

# SMAC (DIABLO) forms dimer

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## Introduction

Reactome is open-source, open access, manually curated and peer-reviewed pathway database. Pathway annotations are authored by expert biologists, in collaboration with Reactome editorial staff and cross-referenced to many bioinformatics databases. A system of evidence tracking ensures that all assertions are backed up by the primary literature. Reactome is used by clinicians, geneticists, genomics researchers, and molecular biologists to interpret the results of high-throughput experimental studies, by bioinformaticians seeking to develop novel algorithms for mining knowledge from genomic studies, and by systems biologists building predictive models of normal and disease variant pathways.

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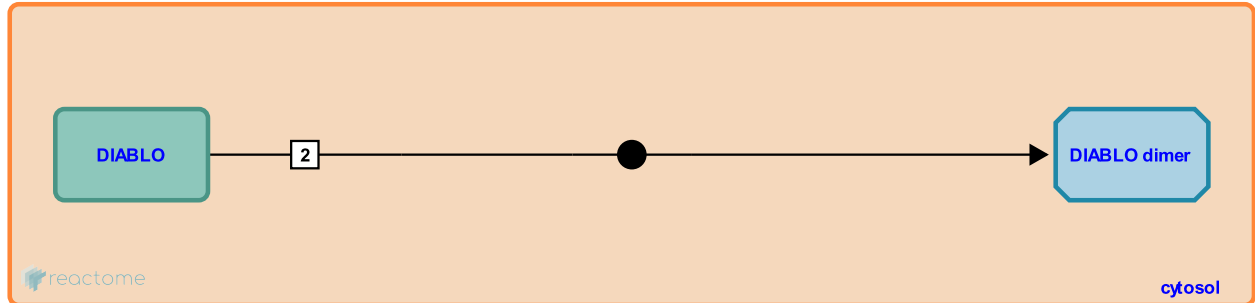
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9627106

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** cytosol



The crystal structure of SMAC(DIABLO) at 2.2Å resolution revealed that it homodimerized through an extensive hydrophobic interface and formed an elongated arch shaped quaternary structure (Chai J et al. 2000). Missense mutations that disrupt SMAC (DIABLO) dimeric interface, abrogated the XIAP-neutralizing function of SMAC (DIABLO), suggesting that SMAC dimerization is essential for its pro-apoptotic activity (Chai et al. 2000). SMAC (DIABLO) was also found to adopt a tetrameric assembly in solution (Mastrangelo E et al. 2015).

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