

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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Turner et al. 1998). TFAP2A, TFAP2C, as well as TFAP2B can directly stimulate the expression of ERBB2, another important breast cancer gene (Bosher et al. 1996). Association of TFAP2A with the YY1 transcription factor significantly increases the ERBB2 transcription rate (Begon et al. 2005). In addition to ERBB2, the expression of another receptor tyrosine kinase, KIT, is also stimulated by TFAP2A and TFAP2B (Huang et al. 1998), while the expression of the VEGF receptor tyrosine kinase ligand VEGFA is repressed by TFAP2A (Ruiz et al. 2004, Li et al. 2012). TFAP2A stimulates transcription of the transforming growth factor alpha (TGFA) gene (Wang et al. 1997). TFAP2C regulates EGFR in luminal breast cancer (De Andrade et al. 2016).

TFAP2C plays a critical role in maintaining the luminal phenotype in human breast cancer and in influencing the luminal cell phenotype during normal mammary development (Cyr et al. 2015).

In placenta, TFAP2A and TFAP2C directly stimulate transcription of both subunits of the human chorionic gonadotropin, CGA and CGB (Johnson et al. 1997, LiCalsi et al. 2000).

TFAP2A and/or TFAP2C, in complex with CITED2, stimulate transcription of the PITX2 gene, involved in left-right patterning and heart development (Bamforth et al. 2004, Li et al. 2012).

TFAP2A and TFAP2C play opposing roles in transcriptional regulation of the CDKN1A (p21) gene locus. While TFAP2A stimulates transcription of the CDKN1A cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor (Zeng et al. 1997, Williams et al. 2009, Scibetta et al. 2010), TFAP2C represses CDKN1A transcription (Williams et al. 2009, Scibetta et al. 2010, Wong et al. 2012). Transcription of the TFAP2A gene may be inhibited by CREB and E2F1 (Melnikova et al. 2010).

For review of the AP-2 family of transcription factors, please refer to Eckert et al. 2005.

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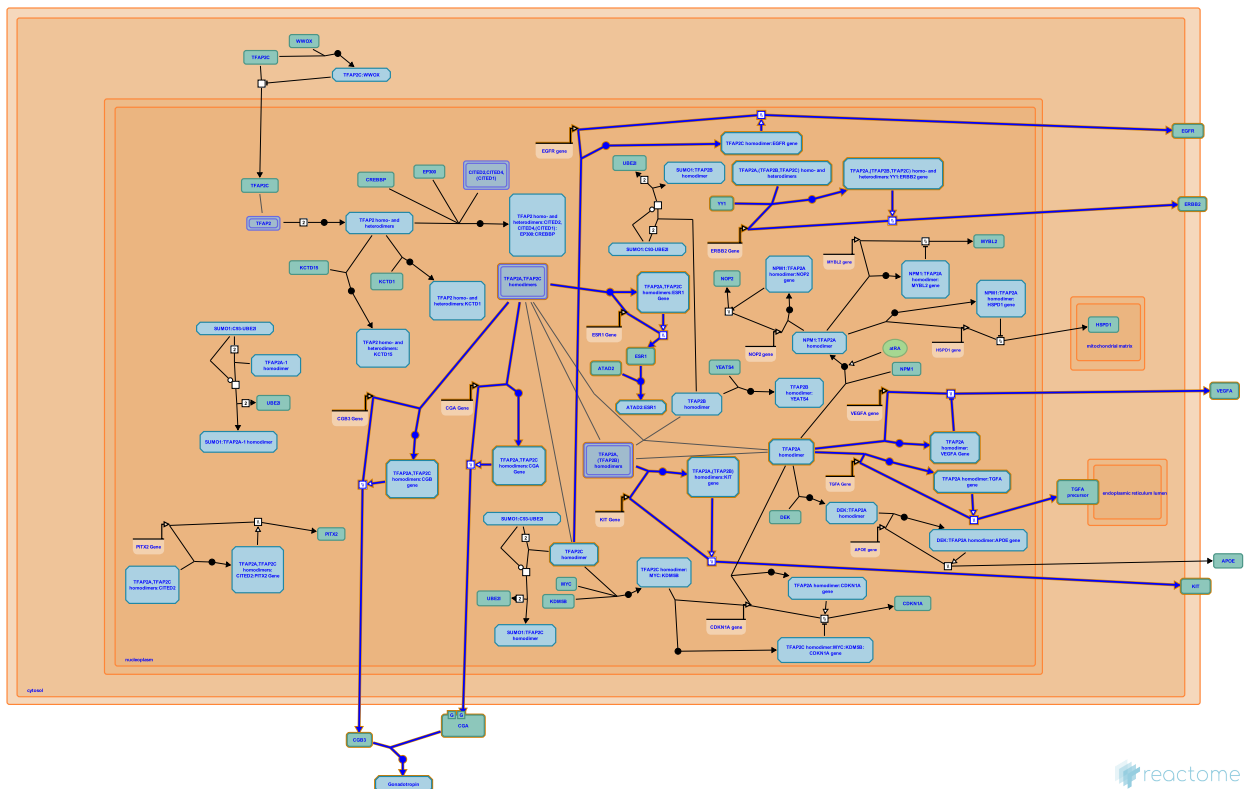
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TFAP2 (AP-2) family regulates transcription of growth factors and their receptors ↗

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TFAP2A and TFAP2C directly stimulate transcription of the estrogen receptor ESR1 gene (McPherson and Weigel 1999). TFAP2A expression correlates with ESR1 expression in breast cancer, and TFAP2C is frequently overexpressed in estrogen-positive breast cancer and endometrial cancer (deConinck et al. 1995, Turner et al. 1998). TFAP2A, TFAP2C, as well as TFAP2B can directly stimulate the expression of ERBB2, another important breast cancer gene (Bosher et al. 1996). Association of TFAP2A with the YY1 transcription factor significantly increases the ERBB2 transcription rate (Begon et al. 2005). In addition to ERBB2, the expression of another receptor tyrosine kinase, KIT, is also stimulated by TFAP2A and TFAP2B (Huang et al. 1998), while the expression of the VEGF receptor tyrosine kinase ligand VEGFA is repressed by TFAP2A (Ruiz et al. 2004, Li et al. 2012). TFAP2A stimulates transcription of the transforming growth factor alpha (TGFA) gene (Wang et al. 1997). TFAP2C regulates EGFR expression in luminal breast cancer (De Andrade et al. 2016). In placenta, TFAP2A and TFAP2C directly stimulate transcription of both subunits of the human chorionic gonadotropin, CGA and CGB (Johnson et al. 1997, LiCalsi et al. 2000).

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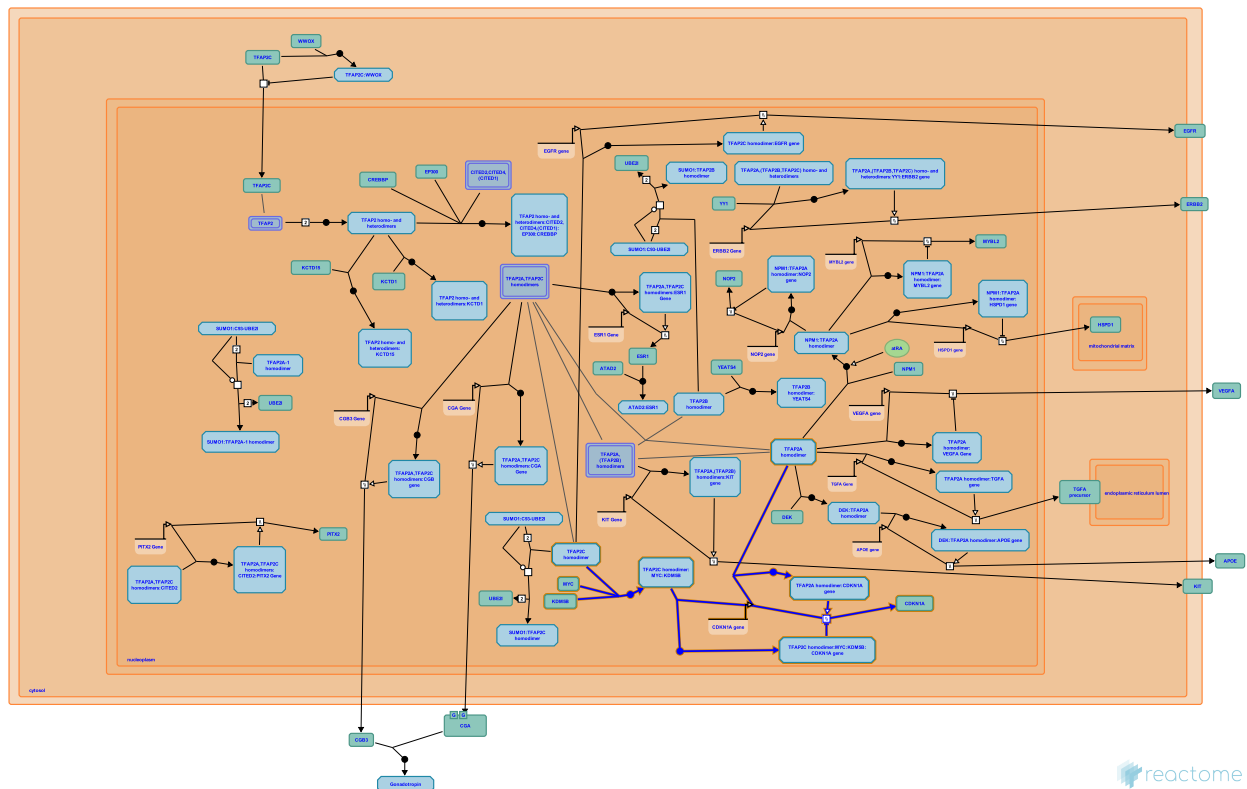
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TFAP2 (AP-2) family regulates transcription of cell cycle factors ↗

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TFAP2A and TFAP2C play opposing roles in transcriptional regulation of the CDKN1A (p21) gene locus. While TFAP2A stimulates transcription of the CDKN1A cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor (Zeng et al. 1997, Williams et al. 2009, Scibetta et al. 2010), TFAP2C, in cooperation with MYC and histone demethylase KDM5B, represses CDKN1A transcription (Williams et al. 2009, Scibetta et al. 2010, Wong et al. 2012).

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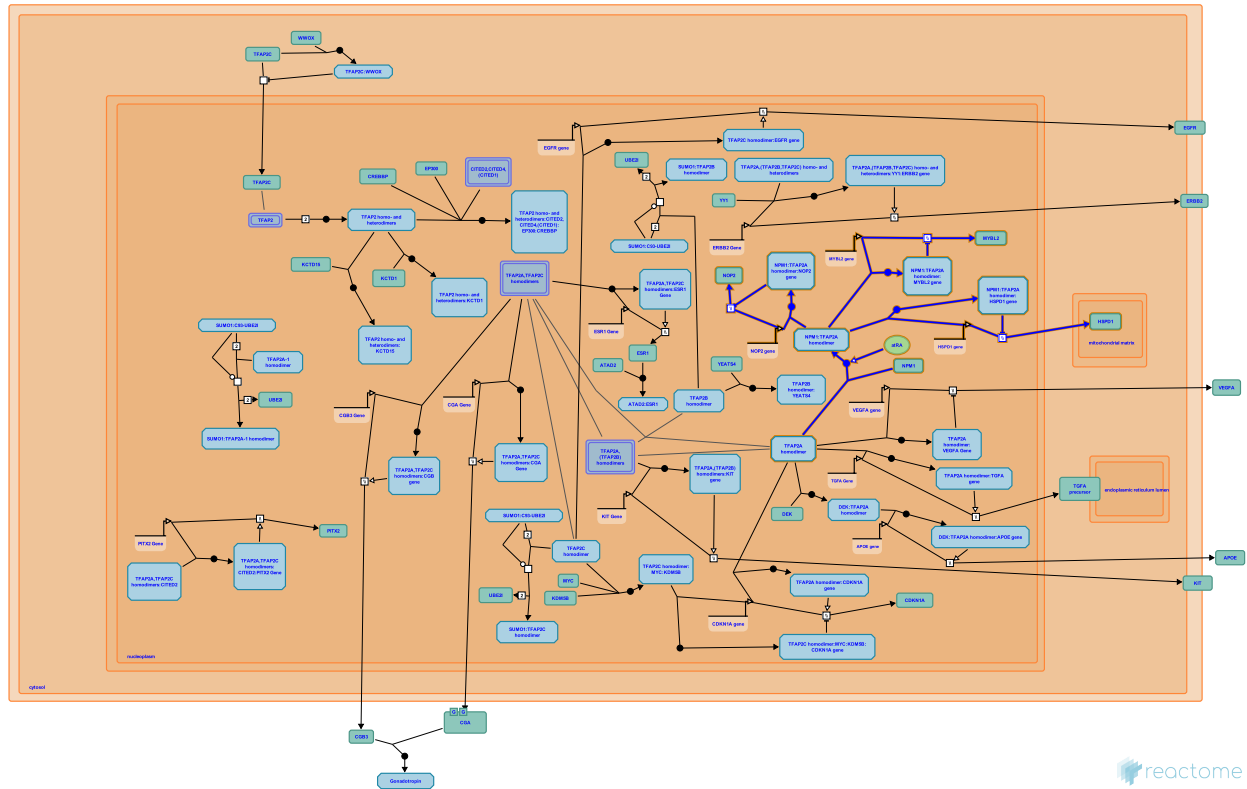
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TFAP2A acts as a transcriptional repressor during retinoic acid induced cell differentiation [↗](#)

Location: Transcriptional regulation by the AP-2 (TFAP2) family of transcription factors

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Compartments: nucleoplasm



During retinoic acid-induced cell differentiation, TFAP2A, in complex with NPM1 (nucleophosmin), represses transcription of HSPD1 (Hsp60), NOP2 (p120) and MYBL2 (b-Myb). The repression of gene expression probably involves the recruitment of histone deacetylases HDAC1 and HDCA2 to target promoters by NPM1. The complex of TFAP2A and NPM1 can also be detected at the NPM1 promoter, which is in agreement with decreased NPM1 expression after retinoic acid treatment. The level of TFAP2A increases in response to the retinoic acid treatment (Liu et al. 2007). NOP2 and MYBL2 are both proliferation markers (Valdez et al. 1992, Saville and Watson 1998).

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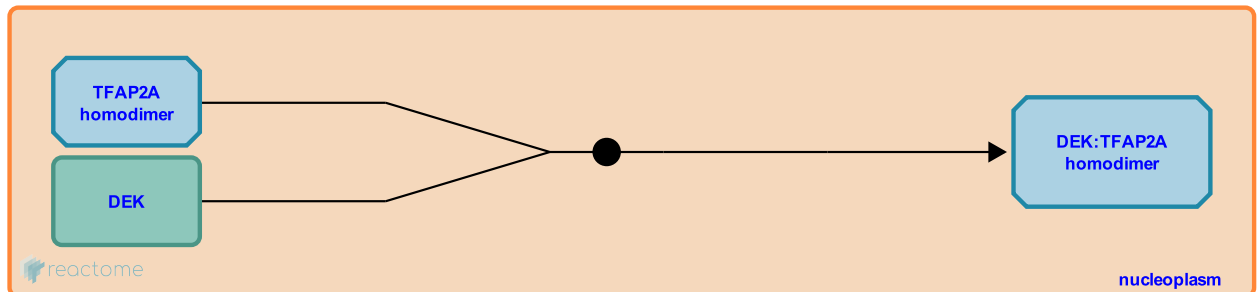
DEK binds TFAP2A homodimers [↗](#)

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Type: binding

Compartments: nucleoplasm



DEK forms a complex with TFAP2A homodimers (Campillos et al. 2003).

Followed by: [TFAP2A in complex with DEK binds the APOE gene promoter](#)

Literature references

Campillos, M., García, MA., Valdivieso, F., Vázquez, J. (2003). Transcriptional activation by AP-2alpha is modulated by the oncogene DEK. *Nucleic Acids Res.*, 31, 1571-5. [↗](#)

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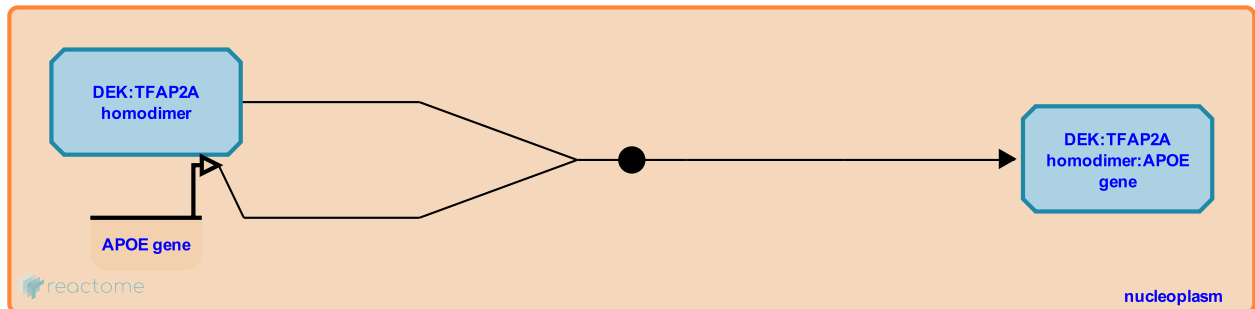
TFAP2A in complex with DEK binds the APOE gene promoter ↗

Location: [Transcriptional regulation by the AP-2 \(TFAP2\) family of transcription factors](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-8869575

Type: binding

Compartments: nucleoplasm



DEK is recruited to the APOE gene promoter via its interaction with the TFAP2A (AP-2 alpha) homodimer. In the presence of DEK, TFAP2A associates with the APOE promoter more tightly (Campillos et al. 2003). Binding of TFAP2A to the APOE gene promoter may be stimulated by PKA-mediated phosphorylation of TFAP2A (Garcia et al. 1999).

Preceded by: [DEK binds TFAP2A homodimers](#)

Followed by: [The APOE gene transcription is stimulated by the complex of TFAP2A homodimer and DEK](#)

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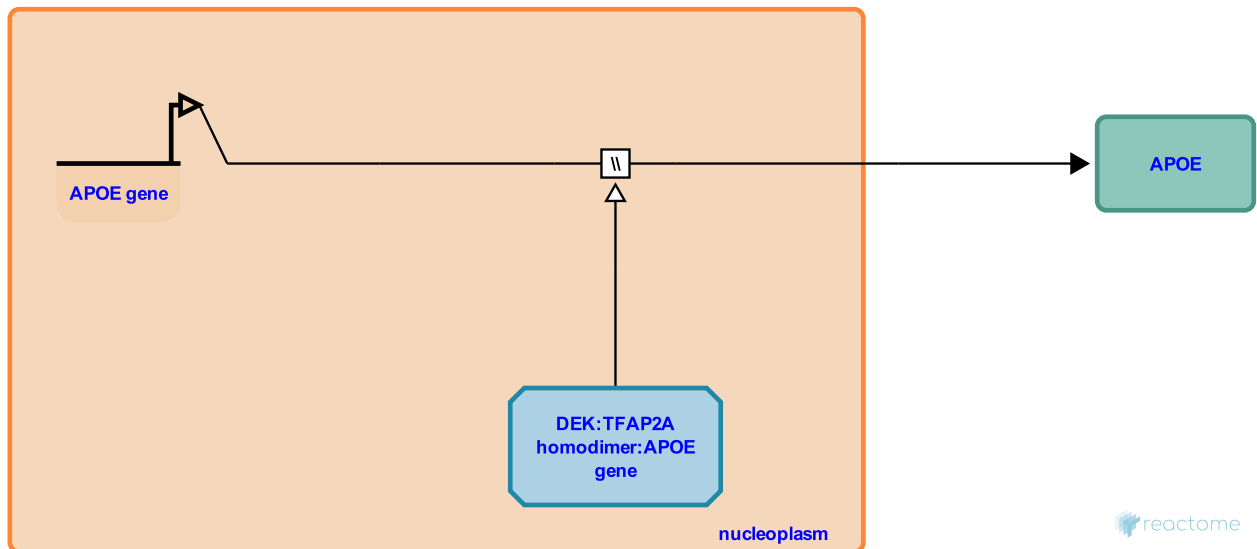
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Type: omitted

Compartments: nucleoplasm



The complex of TFAP2A homodimer and DEK stimulates transcription of the APOE gene (Campillos et al. 2003).

Preceded by: [TFAP2A in complex with DEK binds the APOE gene promoter](#)

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Campillos, M., García, MA., Valdivieso, F., Vázquez, J. (2003). Transcriptional activation by AP-2alpha is modulated by the oncogene DEK. *Nucleic Acids Res.*, 31, 1571-5. ↗

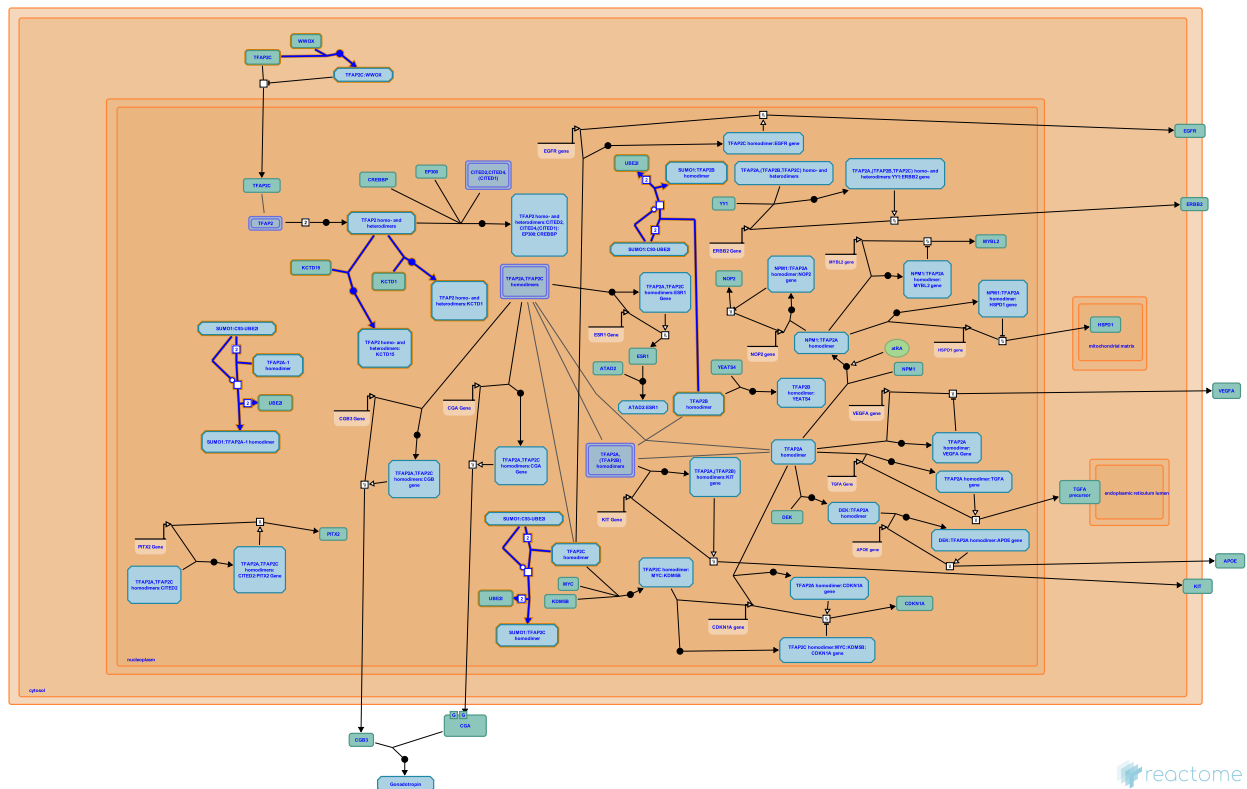
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Negative regulation of activity of TFAP2 (AP-2) family transcription factors ↗

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Transcriptional activity of TFAP2 (AP-2) transcription factor family homo- and heterodimers is inhibited by binding of KCTD1 or KCTD15 to the AP-2 transactivation domain (Ding et al. 2009, Zarelli and Dawid 2013). Transcriptional activity of TFAP2A, TFAP2B and TFAP2C is also negatively regulated by SUMOylation mediated by UBE2I (UBC9) (Eloranta and Hurst 2002, Berlato et al. 2011, Impens et al. 2014, Bogachek et al. 2014). Binding of the tumor suppressor WWOX to TFAP2C inhibits TFAP2C translocation to the nucleus (Aqeilan et al. 2004). Transcription of the TFAP2A gene may be inhibited by CREB and E2F1 (Melnikova et al. 2010).

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