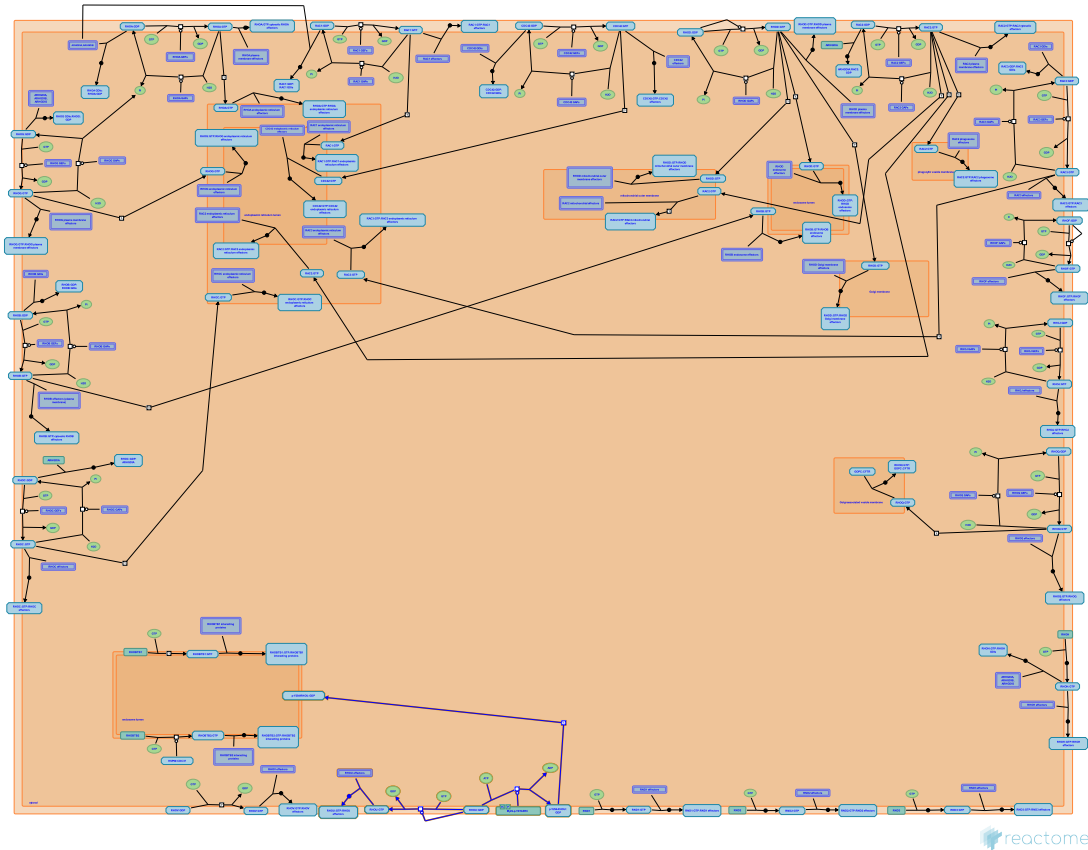


# RHOA GTPase cycle



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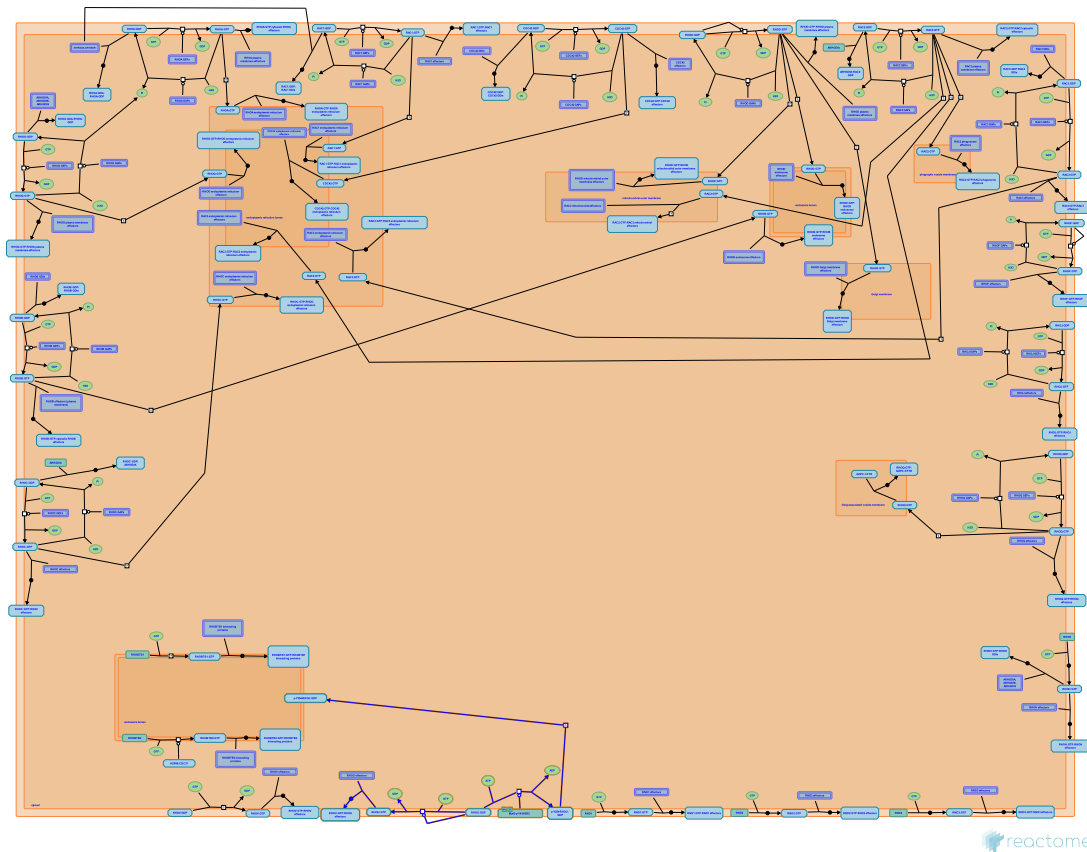
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## RHO GTPase cycle ↗

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RHO GTPase RHO (Wrch-1) possesses a high intrinsic guanine nucleotide exchange activity and is constitutively present in the active GTP-bound state in the absence of guanine nucleotide exchange factors (GEFs) (Shutes et al. 2004, Saras et al. 2004). RHO does not possess a GTPase activity (Saras et al. 2004). RHO has been reported to interact with some GTPase activator proteins (GAPs) (Bagci et al. 2020), which may serve as effectors that enable cross-talk with other RHO GTPases. RHO was shown to regulate cytoskeletal dynamics, cell migration and adhesion. RHO is expressed during embryonic development and regulates cardiac (Dickover et al. 2014) and intestinal (Slaymi et al. 2019) development. RHO activates JNK and AKT signaling during cell migration (Chuang et al. 2007).

For review, please refer to Faure and Fort 2015, and Hodge and Ridley 2020.

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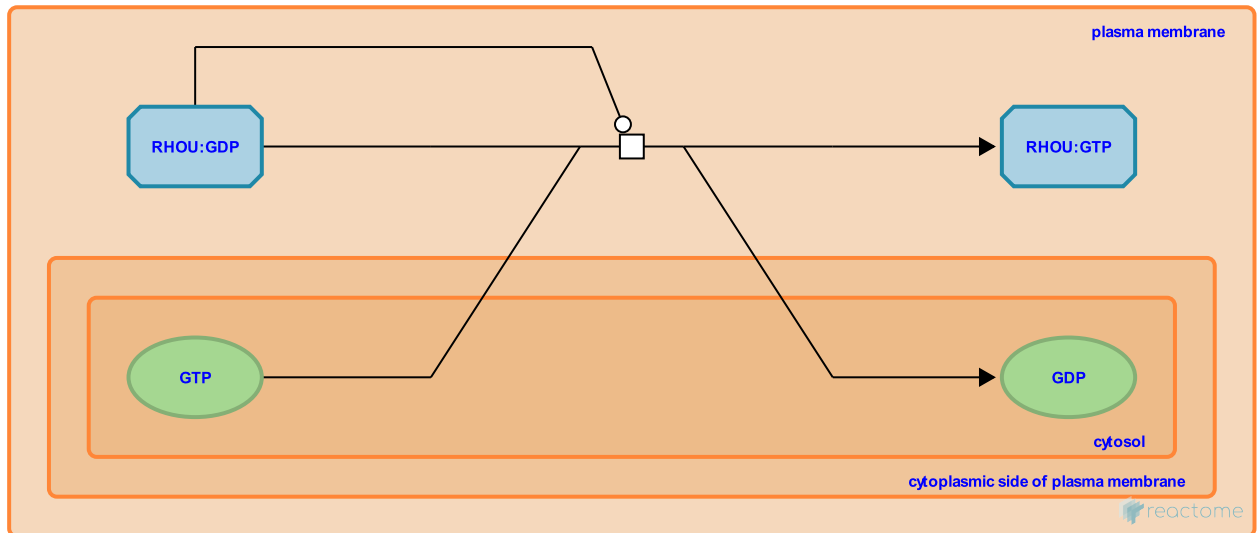
## RHO auto-activates ↗

**Location:** [RHO GTPase cycle](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9018768

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



RHO is an atypical RHO GTPase with a high intrinsic guanine nucleotide exchange activity. Guanine nucleotide exchange factors (GEFs) are not needed for RHO activation (Shutes et al. 2004, Saras et al. 2004). While some GTPase activator proteins (GAPs) have been reported to interact with RHO (Bagci et al. 2020), they have not been shown to act on RHO. Instead, GAPs may serve as RHO effectors that enable its cross talk with other RHO GTPases (reviewed in Hodge and Ridley 2020). RHO was shown to possess GTPase activity (Shutes et al. 2004), but the functional importance of GTP hydrolysis in the context of high intrinsic GEF activity and no known GAPs has not been elucidated.

**Followed by:** [RHO binds effectors at the plasma membrane](#)

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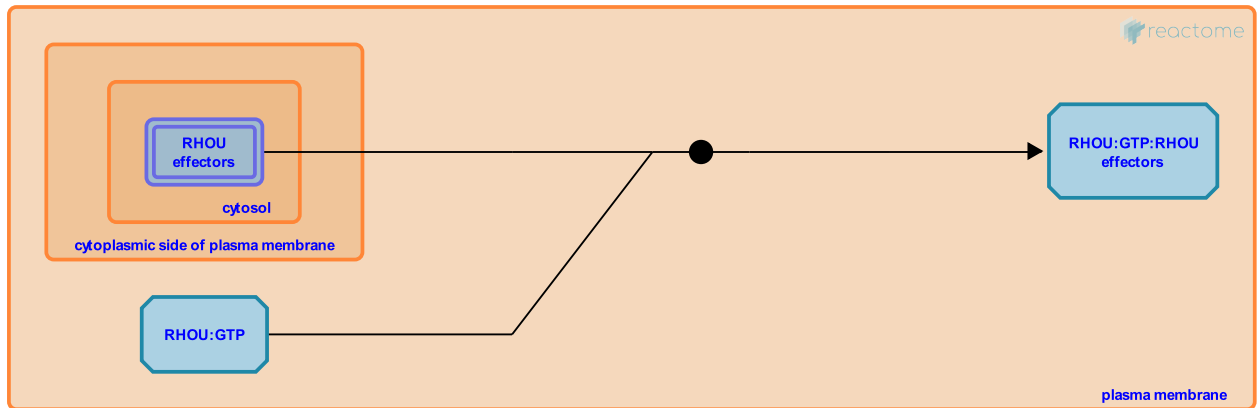
## RHO binds effectors at the plasma membrane [↗](#)

**Location:** [RHO GTPase cycle](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9018766

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, cytosol



In its active GTP bound form, RHO binds the following effectors:

ARHGAP30 (Naji et al. 2011; protein with GAP activity)  
ARHGAP31 (Naji et al. 2011; protein with GAP activity)  
GRB2 (Zhang et al. 2011; Bagci et al. 2020: weak binding)  
ITSN2 (Gubar et al. 2020)  
NCK2 (Saras et al. 2004; Bagci et al. 2020)  
PAK1 (Tao et al. 2001; Shutes et al. 2004; Saras et al. 2004; Bagci et al. 2020)  
PAK4 (Dart et al. 2015)  
PAR6 (Brady et al. 2009)  
PIK3R1 (Chuang et al. 2007; Bagci et al. 2020; protein with GAP activity)  
PTK2B (Ruusala and Aspenström 2008)

The following candidate RHO effectors were identified in the high throughput screen by Bagci et al. 2020:

ARHGEF6 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
ARHGEF7 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
CDC42 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
CLTC (Bagci et al. 2020)  
DEPDC1B (Bagci et al. 2020; protein with GAP activity)  
DLG5 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
DST (Bagci et al. 2020)  
EPHA2 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
GIT1 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
GIT2 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
HGS (Bagci et al. 2020)  
IQGAP1 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
MYO6 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
NCK1 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
PAK2 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
PAK3 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
PIK3R2 (Bagci et al. 2020; protein with GAP activity)  
PEAK1 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
SPTAN1 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
SPTBN1 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
SRGAP2 (Bagci et al. 2020; protein with GAP activity)  
STAM (Bagci et al. 2020)  
STAM2 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
TXNL1 (Bagci et al. 2020)  
USP9X (Bagci et al. 2020)  
VANGL1 (Bagci et al. 2020)

WDR6 (Bagci et al. 2020)

WWP2 (Bagci et al. 2020)

RHO does not bind WASL, a component of the WIP WASP complex (Bagci et al. 2020) and also does not bind:

CCP110 (Bagci et al. 2020)

CEP97 (Bagci et al. 2020)

MAP3K21 (Bagci et al. 2020)

MYH11 (Bagci et al. 2020)

MYL12B (Bagci et al. 2020)

SH3RF1 (Bagci et al. 2020)

TPM3 (Bagci et al. 2020)

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ZNF512B (Bagci et al. 2020)

**Preceded by:** [RHO auto-activates](#)

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## SRC phosphorylates RHOU ↗

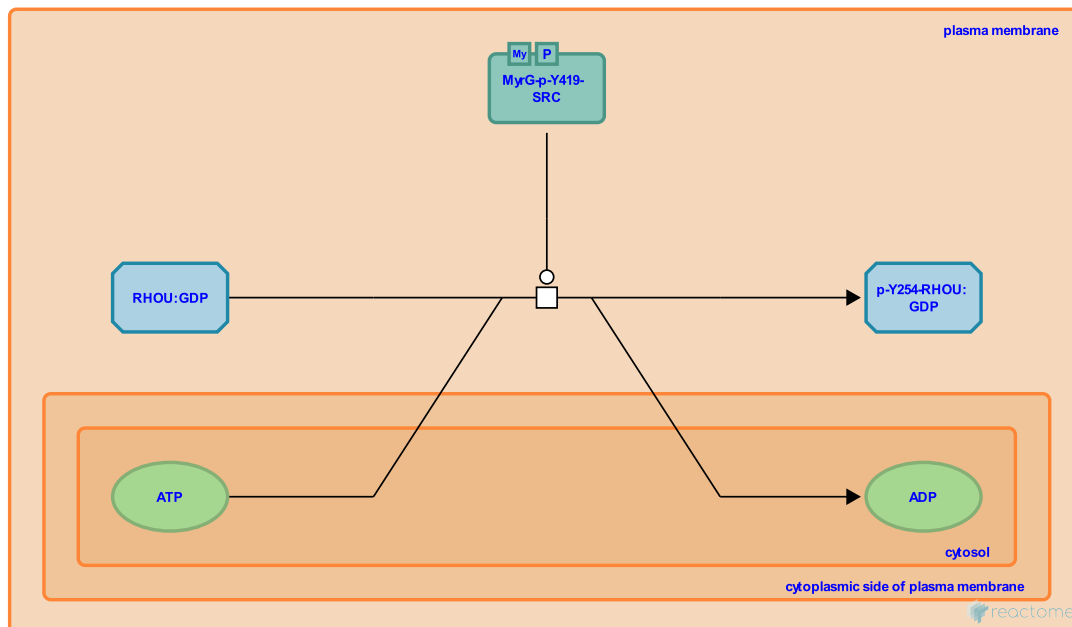
**Location:** [RHOU GTPase cycle](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9726848

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane

**Inferred from:** [Src phosphorylates RHOU \(Homo sapiens\)](#)



Based on studies conducted using human RHOA (Wrch-1) and mouse Src, SRC phosphorylates RHOA at the tyrosine residue Y254, located at the C-terminus of RHOA (Alan et al. 2010).

**Followed by:** [Phosphorylated RHOA translocates to the endosome membrane](#)

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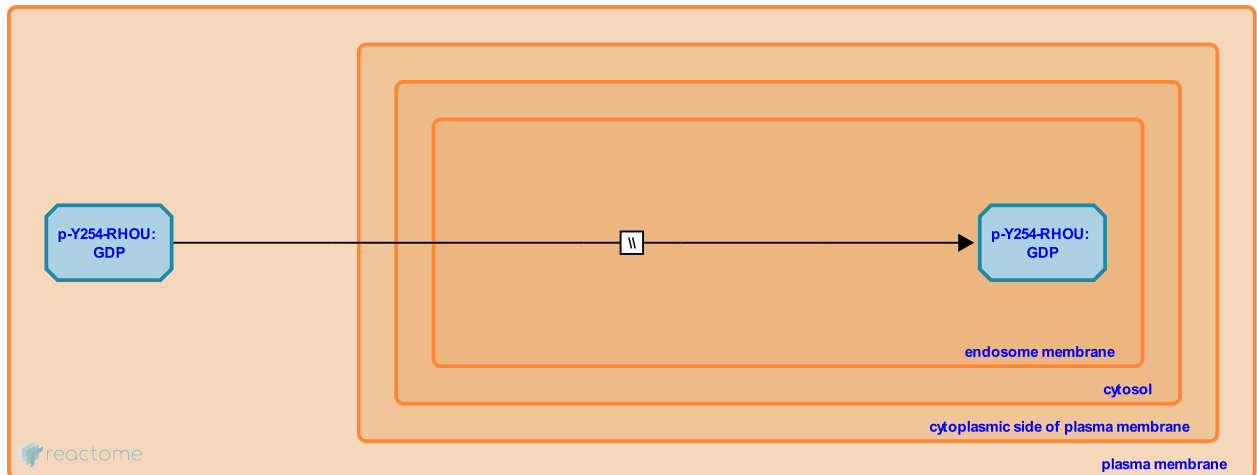
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**Location:** [RHO GTPase cycle](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9726862

**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** endosome membrane, plasma membrane



RHO phosphorylated at tyrosine residue Y254 by SRC translocates from the plasma membrane to the endosome membrane where it is found in an inactive, GDP-bound state (Alan et al. 2010).

**Preceded by:** [SRC phosphorylates RHO](#)

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