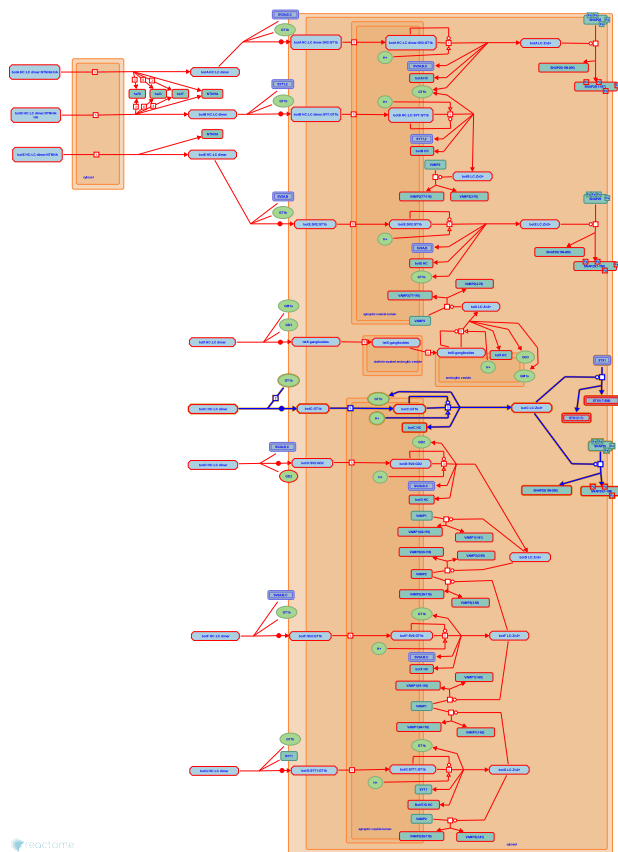


Toxicity of botulinum toxin type C (botC)



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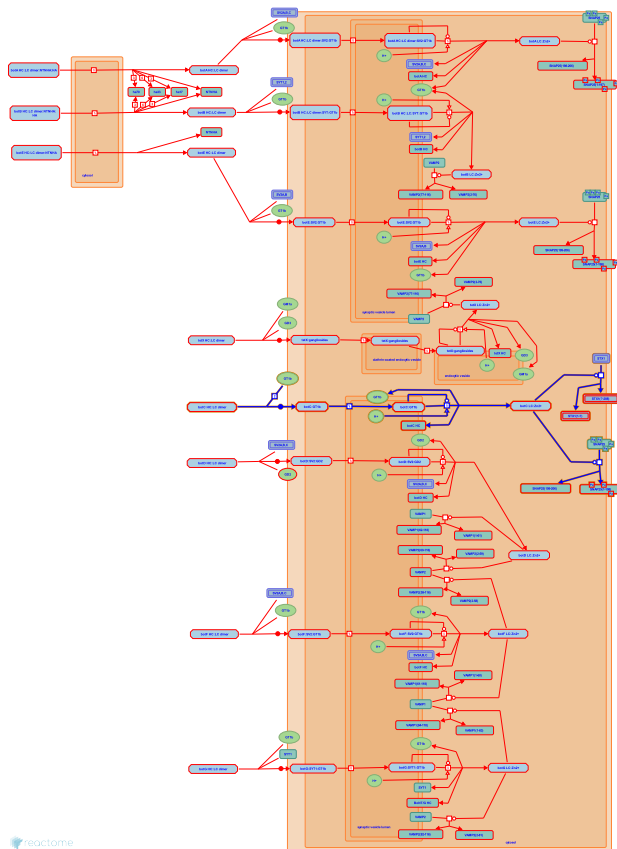
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Toxicity of botulinum toxin type C (botC) ↗

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Diseases: botulism



Botulinum toxin type C (botC, also known as BoNT/C) is only very rarely associated with human disease (Hatheway 1995) and a pathway by which it might enter the circulation from the human gut has not been described. Nevertheless, the toxin itself, a disulfide-bonded heavy chain (HC) - light chain (LC) heterodimer (“dichain”), is capable of binding to neurons by interactions with cell surface gangliosides (Karalewitz et al. 2012), the bound toxin can enter synaptic vesicles and release its LC moiety into the cytosol of targeted cells (Montal 2010), and the botC LC can cleave synaptosomal associated protein 25 (SNAP25) and syntaxin 1 (STX1) on the cytosolic face of the neuronal plasma membrane (Foran et al. 1996). These four events are annotated here.

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botC HC:LC binds GT1b on the target cell surface [↗](#)

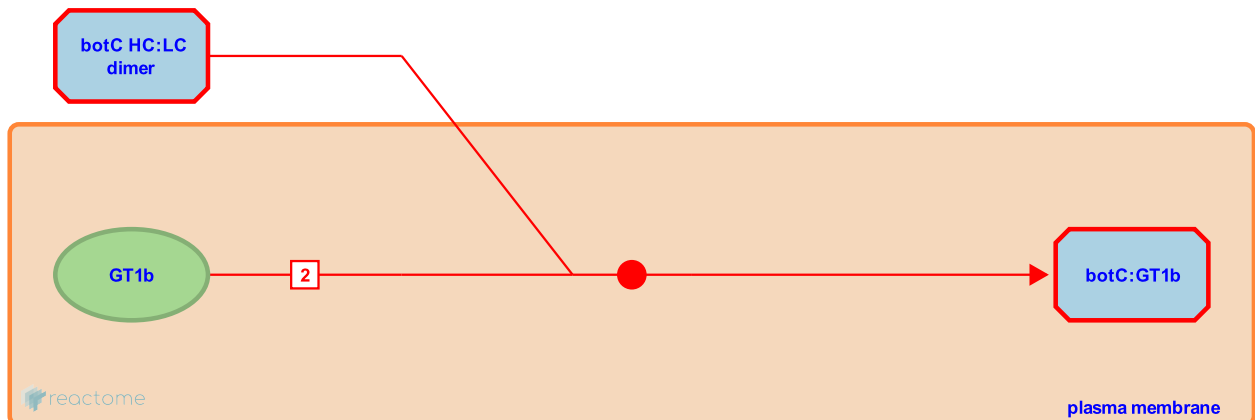
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-5246506

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region

Diseases: botulism



The botulinum toxin type C disulfide-bonded heavy chain - light chain heterodimer (“dichain”) (botC HC:LC, encoded by the *C. botulinum* botC1 gene) binds two molecules of GT1b ganglioside on the plasma membrane of a human target cell (Karalewitz et al. 2012).

Followed by: [botC:GT1b internalized from target cell plasma membrane to synaptic vesicle membrane](#)

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botC:GT1b internalized from target cell plasma membrane to synaptic vesicle membrane ↗

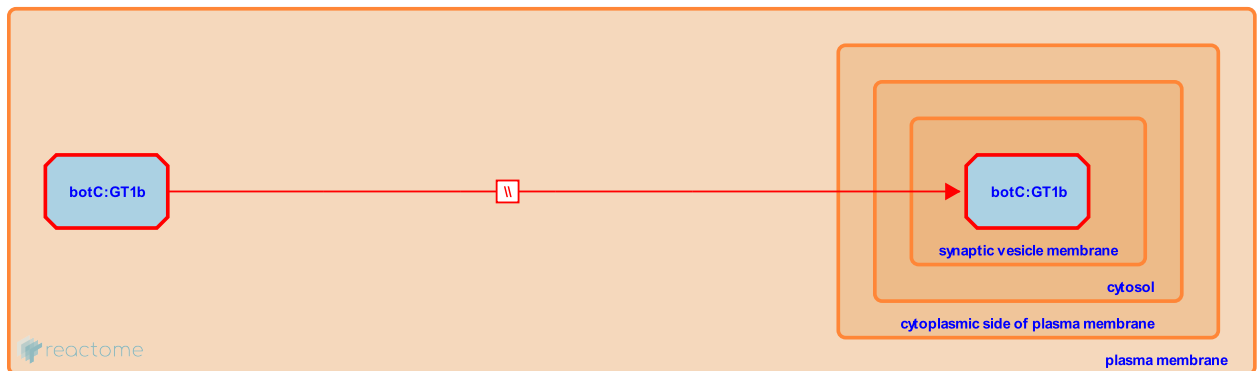
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Type: omitted

Compartments: plasma membrane, synaptic vesicle membrane

Diseases: botulism



Synaptic vesicles re-form rapidly after exocytosis, carrying vesicle membrane proteins that had been exposed on the cell surface by exocytosis back into the cell (Sudhoff 2004). The botulinum toxin type C disulfide-bonded heavy chain - light chain heterodimer (botC HC:LC) bound to ganglioside GT1b is inferred to be taken up as well, delivering it to the re-formed synaptic vesicle.

Preceded by: [botC HC:LC binds GT1b on the target cell surface](#)

Followed by: [botC HC transports botC LC from target cell synaptic vesicle membrane to cytosol](#)

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botC HC transports botC LC from target cell synaptic vesicle membrane to cytosol ↗

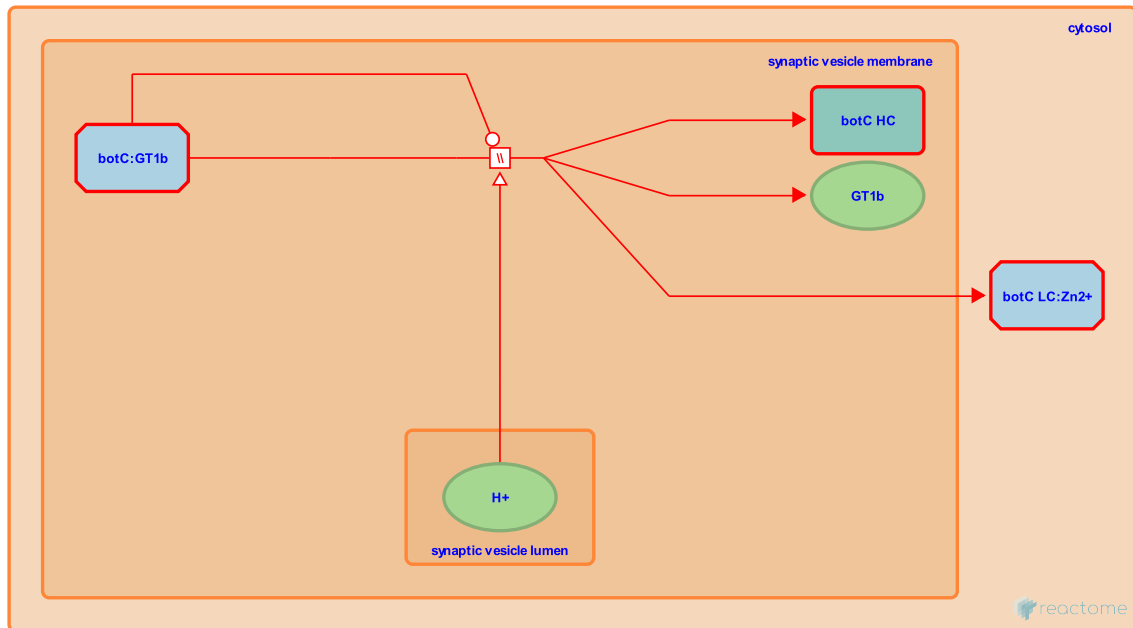
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Type: omitted

Compartments: synaptic vesicle membrane, cytosol

Diseases: botulism



By analogy to the process described for botulinum toxin type A (Koriazova and Montal 2003; Montal 2010), acidification, a normal step in synaptic vesicle recycling, is inferred to cause a conformational change in the botulinum toxin type C disulfide-bonded heavy chain - light chain dimer (botC HC:LC) it contains, allowing the HC part of the toxin to function as a channel through which its LC part is extruded into the neuronal cytosol. The HC - LC disulfide bond is cleaved. Recent studies in vitro suggest that GT1b ganglioside associated with the toxin may play a role in this process (Sun et al. 2012).

Preceded by: [botC:GT1b internalized from target cell plasma membrane to synaptic vesicle membrane](#)

Followed by: [botC LC cleaves target cell STX1](#), [botC LC cleaves target cell SNAP25](#)

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botC LC cleaves target cell STX1 ↗

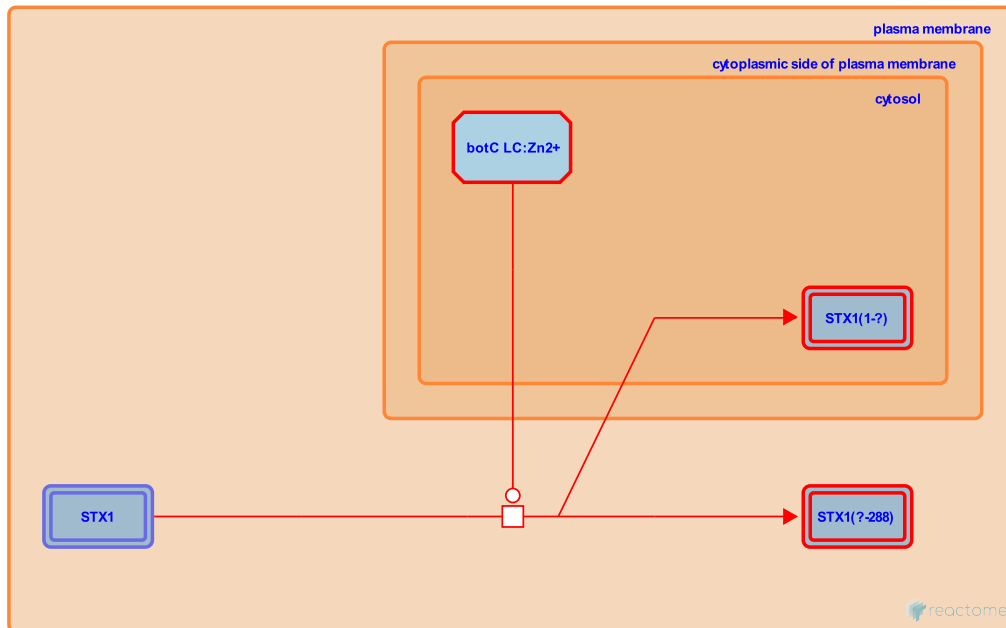
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-181567

Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol

Diseases: botulism



Botulinum toxin type C light chain (botC LC), in the cytosol of a target cell, catalyzes the removal of an aminoterminal peptide from syntaxin 1 (STX1). botC LC is a zinc metalloprotease (Blasi et al. 1993; Foran et al. 1994). STX1 is associated with the cytosolic face of the target cell plasma membrane where it forms part of a complex required for synaptic vesicle docking and exocytosis. Its cleavage by botulinum toxin blocks synaptic vesicle fusion with the plasma membrane and neurotransmitter release (Sudhof et al, 1993; Sudhof 2004).

Preceded by: [botC HC transports botC LC from target cell synaptic vesicle membrane to cytosol](#)

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botC LC cleaves target cell SNAP25 ↗

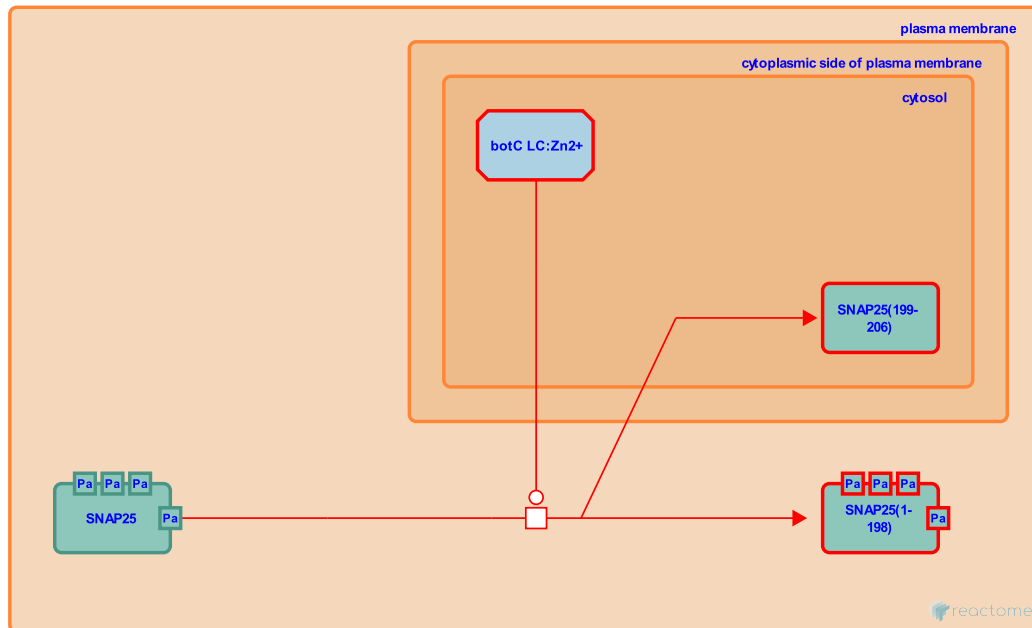
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Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol

Diseases: botulism



Botulinum toxin type C light chain (botC LC), in the cytosol of a target cell, catalyzes the removal of a carboxyterminal peptide from synaptosomal associated protein 25 (SNAP25). botC LC is a zinc metalloprotease (Foran et al. 1994; Vaidyanathan et al. 1999). SNAP25 is associated with the cytosolic face of the target cell plasma membrane where it forms part of a complex required for synaptic vesicle docking and exocytosis. Its cleavage by botulinum toxin blocks synaptic vesicle fusion with the plasma membrane and neurotransmitter release (Sudhof et al, 1993; Sudhof 2004).

Preceded by: [botC HC transports botC LC from target cell synaptic vesicle membrane to cytosol](#)

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