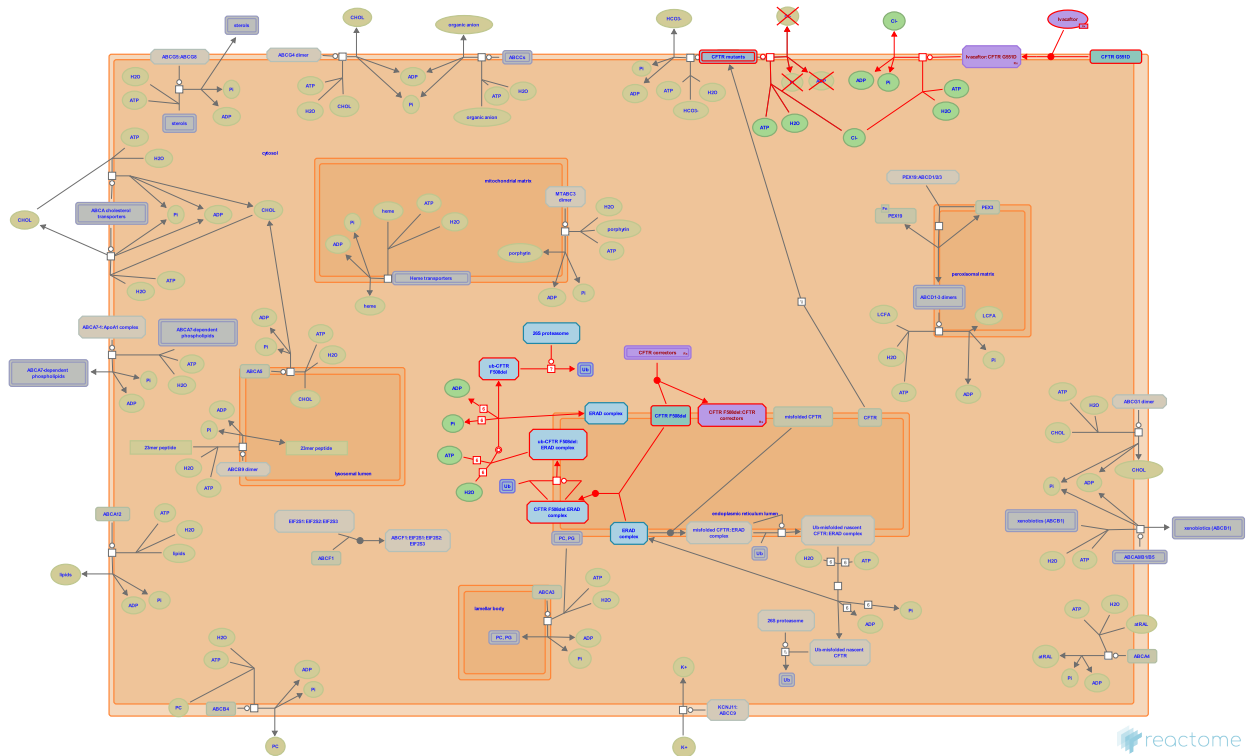


Defective CFTR causes cystic fibrosis



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Introduction

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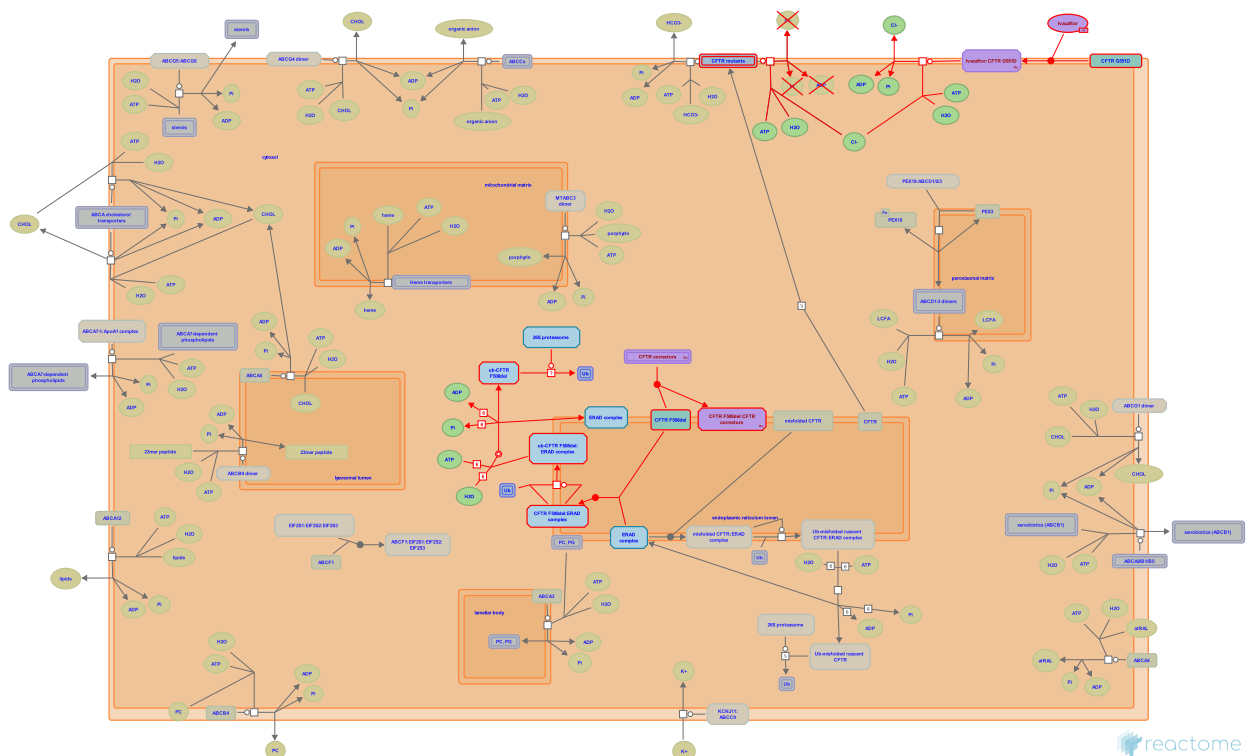
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Diseases: cystic fibrosis



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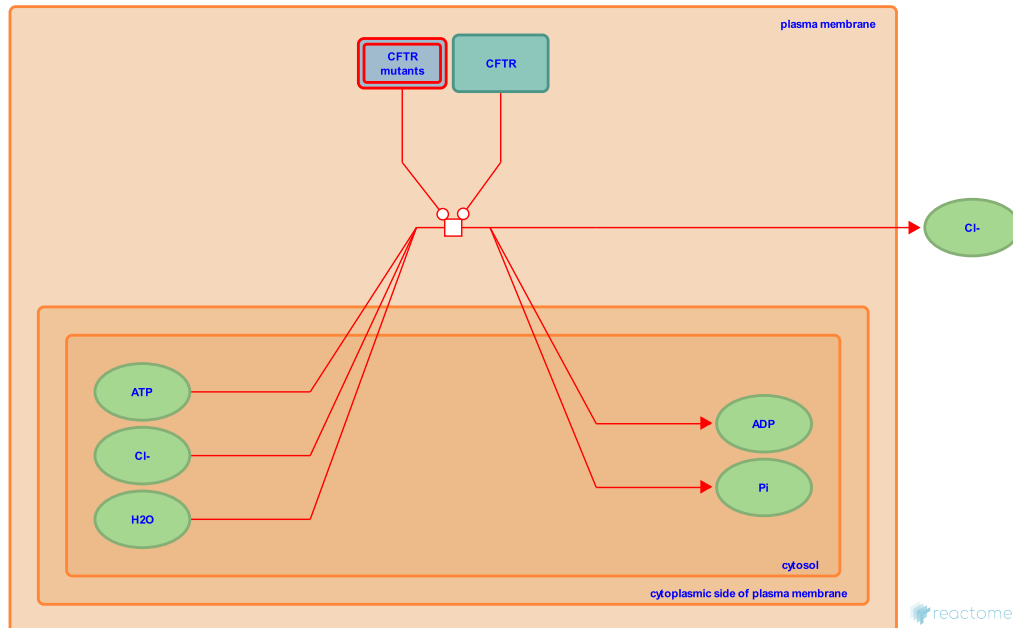
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Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region, cytosol

Diseases: cystic fibrosis



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The most common mutation that causes CF is F508del (Kerem et al. 1989). Although more than 1,500 mutations of CFTR have been identified, only four mutations besides F508del reach a frequency of 1% to 3%: G551D, W1282X, G542X, and N1303K (Rogan et al. 2011, Cutting et al. 1990, Vidaud et al. 1990, Kerem et al. 1990, Cuppens et al. 1990, Osborne et al. 1991).

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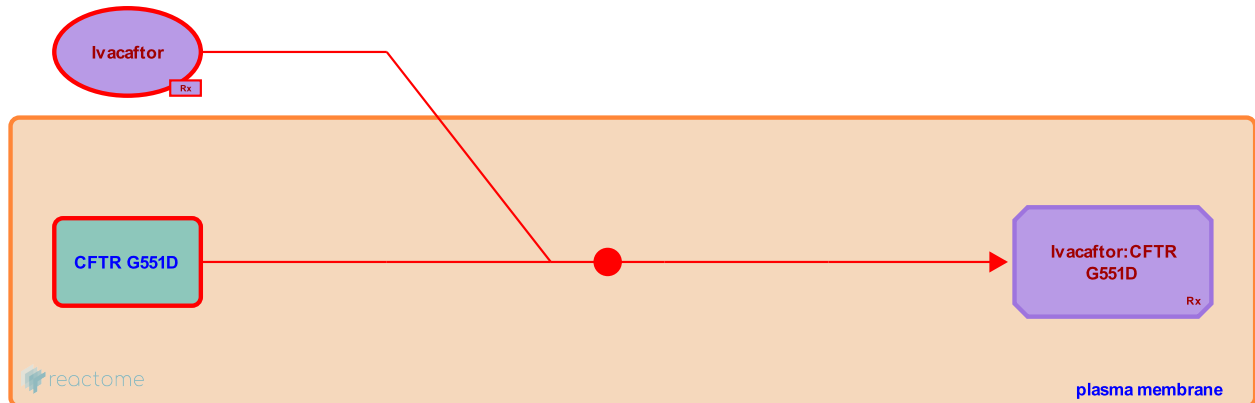
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Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region

Diseases: cystic fibrosis



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Ivacaftor:CFTR G551D transports Cl⁻ from cytosol to extracellular region [↗](#)

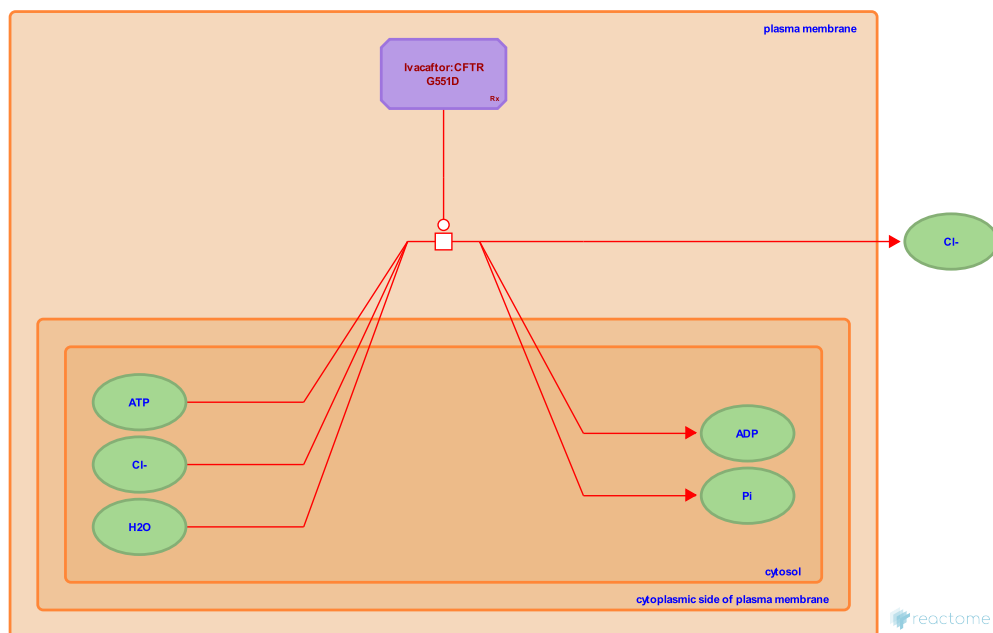
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Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region, cytosol

Diseases: cystic fibrosis



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CFTR F508del binds components of the ERAD machinery for ubiquitination and degradation ↗

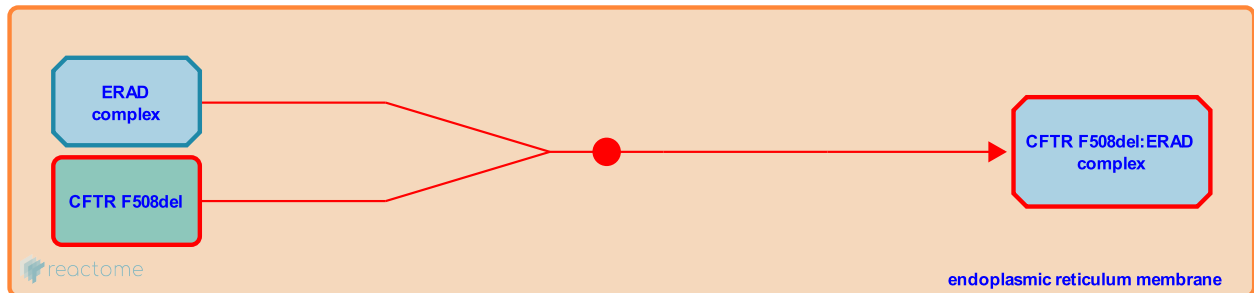
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Type: binding

Compartments: endoplasmic reticulum membrane

Diseases: cystic fibrosis



Deletion of phenylalanine 508 in CFTR is the most prevalent mutation causing cystic fibrosis (Riordan et al, 1989; Kerem et al, 1989). F508 deletion causes destabilization and subsequent targeting for co-translational degradation by the ER-associated degradation machinery (ERAD). Like misfolded WT CFTR protein, F508del is ubiquitinated by ERAD-associated E3 ligases including RNF5 and RNF 185, targeting it for VCP-mediated retrotranslocation and 26S proteasomal degradation (Meachem et al, 2001; Rosser et al, 2008; Younger et al, 2004; Younger et al, 2006; El Khouri et al, 2013; reviewed in Pranke and Sermet-Gaudelus, 2014).

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CFTR F508del binds CFTR correctors ↗

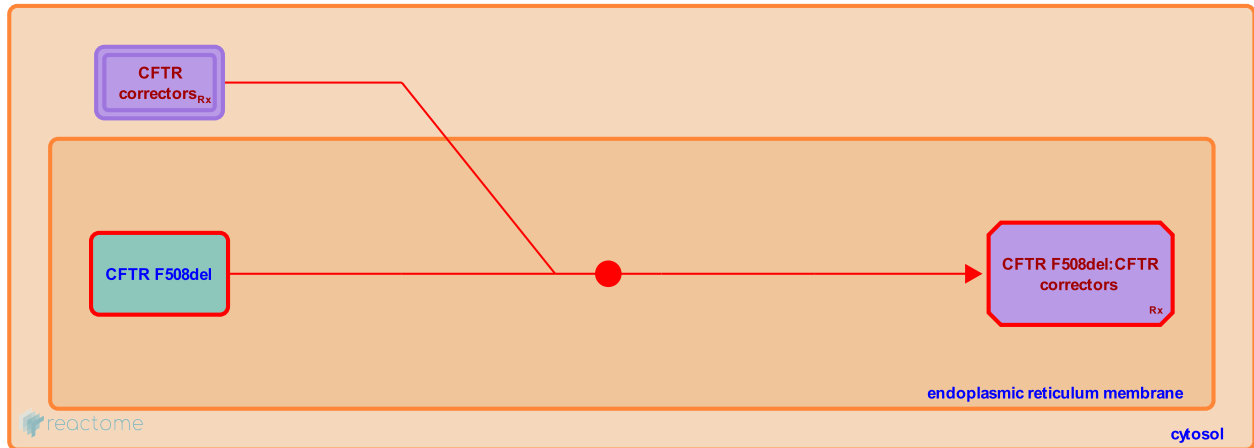
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-9700266

Type: binding

Compartments: endoplasmic reticulum membrane, cytosol

Diseases: cystic fibrosis



Cystic fibrosis (CF) is caused by mutations in the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) gene. CFTR is a chloride channel in the apical membrane of epithelial cells where it functions to maintain salt and fluid homeostasis. CF is the most common autosomal recessive disease in Caucasian populations. It is a life-limiting condition, with respiratory failure secondary to end-stage lung disease as the main cause of mortality. The majority of disease-causing mutations lead to misfolding of CFTR, including the deletion of phenylalanine at position 508, F508del, occurring in around 90% of patient alleles. Misfolding results in a defective channel where the mutant protein is either released to the cell surface, where it displays dysfunctionality, or is retained in the ER and translocated into the cytosol for degradation by the proteasome.

CFTR correctors have been developed that rescue misfolded mutant CFTRs from the ER that can then translocate to the cell surface to allow any mutant to gain functionality (Mijnders et al. 2017). Small molecule CFTR correctors such as the approved drugs elxacaftor, lumacaftor and tezacaftor and the next-generation corrector bamocaftor have the potential to improve up to 90% of CF patients with the F508del mutation when combined with a CFTR potentiator such as ivacaftor (Keating et al. 2018, Davies et al. 2018, Heijerman et al. 2019).

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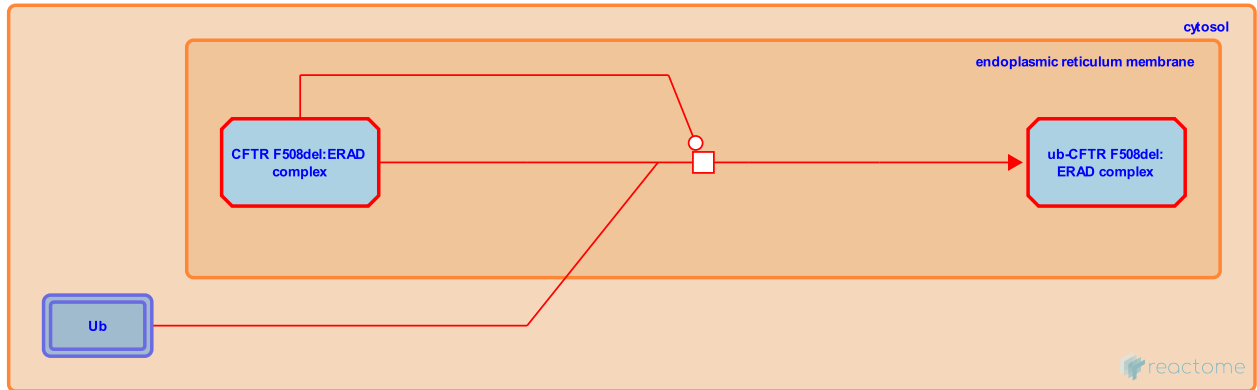
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Type: transition

Compartments: endoplasmic reticulum membrane

Diseases: cystic fibrosis



RNF5 and RNF185 ubiquitinate CFTR F508del as part of the retrotranslocon that targets the receptor for degradation through the ERAD pathway. Both depletion of the E3 ligases by siRNA and expression of a catalytically inactive form of the enzyme strongly inhibits CFTR degradation (El Khouri et al, 2013; Younger et al, 2006).

Preceded by: [CFTR F508del binds components of the ERAD machinery for ubiquitination and degradation](#)

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VCP-catalyzed ATP hydrolysis promotes the translocation of CFTR F508del into the cytosol ↗

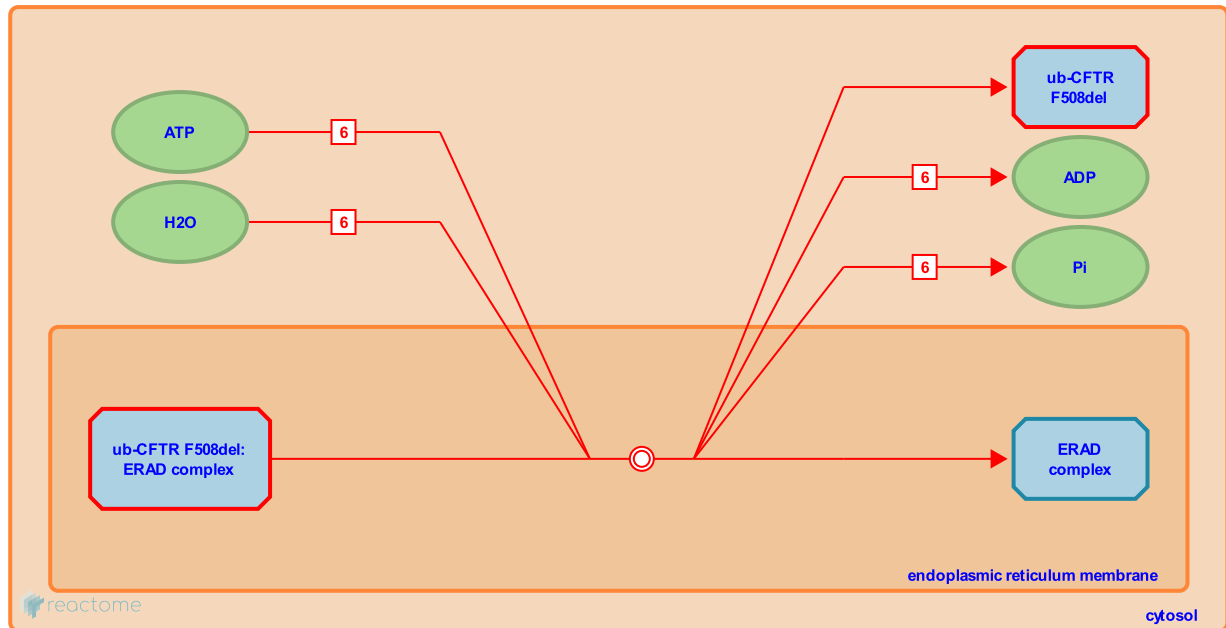
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Type: dissociation

Compartments: endoplasmic reticulum membrane

Diseases: cystic fibrosis



Retrotranslocation of the misfolded CFTR F508del likely depends on the ERAD ATPase VCP (reviewed in Vembar and Brodsky, 2008; Pranke and Sermet-Gaudelus, 2014).

Preceded by: RNF5 and RNF185 ubiquitinate CFTR F508del

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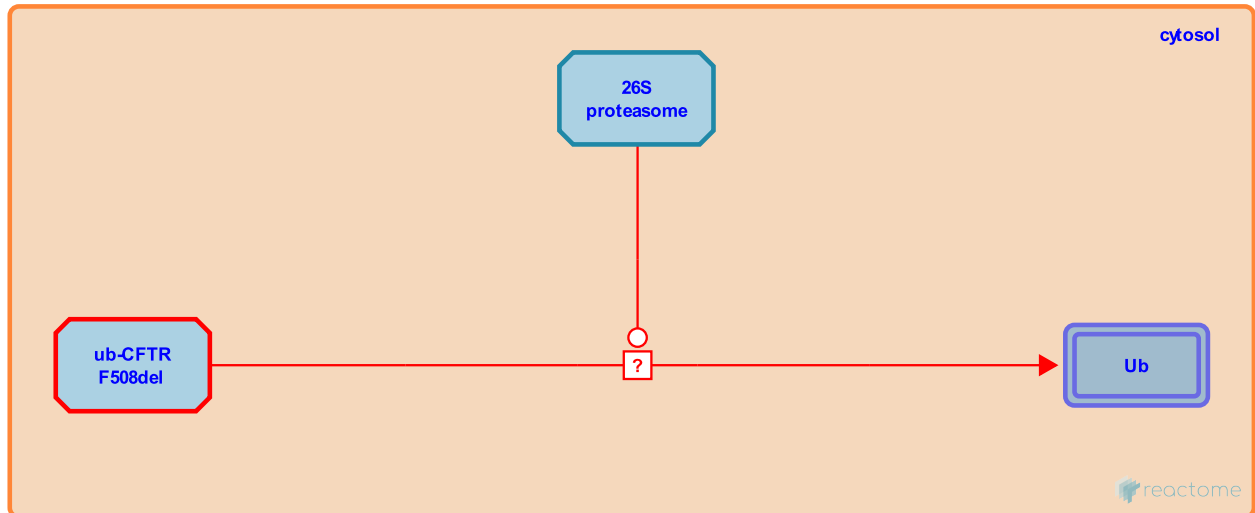
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Type: uncertain

Compartments: cytosol

Diseases: cystic fibrosis



After VCP-mediated translocation to the cytosol, misfolded CFTR F508del is degraded by the 26S proteasome (El Khouri et al, 2013).

Preceded by: [VCP-catalyzed ATP hydrolysis promotes the translocation of CFTR F508del into the cytosol](#)

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