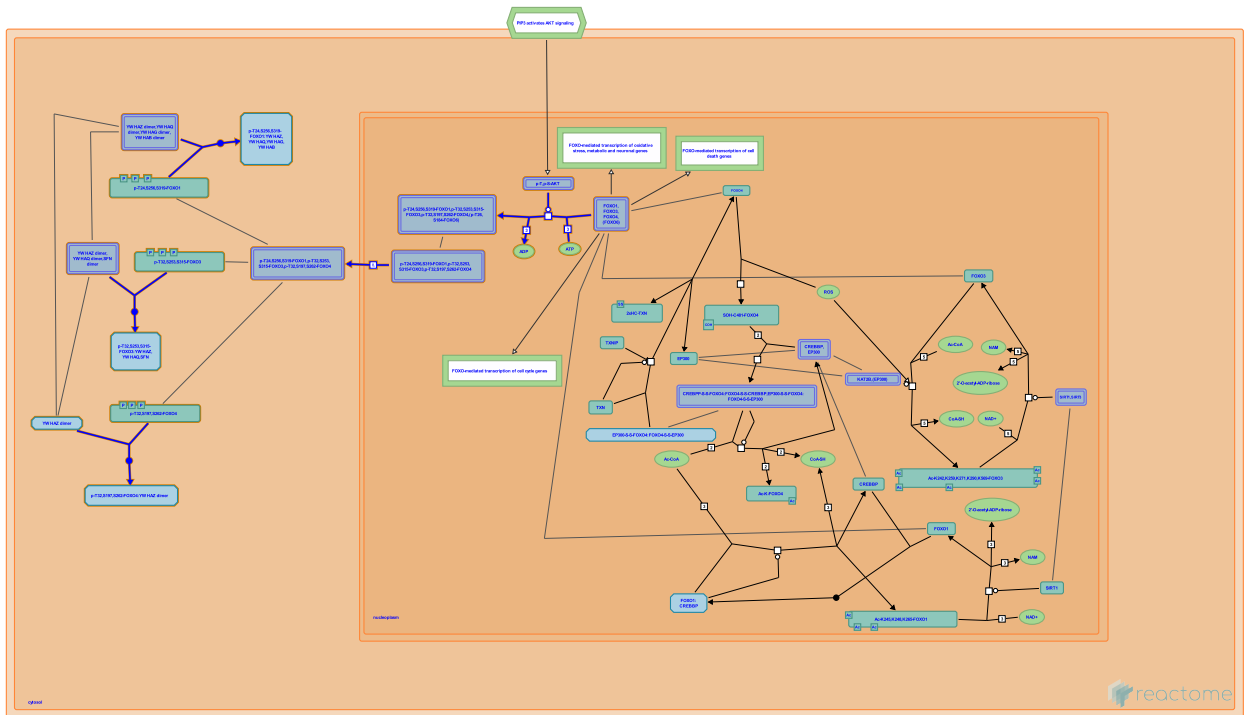


Regulation of localization of FOXO transcription factors



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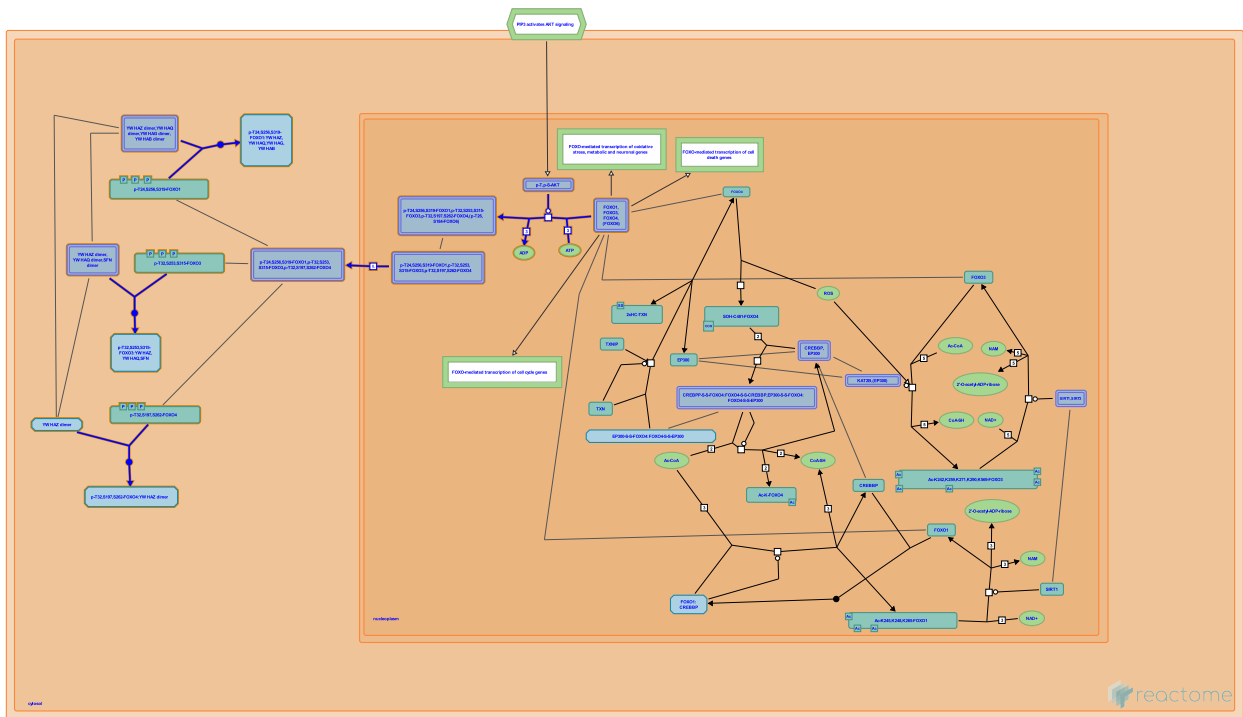
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Localization of FOXO transcription factors FOXO1, FOXO3 and FOXO4 is regulated by AKT-mediated phosphorylation. In the absence of PI3K/AKT signaling, FOXO1, FOXO3 and FOXO4 localize to the nucleus. AKT-mediated phosphorylation induces a conformational change that exposes a nuclear export signal (NES) and promotes translocation of FOXO1, FOXO3 and FOXO4 to the cytosol (Rena et al. 1999, Brunet et al. 1999, Kops et al. 1999). AKT-phosphorylated FOXO1, FOXO3 and FOXO4 bind to 14-3-3 proteins, which contributes to their retention in the cytosol (Rena et al. 2001, Brunet et al. 1999, Arimoto Ishida et al. 2004, Obsilova et al. 2005, Boura et al. 2007, Silhan et al. 2009). FOXO6 lacks the NES sequence and is exclusively nuclear, but phosphorylation in response to PI3K/AKT signaling affects the transcriptional activity of FOXO6 (Jacobs et al. 2003, van der Heide et al. 2005).

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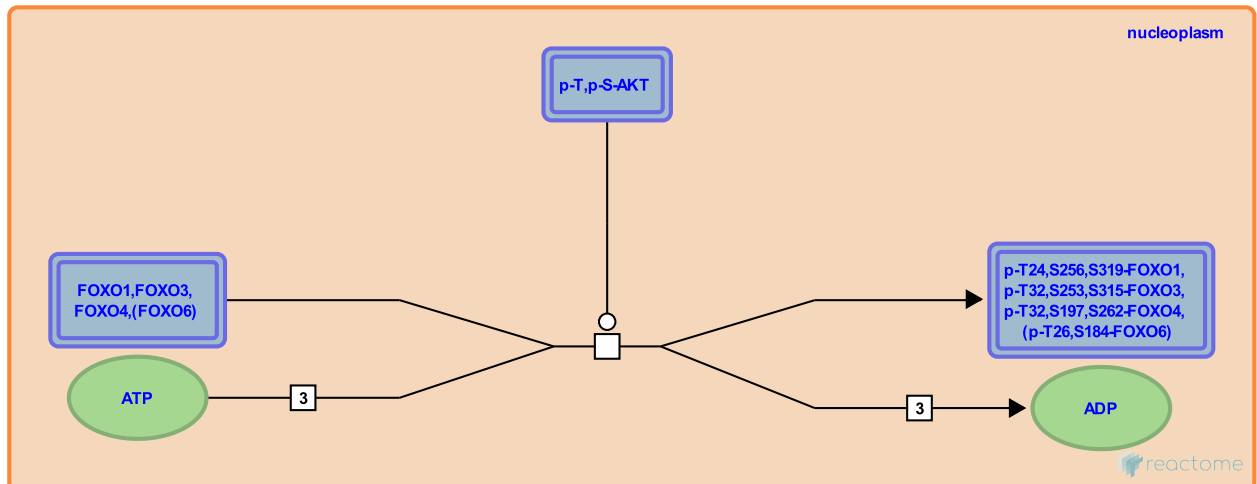
AKT phosphorylates FOXO transcription factors ↗

Location: Regulation of localization of FOXO transcription factors

Stable identifier: R-HSA-199299

Type: transition

Compartments: nucleoplasm



AKT-mediated phosphorylation of Forkhead box (FOX) transcription factors of the FOXO family, FOXO1 (FKHR), FOXO3 (FoxO3a, also known as FKHL1) and FOXO4 (AFX) contributes to PI3K/AKT signaling-stimulated cell survival and growth. Activated AKT1 phosphorylates FOXO1 on threonine residue T24 and serine residues S256 and S319 (Rena et al. 1999), FOXO3 on threonine residue T32 and serine residues S253 and S315 (Brunet et al. 1999), and FOXO4 on threonine residue T32 and serine residues S197 and S262 (Kops et al. 1999).

Based on studies with recombinant mouse Foxo6 expressed in the human embryonic kidney cell line HEK293, FOXO6 has two conserved AKT phosphorylation sites: T26 and S184. Mouse Foxo6 has a third predicted Akt phosphorylation site at the C-terminus, T338, which is not present in other Foxo family members and is not conserved in human FOXO6. T26 and S184 are phosphorylated in response to growth factors known to activate PI3K/AKT signaling, but AKT has not been explicitly identified as the responsible kinase. In contrast to other FOXO family members, FOXO6 remains predominantly nuclear irrespective of growth factor-induced signaling, and only a small portion of phosphorylated FOXO6 may shuttle to the cytosol. Phosphorylation of FOXO6 on putative AKT sites, however, may inhibit binding of FOXO6 to target DNA sites (Jacobs et al. 2003, van der Heide et al. 2005).

Protein phosphatase DUSP6 (MKP3) may act to dephosphorylate FOXO1 after AKT-mediated phosphorylation (Rodrigues et al. 2017).

Followed by: [AKT-phosphorylated FOXO1,FOXO3,FOXO4 translocate to the cytosol](#)

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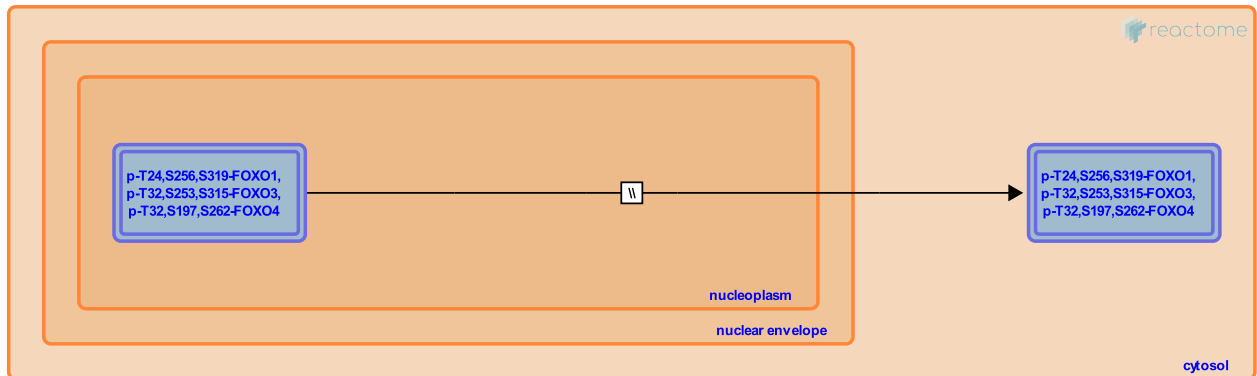
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Type: omitted

Compartments: nucleoplasm, cytosol



AKT-mediated phosphorylation results in exclusion of FOXO1 (Rena et al. 2001), FOXO3 (Brunet et al. 1999) and FOXO4 (Obslova et al. 2005) from the nucleus. In the absence of PI3K/AKT signaling, FOXO1 (Rena et al. 2001), FOXO3 (Brunet et al. 1999) and FOXO4 (Matsuzaki et al. 2005) are mainly nuclear, but after activation of PI3K/AKT signaling, they become cytoplasmic. One of the conserved AKT phosphorylation sites is within the nuclear localization signal (NLS) of FOXO1, FOXO3 and FOXO4.

In contrast to other FOXO family members, FOXO6 remains predominantly nuclear irrespective of growth factor-induced signaling, and only a small portion of FOXO6 phosphorylated on putative AKT sites may shuttle to the nucleus (Jacobs et al. 2003, van der Heide et al. 2005).

Preceded by: AKT phosphorylates FOXO transcription factors

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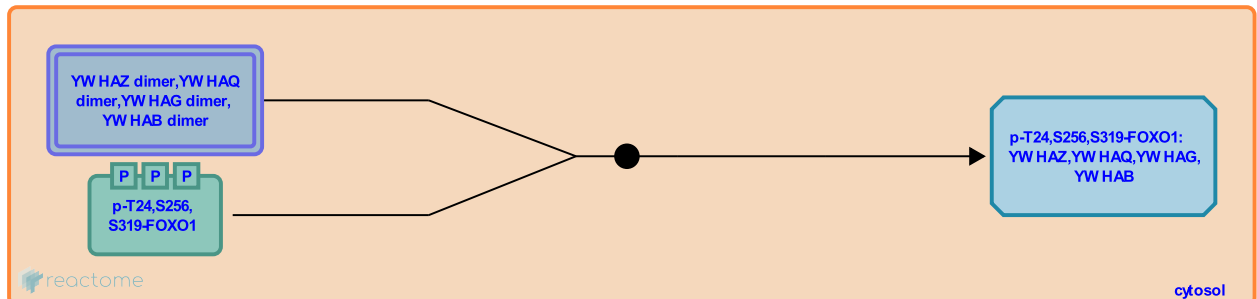
14-3-3 proteins bind AKT-phosphorylated FOXO1 ↗

Location: [Regulation of localization of FOXO transcription factors](#)

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Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol



Nuclear exclusion and cytoplasmic retention of AKT-phosphorylated FOXO1 is promoted by binding of FOXO1 to 14-3-3 proteins: YWHAZ (14-3-3 zeta), YWHAQ (14-3-3 theta), YWHAB (14-3-3 beta) and YWHAG (14-3-3 gamma) (Rena et al. 2001).

Preceded by: [AKT-phosphorylated FOXO1, FOXO3, FOXO4 translocate to the cytosol](#)

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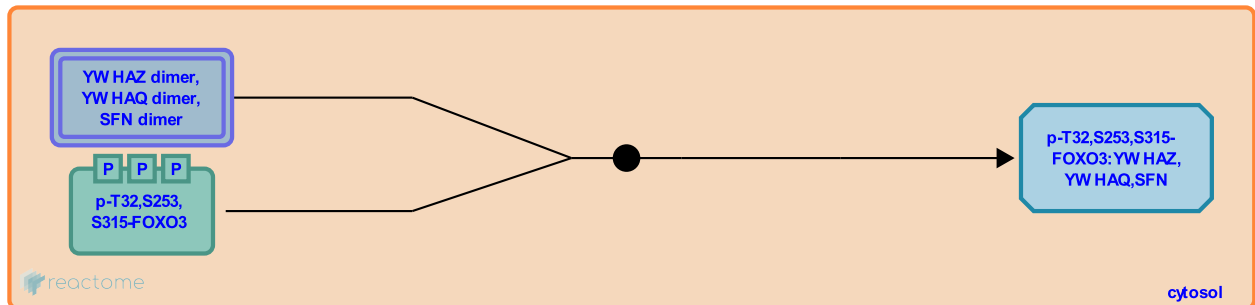
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Location: [Regulation of localization of FOXO transcription factors](#)

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Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol



Nuclear exclusion and cytoplasmic retention of AKT-phosphorylated FOXO3 is promoted by binding of FOXO3 to 14-3-3 proteins: YWHAZ (14-3-3 zeta), YWHAQ (14-3-3 theta), and SFN (14-3-3 sigma) (Brunet et al. 1999, Arimoto-Ishida et al. 2004).

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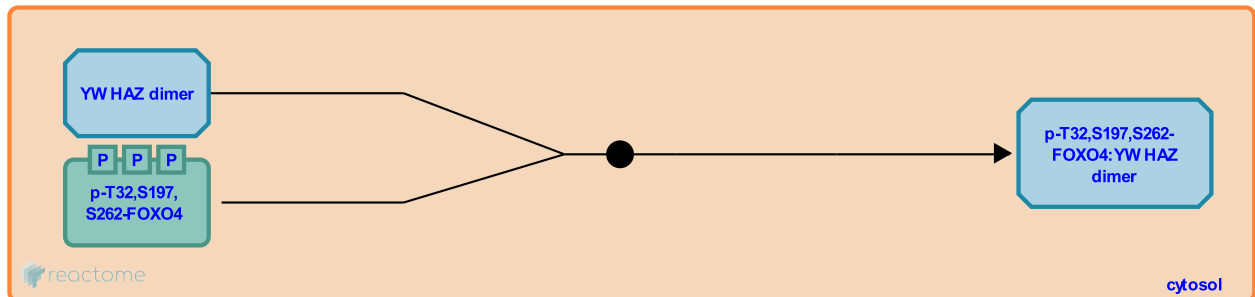
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Location: [Regulation of localization of FOXO transcription factors](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-9614564

Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol



Nuclear exclusion and cytoplasmic retention of AKT-phosphorylated FOXO4 is promoted by binding of FOXO4 to 14-3-3 zeta (YWHAZ) (Obsilova et al. 2005, Boura et al. 2007, Silhan et al. 2009).

Preceded by: [AKT-phosphorylated FOXO1,FOXO3,FOXO4 translocate to the cytosol](#)

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