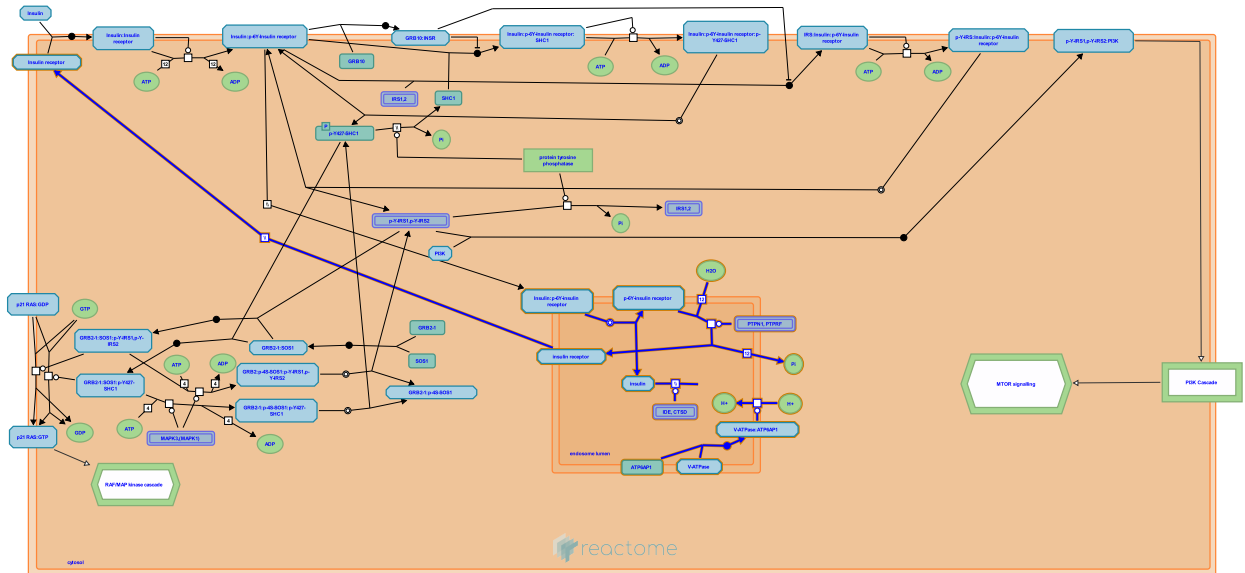


# Insulin receptor recycling



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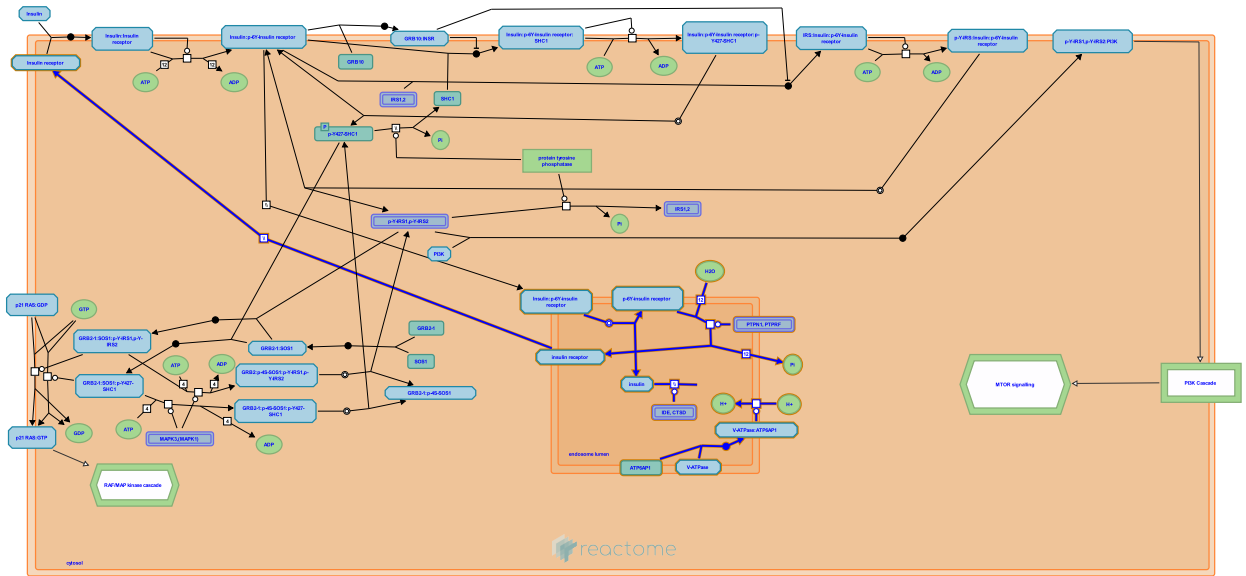
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# Insulin receptor recycling ↗

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Triggered by acidification of the endosome, insulin dissociates from the receptor and is degraded. The receptor is dephosphorylated and re-integrated into the plasma membrane, ready to be activated again by the binding of insulin molecules.

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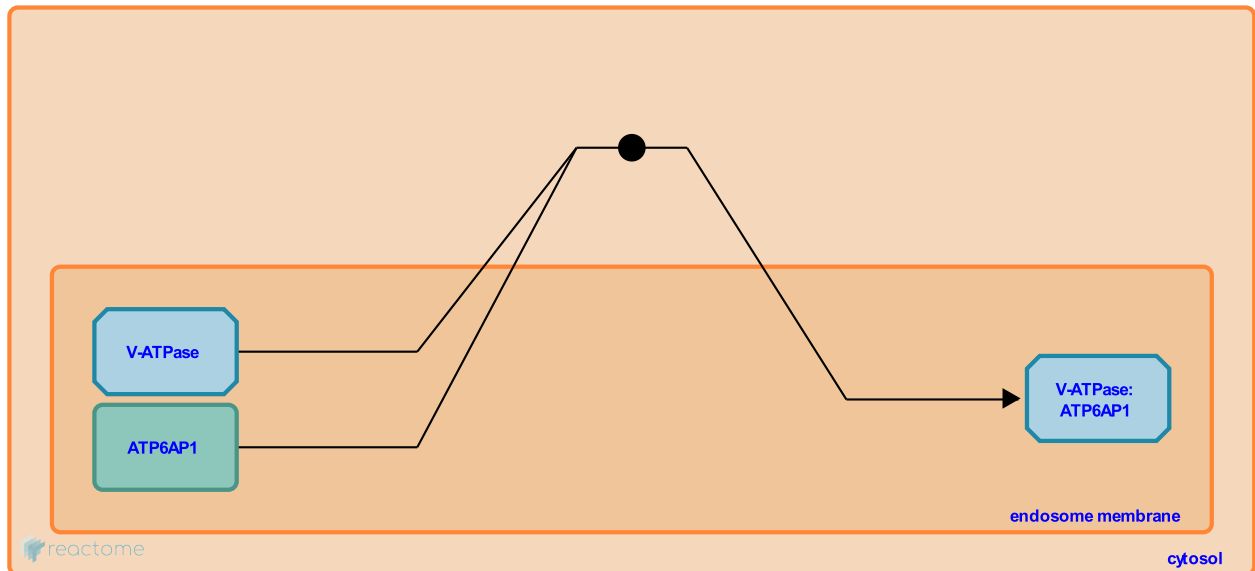
## ATP6AP1 binds V-ATPase [↗](#)

**Location:** [Insulin receptor recycling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-5252133

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** cytosol, early endosome membrane



Vacuolar-type H<sup>+</sup>-ATPases (V-ATPases) are proton pumps that acidify intracellular cargos and deliver protons across the plasma membrane of many specialised cells. V-type proton ATPase subunit S1 (ATP6AP1) is thought to function as an accessory subunit of the V<sub>0</sub> subcomplex of V-ATPase, facilitating acidification (Supek et al. 1994). Experiments with the mouse orthologue reveals a role for Atp6ap1 in osteoclast formation and function (Qin et al. 2011).

**Followed by:** [Endosome acidification](#)

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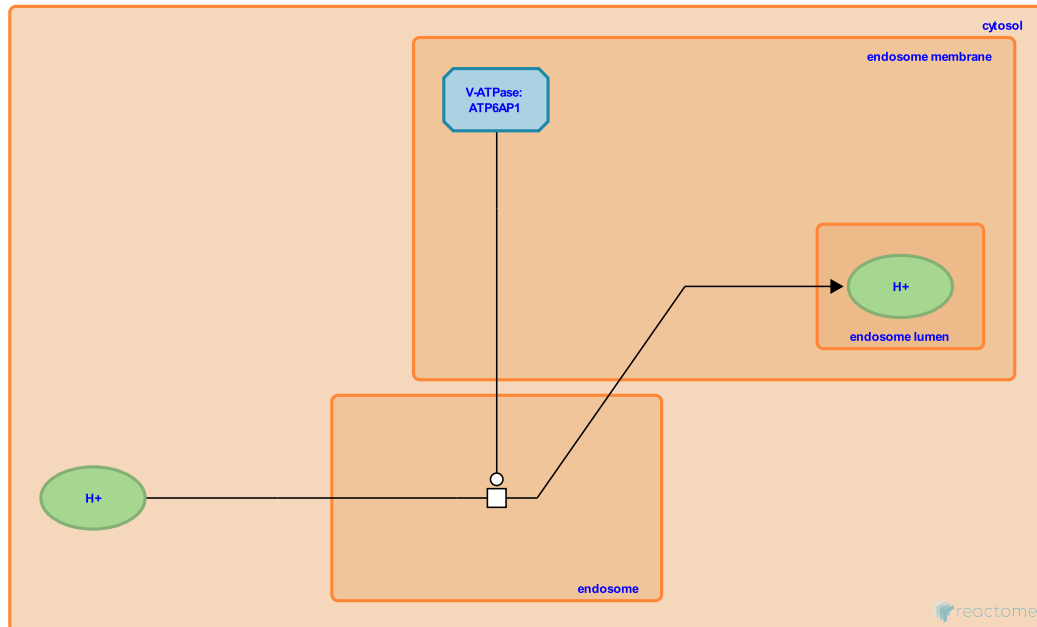
## Endosome acidification ↗

**Location:** [Insulin receptor recycling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-74723

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** endosome



The effect of the proton pump is to allow entry of  $[H^+]$  ions into the lumen of the endosome. The net effect of this is to lower the pH of the lumen from pH 7.4 (the pH at the plasma membrane) to pH 6.0 (documented with studies using FITC-labeled insulin - a pH dependent fluorescence marker).

**Preceded by:** [ATP6AP1 binds V-ATPase](#)

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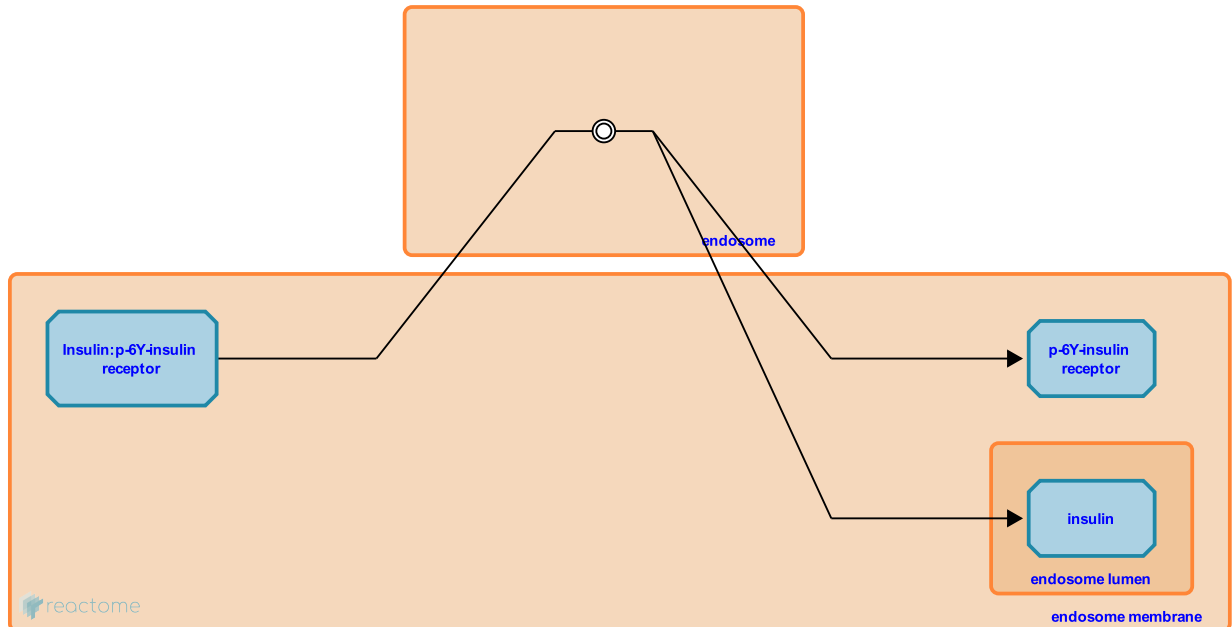
## Dissociation of insulin from insulin receptor ↗

**Location:** [Insulin receptor recycling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-74726

**Type:** dissociation

**Compartments:** endosome



As the endosomal lumen acidifies the insulin dissociates from the insulin receptor making it available for degradation by the insulin degrading activity (IDA) present in the endosomal membrane.

**Preceded by:** [Endosome acidification](#)

**Followed by:** [Insulin degradation](#), [Insulin receptor de-phosphorylation](#)

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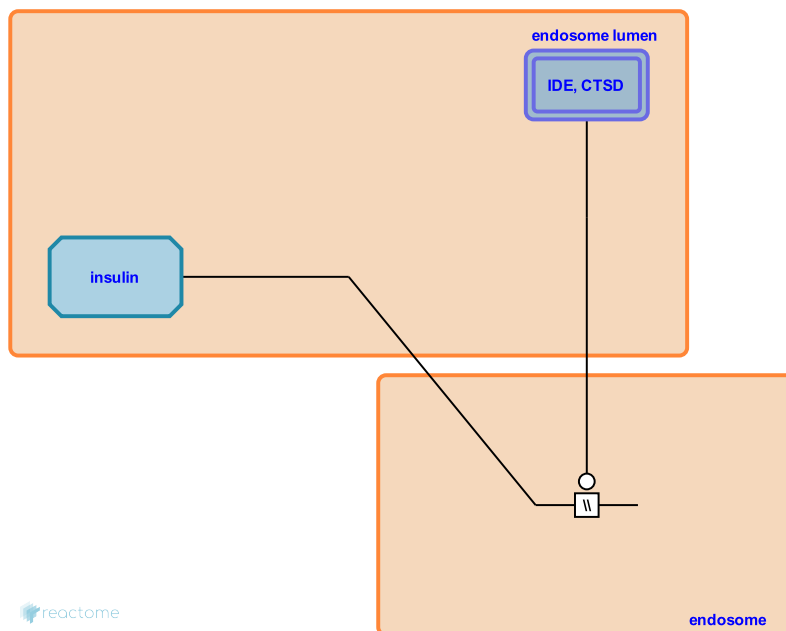
## Insulin degradation ↗

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**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** endosome



IDE dimer in the endosome lumen catalyzes the processive degradation of insulin into multiple inactive fragments (Manolopoulou et al. 2009; Zhang et al. 2018) Insulin released into the endosome is rapidly degraded.

Two enzymes known to be present in liver parenchymal cells, insulin-degrading enzyme (IDE) and cathepsin D (CTSD) degrade insulin efficiently *in vitro*, and both are annotated as candidate catalysts of this reaction. The identity of the enzyme or enzymes mediating this degradation *in vivo* remains controversial, however. By a variety of immunological and enzymological criteria, catalytically active material from rat liver fractions exhibited properties distinct from those expected for insulin-degrading enzyme (IDE) (Authier et al. 1994), indistinguishable from those expected for cathepsin D (CTSD), and sufficient to account for the insulin-degrading activity in these fractions (Authier et al. 2002). Nevertheless, IDE deficiency *in vivo* is associated with abnormal insulin turnover, IDE is present at low levels in endosomes and biochemical studies indicate that IDE efficiently degrades insulin (Shen et al. 2006; Manolopoulou et al. 2009; Zhang et al. 2018).

The active form of IDE is a dimer with one Zn<sup>++</sup> bound to each protein subunit (Li et al. 2006).

**Preceded by:** [Dissociation of insulin from insulin receptor](#)

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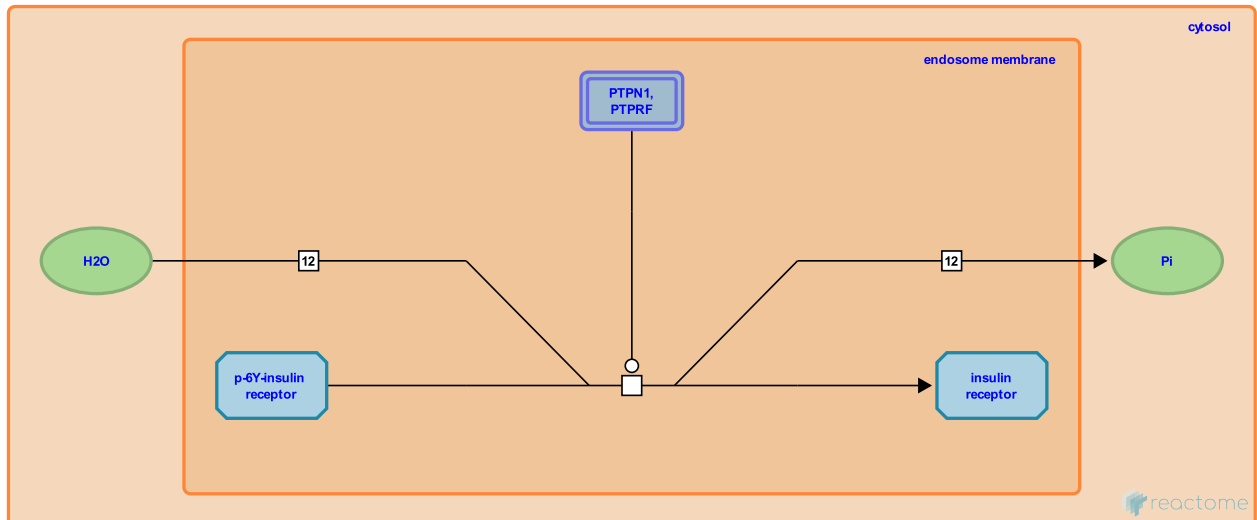
## Insulin receptor de-phosphorylation ↗

**Location:** [Insulin receptor recycling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-74733

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** endosome membrane, cytosol



Endosomal protein tyrosine phosphatases (PTPs) dephosphorylate the insulin receptor, which cannot rephosphorylate itself as insulin is removed leaving the receptor in its inactive conformation (Bevan et al. 1996; Drake & Posner 1998). The identity of these PTPs is not definitively established, but structural studies and studies of cell lines and gene-knockout mice indicate that PTPRF / LAR (Ahmed & Goldstein 1997) and PTPN1 / PTP1B (Li et al. 2005) are each capable of mediating this reaction.

The dephosphorylated receptor recycles to the plasma membrane.

**Preceded by:** [Dissociation of insulin from insulin receptor](#)

**Followed by:** [Re-integration of insulin receptor into plasma membrane](#)

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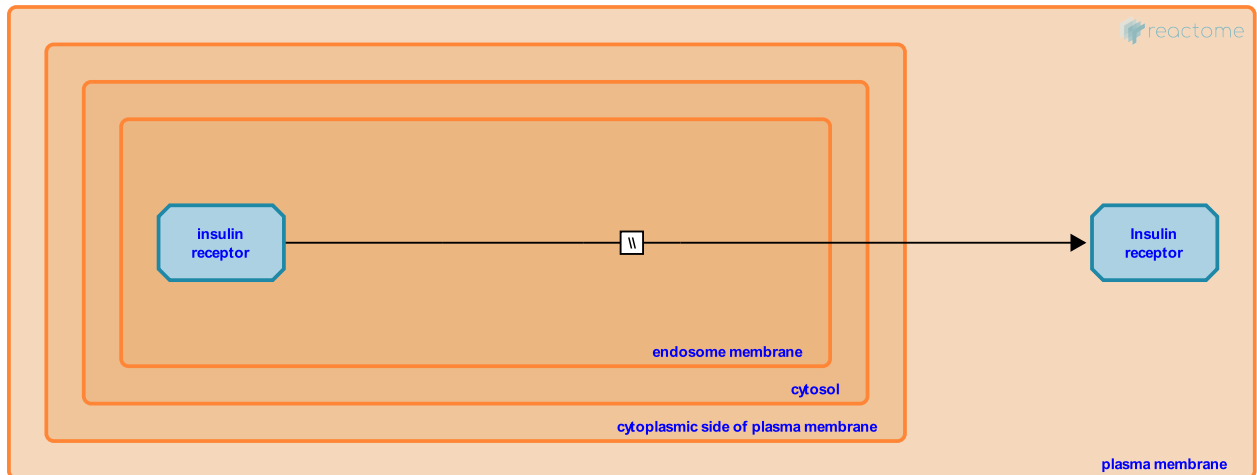
## Re-integration of insulin receptor into plasma membrane ↗

**Location:** [Insulin receptor recycling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-74734

**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** endosome membrane, plasma membrane



The endosome fuses with the plasma membrane allowing the insulin receptor to re-integrate there. Any degraded insulin remnants which remained in the endosome are also expelled (The majority having been excreted into the cytoplasm and secreted out of the cell via other mechanisms).

The cycle is complete with the dephosphorylated receptor now back in the plasma membrane available to bind the next insulin molecule presented to it. There is some insulin receptor degradation over time when damaged insulin receptors are not recycled but fuse instead with the lysosomes where they are degraded. However the majority of insulin receptors are recycled back to the plasma membrane with greater than 95% efficiency.

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