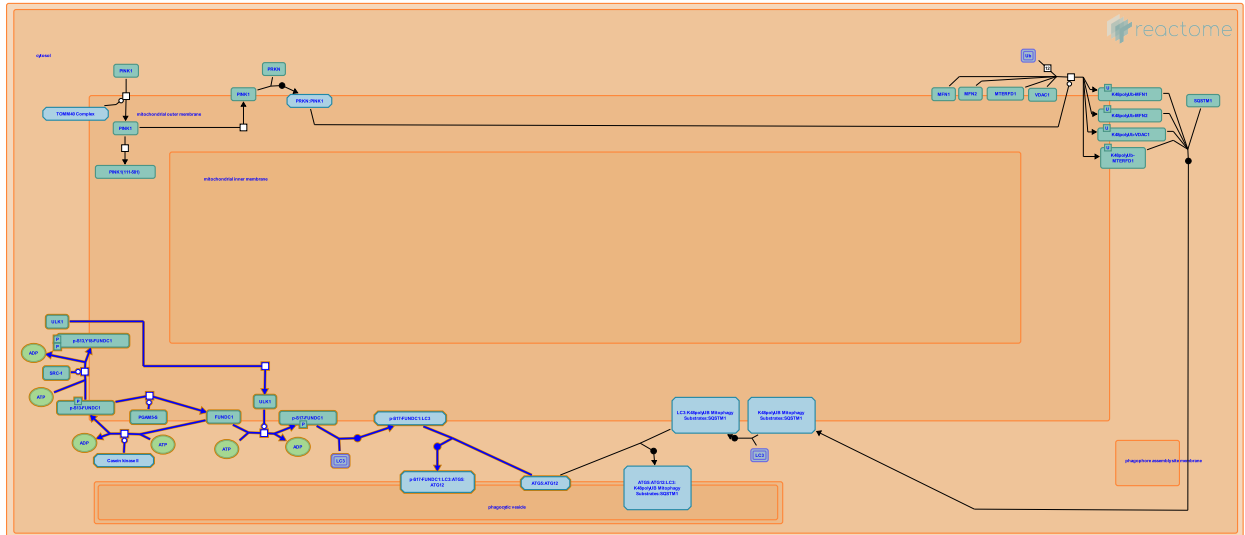


Receptor Mediated Mitophagy



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Introduction

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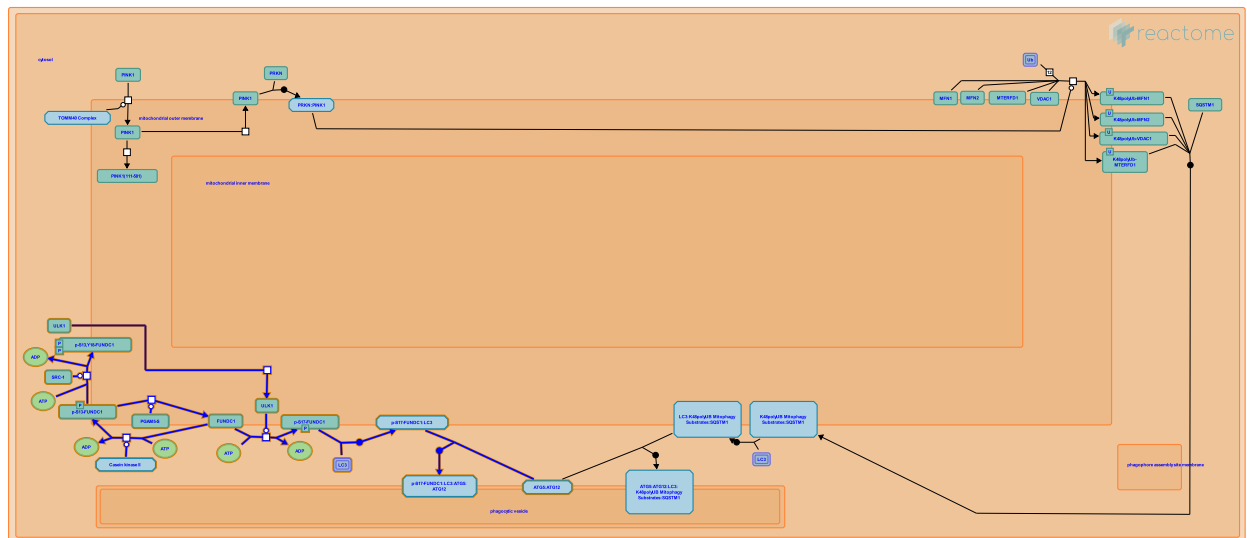
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Receptor Mediated Mitophagy [↗](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-8934903

Compartments: cytosol



Mitochondrial autophagy in mammalian cells was first observed in glucagon-stimulated hepatocytes. The mechanisms of mitophagy in mammalian cells remain unclear. Oxidative stress and mPTP are involved in the initiation of mitophagy. Receptor mediated mitophagy links both cellular differentiation signals and markers of mitochondrial function to LC3 and Atg32, scaffold proteins important for cargo selection and autophagosome formation. These scaffold proteins recruit other autophagy proteins to form the autophagosomes; destroying and recycling mitochondria.

Mitophagy receptors have to meet at least three criteria: 1) it must be mitochondrially localized, 2) it must interact with LC3/ ATG8 in response to a certain stimulus, and 3) it must have a consensus sequence of W/F/YxxL/I known as the LIR motif. This tetrapeptide sequence is present in several Atg8 or LC3-binding partners that are important for selective autophagy.

FUNDC1-mediated mitophagy is inhibited by its phosphorylation at the Tyr 18 position in the LIR motif by Src kinase under normoxia conditions. Upon hypoxia stimulation, Src is inactivated and FUNDC1 at the Tyr 18 position is dephosphorylated by an unknown phosphatase, resulting in an increase of the interaction between FUNDC1 and LC3-II, leading to the selective incorporation and autophagic removal of the mitochondrion.

The outer mitochondrial membrane protein NIX/BNIP3L is involved in autophagic turnover of mitochondria in reticulocytes, a process essential for red blood cell maturation [43]. The mechanism through which NIX senses signals from red blood cell differentiation is unclear. Phosphorylation of serine residues 17 and 24 flanking the BNIP3 LIR promotes binding to specific LC3 family members LC3B and GATE-16 and increases lysosomal destruction of mitochondria.

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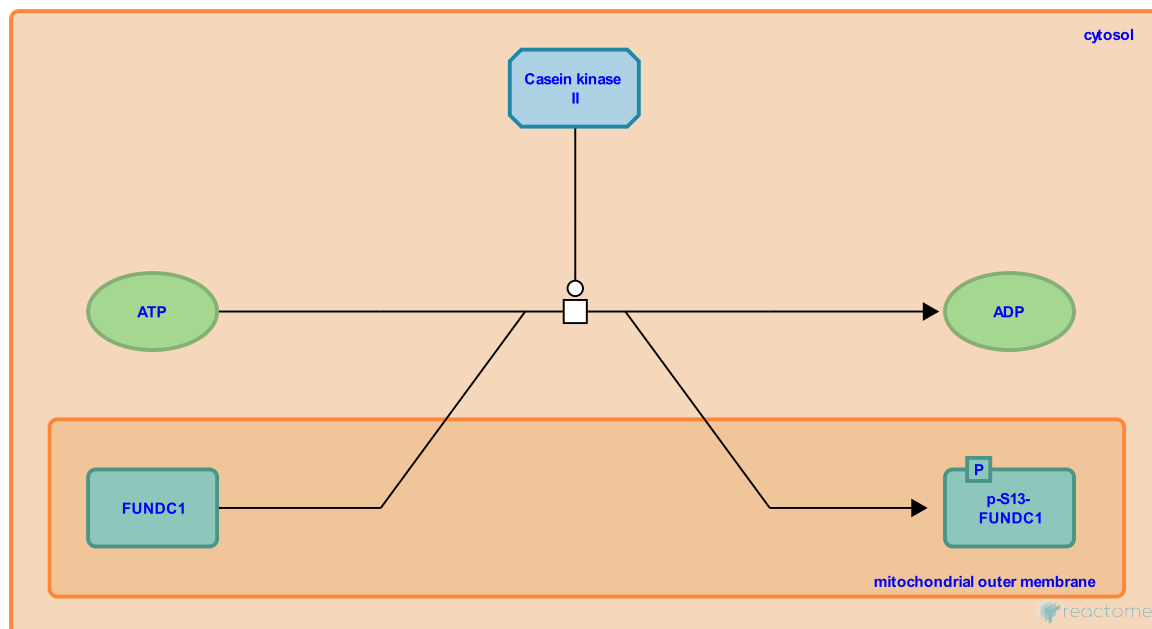
FUNDC1 is phosphorylated by CK2 ↗

Location: [Receptor Mediated Mitophagy](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-8948039

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



FUNDC1-mediated mitophagy is inhibited by its phosphorylation at the Serine 13 positions in the LIR motif by CK2kinase under normoxia conditions. These phosphorylation events insure that FUNDC1 cannot bind LC3.

Preceded by: [p-S13-FUNDC1 is dephosphorylated by PGAM5](#)

Followed by: [p-S13, FUNDC1 is phosphorylated by CK2 at Tyr18](#), [p-S13-FUNDC1 is dephosphorylated by PGAM5](#)

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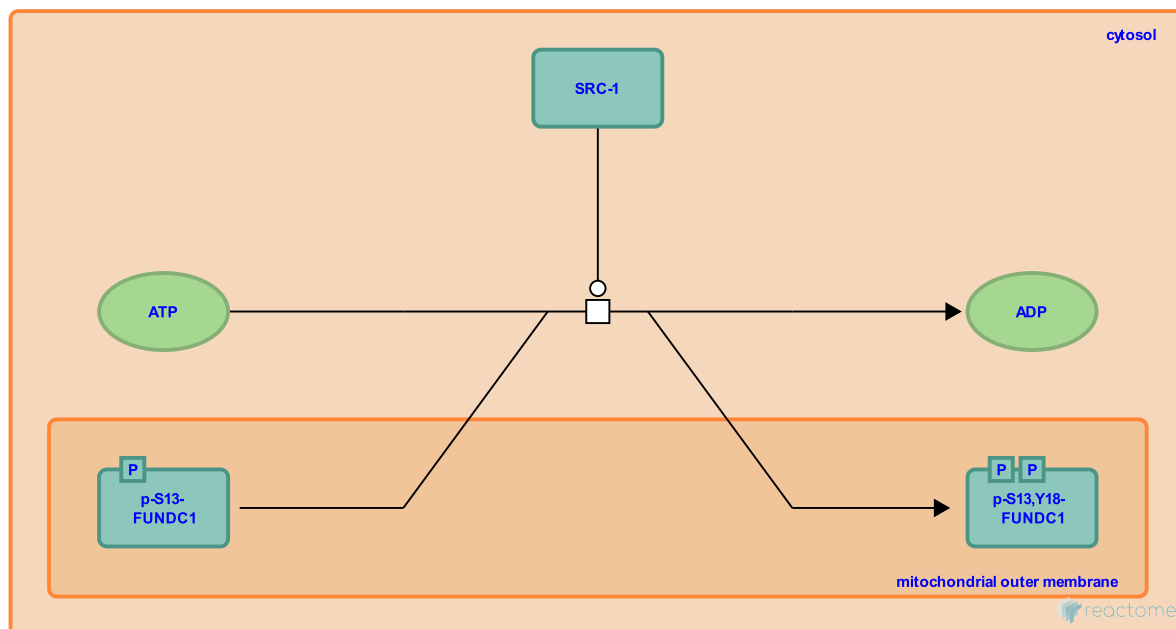
p-S13, FUNDC1 is phosphorylated by CK2 at Tyr18 ↗

Location: [Receptor Mediated Mitophagy](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-8948143

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



FUNDC1-mediated mitophagy is inhibited by its phosphorylation at the Tyr 18 position in the LIR motif by Src kinase under normoxia conditions. These phosphorylation events insure that FUNDC1 cannot bind LC3.

Preceded by: [FUNDC1 is phosphorylated by CK2](#)

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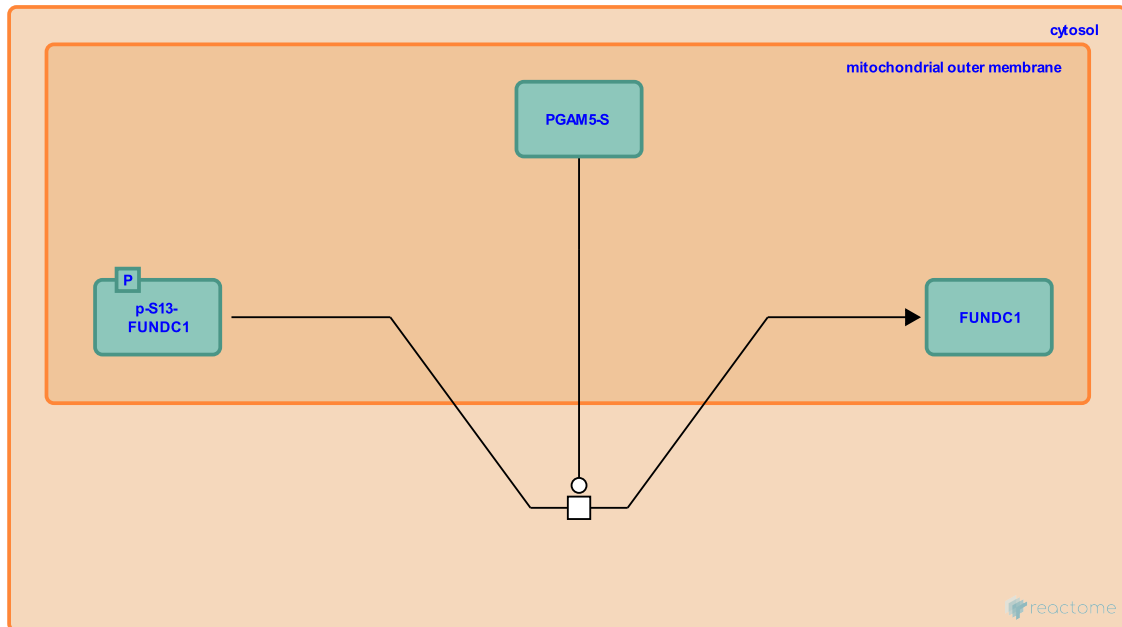
p-S13-FUNDC1 is dephosphorylated by PGAM5 ↗

Location: [Receptor Mediated Mitophagy](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-8948139

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



Mitochondria are selectively removed by interactions between LC3 and the FUNDC1 mitophagy receptor which harbors an LC3-interacting region (LIR). When mitochondrial stresses are sensed mitochondrially localized PGAM5 phosphatase interacts with and dephosphorylates FUNDC1 at serine 13 (Ser-13) upon hypoxia.

Preceded by: [FUNDC1 is phosphorylated by CK2](#)

Followed by: [FUNDC1 is phosphorylated by ULK1 at Ser17](#), [FUNDC1 is phosphorylated by CK2](#)

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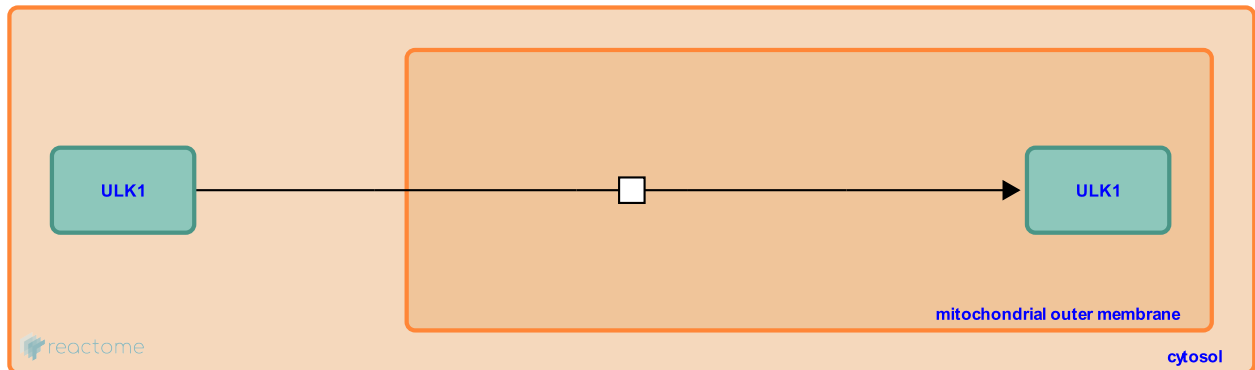
ULK1 Translocates to the mitochondria ↗

Location: [Receptor Mediated Mitophagy](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-8948136

Type: transition

Compartments: mitochondrial outer membrane



ULK1 is critical for the induction of autophagy, translocating to fragmented mitochondria upon mitophagy induction by either hypoxia or mitochondrial uncouplers. At mitochondria, ULK1 interacts with FUNDC1.

Followed by: [FUNDC1 is phosphorylated by ULK1 at Ser17](#)

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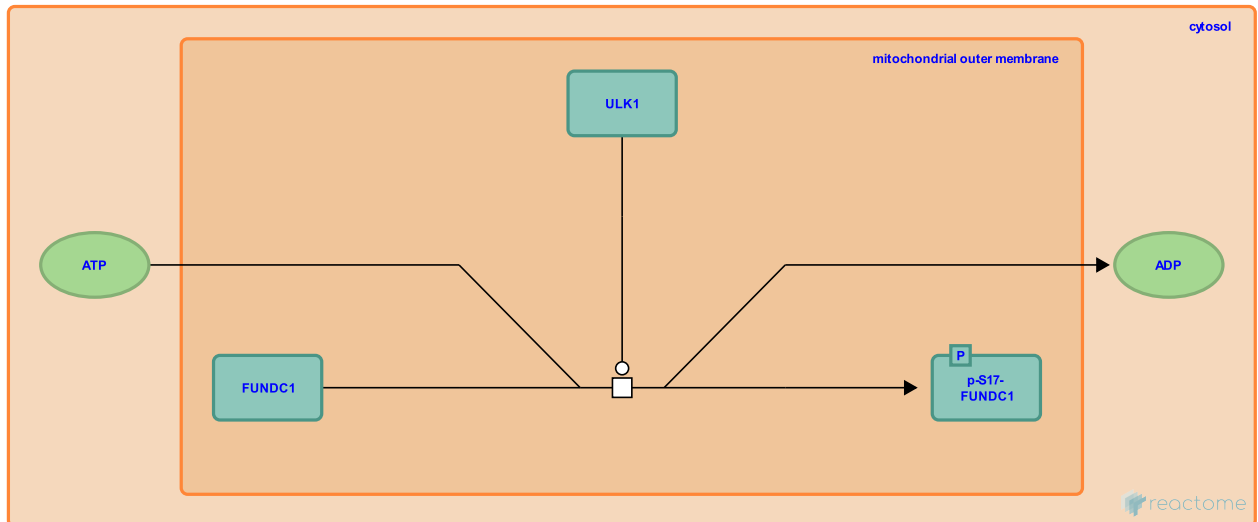
FUNDC1 is phosphorylated by ULK1 at Ser17 [↗](#)

Location: [Receptor Mediated Mitophagy](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-8948146

Type: transition

Compartments: mitochondrial outer membrane



At mitochondria, ULK1 interacts with FUNDC1, phosphorylating it at serine 17, which enhances FUNDC1 binding to LC3. FUNDC1 regulates ULK1 recruitment to damaged mitochondria; FUNDC1 phosphorylation by ULK1 is crucial for mitophagy.

Preceded by: [p-S13-FUNDC1 is dephosphorylated by PGAM5, ULK1 Translocates to the mitochondria](#)

Followed by: [Phosphorylated FUNDC1 links damaged mitochondria to LC3](#)

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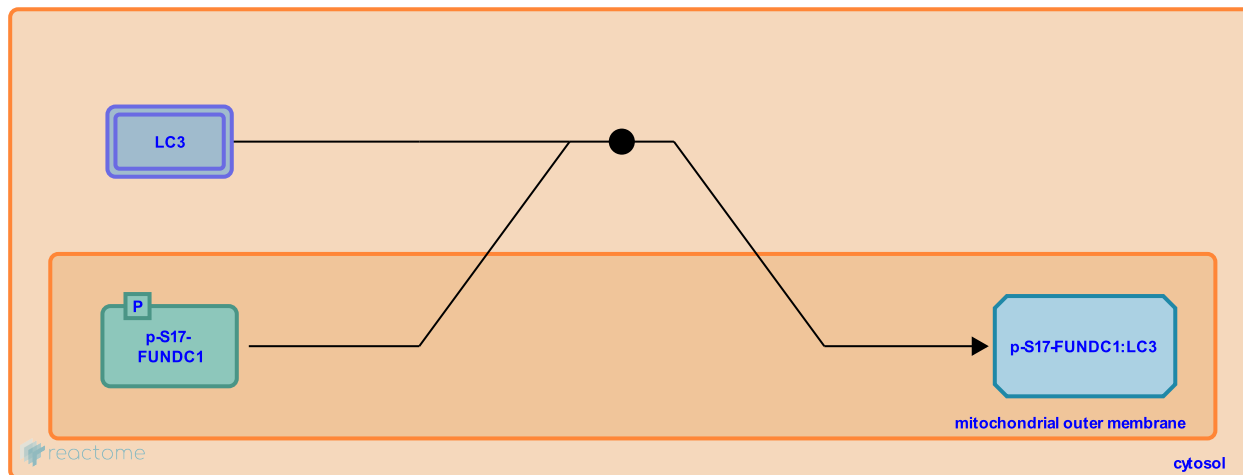
Phosphorylated FUNDC1 links damaged mitochondria to LC3 [↗](#)

Location: [Receptor Mediated Mitophagy](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-8959573

Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol



s17 Phosphorylated FUNDC1 links to the microtubule-associated protein Autophagy marker Light Chain 3 (LC3). This begins the recruitment of the autophagy machinery to the damaged mitochondria, targeting it for autophagic degradation.

Preceded by: [FUNDC1 is phosphorylated by ULK1 at Ser17](#)

Followed by: [LC3 binds the autophagosome membrane Atg5-Atg12 complex](#)

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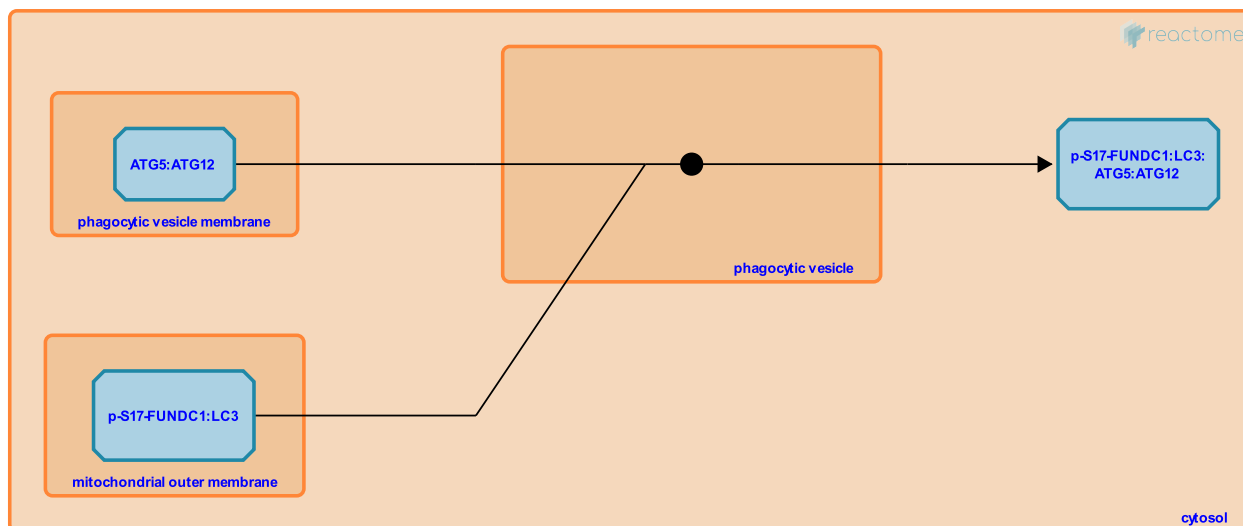
LC3 binds the autophagosome membrane Atg5-Atg12 complex ↗

Location: [Receptor Mediated Mitophagy](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-8959571

Type: binding

Compartments: phagocytic vesicle



The mitochondrion is engulfed after elongation of the isolation membrane. Once the autophagosome is formed, its outer membrane fuses with lysosomes to form the autolysosome. The lysosomal hydrolases (cathepsins and lipases) ultimately degrade the damaged mitochondrion and its associated proteins.

Preceded by: [Phosphorylated FUNDC1 links damaged mitochondria to LC3](#)

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