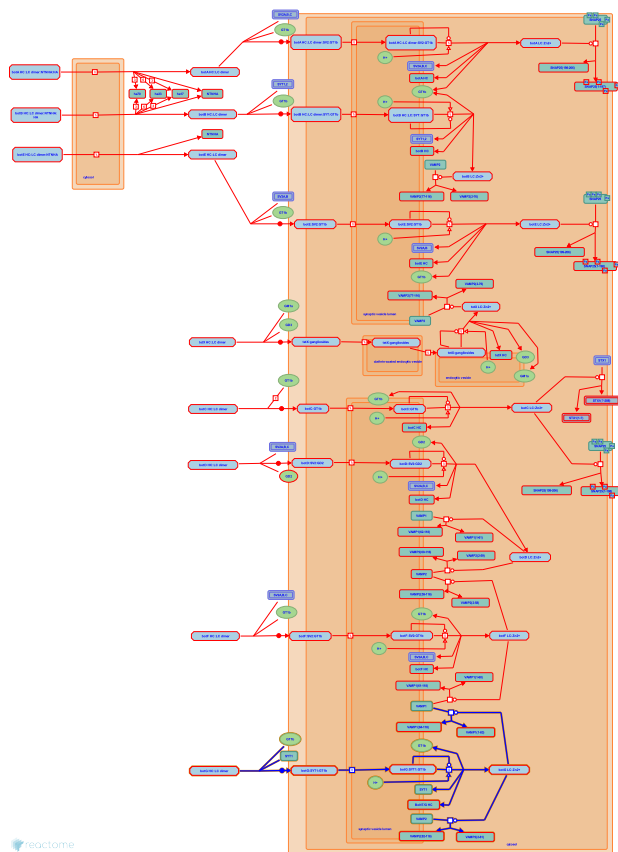


Toxicity of botulinum toxin type G (botG)



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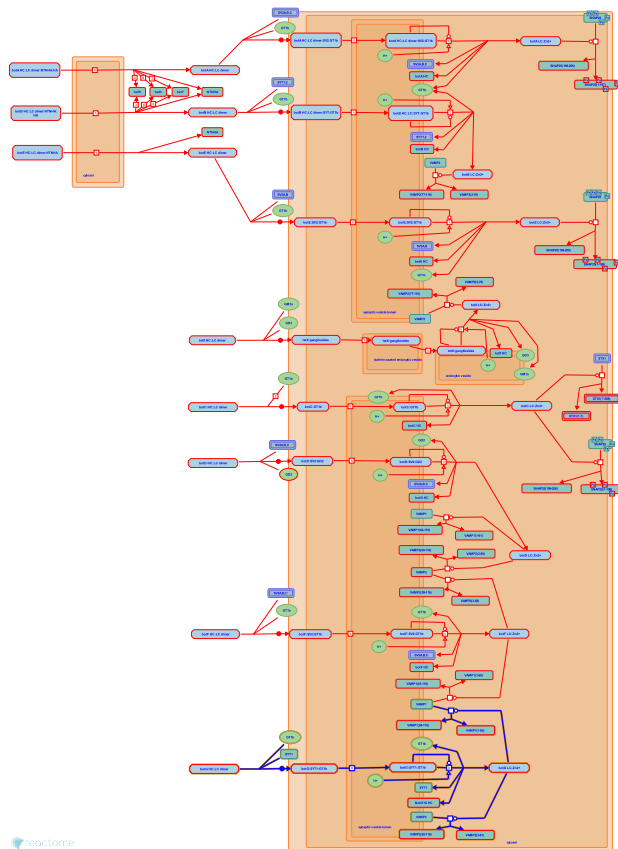
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Diseases: botulism



Botulinum toxin type G (botG) is rarely if ever 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 ganglioside and syntagmin 1 (SYT1) (Peng et al. 2012; Willjes et al. 2013), the bound toxin can enter synaptic vesicles and release its LC moiety into the cytosol of targeted cells (Montal 2010), and the botG LC can cleave vesicle-associated membrane proteins 1 and 2 (VAMP1 and 2) on the cytosolic face of the synaptic vesicle membrane (Schiavo et al. 1994; Yamasaki et al. 1994). These four events are annotated here.

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botG HC:LC binds SYT1 and GT1b on the target cell surface ↗

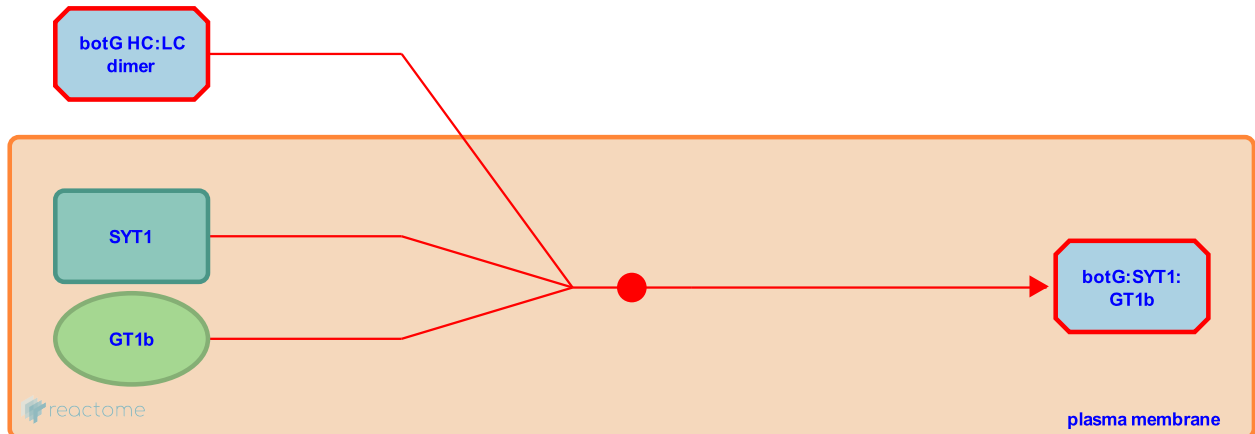
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-5250986

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region

Diseases: botulism



The botulinum toxin type G disulfide-bonded heavy chain - light chain heterodimer ("dichain") (botG HC:LC) binds ganglioside GT1b and synaptotagmin-1 (SYT1) on the plasma membrane of a human target cell. In vivo, this process specifically targets synapses at neuromuscular junctions, where toxin association with ganglioside may position it to bind efficiently to SYT1 when that protein is exposed at the cell surface by exocytosis (Peng et al. 2012; Willjes et al. 2013).

Followed by: [botG:SYT1:GT1b internalized from target cell plasma membrane to synaptic vesicle membrane](#)

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botG:SYT1:GT1b internalized from target cell plasma membrane to synaptic vesicle membrane ↗

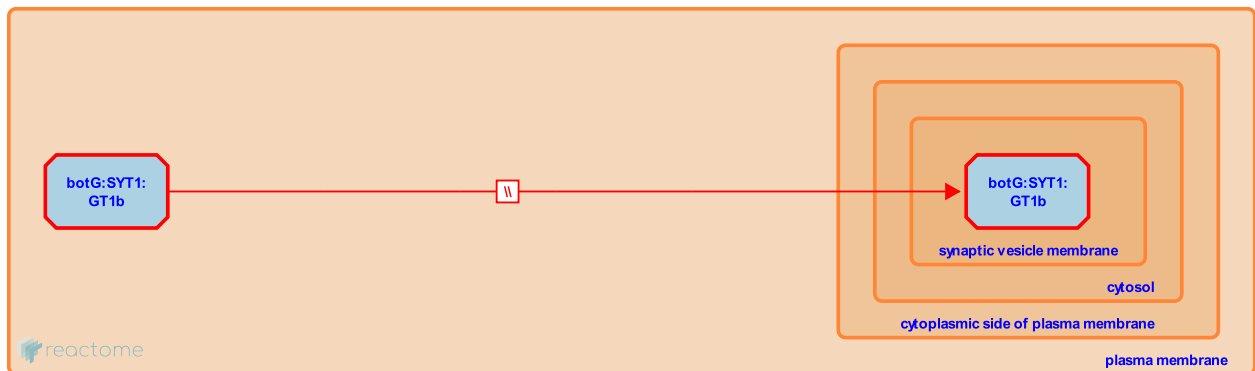
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Type: omitted

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 G disulfide-bonded heavy chain - light chain heterodimer (botG HC:LC) bound to ganglioside GT1b and syntagmin 1 (SYT1) is inferred to be taken up as well, delivering it to the re-formed synaptic vesicle.

Preceded by: [botG HC:LC binds SYT1 and GT1b on the target cell surface](#)

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

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botG HC transports botG LC from target cell synaptic vesicle membrane into cytosol



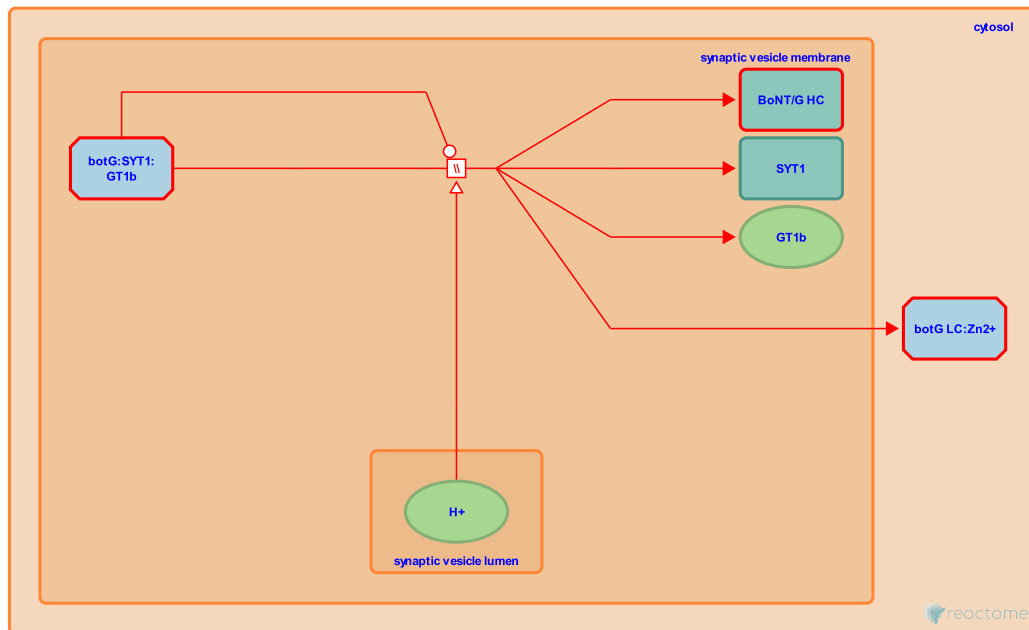
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Type: omitted

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 G disulfide-bonded heavy chain - light chain dimer (BoNT/G 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: [botG:SYT1:GT1b internalized from target cell plasma membrane to synaptic vesicle membrane](#)

Followed by: [botG LC cleaves target cell VAMP2](#), [botG LC cleaves target cell VAMP1](#)

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botG LC cleaves target cell VAMP1 ↗

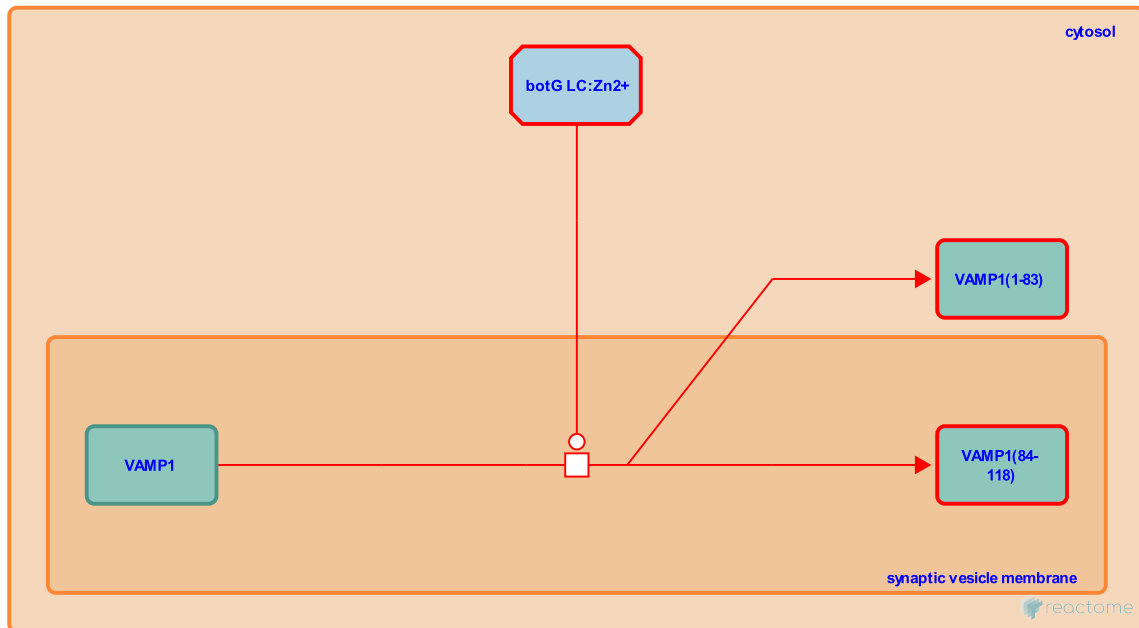
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-5250978

Type: transition

Compartments: synaptic vesicle membrane, cytosol

Diseases: botulism



Botulinum toxin type G light chain (botG LC), in the cytosol of a target cell, catalyzes the removal of an aminoterminal peptide from vesicle-associated membrane protein 1 (VAMP1). botG LC is a zinc metalloprotease (Schiavo et al. 1994; Yamasaki et al. 1994). VAMP1 is associated with the cytosolic face of the target cell synaptic vesicle and is required for 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: [botG HC transports botG LC from target cell synaptic vesicle membrane into cytosol](#)

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botG LC cleaves target cell VAMP2 ↗

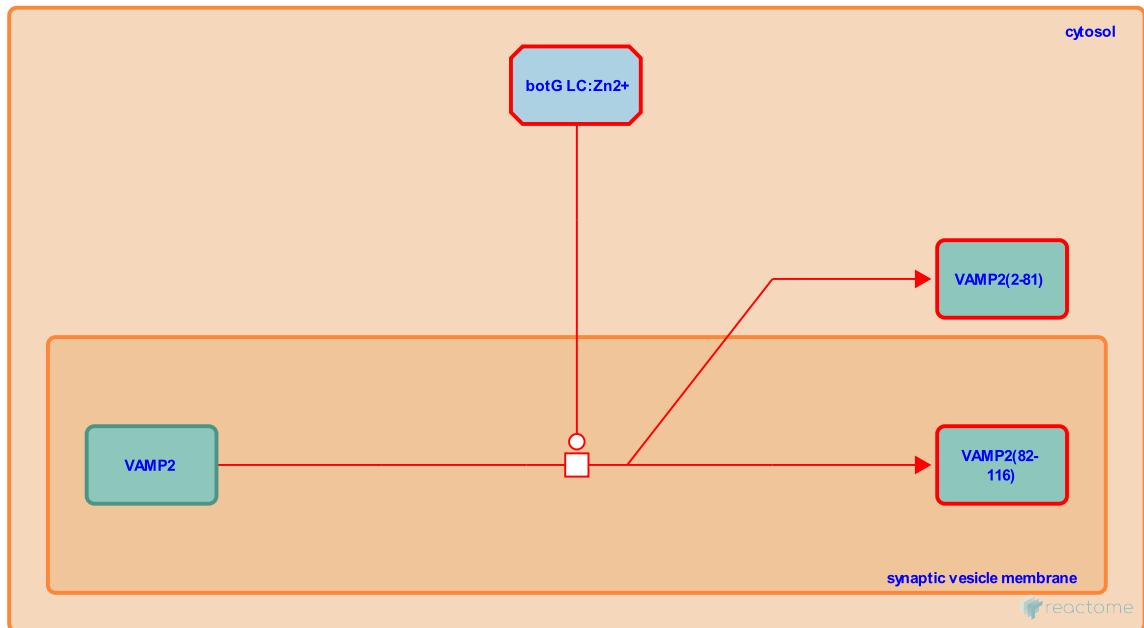
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-5250962

Type: transition

Compartments: synaptic vesicle membrane, cytosol

Diseases: botulism



Botulinum toxin type G light chain (botG LC), in the cytosol of a target cell, catalyzes the removal of an aminoterminal peptide from vesicle-associated membrane protein 2 (VAMP2). botG LC is a zinc metalloprotease (Schiavo et al. 1994; Yamasaki et al. 1994). VAMP2 is associated with the cytosolic face of the target cell synaptic vesicle and is required for 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: [botG HC transports botG LC from target cell synaptic vesicle membrane into cytosol](#)

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