

# HGFAC cleaves pro-HGF to form HGF di- mer

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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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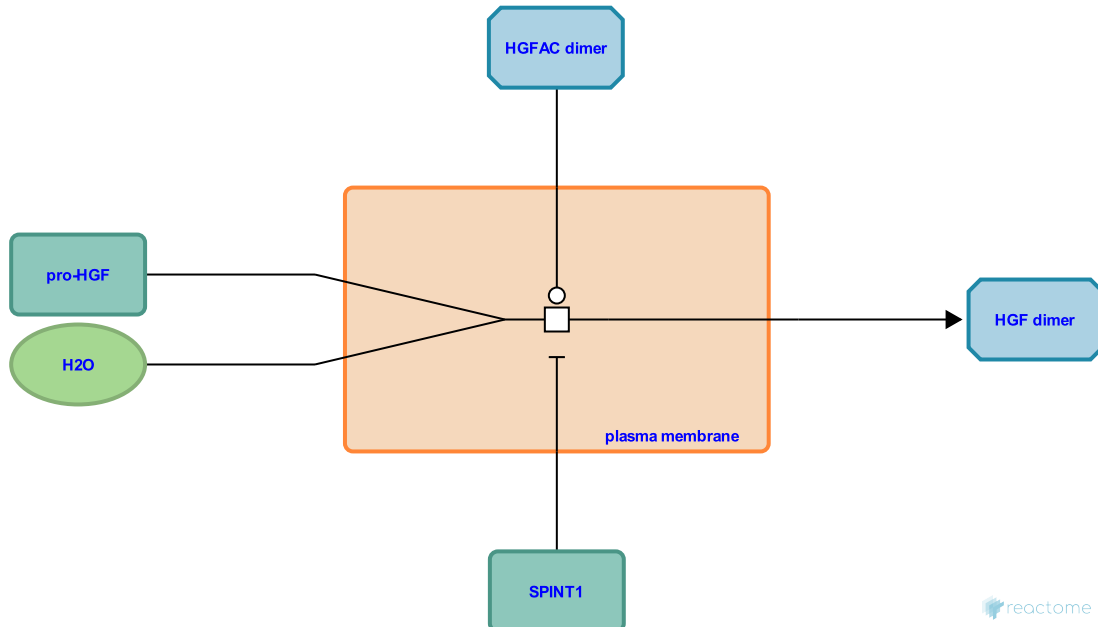
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## HGFAC cleaves pro-HGF to form HGF dimer ↗

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-6800299

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane



HGF is a pleiotropic factor and activates hepatocyte growth factor receptor (MET), a proto-oncogenic receptor tyrosine kinase. HGF is secreted into the extracellular matrix as an inactive single chain precursor (pro-HGF (32-728)) and requires cleavage at Arg494–Val495 to form the biologically active alpha-beta heterodimer. Hepatocyte growth factor activator (HGFAC, commonly known as HGFA) is a serine protease that converts HGF into its active form (Shia et al. 2005). The Kunitz-type protease inhibitor 1 (SPINT1, aka HAI1) is an inhibitor of HGFAC activity (Shia et al. 2005).

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