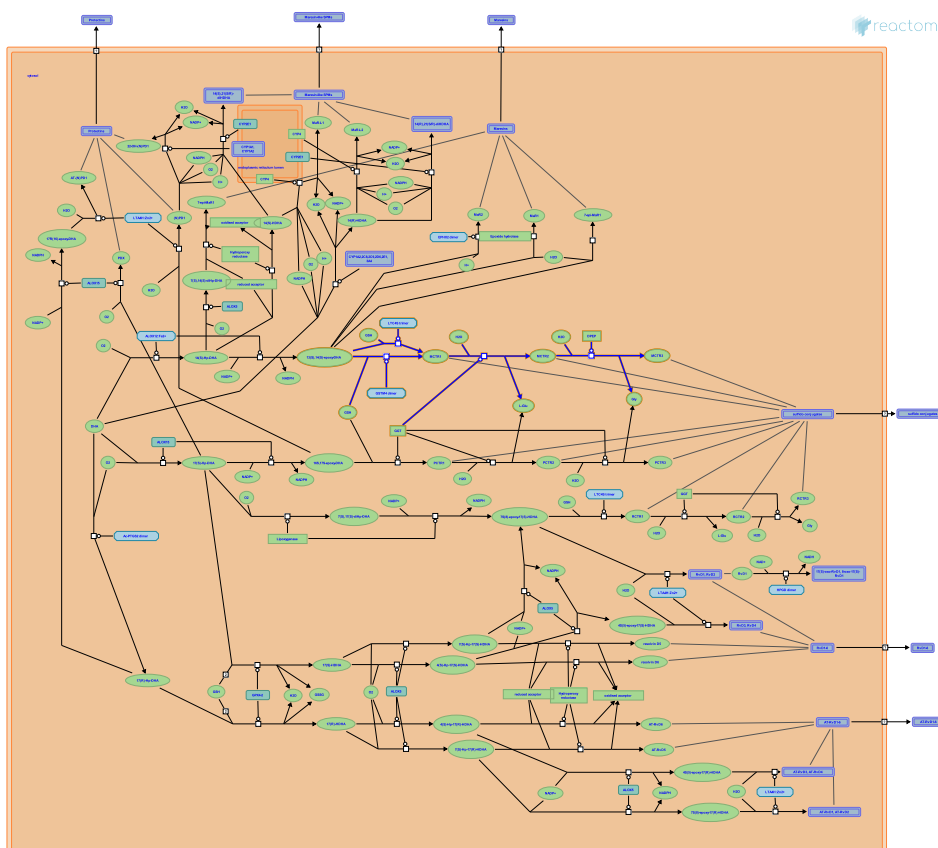


Biosynthesis of maresin conjugates in tissue regeneration (MCTR)



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Introduction

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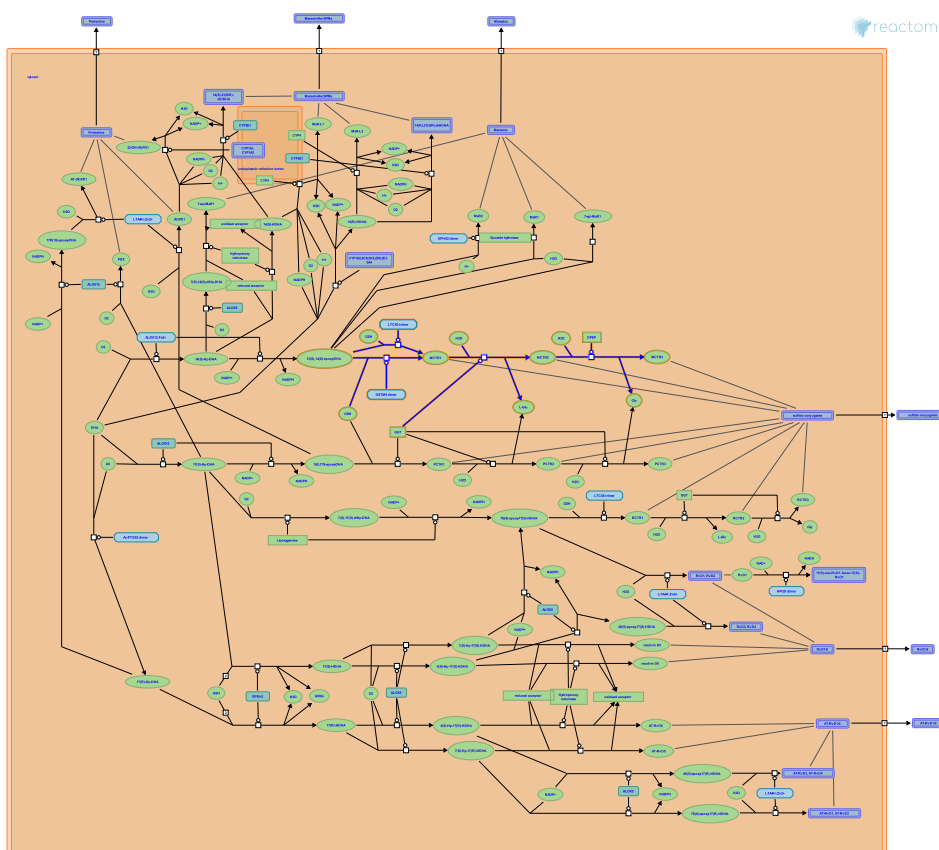
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Resolution of inflammation is carried out by endogenous mediators termed specialised proresolving mediators (SPMs). Macrophages are central to the acute inflammatory response, governing both initiation and resolution phases, depending on the macrophage subtype activated. Human macrophages involved in resolution produce a family of bioactive peptide-conjugated mediators called maresin conjugates in tissue regeneration (MCTR). These mediators stimulate human phagocytotic functions, promote the resolution of bacterial infections, counterregulate the production of proinflammatory mediators and promote tissue repair and regeneration (Dalli et al. 2016). The proposed biosynthetic pathway is as follows. The maresin epoxide intermediate 13(S),14(S)-epoxy-MaR (13(S),14(S)-epoxy-docosahexaenoic acid) can be converted to MCTR1 (13(R)-glutathionyl, 14(S)-hydroxy-docosahexaenoic acid) by LTC4S and GSTM4. MCTR1 can be converted to MCTR2 (13(R)-cysteinylglycyl, 14(S)-hydroxy-docosahexaenoic acid) by γ -glutamyl transferase (GGT). Finally, a dipeptidase can cleave the cysteinyl-glycyl bond of MCTR2 to give MCTR3 (13(R)-cysteinyl, 14(S)-hydroxy-docosahexaenoic acid) (Dalli et al. 2016, Serhan et al. 2017).

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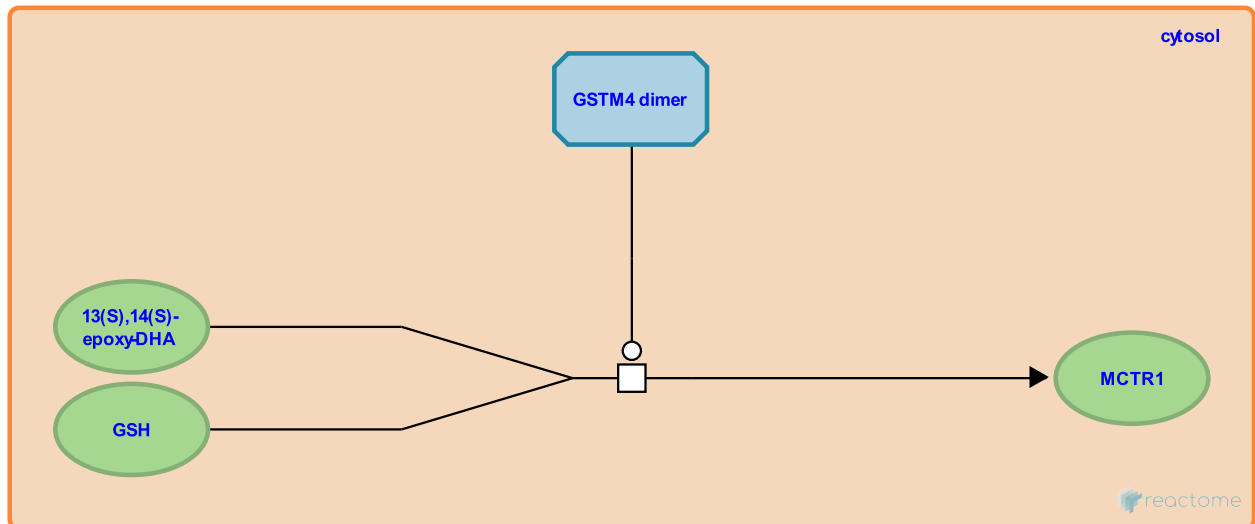
GSTM4 dimer transfers GSH to 13(S),14(S)-epoxy-DHA to form MCTR1 [↗](#)

Location: [Biosynthesis of maresin conjugates in tissue regeneration \(MCTR\)](#)

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Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



Cytosolic, dimeric glutathione S-transferase Mu 4 (GSTM4 dimer) can catalyse the transfer of a glutathionyl group from glutathione (GSH) to 13(S),14(S)-epoxy-docosahexaenoic acid (13(S),14(S)-epoxy-DHA) to form maresin conjugate in tissue regeneration 1 (MCTR1) (Dalli et al. 2014, 2016a, 2016b). MCTR1, given to mice with *E. coli* peritonitis, showed potent proresolving action in inflammation and infections. With human macrophages, MCTR1 stimulated efferocytosis of apoptotic cells (Dalli et al. 2014).

Followed by: [GGT hydrolyses MCTR1 to MCTR2](#)

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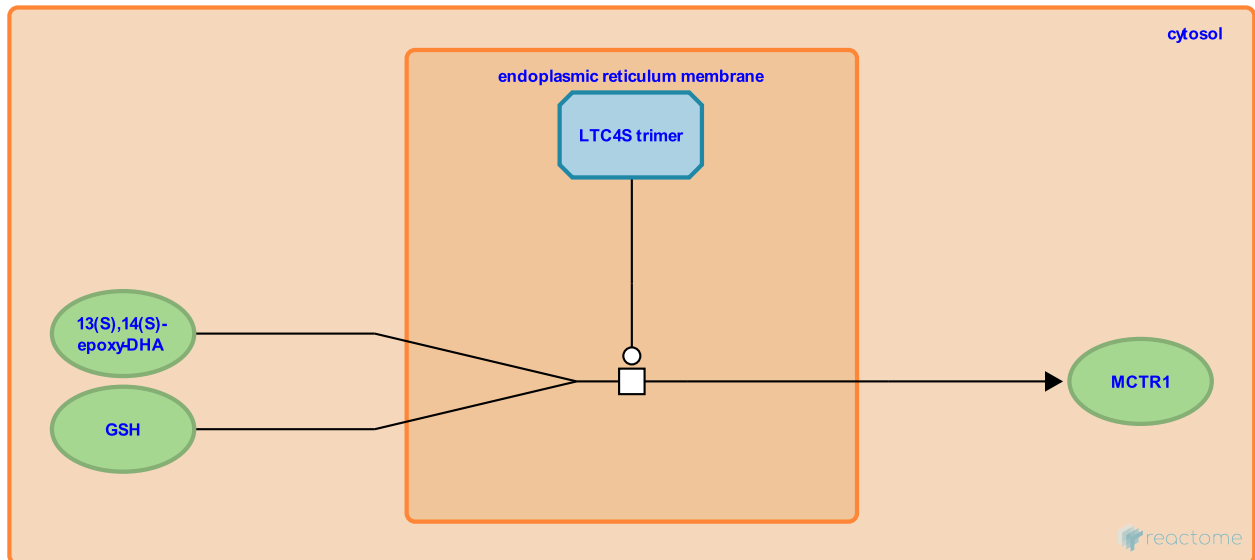
LTC4S trimer transfers GSH to 13(S),14(S)-epoxy-DHA to form MCTR1 ↗

Location: [Biosynthesis of maresin conjugates in tissue regeneration \(MCTR\)](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-9026780

Type: transition

Compartments: endoplasmic reticulum membrane, cytosol



Trimeric leukotriene C4 synthase (LTC4S trimer), located on the ER membrane, can catalyse the transfer of a glutathionyl group from glutathione (GSH) to 13(S),14(S)-epoxy-docosaehaenoic acid (13(S),14(S)-epoxy-DHA) to form maresin conjugates in tissue regeneration 1 (MCTR1) (Dalli et al. 2014, 2016a, 2016b). Incubation of human macrophages with LTC4S inhibitors significantly reduces cysteinyl leukotriene production and increases resolvin and lipoxin production (Dalli et al. 2016a). MCTR1, given to mice with *E. coli* peritonitis, showed potent proresolving action in inflammation and infections. With human macrophages, MCTR1 stimulated efferocytosis of apoptotic cells (Dalli et al. 2014).

Followed by: [GGT hydrolyses MCTR1 to MCTR2](#)

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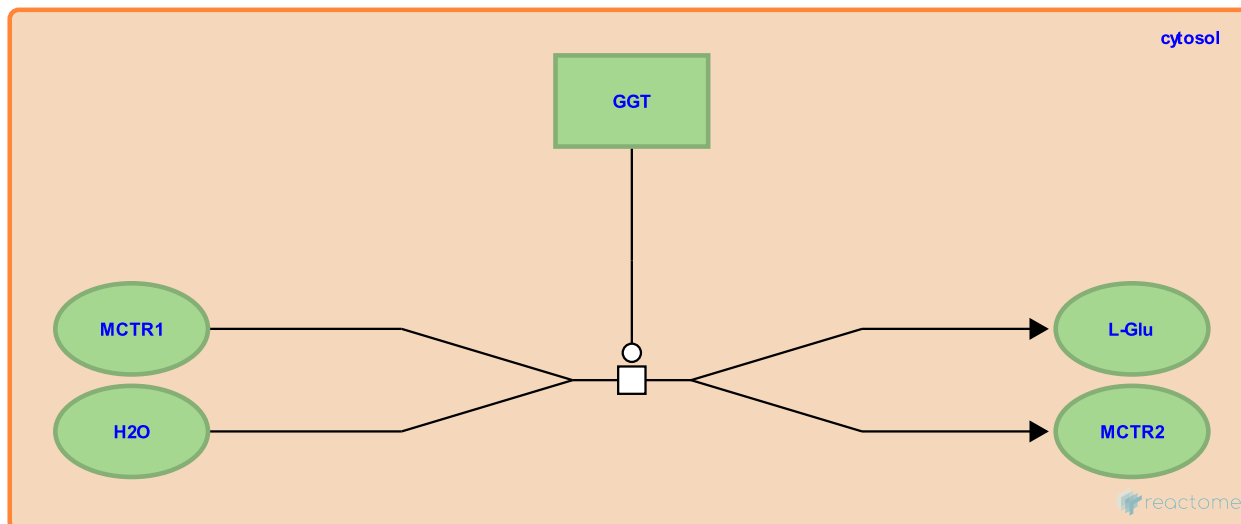
GGT hydrolyses MCTR1 to MCTR2 ↗

Location: Biosynthesis of maresin conjugates in tissue regeneration (MCTR)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-9026757

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



In human macrophages, a glutathione hydrolase (GGT) is proposed to cleave the γ -glutamyl moiety of MCTR1 to yield MCTR2, identified as 13(R)-cysteinylglycyl, 14(S)-hydroxy-docosahexaenoic acid (Dalli et al. 2014, 2016a, 2016b). Incubation of human macrophages with MCTR1 and GGT enzyme inhibitors significantly reduces MCTR2 and MCTR3 production and significantly increases MCTR1 amounts, suggesting a GGT mediates MCTR2 production (Dalli et al. 2016a). In addition, Dalli et al. found the human recombinant GGT used in the experiment has a higher affinity for MCTR1 than leukotriene C4 (Dalli et al. 2016a). MCTR2, given to mice with *E. coli* peritonitis, showed potent proresolving action in inflammation and infections. With human macrophages, MCTR2 proved to be more potent than MCTR1 in stimulating efferocytosis of apoptotic cells (Dalli et al. 2014).

Preceded by: LTC4S trimer transfers GSH to 13(S),14(S)-epoxy-DHA to form MCTR1, GSTM4 dimer transfers GSH to 13(S),14(S)-epoxy-DHA to form MCTR1

Followed by: DPEP hydrolyses MCTR2 to MCTR3

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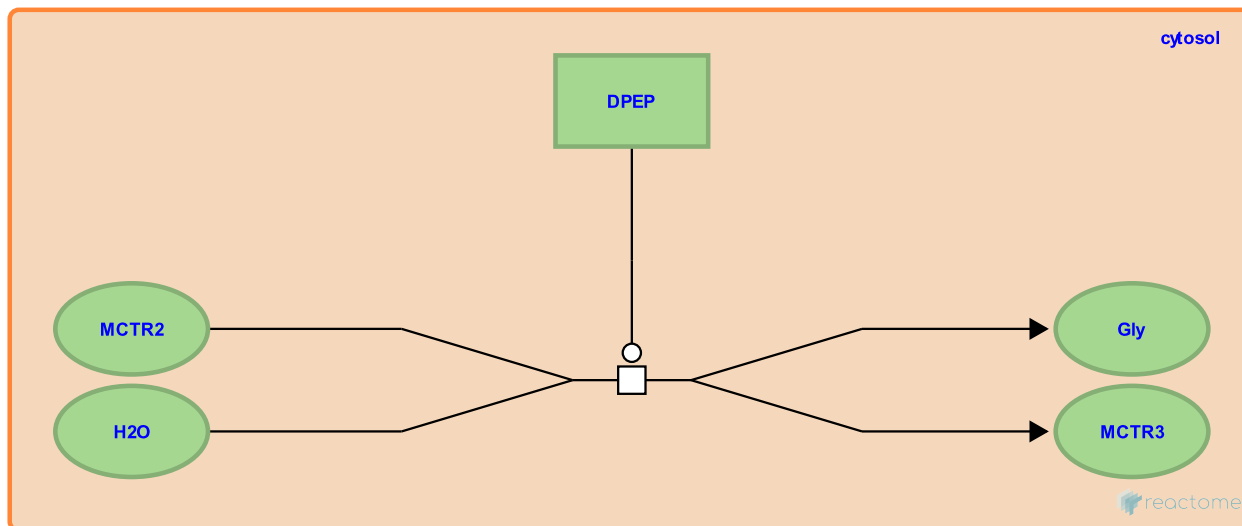
DPEP hydrolyses MCTR2 to MCTR3 ↗

Location: Biosynthesis of maresin conjugates in tissue regeneration (MCTR)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-9026771

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



In human macrophages, a dipeptidase (DPEP) is proposed to hydrolyse maresin conjugates in tissue regeneration 2 (MCTR2) to MCTR3, identified as 13(R)-cysteinyl, 14(S)-hydroxy-4Z,7Z,9E,11E,13R,14S,16Z,19Zdocosahexaenoic acid (Dalli et al. 2014, 2016a, 2016b). Incubation of human macrophages with MCTR2 and a DPEP inhibitor demonstrates significantly higher MCTR2 levels and significantly lower MCTR3 levels, suggesting a DPEP mediates MCTR2 hydrolysis (Dalli et al. 2016a). MCTR3 displays potent activity in proresolution of inflammation and tissue regeneration (Dalli et al. 2016b).

Preceded by: [GGT hydrolyses MCTR1 to MCTR2](#)

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