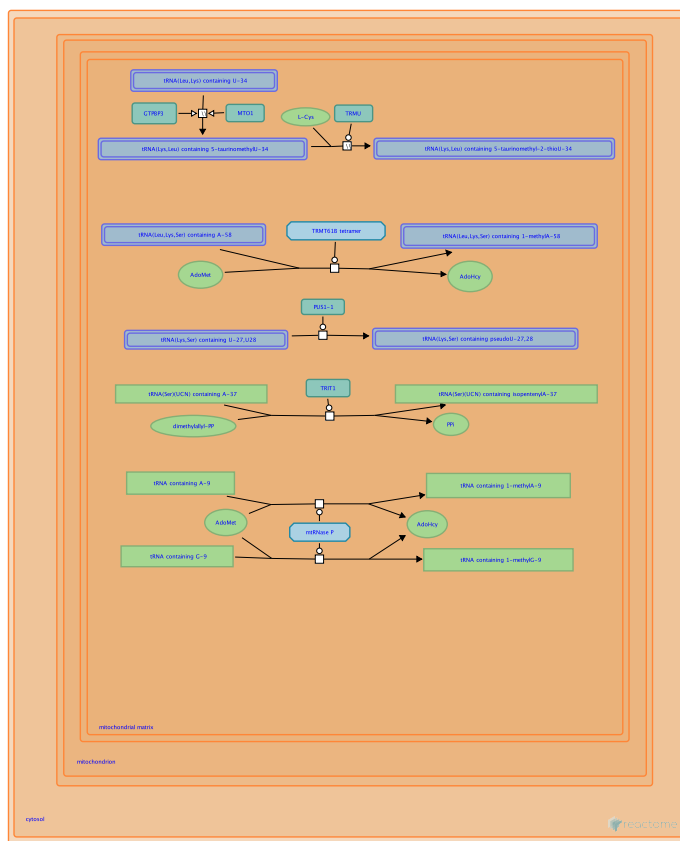


tRNA modification in the mitochondrion



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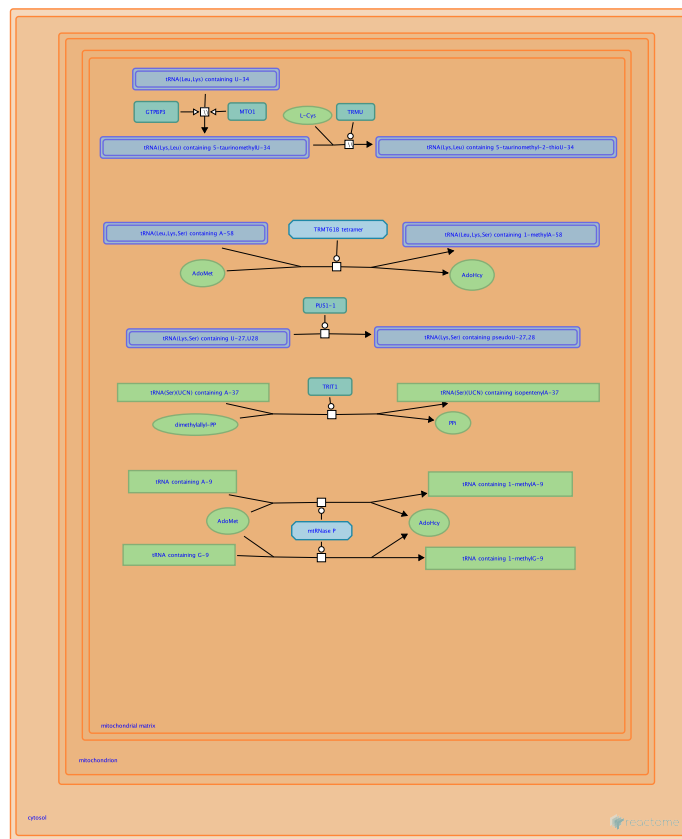
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The 22 tRNAs encoded by the mitochondrial genome are modified in the mitochondrial matrix by enzymes encoded in the nucleus and imported into mitochondria (reviewed in Suzuki et al. 2011, Salinas-Giege et al. 2015). Some enzymes such as PUS1 and TRIT1 are located in more than one compartment and modify both mitochondrial tRNAs and cytosolic tRNAs. Other enzymes such as MTO1, TRMU, and TRMT61B are exclusively mitochondrial.

Modifications near the anticodon and near the 3' end of tRNAs tend to affect interaction of the tRNA with mRNA within ribosomes and with tRNA synthetases, respectively. Modifications in other regions, typically in the "core" of the tRNA tend to affect folding and stability of the tRNA (reviewed in Hou et al. 2015). The unusual modification 5-taurinomethyl-2-thiouridine-34 in the anticodon of at least 3 tRNAs is found only in mammalian mitochondria and mutations that affect the responsible biosynthetic enzymes (GT-PBP3, MTO1, TRMU) cause mitochondrial dysfunction and disease (reviewed in Torres et al. 2014).

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GTPBP3 and MTO1 transform uridine-34 yielding 5-aurinomethyluridine-34 in tRNA



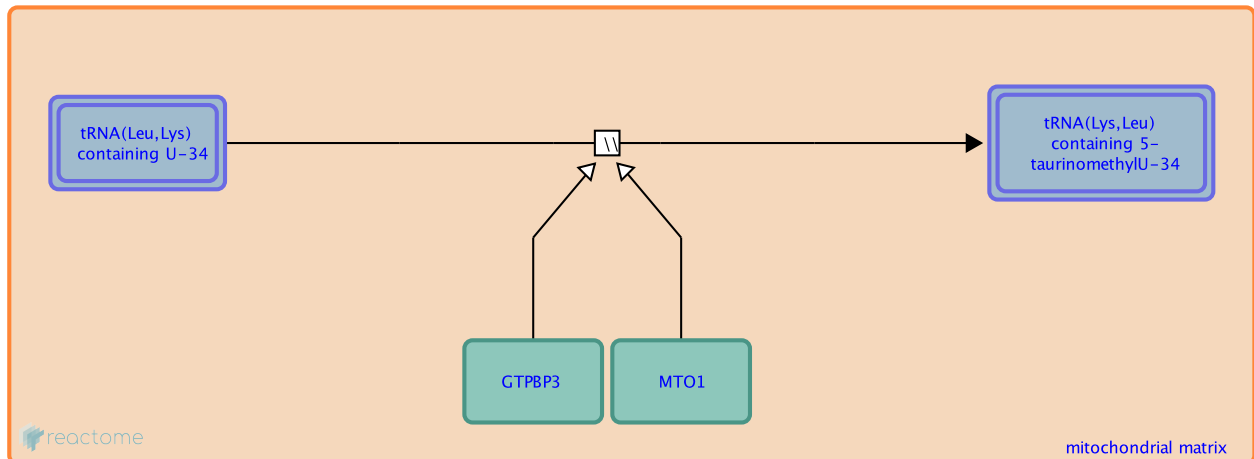
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Inferred from: [MSS1 and MTO1 transform uridine-34 to 5-carboxymethylaminomethyluridine-34 in tRNA \(Saccharomyces cerevisiae\)](#)



A conserved pathway consisting of at least GTPBP3 (MSS1 in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, MnmE in *Escherichia coli*) and MTO1 (MTO1 in *S. cerevisiae*, MnmG in *E. coli*) modifies the wobble nucleotide uridine-34 in mitochondrial tRNA (Asano et al. 2018). In humans a methyl group and a taurine group (2-aminoethylsulfonic acid) are conjugated to the 5 position of the uracil ring (Suzuki et al. 2002). In yeast and *E. coli* a methyl group and a glycine group are conjugated, yielding 5-carboxymethylaminomethyluridine. The details of the reaction mechanism are unknown. Modification of the wobble nucleotide is required for efficient and accurate translation. Mutations in constituents of the pathway cause disease symptoms characteristic of mitochondrial dysfunction: lactic acidosis, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, respiratory chain defect, and, in association with the A1555G mutation in 12S rRNA, deafness (Ghezzi et al. 2012, Baruffini et al. 2013, Tischner et al. 2015).

Followed by: [TRMU \(MTO2, MTU1\) transfers a sulfur atom to 5-aurinomethyluridine-34 in tRNA](#)

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TRMU (MTO2, MTU1) transfers a sulfur atom to 5-taurinomethyluridine-34 in tRNA



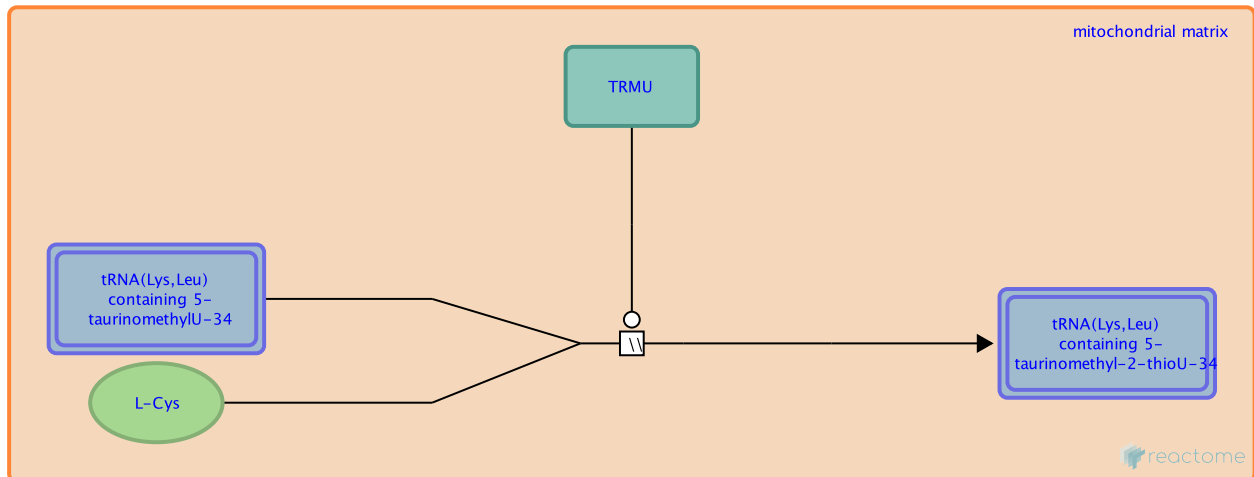
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Compartments: mitochondrial matrix

Inferred from: [SLM3 \(MTO2, MTU1\) transfers a sulfur atom to 5-carboxymethylaminomethyluridine-34 in tRNA \(Saccharomyces cerevisiae\)](#)



TRMU (MTU1) transfers a sulfur atom from L-cysteine to the 2 position of 5-taurinomethyluridine-34 in tRNAs (Umeda et al. 2005, Sasarman et al. 2011). In *Escherichia coli* the sulfur is transferred along a relay system of proteins from L-cysteine to uridine. It is unknown if such a relay system also exists in humans. In yeast, mutations in MTU1, the homolog of TRMU act synergistically with mutations in the homologs of GTPBP3 and MTO1 to impair mitochondrial function (Umeda et al. 2005). In humans mutations in TRMU cause mitochondrial infantile liver disease (Zeharia et al. 2009, Gaignard et al. 2013), infantile respiratory chain disease (Boczonadi et al. 2013), and modify the severity of deafness associated with mutations in mitochondrial 12S rRNA (Guan et al. 2006), however abrogation of the thiouridylase function of TRMU may not be responsible for the phenotypes (Sasarman et al. 2011).

Preceded by: [GTPBP3 and MTO1 transform uridine-34 yielding 5-taurinomethyluridine-34 in tRNA](#)

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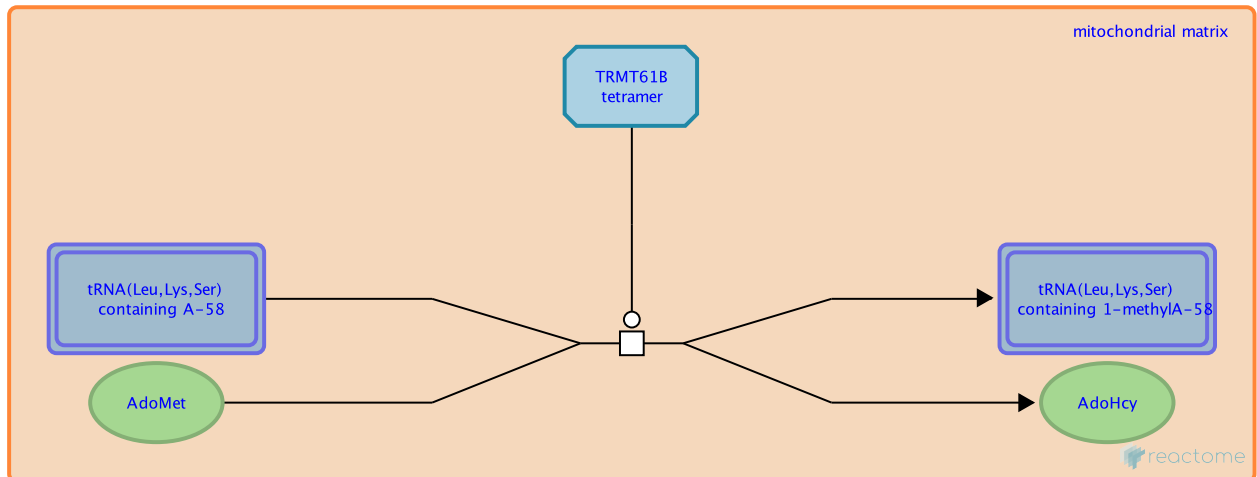
TRMT61B methylates adenosine-58 in tRNA yielding 1-methyladenosine-58 [↗](#)

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Compartments: mitochondrial matrix



A TRMT61B oligomer, probably a tetramer, transfers a methyl group from S-adenosylmethionine to the (N)1 position of adenosine-58 in 3 mitochondrial tRNAs (tRNA(Leu)(UUR), tRNA(Lys), tRNA(Ser)(UCN)) (Chujo and Suzuki 2012).

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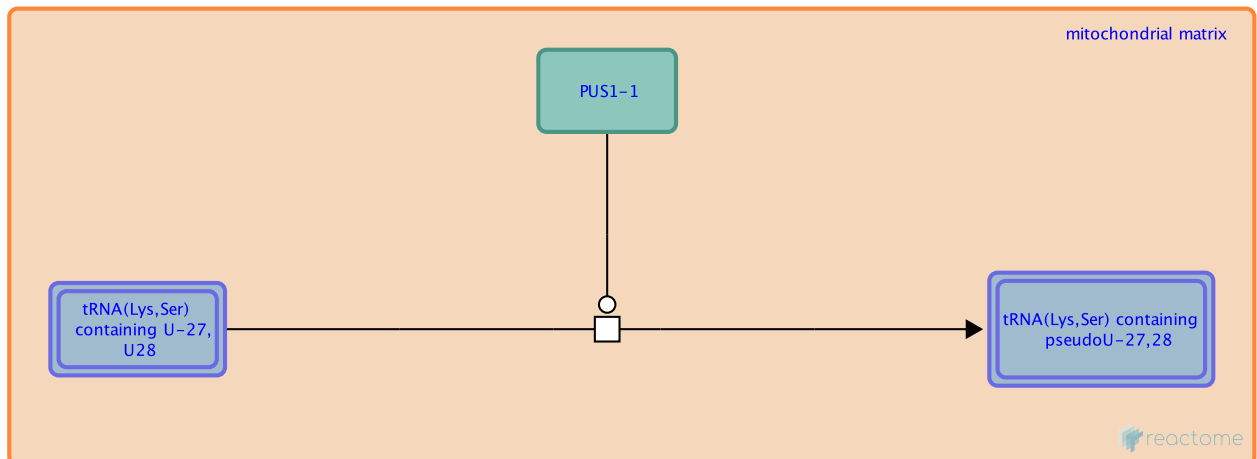
PUS1 isoform 1 transforms uridine-27, uridine-28 yielding pseudouridine in tRNA(Lys,Ser) ↗

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Compartments: mitochondrial matrix



PUS1-1, the longer isoform of PUS1 located in the mitochondrion (Fernandez-Vizarra et al. 2007), converts uridine-27 and uridine-28 to pseudouridine residues in the anticodon stems of mitochondrial tRNA(Lys)(UUU) and tRNA(Ser)(UGA) (Patton et al. 2005, Fernandez-Vizarra et al. 2007, Sibert et al. 2008, Sibert and Patton 2012). Isomerization of uracil to pseudouridine creates an extra hydrogen bond donor and increases base stacking, acting to rigidify the RNA structure (reviewed in Charette and Gray 2000). As inferred from yeast Pus1p, PUS1 may also convert uridine to pseudouridine in other tRNAs and pre-tRNAs. Mutations in PUS1 cause mitochondrial myopathy and sideroblastic anemia (MLSA) (Bykhovskaya et al. 2004, Patton et al. 2005, Fernandez-Vizarra et al. 2007)

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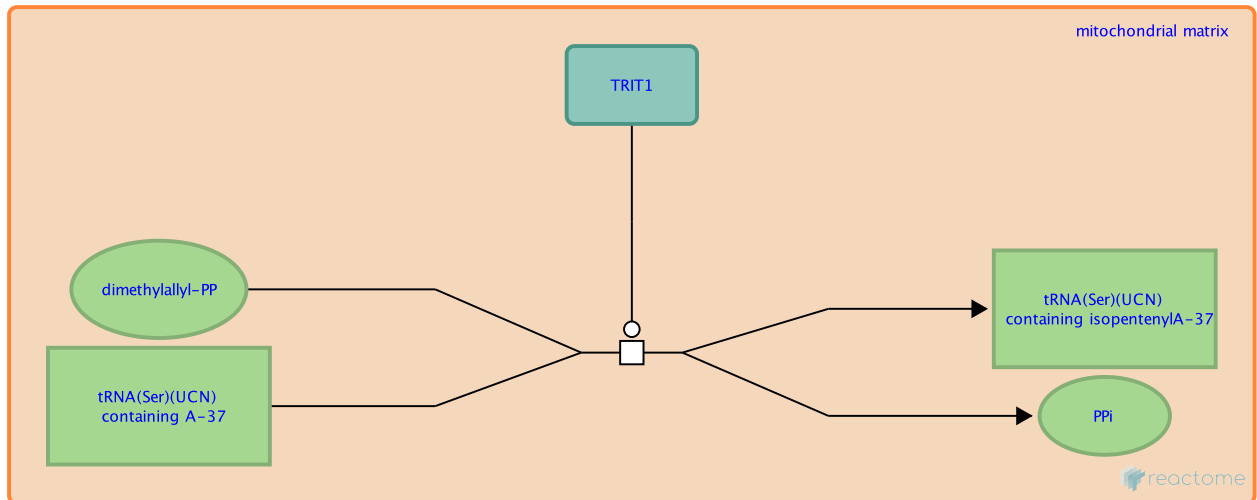
TRIT1 transfers dimethylallyl group to adenosine-37 of tRNA(Ser) ↗

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Compartments: mitochondrial matrix



TRIT1 transfers a dimethylallyl group (isopentenyl group) from dimethylallyl diphosphate to the N6 position of adenosine-37 in mitochondrial tRNA(Ser,UCN), yielding N6-dimethylallyl adenosine-37 (N6-isopentenyl adenosine-37) (Lamichhane et al. 2013, Yarham et al. 2014). TRIT1 modifies both cytosolic and mitochondrial tRNAs and a mutation in TRIT1 causes defects in mitochondrial protein synthesis and respiration (Yarham et al. 2014).

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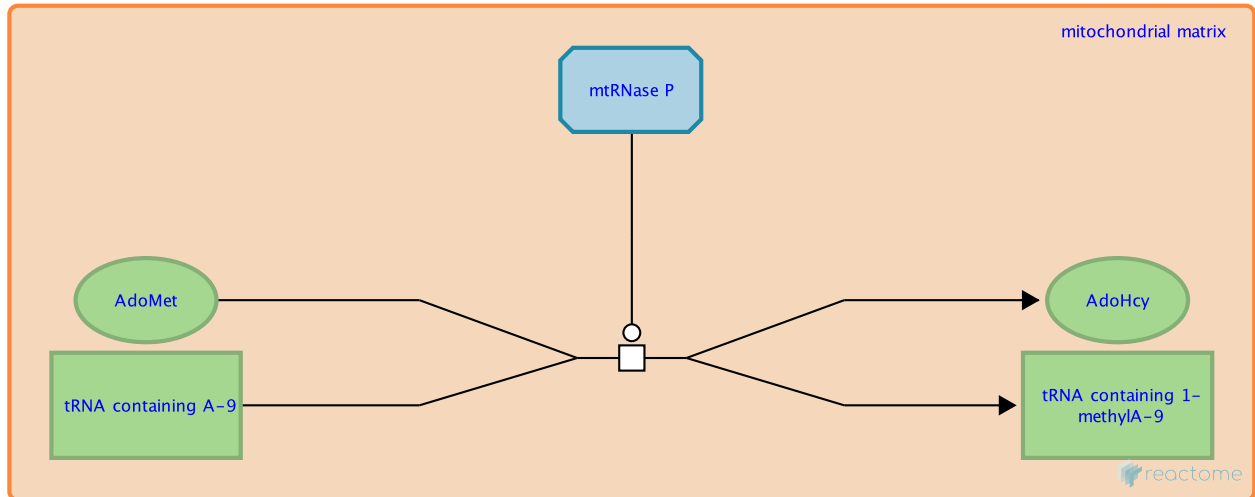
TRMT10C:HSD17B10 (TRMT10C:SDR5C1) methylates adenosine-9 in tRNA yielding 1-methyladenosine-9 ↗

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Compartments: mitochondrial matrix



TRMT10C of TRMT10C:HSD17B10 (TRMT10C:SDR5C1), a subcomplex of the mitochondrial RNase P complex, methylates the 1 position of adenosine-9 in mitochondrial tRNAs (Vilardo et al. 2012). 14 of 22 mitochondrial tRNAs have an A9 residue. Methylation of A9 appears to be important for correct folding of tRNA (Helm et al. 1998). Mutations in the HSD17B10 (SDR5C1) dehydrogenase subunit of RNase P impair dehydrogenation, tRNA methylation, and tRNA processing, causing HSD10 disease, which is characterized by progressive neurodegeneration and cardiomyopathy (Vilardo and Rossmannith 2015).

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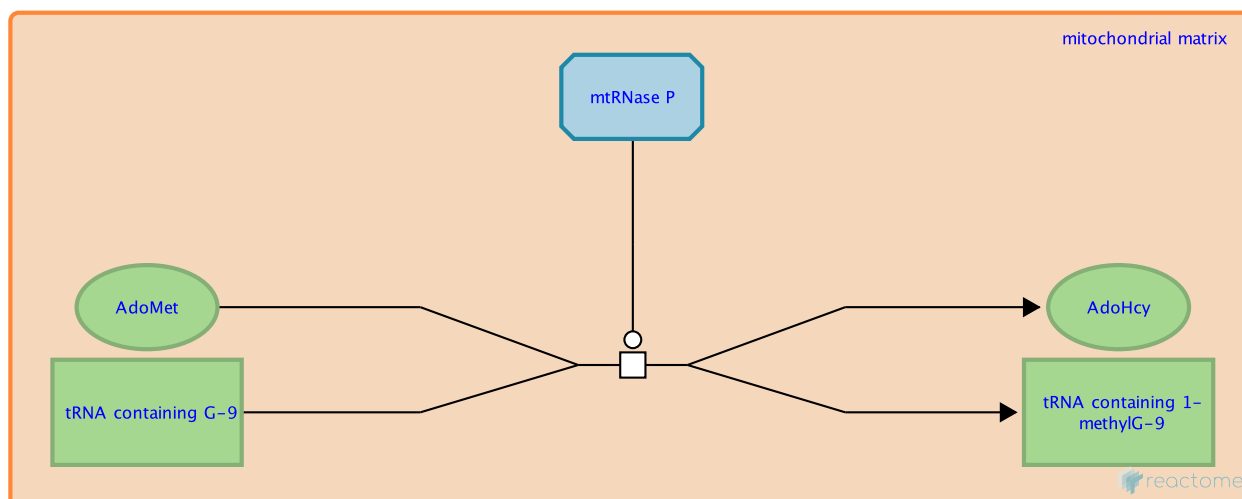
TRMT10C:HSD17B10 (TRMT10C:SDR5C1) of mitochondrial RNase P methylates guanosine-9 in tRNA yielding 1-methylguanosine-9 ↗

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TRMT10C in TRMT10C:HSD17B10 (TRMT10C:SDR5C1), a subcomplex of the mitochondrial RNase P complex, methylates the 1 position of guanosine-9 in mitochondrial tRNAs (Vilardo et al. 2012). 5 of 22 mitochondrial tRNAs have a G9 residue. Methylation of G9 appears to be important for correct folding of tRNA. Mutations in the SDR5C1 dehydrogenase subunit of RNase P impair dehydrogenation, tRNA methylation, and tRNA processing, causing HSD10 disease, which is characterized by progressive neurodegeneration and cardiomyopathy (Vilardo and Rossmanith 2015).

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