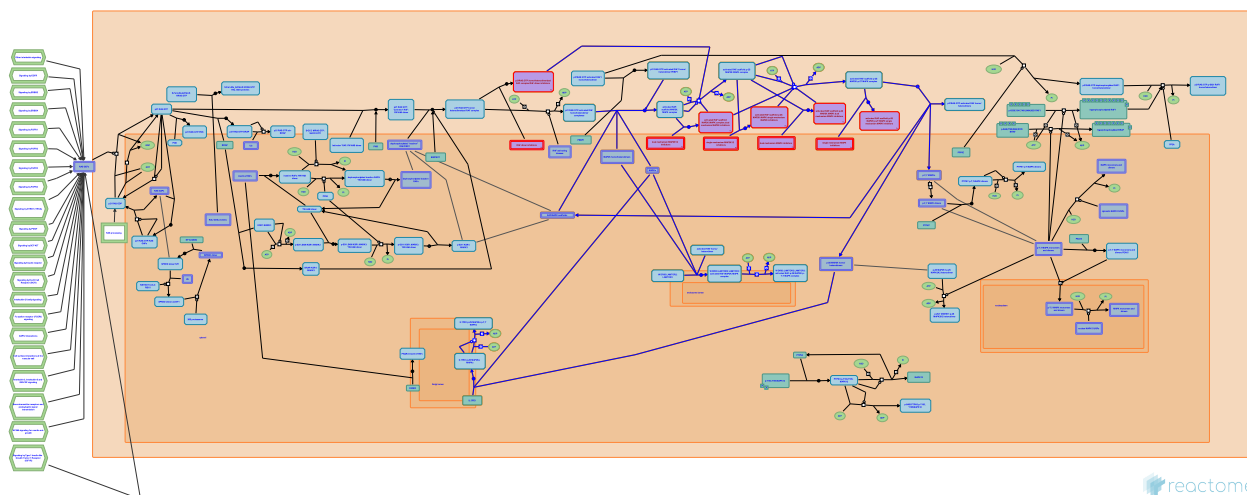


# MAP2K and MAPK activation



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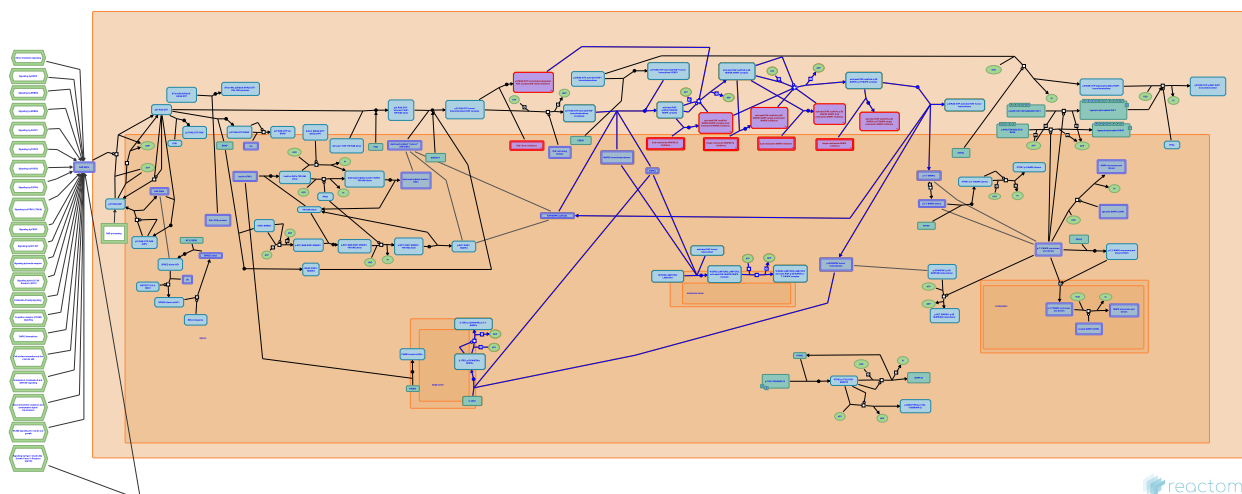
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## MAP2K and MAPK activation ↗

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Activated RAF proteins are restricted substrate kinases whose primary downstream targets are the two MAP2K proteins, MAPK2K1 and MAPK2K2 (also known as MEK1 and MEK2) (reviewed in Roskoski, 2010, Roskoski, 2012a). Phosphorylation of the MAPK2K activation loop primes them to phosphorylate the primary effector of the activated MAPK pathway, the two MAPK proteins MAPK3 and MAPK1 (also known as ERK1 and 2). Unlike their upstream counterparts, MAPK3 and MAPK1 catalyze the phosphorylation of hundreds of cytoplasmic and nuclear targets including transcription factors and regulatory molecules (reviewed in Roskoski, 2012b). Activation of MAP2K and MAPK proteins downstream of activated RAF generally occurs in the context of a higher order scaffolding complex that regulates the specificity and localization of the pathway (reviewed in Brown and Sacks, 2009; Matallanas et al, 2011).

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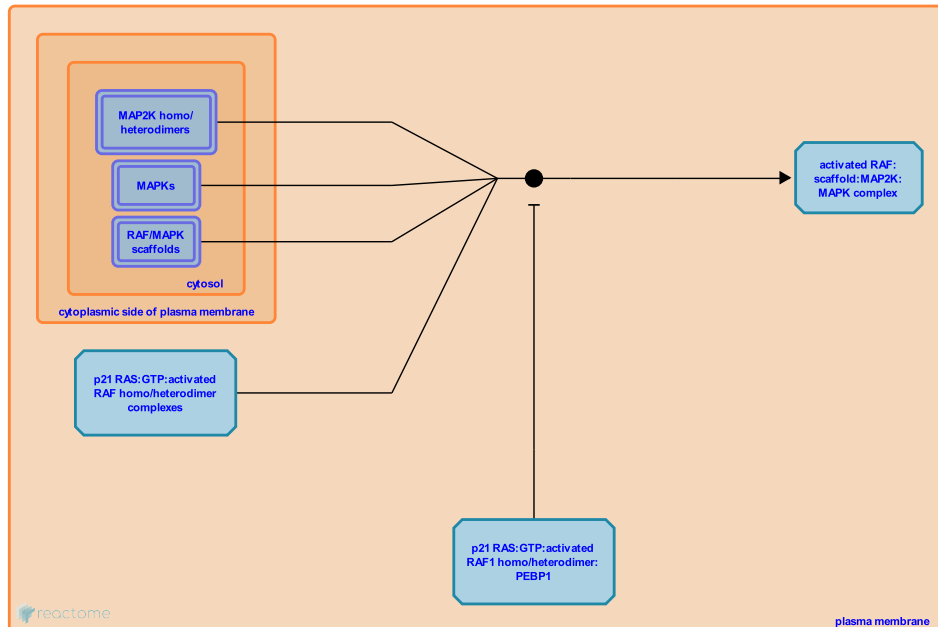
## MAP2Ks and MAPKs bind to the activated RAF complex ↗

**Location:** [MAP2K and MAPK activation](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-5672972

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane



RAF kinases have restricted substrate specificity and have as their primary substrates the two MAP2K proteins MAP2K1 and MAP2K2 (also known as MEK1 and 2). MAP2K1 knockout is embryonic lethal in mice, while MAP2K2 knockouts have no apparent abnormalities, suggesting that MAP2K1 can compensate for MAP2K2 in vivo (Giroux et al, 1999; Belanger et al, 2003). MAP2K proteins exist as stable homo- and heterodimers independent of growth factor stimulation and are generally recruited to activated RAF proteins in conjunction with a scaffolding protein and the MAP2K substrates, MAPK1 and 3 (also known as ERK1 and 2) (Ohren et al, 2004; Catalanotti et al, 2009; Catling et al, 1995; reviewed in Matallanas et al, 2011; Roskoski et al, 2012a; Roskoski et al, 2012b).

Scaffolding proteins promote signaling by providing a docking platform that colocalizes components of the signaling cascade, and provide specificity by controlling the spatial and temporal regulation of the pathway (reviewed in Brown and Sacks, 2009; Matallanas et al, 2011). KSR1 and 2, CNKSR1 and 2, IQGAP1 and the beta arrestins are among the known MAPK scaffold proteins that act at the plasma membrane upon MAPK pathway activation; in addition, paxillin localizes MAPK pathway components to focal adhesion sites in the plasma membrane (Roy et al, 2005; Ren et al, 2007; DeFea et al, 2000; Togho et al, 2003; Ishibe et al, 2003; reviewed in Claperon and Therrien, 2007; Brown and Sacks, 2009; Matallanas et al, 2011). Although this reaction depicts these scaffolding proteins acting equivalently, the details of how they promote pathway activation vary. For instance, KSR1 and 2 are constitutively bound to MAP2K dimers but recruit MAPKs only upon pathway stimulation, while IQGAP1 associates constitutively with both MAP2K and MAPK proteins in unstimulated cells and shows increased interaction with MAP2K1 upon pathway activation by EGF (Stewart et al, 1999; Cacace et al, 2000; Muller et al, 2000; Roy et al, 2004; Roy et al, 2005; reviewed in Brown and Sacks, 2009). Scaffolding complexes may be particularly important for the phosphorylation of cytosolic MAPK targets (reviewed in Casar et al, 2009).

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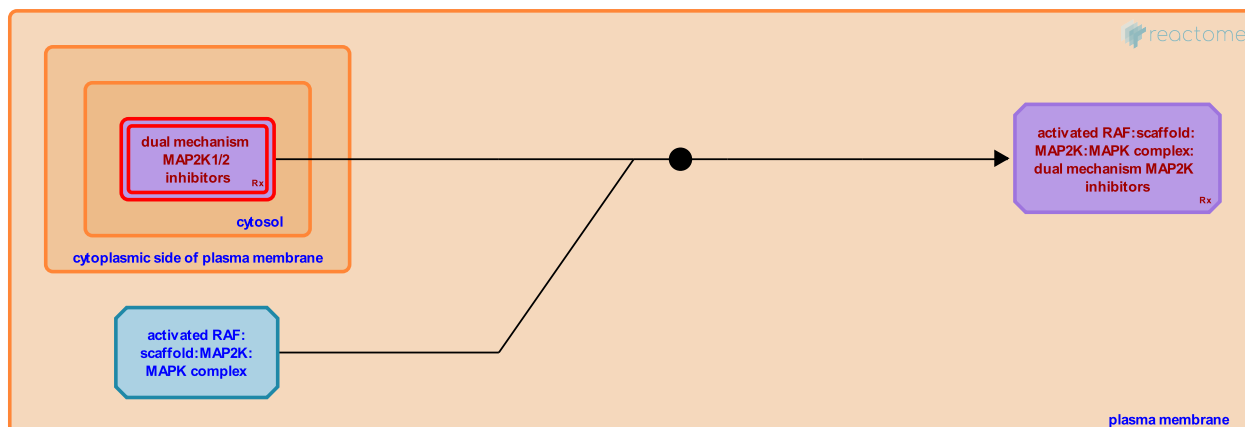
## Dual mechanism MAP2K inhibitors bind MAP2Ks [↗](#)

**Location:** [MAP2K and MAPK activation](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9657599

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



Although mutations in MAP2K proteins are infrequent in human cancers, the position of these kinases downstream of RAS and RAF make them good candidates for therapeutic targeting. Dual mechanism inhibitors such as trametinib bind to non-phosphorylated MAP2K proteins, inhibiting their MAPK-directed kinase activity as well as preventing their phosphorylation by RAF proteins (Hatzivassiliou et al, 2013; Lito et al, 2014; Ishii et al, 2013; reviewed in Samatar and Poulikakos, 2014).

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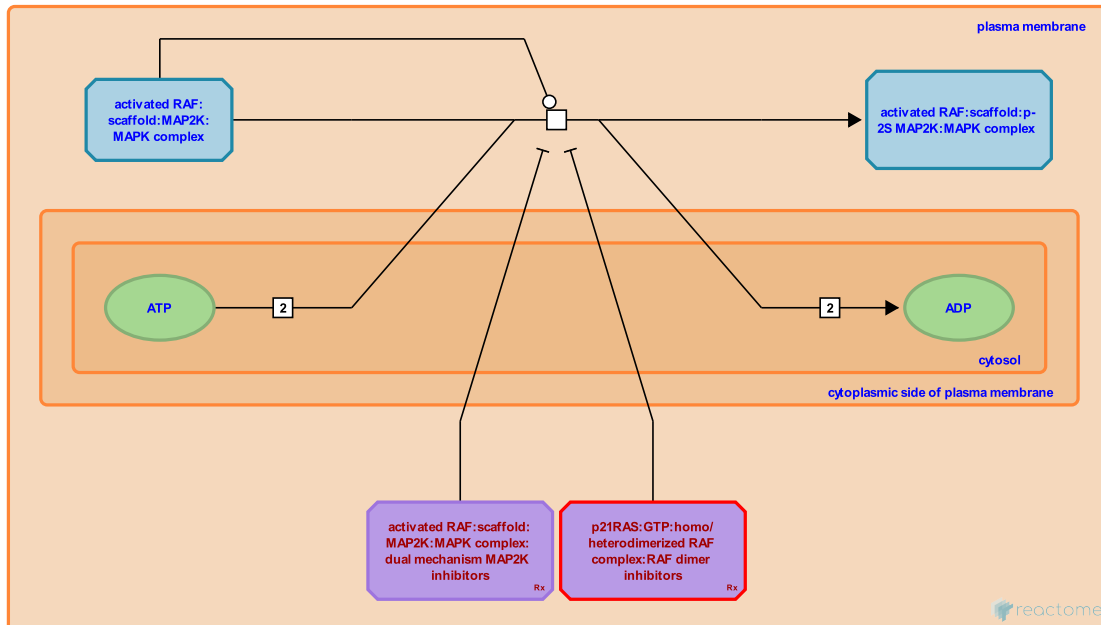
## RAF phosphorylates MAP2K dimer ↗

**Location:** [MAP2K and MAPK activation](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-5672978

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane



Activated RAF phosphorylates the MEK kinases MAP2K1 and MAP2K2 on 2 serine residues in the MAP2K activation loop (S218 and S222 in MAP2K1 and S222 and S226 in MAP2K2 (Zheng and Guan, 1994; Alessi et al, 1994; Catling et al, 1995; Papin et al, 1995; Seger et al, 1994; reviewed in Roskoski, 2012a). Although all three RAF kinases can phosphorylate MAP2K1 and MAP2K2, BRAF appears to be the primary activator in vivo (Marais et al, 1997; Jaiswal et al, 1994; Pritchard et al, 1995; reviewed in Welbrock et al, 2004)

**Preceded by:** [MAP2Ks and MAPKs bind to the activated RAF complex](#)

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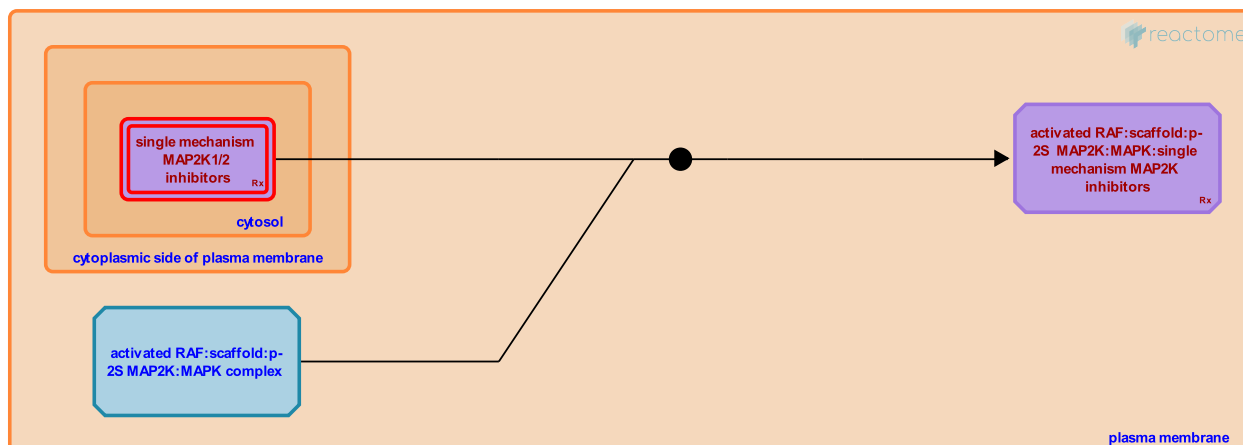
## Single mechanism MAP2K inhibitors bind phosphorylated MAP2Ks ↗

**Location:** [MAP2K and MAPK activation](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9657606

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



Single mechanism MAP2K inhibitors bind to phosphorylated forms of MAP2K 1 and 2 and prevent their phosphorylation of MAPK proteins (Hatzivassiliou et al, 2013; reviewed in Samatar and Poulidakos, 2014).

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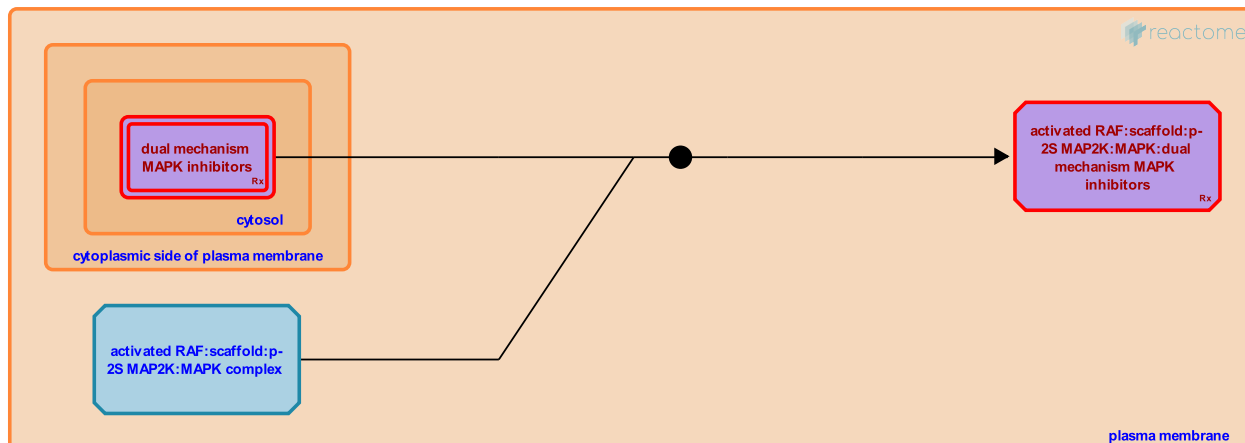
## Dual mechanism MAPK inhibitors bind MAPKs ↗

**Location:** [MAP2K and MAPK activation](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9657603

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



A number of 'dual mechanism' MAPK inhibitors are in preclinical or clinical trials (reviewed in Roskoski, 2019). Dual mechanism inhibitors, including the ATP-competitive inhibitors SCH772984 and MK-8353, bind to the unphosphorylated MAPK and prevent both its own kinase activity and its phosphorylation by MAP2Ks (Morris et al, 2013; Deng et al 2014; Chaikuad et al, 2014; Boga et al, 2018; Moschos et al, 2019; reviewed in Samatar and Poulidakos, 2014). MAPK inhibitors offer the potential to mitigate the development of resistance to RAF and MAP2K inhibitors, which often involves reactivation of MAPK-dependent signaling. As a result, MAPK inhibitors are frequently used in combination with RAF and MAP2K-directed therapeutics (reviewed in Samatar and Poulidakos, 2014; Roskoski, 2019).

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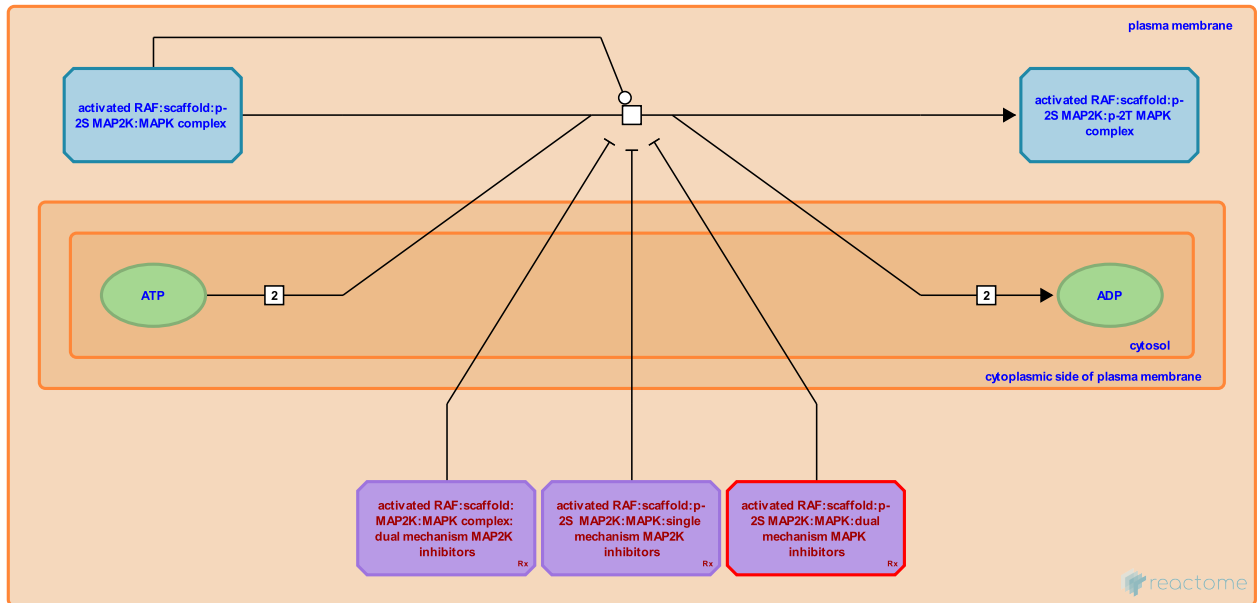
## MAP2Ks phosphorylate MAPKs ↗

**Location:** [MAP2K and MAPK activation](#)

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane



Activated MAP2K phosphorylates MAPK on threonine and tyrosine residues in the activation loop (residues T202 and Y204 in MAPK3, residues T185 and Y187 in MAPK1) (Ray et al, 1988; reviewed in Roskoski, 2012b). MAPK3 and MAPK1 are 84% identical and appear to be stimulated in parallel by all known activators of the MAPK pathway (Lefloch et al, 2009; reviewed in Lloyd, 2006).

**Preceded by:** [RAF phosphorylates MAP2K dimer](#)

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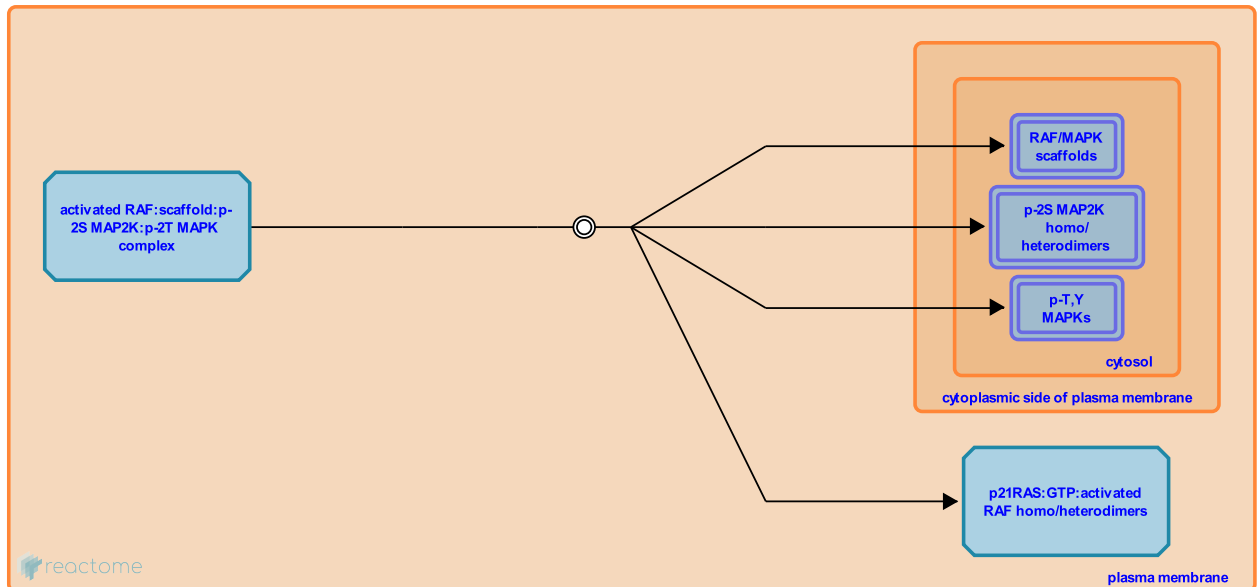
## Dissociation of RAS:RAF complex ↗

**Location:** [MAP2K and MAPK activation](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-5672980

**Type:** dissociation

**Compartments:** plasma membrane



The mechanisms governing the dissociation or trafficking of activated MAPK signaling complexes at the plasma membrane are not fully worked out. Some active complexes may be endocytosed and targeted to other cellular locations, for example the Golgi complex (Lorentzen et al, 2010). Activated RAF monomers may dissociate and homo- or heterodimerize with additional inactive RAF monomers and in this way amplify the signal (reviewed in Matallanas et al, 2011; Cseh et al, 2014).

Ultimately, active RAF complexes are subject to PP5- and PP2A-mediated dephosphorylation, which promotes a return to the inactive state. Hydrolysis of RAS-bound GTP by the intrinsic GTPase activity, stimulated by association with RAS GAP proteins, ultimately promotes dissociation of RAS from RAF allowing a return to the quiescent state (reviewed in Wellbrock et al, 2004; Matallanas et al, 2011).

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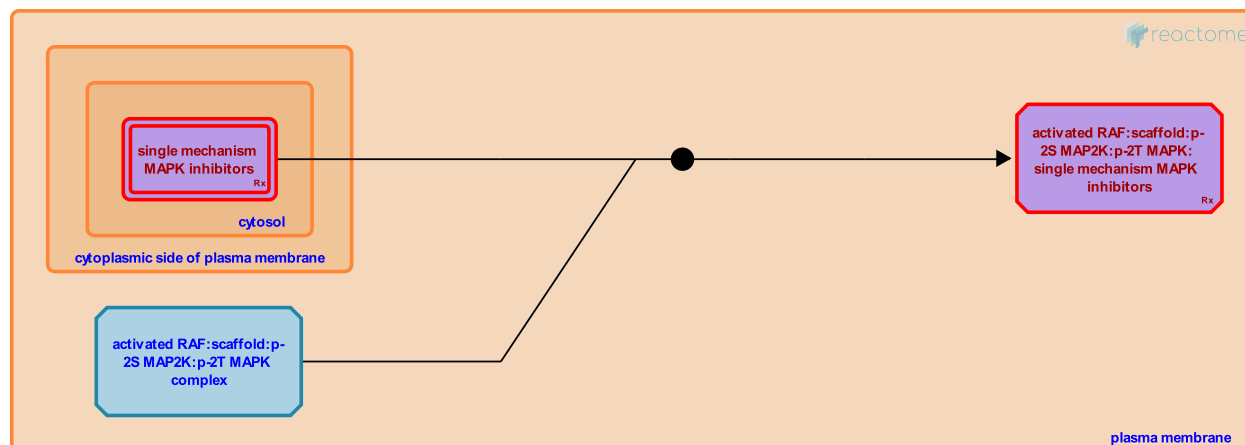
## Single mechanism MAPK inhibitors bind phosphorylated MAPK ↗

**Location:** [MAP2K and MAPK activation](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9657608

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



Single mechanism MAPK inhibitors such as ulixertinib and ravoxertinib bind to the activated forms of MAPK proteins and inhibit their intrinsic target-directed kinase activity (Germann et al, 2017; Blake et al, 2016; reviewed in Samatar and Poulikakos, 2014).

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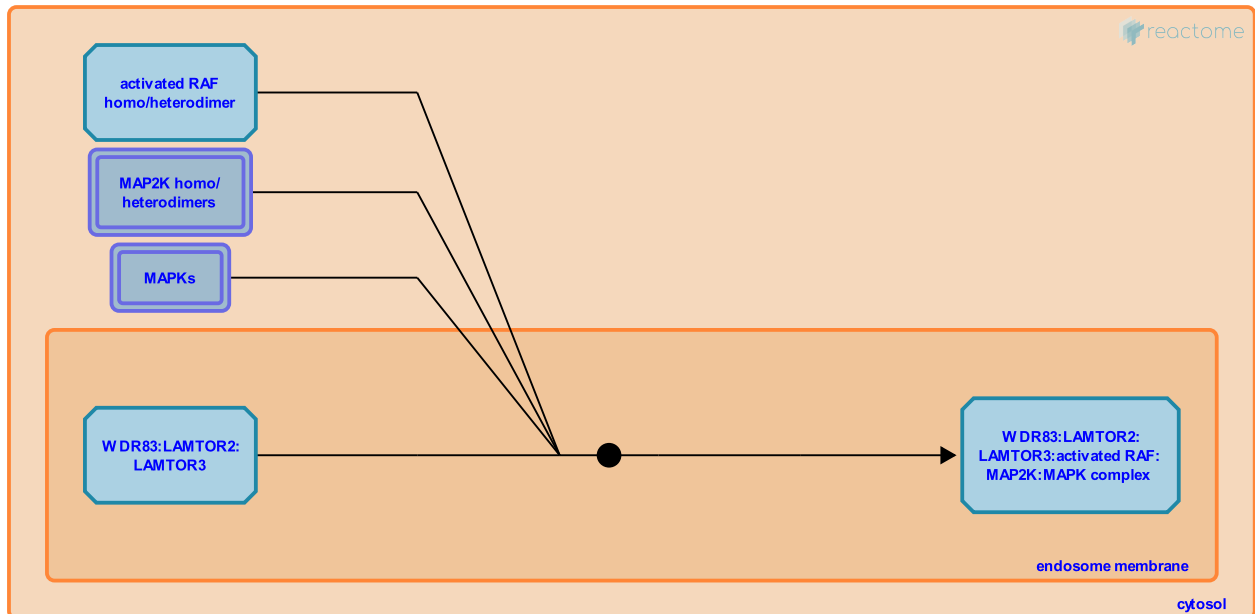
## WDR83:LAMTOR2:LAMTOR3 binds MAPK components ↗

**Location:** [MAP2K and MAPK activation](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-5674132

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** endosome membrane



LAMTOR3 (also known as MEK partner 1, MP1) exists in an obligatory complex with LAMTOR2 (p14) at the endosomal membrane where they act as a scaffold and promote MAPK activation (Schaeffer et al, 1998; Teis et al, 2002; Teis et al, 2006; Sharma et al, 2005). The LAMTOR2/LAMTOR3 complex may also be part of a larger molecular weight complex at the endosome that includes the MAPK organizer protein MORG1 (Vomastek et al, 2004; Sharma et al, 2005; reviewed in Matallanas et al, 2011).

**Followed by:** [MAP2Ks and MAPKs are phosphorylated at the endosome membrane](#)

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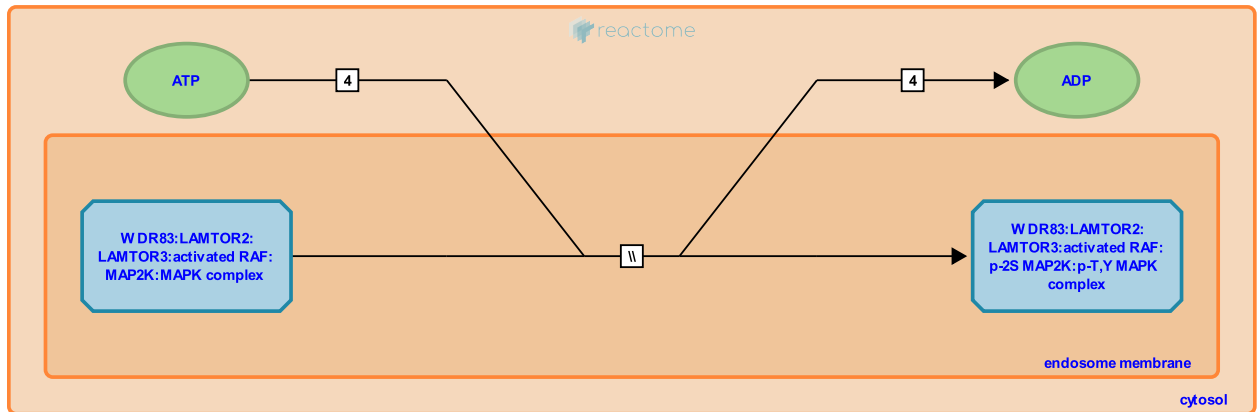
## MAP2Ks and MAPKs are phosphorylated at the endosome membrane ↗

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**Compartments:** endosome membrane



Interaction of MAPK pathway components with LAMTOR2, 3 and MORG1 facilitates pathway activation in response to varied stimuli, resulting in the phosphorylation of MAP2K and MAPK proteins at conserved sites in their activation loops (Schaeffer et al, 1998; Teis et al, 2002; Teis et al, 2006; Vomastek et al, 2004; Sharma et al, 2005; reviewed in Matallanas et al, 2011).

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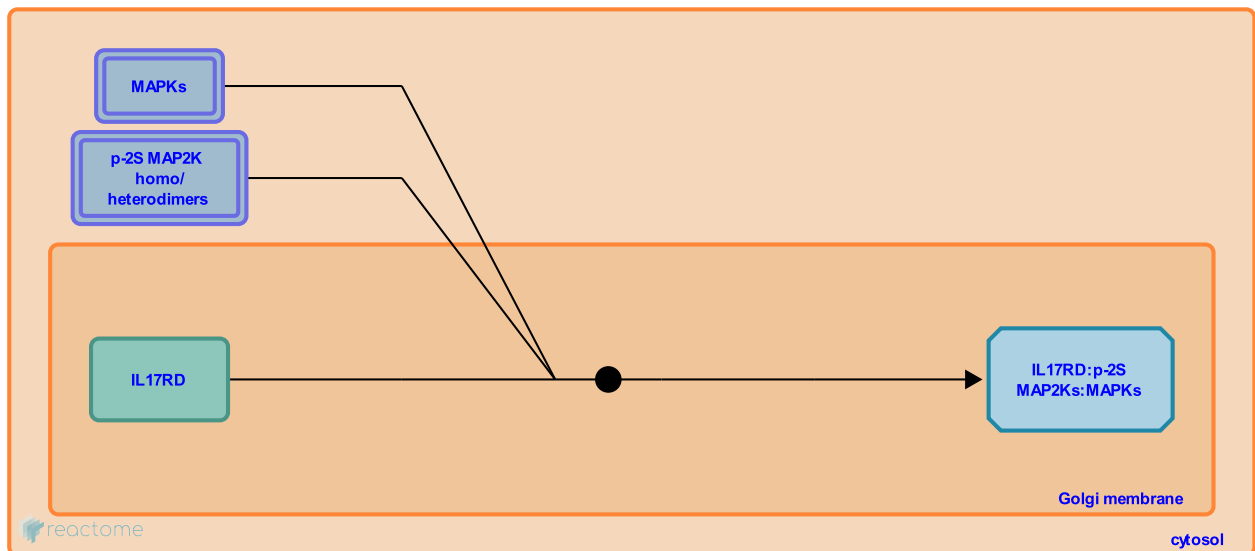
## IL17RD binds p-2S MAP2Ks and MAPKs ↗

**Location:** [MAP2K and MAPK activation](#)

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**Compartments:** Golgi membrane



IL17RD, also known as SEF (similar expression to FGF), was identified as a negative regulator of nuclear MAPK signaling (Tsang et al, 2002; Furthauer et al, 2002). IL17RD is a spatial regulator of MAPK signaling that binds activated MAP2K dimers at the Golgi membrane and prevents the dissociation and translocation of phosphorylated MAPK into the nucleus. In this way, IL17RD restricts activation of nuclear MAPK targets while not affecting activation of cytosolic ones (Torii et al, 2004; reviewed in Phillips, 2004; Matallanas et al, 2011).

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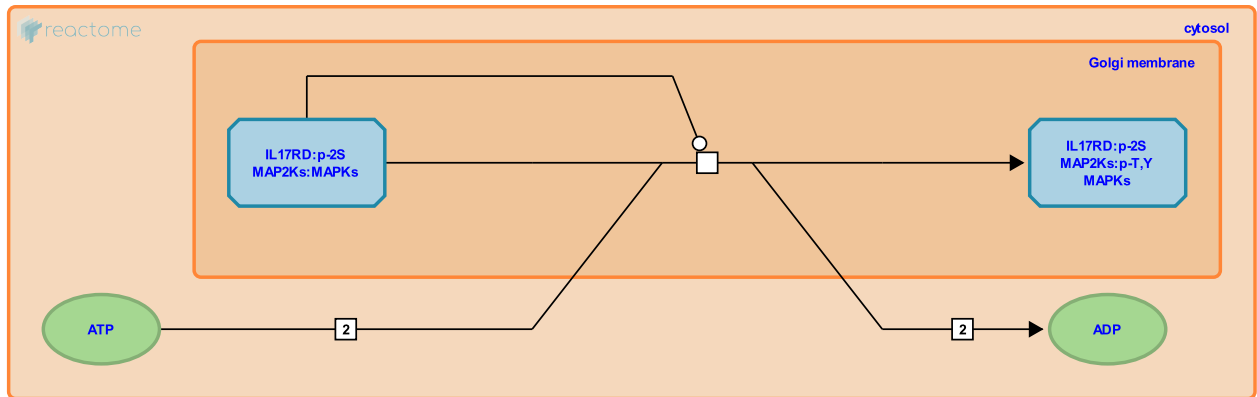
## MAP2Ks phosphorylate MAPK at the Golgi membrane ↗

**Location:** [MAP2K and MAPK activation](#)

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**Compartments:** Golgi membrane



Activated MAP2Ks in complex with IL17RD phosphorylate MAPKs at the Golgi membrane. IL17RD prevents the dissociation of phosphorylated MAPK from the complex at the Golgi as assessed by coimmunoprecipitation, preventing MAPK nuclear translocation and activation of nuclear targets (Torii et al, 2004; reviewed in Philips, 2004; Brown and Sacks, 2009).

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