

Active MTORC1 phosphorylates ULK1

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Introduction

Reactome is open-source, open access, manually curated and peer-reviewed pathway database. Pathway annotations are authored by expert biologists, in collaboration with Reactome editorial staff and cross-referenced to many bioinformatics databases. A system of evidence tracking ensures that all assertions are backed up by the primary literature. Reactome is used by clinicians, geneticists, genomics researchers, and molecular biologists to interpret the results of high-throughput experimental studies, by bioinformaticians seeking to develop novel algorithms for mining knowledge from genomic studies, and by systems biologists building predictive models of normal and disease variant pathways.

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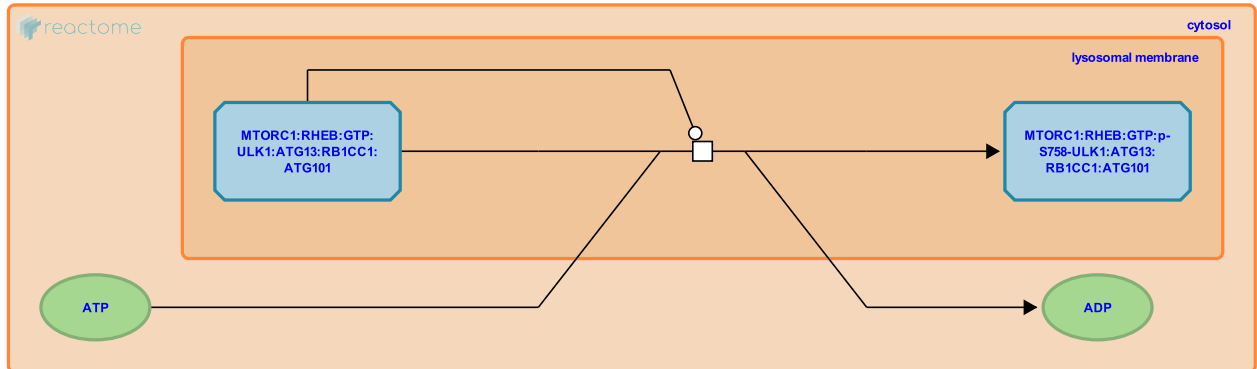
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-5672010

Type: transition

Compartments: lysosomal membrane



Under nutrient-rich conditions, mTORC1 phosphorylates ULK1 on S758 (Kim et al. 2011, Egan et al. 2011). ULK1 phosphorylation correlates with autophagy inhibition and reduced ULK1 kinase activity (Jung et al. 2009, Ganley et al. 2009, Hosakawa et al. 2009). RB1CC1 (FIP200) is probably phosphorylated (Mizushima 2010). ULK1 phosphorylation on S758 disrupts interaction between ULK1 and AMPK, thereby preventing AMPK from phosphorylating ULK1 at activating sites (Jung et al. 2009, Kim et al. 2011, Egan et al. 2011). If phosphorylation of ULK1 complex components suppresses autophagy, activation might be expected to involve more than suppression of kinases such as mTORC1. The phosphatase inhibitor okadaic acid inhibits autophagy (Blankson et al. 1995) but the protein phosphatase(s) involved in ULK1 dephosphorylation are currently unknown (Wong et al. 2013).

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