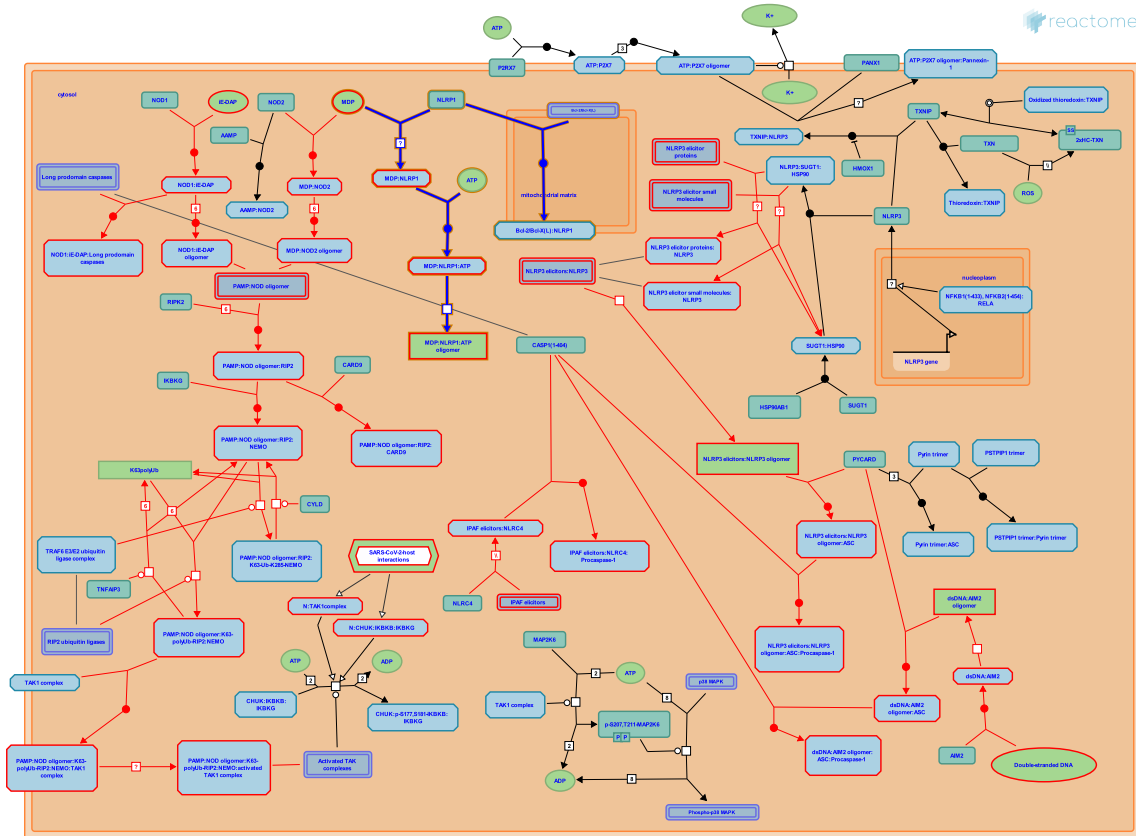


The NLRP1 inflammasome



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Introduction

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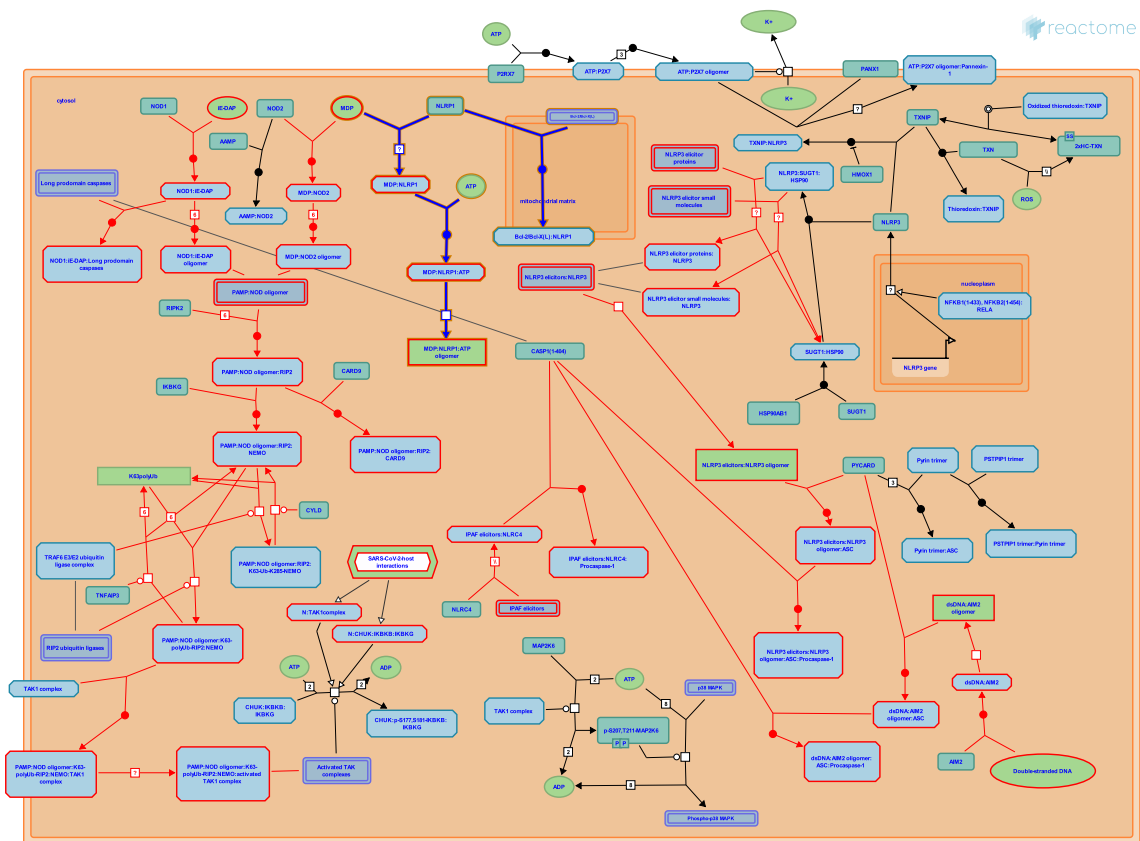
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The NLRP1 inflammasome ↗

Stable identifier: R-HSA-844455

Compartments: cytosol



NLRP1 is activated by MDP (Faustin et al. 2007). The NLRP1 inflammasome was the first to be characterized. It was described as a complex containing NALP1, ASC, caspase-1 and caspase-5 (Martinon et al. 2002). Unlike NLRP3, NLRP1 has a C-terminal extension containing a CARD domain, which has been reported to interact directly with procaspase-1, obviating a requirement for ASC (Faustin et al. 2007), though ASC was found to augment the interaction. Mouse NLRP1 has no PYD domain and would therefore not be expected to interact directly with procaspase-1. Like the NLRP3 inflammasome, K⁺ efflux appears to be essential for caspase-1 activation (Wickliffe et al. 2008). Ribonucleoside triphosphates (NTPs) are required for NALP1-mediated caspase-1 activation with ATP being the most efficient, Mg²⁺ was also required (Faustin et al. 2007). The human NLRP1 gene has 3 paralogues in mouse that are highly polymorphic. Differences between mouse strains underlie susceptibility to anthrax lethal toxin (Boyden & Dietrich 2006).

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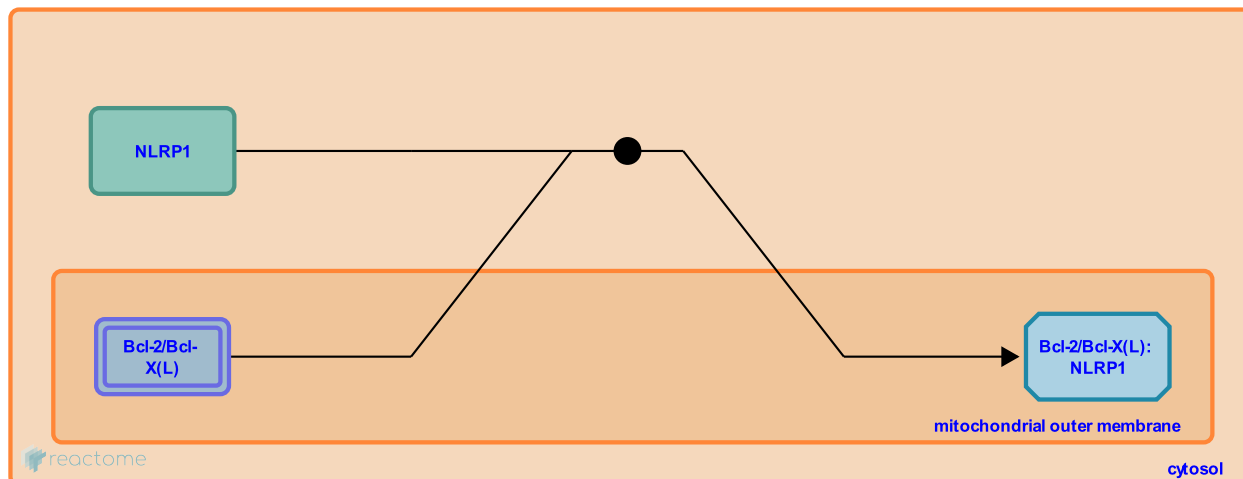
Bcl-2 and Bcl-XL bind NLRP1 ↗

Location: [The NLRP1 inflammasome](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-879201

Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol, mitochondrial outer membrane



The anti-apoptotic proteins Bcl-2 and Bcl-XL (but not Mcl-1, Bcl-W, Bfl-1 or Bcl-B) bind to NLRP1, preventing MDP-induced activation.

Literature references

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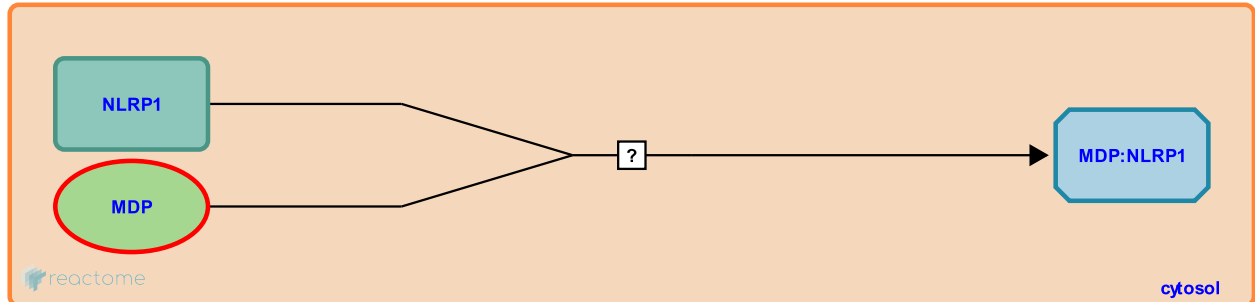
NLRP1 senses MDP [↗](#)

Location: [The NLRP1 inflammasome](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-844447

Type: uncertain

Compartments: cytosol



In vitro studies using purified NLRP1 and caspase-1 suggest that MDP induces a conformational change in NLRP1 that allows it to bind nucleotides and oligomerize, creating a binding platform for caspase-1 (Faustin et al. 2008). There is no direct evidence that NLRP1 binds MDP so the mechanism that stimulates NLRP1 is unclear.

Followed by: [MDP:NLRP1 binds ATP](#)

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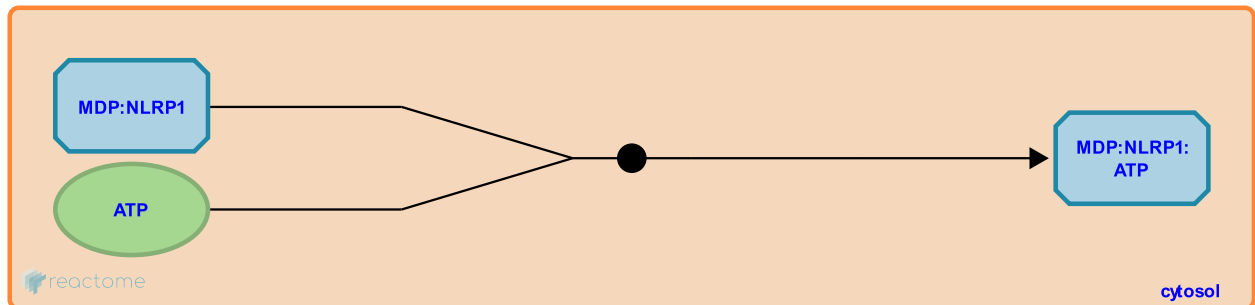
MDP:NLRP1 binds ATP [↗](#)

Location: [The NLRP1 inflammasome](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-879222

Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol



MDP may induce a conformational change in NLRP1 which enables ATP binding, required for NLRP1 oligomerization (Faustin et al. 2007).

Preceded by: [NLRP1 senses MDP](#)

Followed by: [NLRP1 oligomerizes](#)

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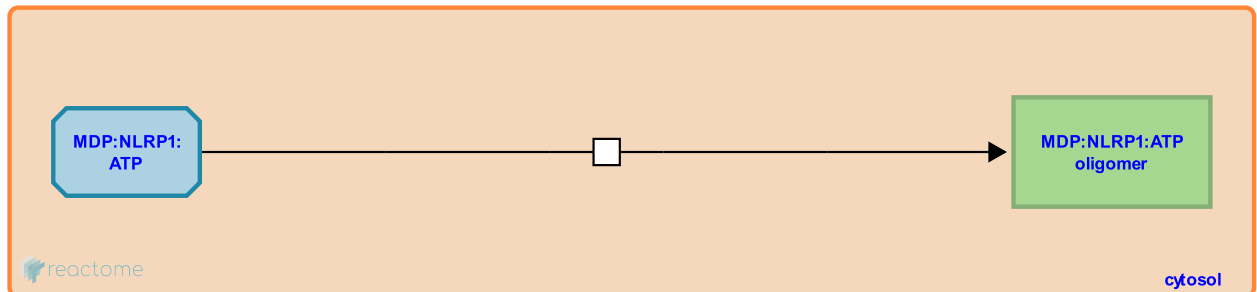
NLRP1 oligomerizes ↗

Location: [The NLRP1 inflammasome](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-844438

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



NLRP1 in the presence of Mg^{2+} was seen to have altered electrophoretic mobility when MDP was added. This was interpreted as evidence of NLRP1 oligomerization. The extent of oligomerization is unknown.

Preceded by: [MDP:NLRP1 binds ATP](#)

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