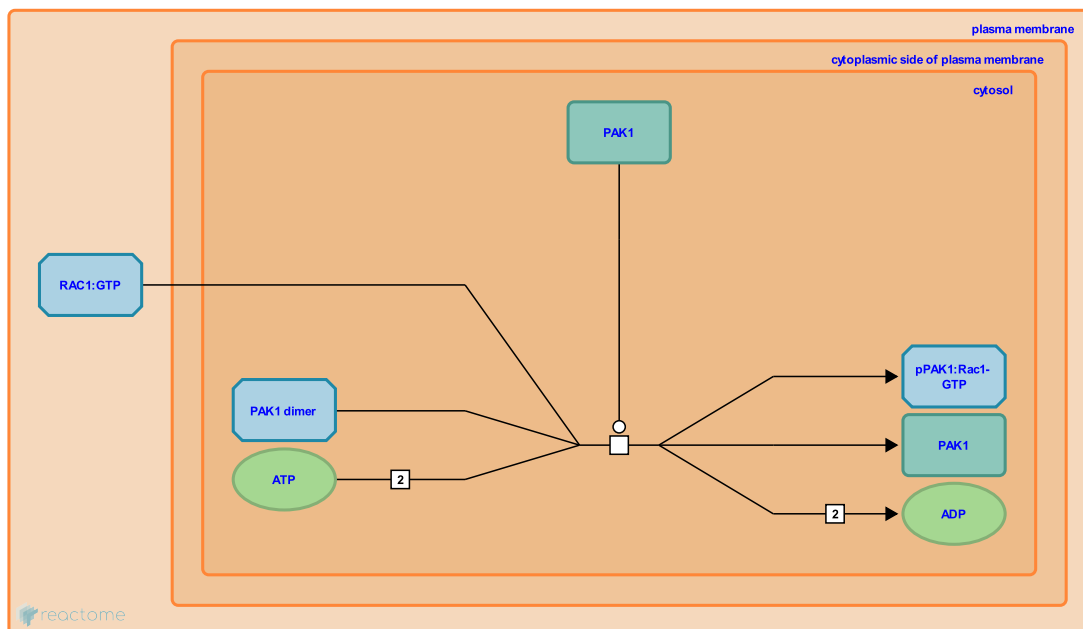
Interaction of PAK1 with Rac1-GTP ↗

Location: [Signal transduction by L1](#)

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Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



In its bound state PAK dimers are arranged in head-to-tail fashion and are maintained in inactive conformation in which the catalytic domain binds the kinase inhibitory (KI) domain.

All PAK family members are direct effectors of Rac1. Rac1 binds to a conserved Cdc42/Rac interactive binding (CRIB) domain in PAK1. This binding stimulates serine/threonine kinase activity of PAK1 by a mechanism involving autophosphorylation. Phosphorylation of S-144 and T-423 are required for the activation of PAK1. This phosphorylation disables the KI-domain-kinase interaction and thereby reduces the affinity of the PAK dimers.

It has been demonstrated that L1 stimulation propagates through VAV2-Rac1-Pak1 to MEK-ERK. It has been shown that Pak1 is able to phosphorylate T292 and S298 on MEK, which is essential for the functional association of MEK with Raf.

Preceded by: [Activation of Rac1 by VAV2](#)

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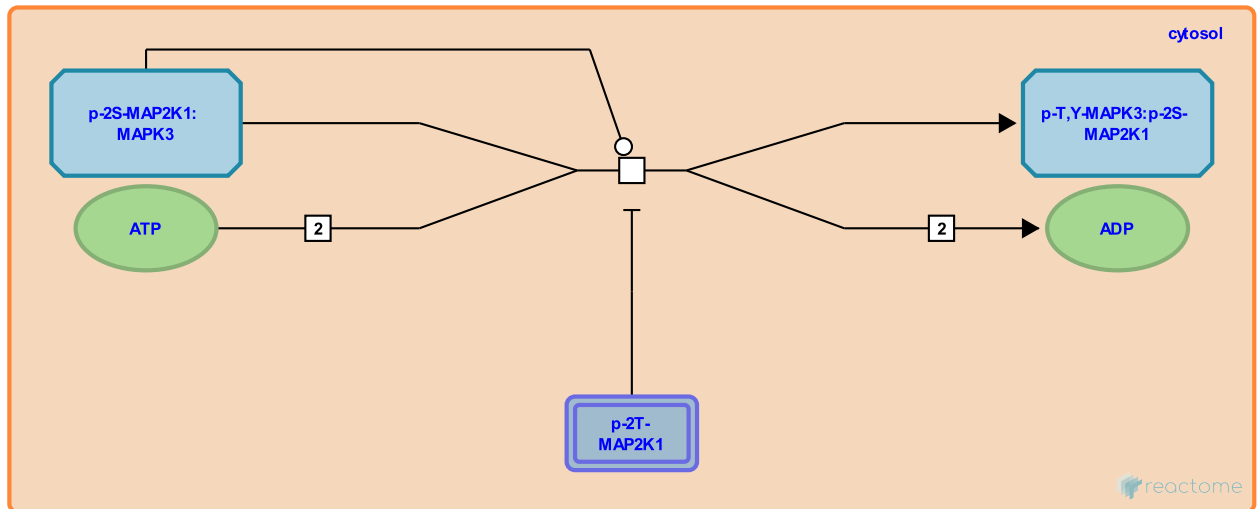
MAP2K1 phosphorylates MAPK3 ↗

Location: [Signal transduction by L1](#)

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Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



MAP2K1 (also known as MEK1) phosphorylates the critical Thr202 and Tyr204 on MAPK3 (ERK1), converting two ATP to ADP. Phosphorylation of MAPK3 activates its kinase activity.

MAP2K1 activation requires the phosphorylation of two serine residues (S218 and S222) in the activation loop.

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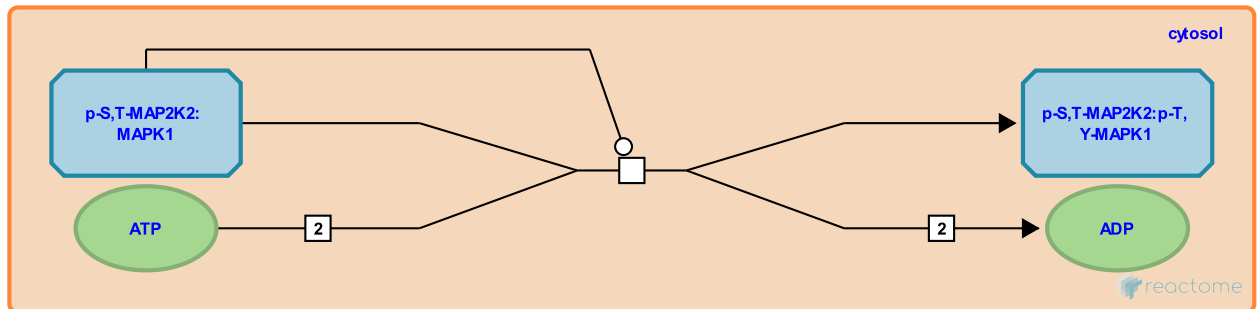
MAP2K2 phosphorylates MAPK1 ↗

Location: [Signal transduction by L1](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-109862

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



MAP2K2 (MEK2) phosphorylates MAPK1 (ERK2). Phosphorylation of MAPK1 activates its kinase activity.

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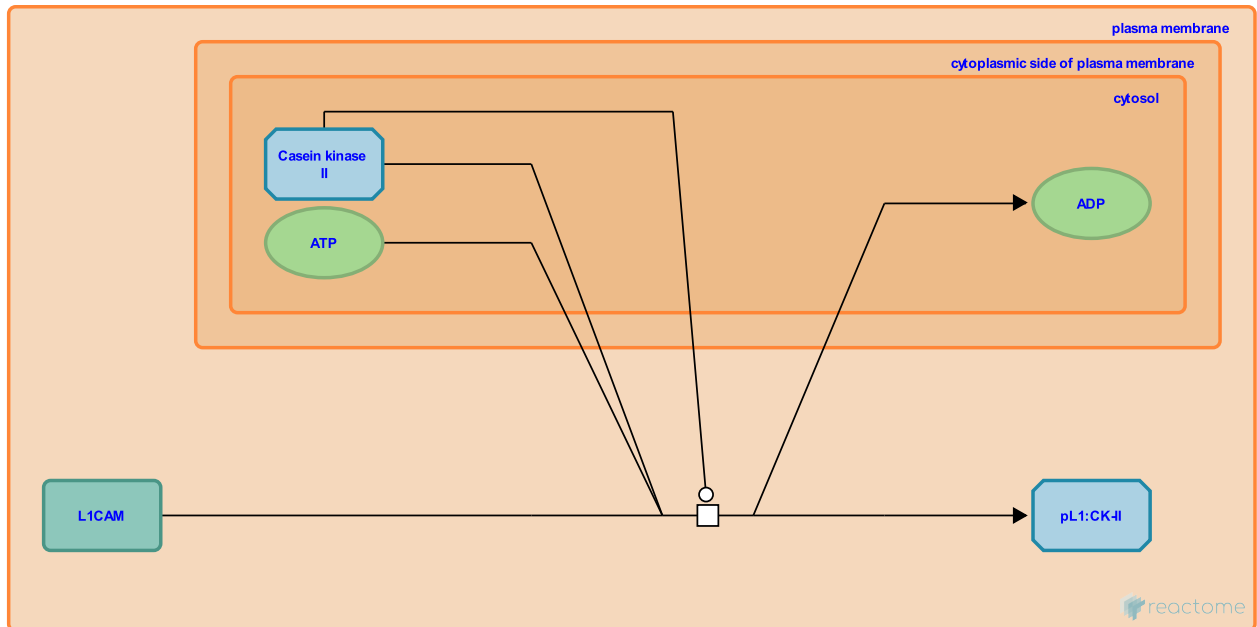
Phosphorylation of L1 by CK-II ↗

Location: [Signal transduction by L1](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-392752

Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol



CKII phosphorylates L1CAM at serine 1181, just after the AP-2 recognition site (Y1176RSLE motif). CKII-dependent phosphorylation of S1181 has been shown to regulate trafficking of the internalized L1 and subsequent axon growth.

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