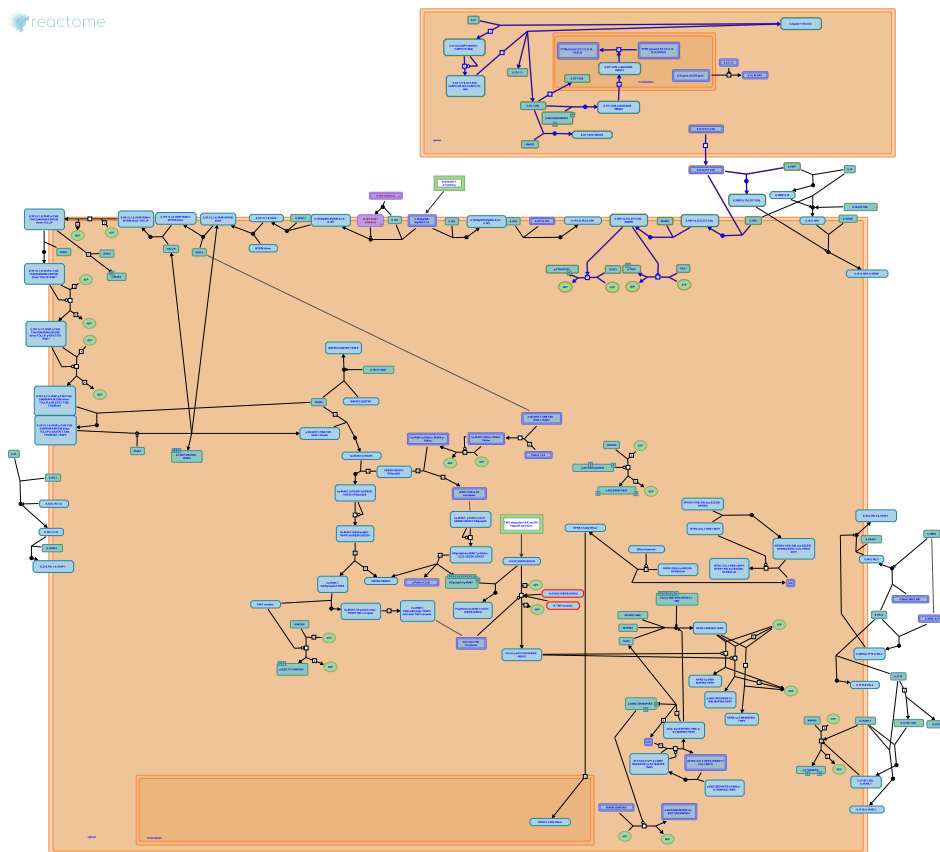


# Interleukin-37 signaling



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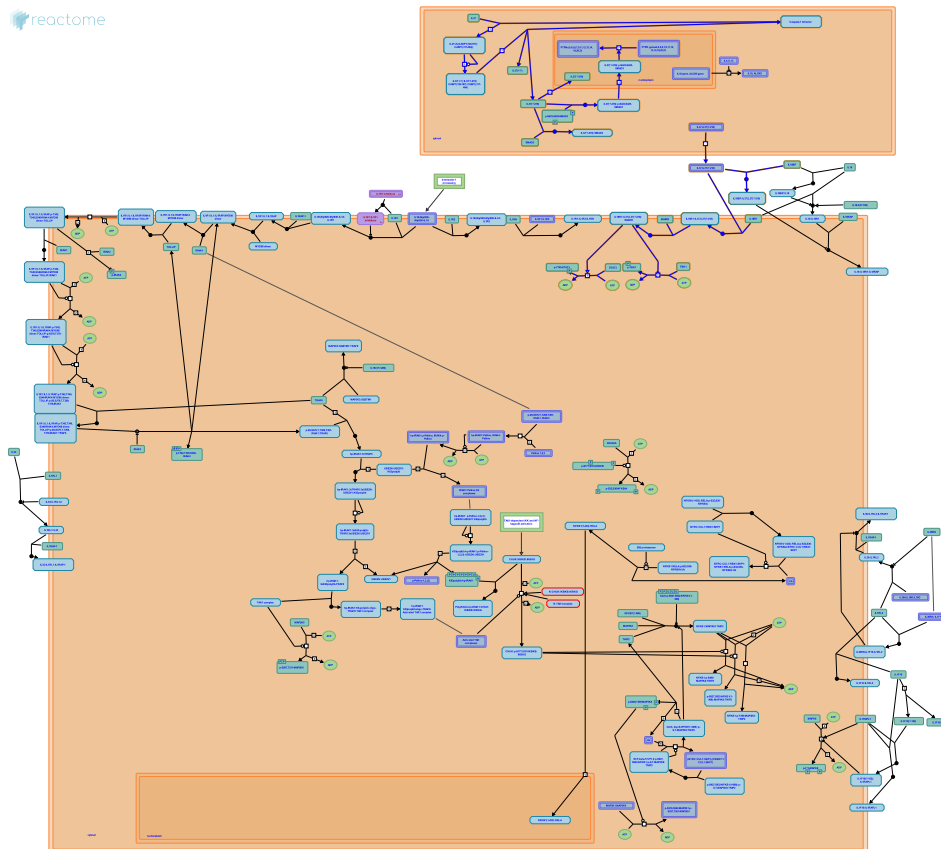
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## Interleukin-37 signaling ↗

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9008059

**Compartments:** cytosol, plasma membrane, extracellular region



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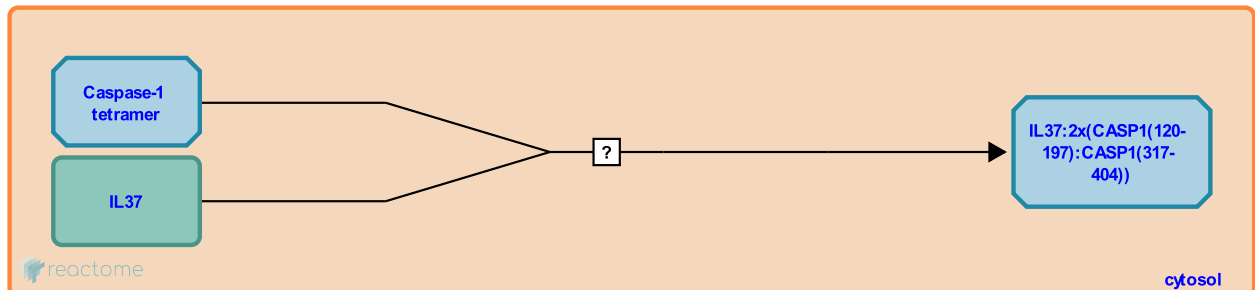
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**Location:** [Interleukin-37 signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9012542

**Type:** uncertain

**Compartments:** cytosol



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**Preceded by:** [IL37\(1-?\)](#) and [IL37 \(?-\)](#) dissociates from [IL37\(1-?\):IL37\(?-218\):CASP1\(120-197\):CASP1\(317-404\)](#)

**Followed by:** [IL37:2x\(CASP1\(120-197\):CASP1\(317-404\)\)](#) cleaves [IL37](#)

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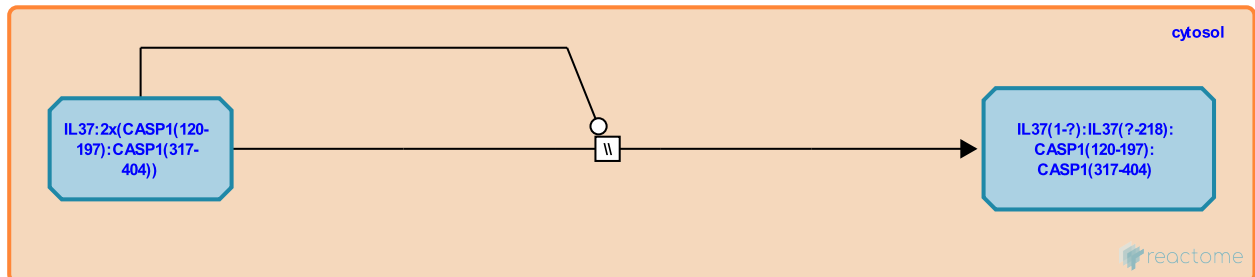
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**Location:** [Interleukin-37 signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9012556

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**Compartments:** cytosol



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**Preceded by:** [IL37 binds 2x\(CASP1\(120-197\):CASP1\(317-404\)\)](#)

**Followed by:** [IL37\(1-?\) and IL37\(?-\) dissociates from IL37\(1-?\):IL37\(?-218\):CASP1\(120-197\):CASP1\(317-404\)](#)

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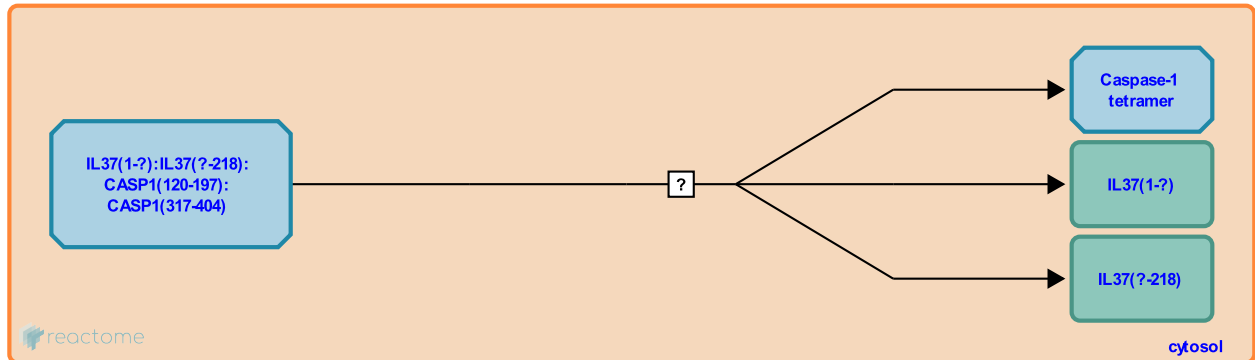
## IL37(1-?) and IL37 (?-218) dissociates from IL37(1-?):IL37(?-218):CASP1(120-197):CASP1(317-404) ↗

**Location:** [Interleukin-37 signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9012689

**Type:** uncertain

**Compartments:** cytosol



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**Preceded by:** [IL37:2x\(CASP1\(120-197\):CASP1\(317-404\)\) cleaves IL37](#)

**Followed by:** [IL37\(?-218\) binds SMAD3](#), [IL37\(?-218\) translocates from the cytosol to the nucleus](#), [IL37\(?-218\) binds p-S423,S425-SMAD3](#), [IL37, IL37\(?-218\) translocates from cytosol to extracellular region](#), [IL37 binds 2x\(CASP1\(120-197\):CASP1\(317-404\)\)](#)

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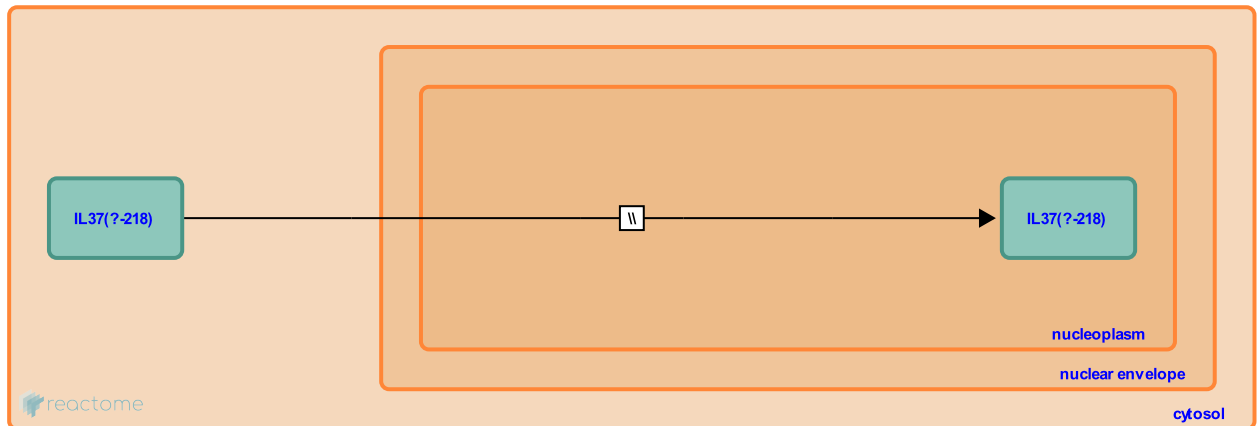
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**Location:** [Interleukin-37 signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9008696

**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm, cytosol



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**Preceded by:** [IL37\(1-?\)](#) and [IL37 \(?-\)](#) dissociates from [IL37\(1-?\):IL37\(?-218\):CASP1\(120-197\):CASP1\(317-404\)](#)

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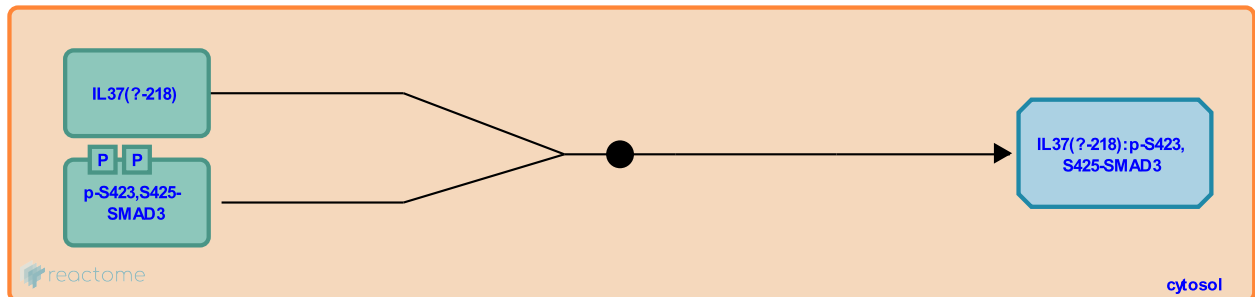
## IL37(?-218) binds p-S423,S425-SMAD3 ↗

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**Compartments:** cytosol



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**Preceded by:** [IL37\(1-?\)](#) and [IL37 \(?-\)](#) dissociates from [IL37\(1-?\):IL37\(?-218\):CASP1\(120-197\):CASP1\(317-404\)](#)

**Followed by:** [IL37\(?-218\) binds SMAD3](#), [IL37\(?-218\):p-S423,S425-SMAD3 translocates to the nucleus](#)

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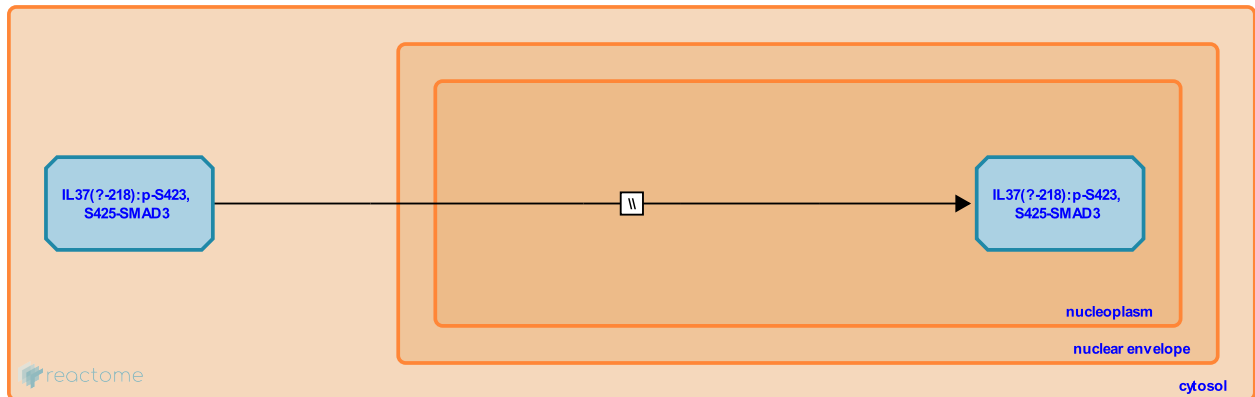
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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm, cytosol



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**Preceded by:** [IL37\(?-218\) binds p-S423,S425-SMAD3](#)

**Followed by:** [PTPNs gene transcription and translation](#)

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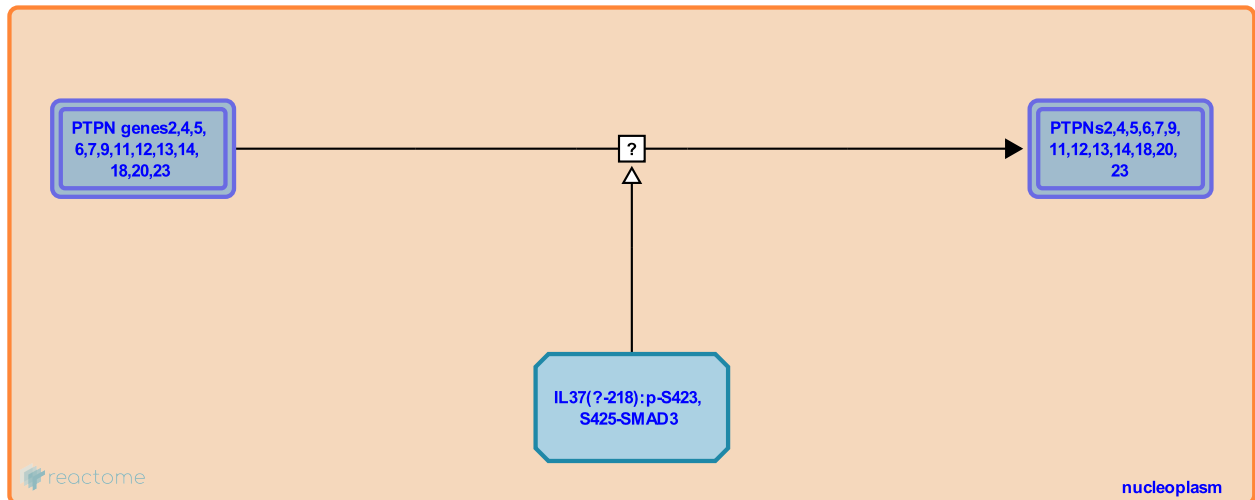
## PTPNs gene transcription and translation ↗

**Location:** [Interleukin-37 signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9008894

**Type:** uncertain

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



Tyrosine protein phosphatase non receptors (PTPNs) are a family of enzymes that act in coordination with protein tyrosine kinases to control various signalling pathways downstream. This event represents the transcription and translation of the PTPN set comprising the members: 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 20 and 23. This event is positively regulated by IL-37b(? 218):SMAD3 and promotes dephosphorylation and suppression of the activation of tyrosine phosphorylation-dependent signaling pathways such as ERK, p38 MAPK, JNK, PI3K, NF- $\kappa$ B, and STAT3 pathways. (Luo et al., 2017).

**Preceded by:** [IL37\(?-218\):p-S423,S425-SMAD3 translocates to the nucleus](#)

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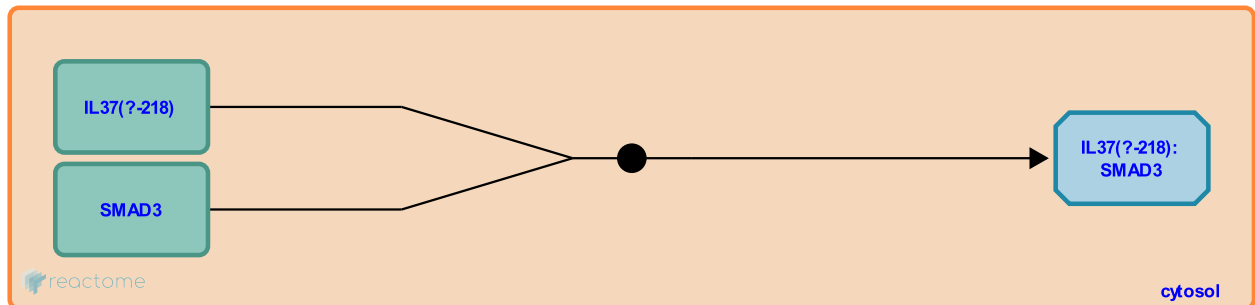
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**Location:** [Interleukin-37 signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9008692

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** cytosol



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**Preceded by:** [IL37\(?-218\) binds p-S423,S425-SMAD3](#), [IL37\(1-?\)](#) and [IL37 \(?- \) dissociates from IL37\(1-?\):IL37\(?-218\):CASP1\(120-197\):CASP1\(317-404\)](#)

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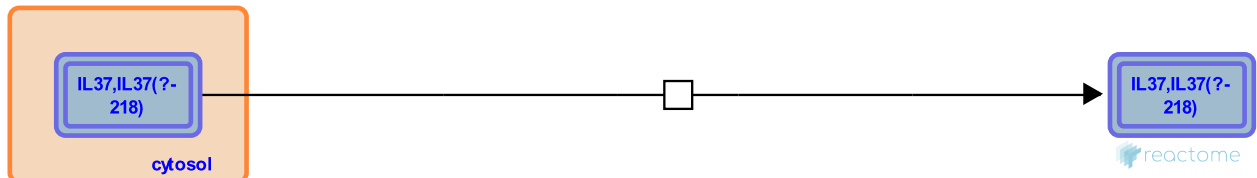
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**Preceded by:** [IL37\(1-?\)](#) and [IL37 \(?-\)](#) dissociates from [IL37\(1-?\):IL37\(?-218\):CASP1\(120-197\):CASP1\(317-404\)](#)

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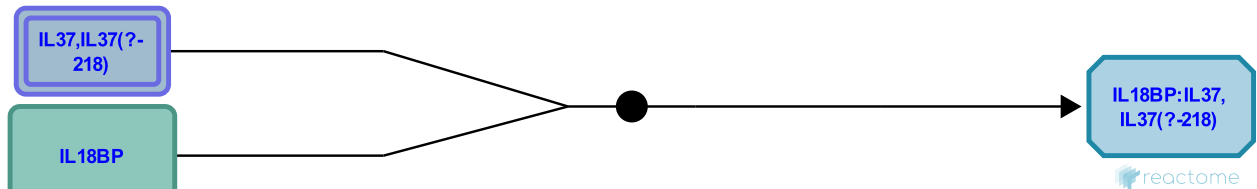
## IL37, IL37(?-218) binds IL18BP ↗

**Location:** [Interleukin-37 signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9008587

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** extracellular region



Interleukins (IL) are immunomodulatory proteins that elicit a wide array of responses in cells and tissues. Interleukin 37 (IL-37, IL-1 F7) is a member of the IL-1 family. There are five isoforms of IL-37 (a-e) of which transcript IL-37b is known to be functional (Sharma et al. 2008). This isoform is represented in UniProt as the canonical form of IL-37 and in Reactome as the full length, unprocessed form of IL-37. Like several other IL-1 family members, IL-37 is synthesized as a precursor that requires processing (primarily by caspase 1) to attain full receptor agonist or antagonist function. (Kumar et al. 2002). IL-18 binding protein (IL-18BP) binds IL-18 with high affinity inhibiting its activity (Kim et al. 2000). Both full length and processed IL-37 bind the third extracellular domain (D3) of IL-18BP. The binding of IL-18BP to IL-37 makes it unavailable for neutralization of IL-18 activity (Bufler et al. 2002). These events ultimately lead to suppression of cytokine production in several types of immune cells resulting in reduced inflammation.

**Preceded by:** [IL37, IL37\(?-218\) translocates from cytosol to extracellular region](#)

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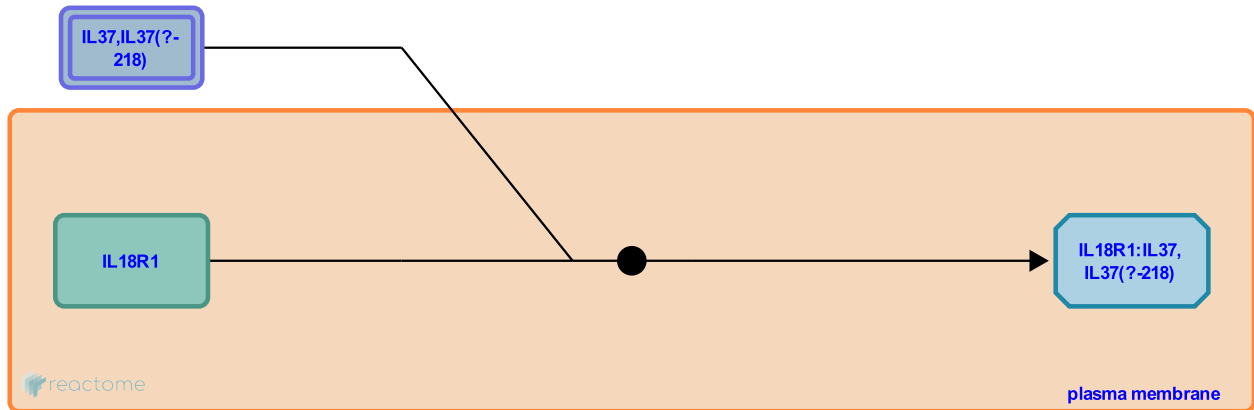
## IL37 binds IL18R1 ↗

**Location:** [Interleukin-37 signaling](#)

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**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, extracellular region



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**Preceded by:** [IL37, IL37\(?-218\) translocates from cytosol to extracellular region](#)

**Followed by:** [IL37:IL18R1 binds SIGIRR](#)

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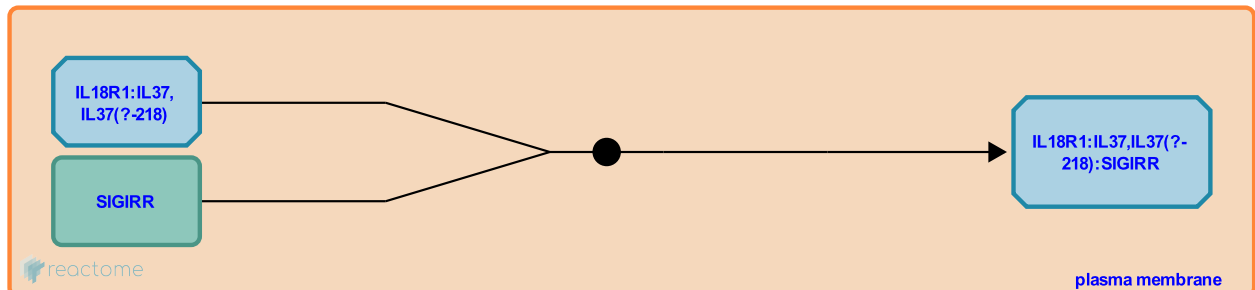
## IL37:IL18R1 binds SIGIRR ↗

**Location:** [Interleukin-37 signaling](#)

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**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane



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**Preceded by:** [IL37 binds IL18R1](#)

**Followed by:** [STAT3 phosphorylation](#), [TBK1 phosphorylation](#)

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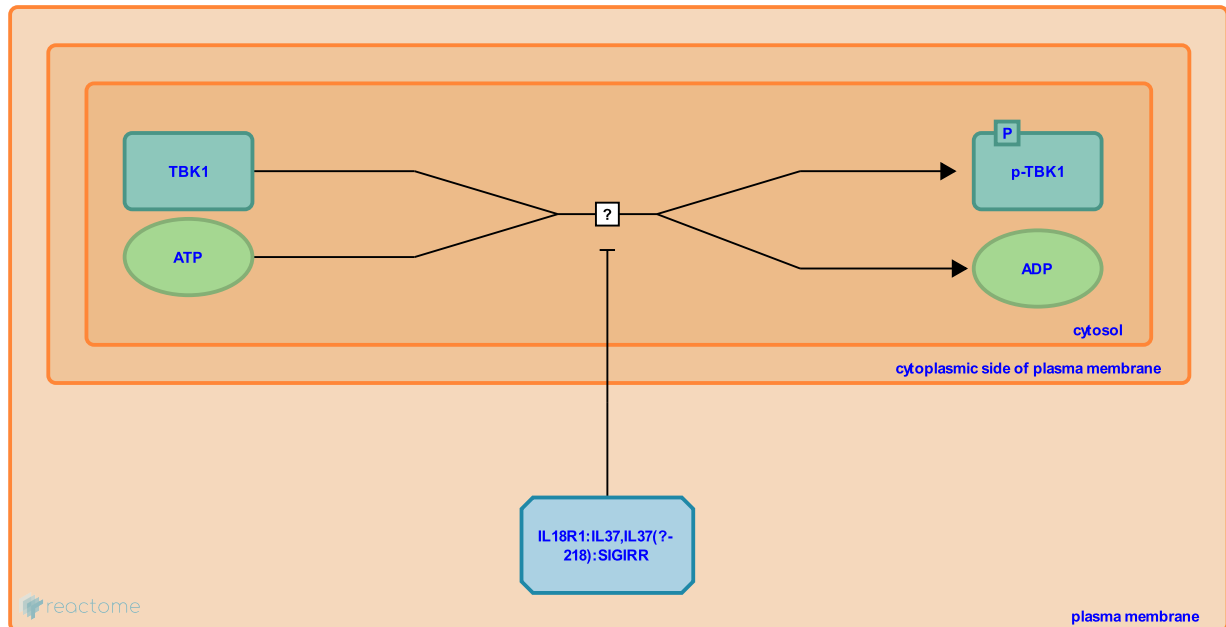
## TBK1 phosphorylation ↗

**Location:** [Interleukin-37 signaling](#)

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**Type:** uncertain

**Compartments:** cytosol



Serine/threonine protein kinase TBK1 plays a key role in regulating inflammatory responses. TBK1 activity is regulated by phosphorylation of Ser 172 within the kinase activation loop (Kishore et al. 2002). TBK1 phosphorylation is thought to be an autoactivation event. The IL 37b:IL-18R1:SIGIRR complex can suppress TBK1 activity (Nold Petry et al. 2015, Clark K et al. 2009). This event is set as a black box event instance because the precise mechanism of TBK1 suppression by IL 37b:IL-18R1:SIGIRR complex is uncertain.

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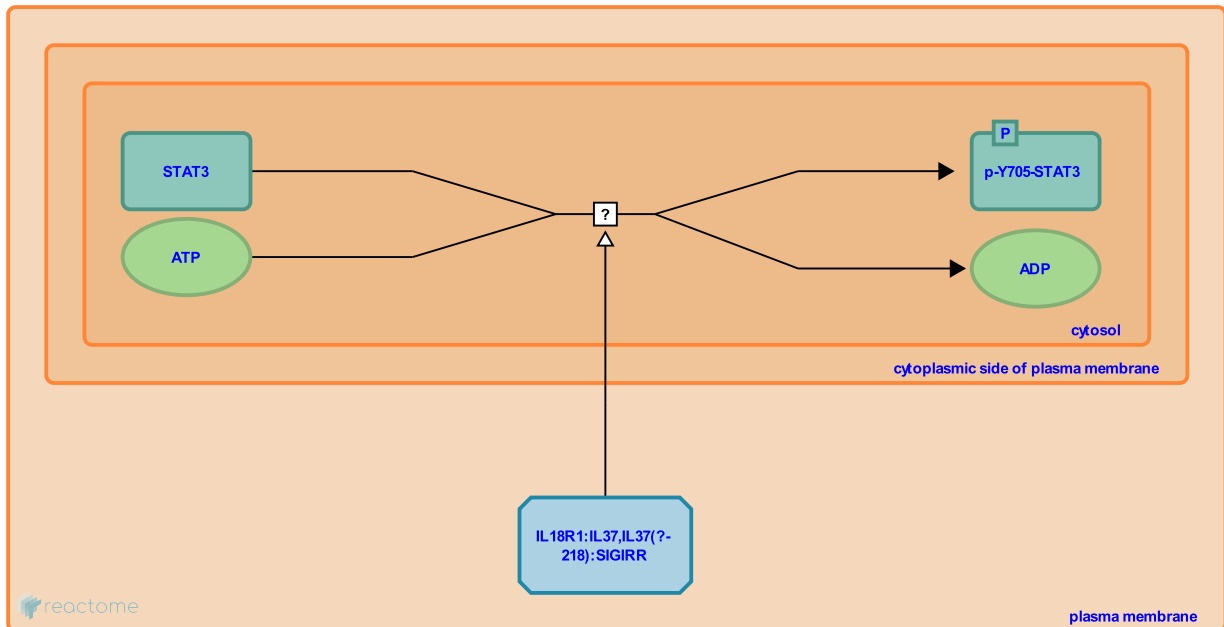
## STAT3 phosphorylation ↗

**Location:** [Interleukin-37 signaling](#)

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**Type:** uncertain

**Compartments:** cytosol



Signal transducer and activator of transcription 3 (STAT3) acts downstream of various cellular receptors and is primarily involved in gene transcription. STAT3 is activated by serine/threonine kinases (Rebe et al. 2013). The IL-37:IL-18R1:SIGIRR complex can facilitate the phosphorylation and activation of STAT3 (Nold Petry et al. 2015). However, the precise mechanism is unclear. Hence, this event is represented as a black box.

**Preceded by:** [IL37:IL18R1 binds SIGIRR](#)

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