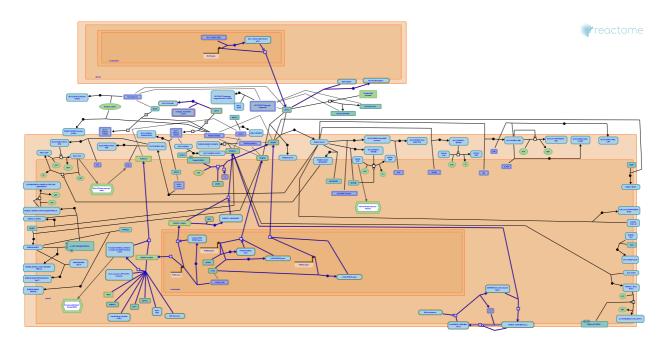


Regulation of expression of SLITs and

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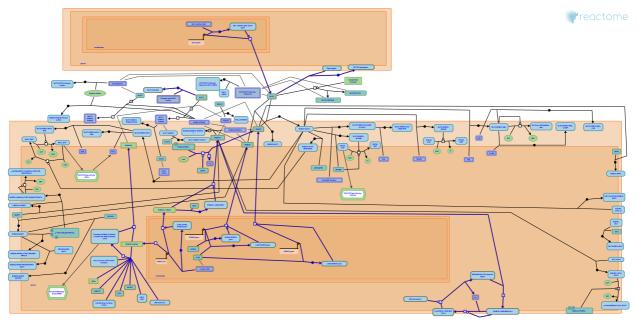
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Regulation of expression of SLITs and ROBOs 7

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Expression of SLIT and ROBO proteins is regulated at the level of transcription, translation and protein localization and stability. LIM-homeodomain transcription factors LHX2, LHX3, LHX4, LHX9 and ISL1 have so far been implicated in a cell type-dependent transcriptional regulation of ROBO1, ROBO2, ROBO3 and SLIT2 (Wilson et al. 2008, Marcos-Mondejar et al. 2012, Kim et al. 2016). Homeobox transcription factor HOXA2 is involved in transcriptional regulation of ROBO2 (Geisen et al. 2008). Transcription of SLIT1 during optic tract development in Xenopus is stimulated by FGF signaling and may also involve the transcription factor HOXA2, but the mechanism has not been established (Atkinson-Leadbeater et al. 2010). PAX6 and the homeodomain transcription factor NKX2.2 are also implicated in regulation of SLIT1 transcription (Genethliou et al. 2009). An RNA binding protein, MS11, binds ROBO3 mRNA and promotes its translation, thus increasing ROBO3 (Wang et al. 2013). ROBO1 is protein half-life is increased via deubiquitination of ROBO1 by a ubiquitin protease USP33 (Yuasa-Kawada et al. 2009, Huang et al. 2015). Interaction of SLIT2 with DAG1 (dystroglycan) is important for proper localization of SLIT2 at the floor plate (Wright et al. 2012). Interaction of SLIT1 with a type IV collagen COL4A5 is important for localization of SLIT1 to the basement membrane of the optical tectum (Xiao et al. 2011).

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ISL1 binds the SLIT2 gene enhancer 7

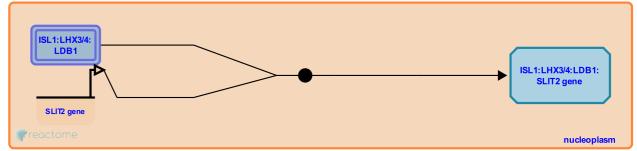
Location: Regulation of expression of SLITs and ROBOs

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Type: binding

Compartments: nucleoplasm

Inferred from: Isl1 binds the Slit2 gene enhancer (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, the transcription factor ISL1, in complex with either LHX3 or LHX4, binds to an evolutionarily conserved LIM-HD binding site in the enhancer of the SLIT2 gene, located in the sixth intron of the SLIT2 gene. The complex of ISL1 and LHX4 regulates SLIT2 expression in branchiomotor neurons, while the complex of ISL1 and LHX3 regulates SLIT2 expression in somatic motor neurons (Kim et al. 2016). From the previous structural studies of the ISL1 complex with LHX3, conducted using mouse and rat proteins, it is known that LDB1 is also part of this complex (Thaler et al. 2002).

Followed by: SLIT2 gene expression is stimulated by ISL1

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SLIT2 gene expression is stimulated by ISL1 7

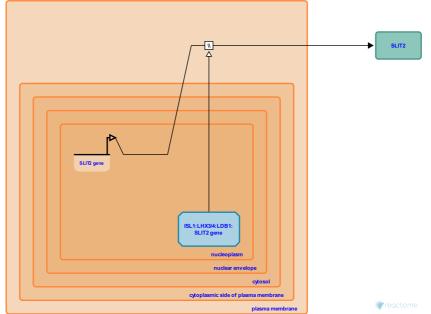
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Type: omitted

Compartments: plasma membrane, nucleoplasm

Inferred from: Slit2 gene expression is stimulated by Isl1 (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, the transcription factor ISL1, in complex with either LHX3 or LHX4, directly stimulates transcription of the SLIT2 gene. ISL1-mediated regulation of SLIT2 gene transcription in branchiomotor (BM) neurons and somatic motor (SM) neurons involves LHX4 and LHX3, respectively (Kim et al. 2016). Slit2 expression is diminished in Isl1 mutant mice (Lee et al. 2015).

SLIT2 is one of gene suggested to be repressed by the transcription factor ARX, involved in neuronal proliferation, migration, maturation and differentiation, as well as axon guidance (reviewed by Friocourt and Parnavelas, 2011).

Preceded by: ISL1 binds the SLIT2 gene enhancer

Followed by: SLIT2 binds Dystroglycan

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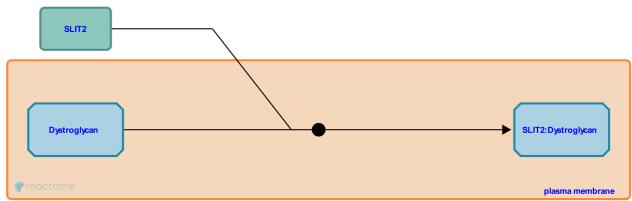
SLIT2 binds Dystroglycan ↗

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Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane



SLIT2 binds to dystroglycan (DAG1). The interaction involves the C-terminal region of human SLIT2. The species origin of the DAG1 construct was not specified and is assumed to be human. Dystroglycan is required for proper SLIT2 localization within the basement membrane and the floor plate. Dystroglycan glycosylation, mediated at least in part by B4GAT1 (B3GNT1) and ISPD, is likely required for its interaction with SLIT2, but it has not been annotated. Mice mutant for B4gat1, Ispd or Dag1 have axon guidance defects similar to those observed in Slit or Robo mutant mice (Wright et al. 2012).

Preceded by: SLIT2 gene expression is stimulated by ISL1

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SLIT1 binds COL4A5 7

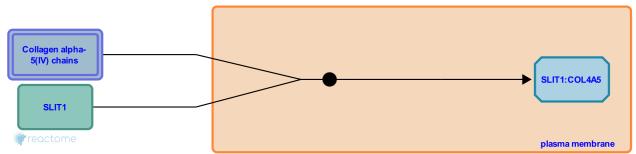
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-9010396

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region

Inferred from: Slit1a binds Col4a5 (Danio rerio)



Based on studies in zebrafish, SLIT1 binds to a type IV collagen COL4A5, which forms the basement membrane on the surface of the optical tectum. COL4A5 and HSPGs may act synergistically to anchor SLIT1 in the basement membrane. ROBO2 receptor is required for lamina-specific axon pathfinding of retinal ganglion cells in the optical tectum (Xiao et al. 2011).

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LHX2 binds to ROBO1 gene locus 7

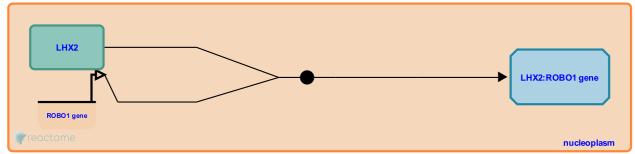
Location: Regulation of expression of SLITs and ROBOs

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Type: binding

Compartments: nucleoplasm

Inferred from: Lhx2 binds to Robo1 gene locus (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, a LIM-homeodomain transcription factor LHX2 binds to evolutionarily conserved LHX2 binding elements about 30 kb downstream from the ROBO1 gene transcription start site (Marcos-Mondejar et al. 2012).

Followed by: ROBO1 gene expression is inhibited by LHX2

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ROBO1 gene expression is inhibited by LHX2 7

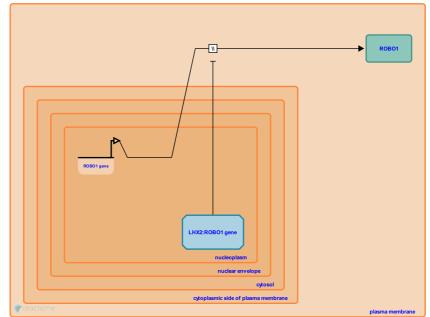
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Type: omitted

Compartments: plasma membrane, nucleoplasm

Inferred from: Robo1 gene expression is inhibited by Lhx2 (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, LHX2, a LIM-homeodomain transcription factor, directly represses transcription of the ROBO1 gene by binding to evolutionarily conserved LHX2 binding sites upstream of the ROBO1 gene promoter region. LHX2 is involved in thalamocortical axon guidance (Marcos-Mondejar et al. 2012). In commissural relay neurons of the dorsal spinal cord, however, ROBO1 expression is not affected by LHX2 (Wilson et al. 2008).

Transcription factors GBX2 and LMO3 may be indirectly involved in ROBO1 gene expression regulation by LHX2 (Chatterjee et al. 2012).

Preceded by: LHX2 binds to ROBO1 gene locus

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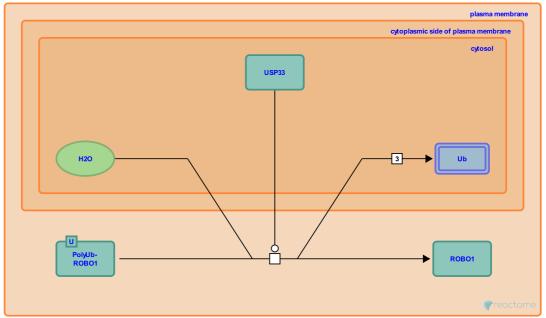
USP33 deubiquitinates ROBO1 7

Location: Regulation of expression of SLITs and ROBOs

Stable identifier: R-HSA-8986083

Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol



The ubiquitin protease USP33 deubiquitinates ROBO1, thus stabilizing it and increasing the concentration of ROBO1 at the plasma membrane (Yuasa-Kawada et al. 2009, Huang et al. 2015). USP33 is frequently downregulated in colorectal cancer, which is associated with lymph node metastasis and poor survival (Huang et al. 2015). USP33 is required for SLIT-ROBO1-mediated inhibition of breast cancer cell migration (Yuasa-Kawada et al. 2009). Ubiquitin ligases that ubiquitinate ROBO1 are not known.

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HOXA2 binds ROBO2 gene promoter 7

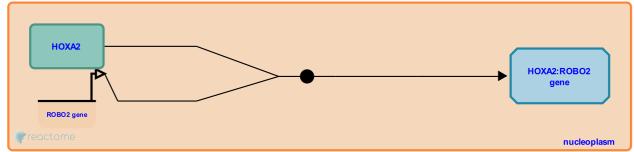
Location: Regulation of expression of SLITs and ROBOs

Stable identifier: R-HSA-9010503

Type: binding

Compartments: nucleoplasm

Inferred from: Hoxa2 binds Robo2 gene (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, the homeobox transcription factor HOXA2 binds to an evolutionarily conserved (also present in the human gene) HOX-PBX binding site in the second intron of the ROBO2 gene (Geisen et al. 2008). The heterodimerization partner of HOXA2 at the ROBO2 gene binding site is not known.

Followed by: ROBO2 gene transcription is stimulated by HOXA2 and inhibited by LHX2

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LHX2 binds to ROBO2 gene locus 7

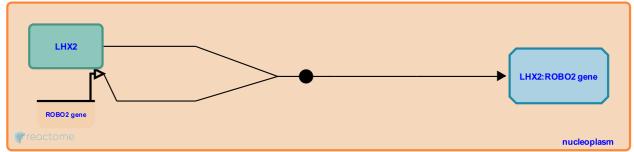
Location: Regulation of expression of SLITs and ROBOs

Stable identifier: R-HSA-9011077

Type: binding

Compartments: nucleoplasm

Inferred from: Lhx2 binds to Robo2 gene locus (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, a LIM-homeodomain transcription factor LHX2 binds to evolutionarily conserved LHX2 binding elements about 50 kb downstream from the ROBO2 gene transcription start site (Marcos-Mondejar et al. 2012).

Followed by: ROBO2 gene transcription is stimulated by HOXA2 and inhibited by LHX2

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ROBO2 gene transcription is stimulated by HOXA2 and inhibited by LHX2 7

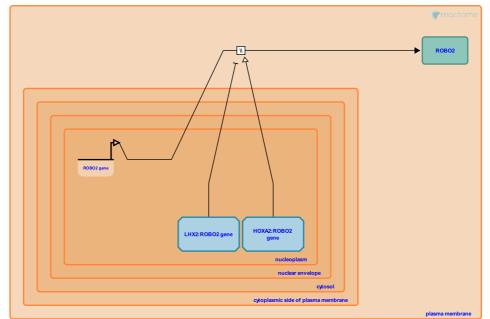
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Type: omitted

Compartments: plasma membrane, nucleoplasm

Inferred from: Robo2 gene expression is stimulated by Hoxa2 and inhibited by Lhx2 (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, the homeobox transcription factor HOXA2, which directly binds to an evolutionarily conserved site in the second intron of the ROBO2 gene, is needed for the maintenance of ROBO2 expression during pontine neuron migration (Geisen et al. 2008).

Also based on mouse studies, LHX2, a LIM-homeodomain transcription factor, directly represses transcription of the ROBO2 gene by binding to evolutionarily conserved LHX2 binding sites about 50 kb downstream from the ROBO2 gene transcription start site. LHX2 is involved in thalamocortical axon guidance (Marcos-Mondejar et al. 2012). In commissural relay neurons of the dorsal spinal cord, however, ROBO2 expression is not affected by LHX2 (Wilson et al. 2008).

In zebrafish, transcription of Robo2 is directly stimulated by Mecp2 (Leong et al. 2015).

Preceded by: HOXA2 binds ROBO2 gene promoter, LHX2 binds to ROBO2 gene locus

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LHX2,(LHX9) binds the ROBO3 gene promoter 7

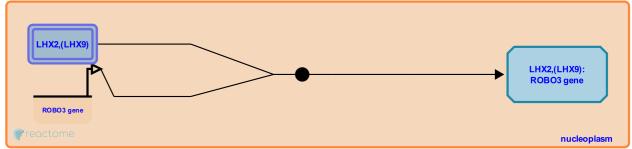
Location: Regulation of expression of SLITs and ROBOs

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Type: binding

Compartments: nucleoplasm

Inferred from: Lhx2,(Lhx9) binds the Robo3 gene promoter (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, a LIM-homeodomain transcription factor LHX2, and possibly LHX9, binds to conserved LHX2 binding elements in the promoter region of the ROBO3 gene (Wilson et al. 2008).

Followed by: ROBO3.1 expression is stimulated by LHX2,(LHX9)

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ROBO3.1 expression is stimulated by LHX2,(LHX9) ↗

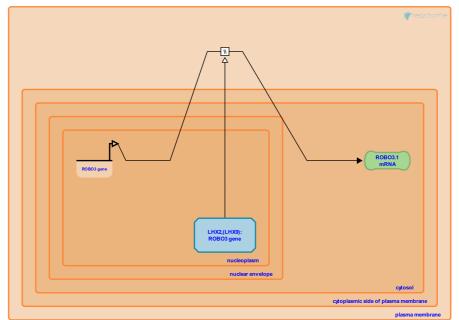
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Compartments: plasma membrane, nucleoplasm

Inferred from: Robo3.1 expression is stimulated by Lhx2,(Lhx9) (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, expression of the ROBO3.1 isoform from the ROBO3 gene is directly stimulated by LHX2 and possibly LHX9. LHX2/9-mediated regulation of ROBO3.1 levels is involved in midline crossing by commissural relay neurons of the dorsal spinal cord (Wilson et al. 2008). ROBO3.1 levels, however, seem to be unaffected by LHX2 in thalamocortical neurons (Marcos-Mondejar et al. 2012).

Preceded by: LHX2, (LHX9) binds the ROBO3 gene promoter

Followed by: MSI1 binds ROBO3.1 mRNA, ROBO3.1 mRNA translation is positively regulated by MSI1

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MSI1 binds ROBO3.1 mRNA 🛪

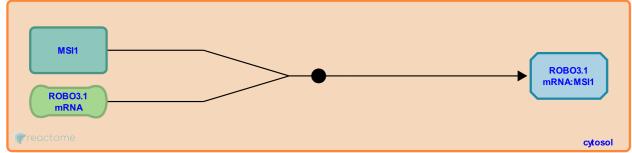
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Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol

Inferred from: Msi1 binds Robo3 mRNA (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, MSI1, and RNA-binding protein, binds to ROBO3.1 mRNA (Kuwako et al. 2010).

Preceded by: ROBO3.1 expression is stimulated by LHX2,(LHX9)

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ROBO3.1 mRNA translation is positively regulated by MSI1 7

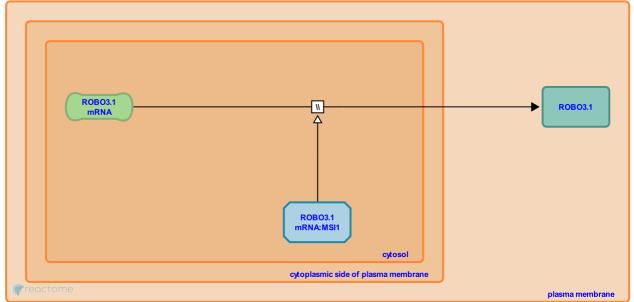
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-9011347

Type: omitted

Compartments: cytosol

Inferred from: Robo3 mRNA translation is positively regulated by Msi1 (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, binding of MSI1 to ROBO3.1 mRNA positively regulates ROBO3.1 mRNA translation, resulting in increased levels of ROBO3.1 protein. Similar to Robo3 knockout mice, Msi1 knockout mice also show sever abnormalities in axonal midline crossing and migration of precerebellar neurons (Kuwako et al. 2010).

Preceded by: ROBO3.1 expression is stimulated by LHX2,(LHX9)

Followed by: ZSWIM8 binds ROBO3.1

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ZSWIM8 binds ROBO3.1 7

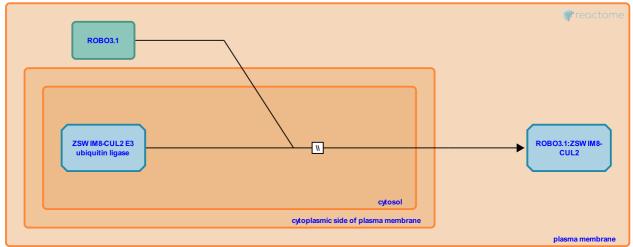
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Type: omitted

Compartments: cytosol

Inferred from: Zswim8 binds ROBO3.1 (Homo sapiens)



Based on studies in C. elegans and with recombinant human and mouse proteins, ZSWIM8 and its C. elegans orthologue EBAX-1 are predicted to be an E3 ubiquitin ligase component of the CUL2 ubiquitin ligase complex. ZSWIM8 co-immunoprecipitates with the CUL2 ubiquitin ligase complex components Elongin-B (ELOB) and Elongin-C (ELOC). The BC-box and Cul2-box of ZSWIM8 are needed for interaction with ELOB and ELOC, implying the presence of other CUL2 complex components in the complex of ZSWIM8, ELOB and ELOC. ZSWIM8 binds to wild-type ROBO3.1, but preferentially associates with misfolded or mutant ROBO3.1 proteins, suggesting that it is involved in the quality control of ROBO3.1 (Wang et al. 2013).

Preceded by: ROBO3.1 mRNA translation is positively regulated by MSI1

Followed by: ZSWIM8 ubiquitinates ROBO3.1

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ZSWIM8 ubiquitinates ROBO3.1 7

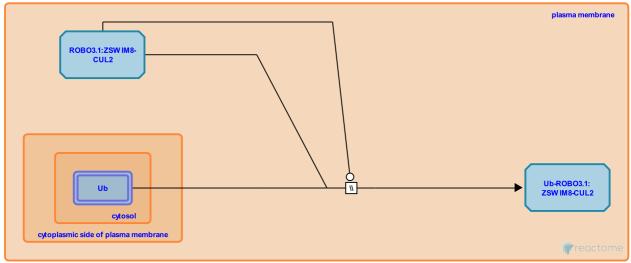
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Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol

Inferred from: EBAX-1 ubiquitinates SAX-3 (Caenorhabditis elegans)



Based on studies with C. elegans proteins, ZSWIM8 (orthologue of C. elegans EBAX-1) promotes ubiquitination of ROBO3.1 (orthologue of C. elegans SAX-3) (Wang et al. 2013).

Preceded by: ZSWIM8 binds ROBO3.1

Followed by: Proteasome degrades ubiquitinated ROBO3.1

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Proteasome degrades ubiquitinated ROBO3.1 7

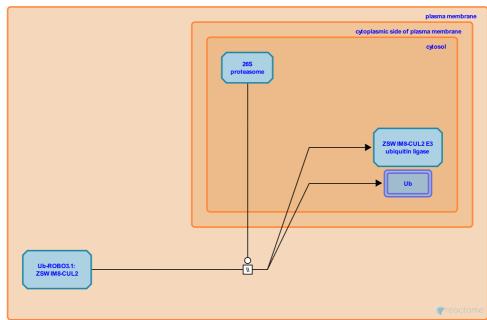
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Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol

Inferred from: Proteasome degrades SAX-3 ubiquitinated by EBAX-1 (Caenorhabditis elegans)



Based on studies using recombinant C. elegans proteins expressed in human 293T cells, ZSWIM8-mediated ubiquitination of ROBO3.1 targets ROBO3.1 for proteasome-mediated degradation (Wang et al. 2013).

Preceded by: ZSWIM8 ubiquitinates ROBO3.1

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Transcription of ROBO3.2 mRNA 7

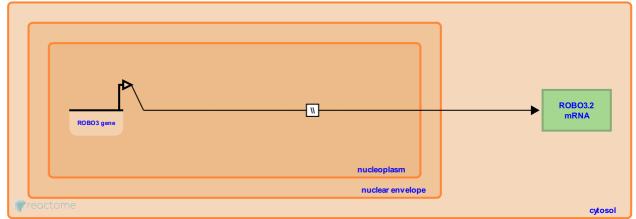
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Type: omitted

Compartments: nucleoplasm, cytosol

Inferred from: Transcription of Robo3.2 mRNA (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, a transcript variant ROBO3.2 is produced from nascent ROBO3 mRNA by alternative splicing. Existence of this splicing isoform is predicted to be conserved in humans and rats. The alternative splicing results in retention of the intronic sequence between exons 26 and 27, which creates a premature stop codon. While Robo3.1 mouse mRNA is expressed in the pre-crossing and crossing commissural axons, Robo3.2 mRNA is expressed after midline crossing and thought to block midline re-crossing (Chen et al. 2008).

Followed by: Translation of ROBO3.2 mRNA initiates NMD, Translation of ROBO3.2 mRNA is negatively regulated by NMD

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Translation of ROBO3.2 mRNA initiates NMD 7

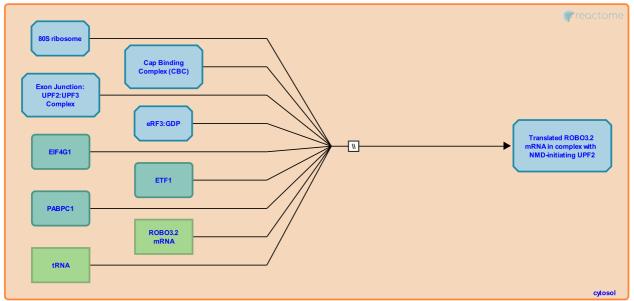
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Compartments: cytosol

Inferred from: Translation of Robo3.2 mRNA initiates NMD (Mus musculus)



Based on studies in mice, ROBO3.2 mRNA, which contains a premature stop codon, is recognized by components of the nonsense mediated decay (NMD) machinery during translation. Association of ROBO3.2 mRNA with UPF2 and UPF1 was directly demonstrated in mouse cells, and presence of other translation and NMD components is assumed (Colak et al. 2013). In this step, we only show association of ROBO3.2 mRNA with the UPF2-containing exon junction complex. For detailed representation of UPF2 and UPF1 in NMD, please refer to the Reactome pathway 'Nonsense Mediated Decay (NMD)'.

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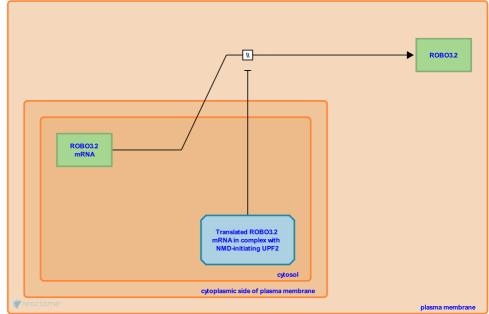
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Based on studies in mice, translation of ROBO3.2 mRNA in commissural axons at the floor plate is negatively regulated by nonsense mediated decay (NMD). Deficiency of NMD components results in aberrant axonal trajectories after crossing the midline (Colak et al. 2013).

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