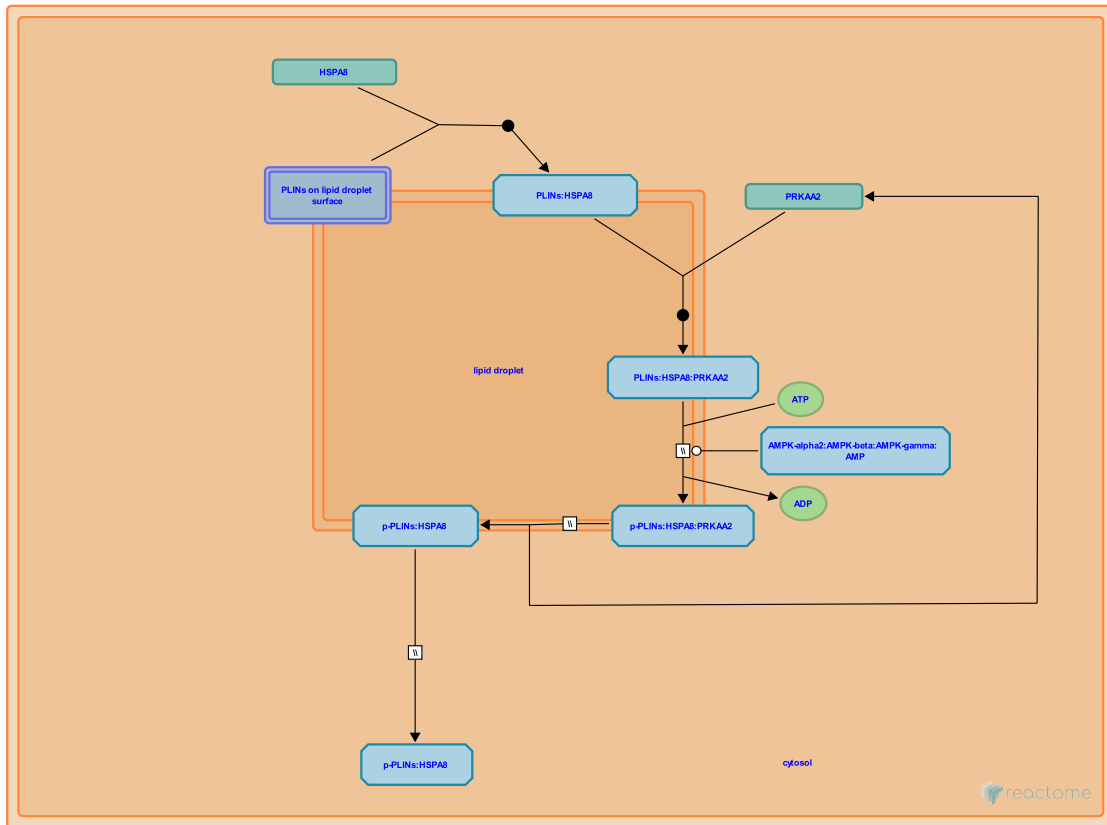


# Lipophagy



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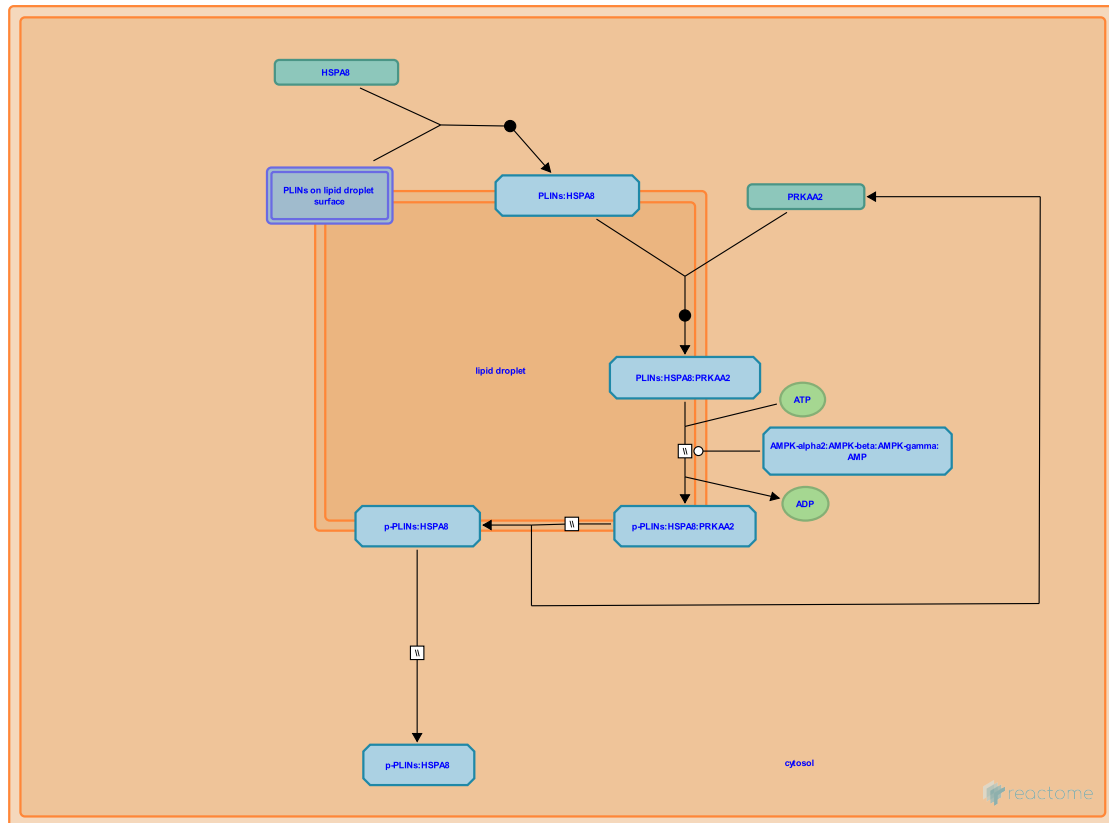
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## Lipophagy ↗

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**Compartments:** autophagosome, autophagosome membrane, cytosol, lysosomal lumen, lysosomal membrane, phagocytic vesicle, phagocytic vesicle membrane, phagophore assembly site membrane



Triglycerides stored in lipid droplets are hydrolysed under nutrient starvation to release fatty acids for energy. The content of lipid droplets may vary but they are all coated with a protective protein called perilipin. When this protein is degraded, lipid droplets associate with autophagic components and breakdown into fatty acids (Ward C et al. 2016, Schulze R J et al. 2017). This process is termed as lipophagy (Singh R et al. 2009).

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## PLINs bind HSPA8 ↗

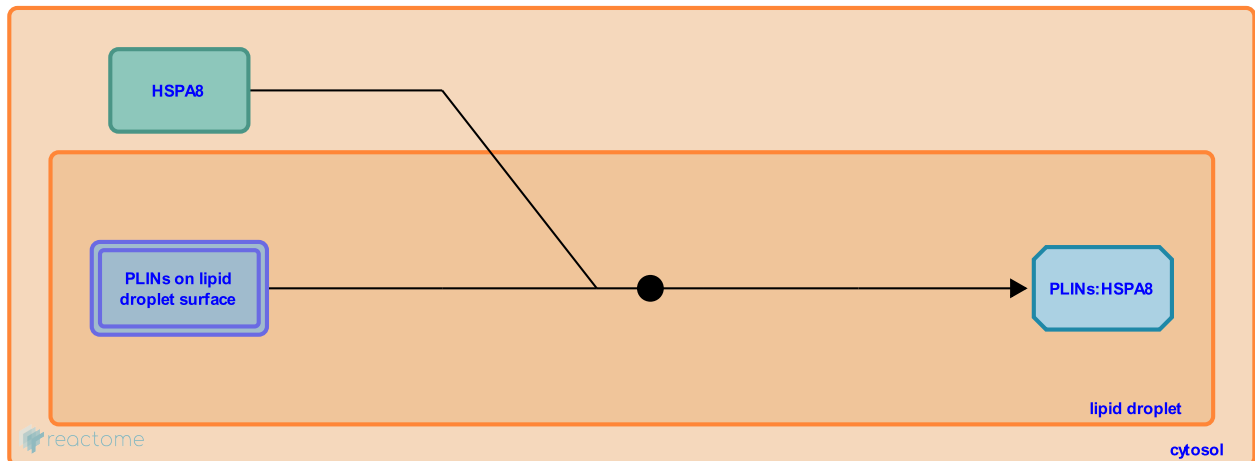
**Location:** [Lipophagy](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9613352

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** lipid droplet, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Plins bind Hspa8 \(Rattus norvegicus\)](#)



Lipophagy is the process of autophagic degradation of lipid droplets into fatty acids. A key step in this process is the elimination of perilipin (PLIN) proteins on lipid droplet surface. This mechanism is initiated when the cytosolic Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein (HSPA8) binds PLIN2 and PLIN3 on the lipid droplet surface. Consequently, perilipins are phosphorylated and targeted to degradation making the lipid available for hydrolysis (S Kaushik et al. 2015). Experiments confirming this interaction were performed in rats.

**Followed by:** [PLINs:HSPA8 binds PRKAA2](#)

## Literature references

Cuervo, AM., Kaushik, S. (2015). Degradation of lipid droplet-associated proteins by chaperone-mediated autophagy facilitates lipolysis. *Nat. Cell Biol.*, 17, 759-70. ↗

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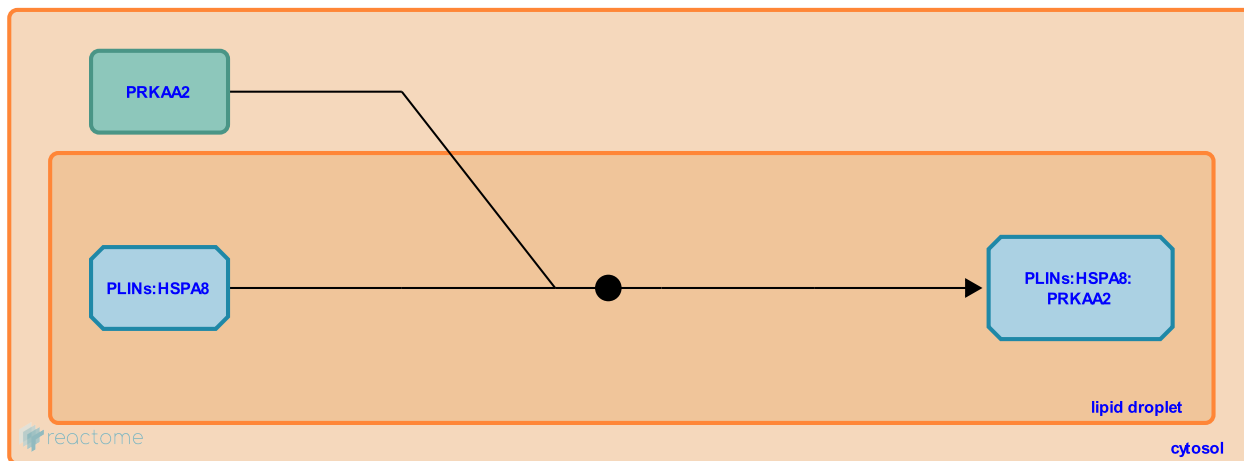
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**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** lipid droplet, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Plins:Hspa8 binds Prkaa2 \(Mus musculus\)](#)



Lipophagy is the process of autophagic degradation of lipid droplets into fatty acids. Lipid droplets are coated with perilipin (PLIN) proteins and they need to be eliminated for the degradation of the lipids inside. Cytosolic Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein (HSPA8) binds PLIN2 and PLIN3 on the lipid droplet surface. Consequently, PRKAA2 binds and phosphorylates perilipins targeting them for lipophagy (S Kaushik et al. 2015, S Kaushik et al. 2016). Experiments confirming this interaction were performed in mouse.

**Preceded by:** [PRKAA2 dissociate from p-PLINs:HSPA8, PLINs bind HSPA8](#)

**Followed by:** [PRKAA2 phosphorylates PLINs](#)

## Literature references

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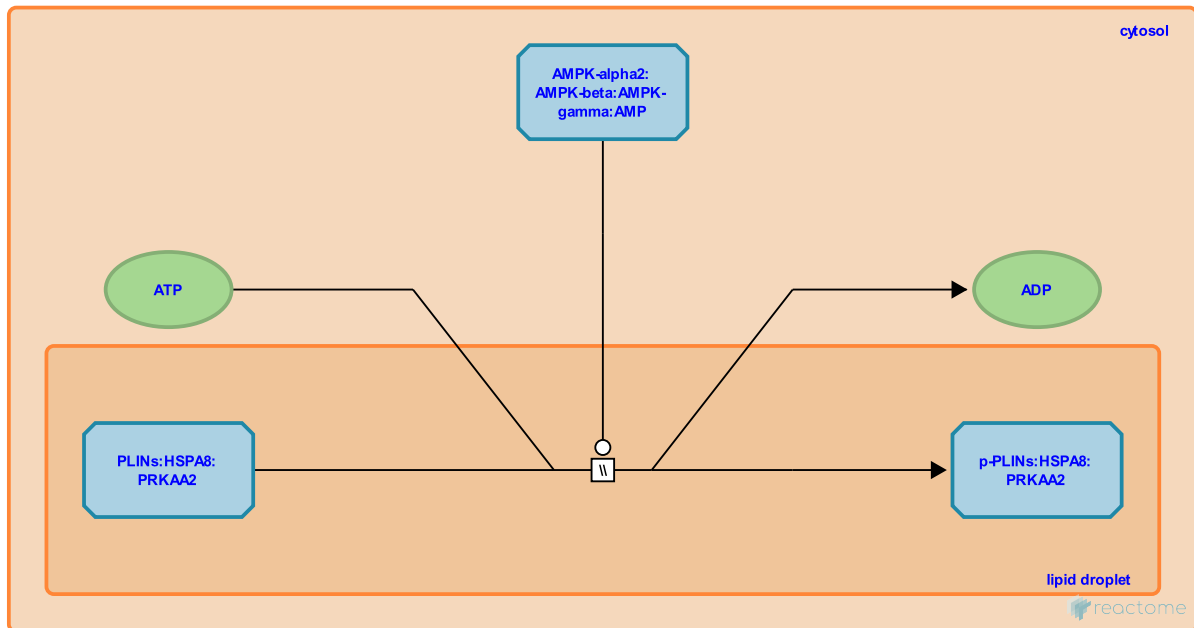
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**Compartments:** lipid droplet, cytosol

**Inferred from:** Prkaa2 phosphorylates Plins (Mus musculus)



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**Preceded by:** PLINs:HSPA8 binds PRKAA2

**Followed by:** PRKAA2 dissociate from p-PLINs:HSPA8

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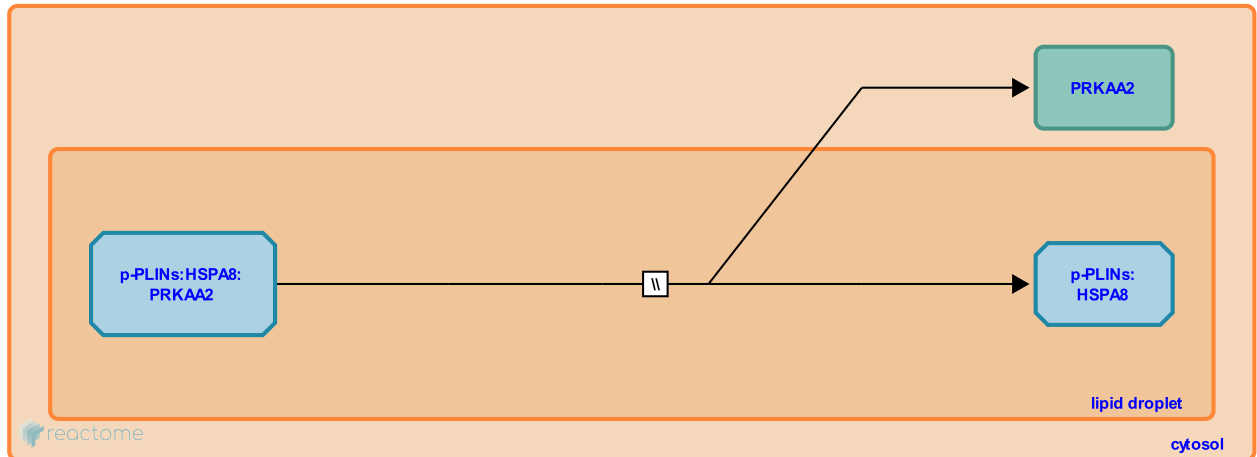
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**Compartments:** lipid droplet, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Prkaa2 dissociate from p-Plins:Hspa8 \(Mus musculus\)](#)



Once phosphorylated, PLINs are believed to dissociate from PRKAA2 and translocate to the cytosol (S Kaushik et al. 2015, S Kaushik et al. 2016). The precise dissociation mechanism of Plins is unclear. The experiments showing this finding were performed in mouse models.

**Preceded by:** [PRKAA2 phosphorylates PLINs](#)

**Followed by:** [p-PLINs translocate from lipid droplet surface to cytosol, PLINs:HSPA8 binds PRKAA2](#)

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## p-PLINs translocate from lipid droplet surface to cytosol ↗

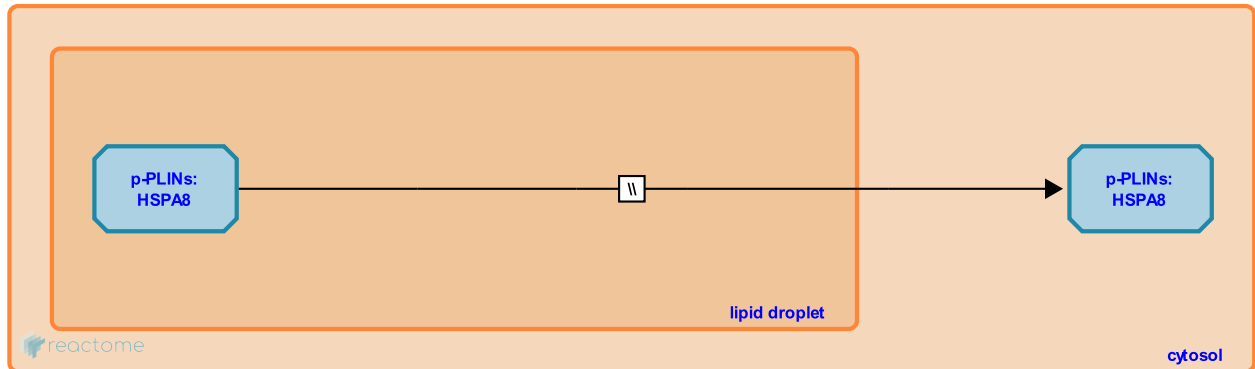
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**Compartments:** lipid droplet, cytosol

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**Preceded by:** [PRKAA2 dissociate from p-PLINs:HSPA8](#)

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