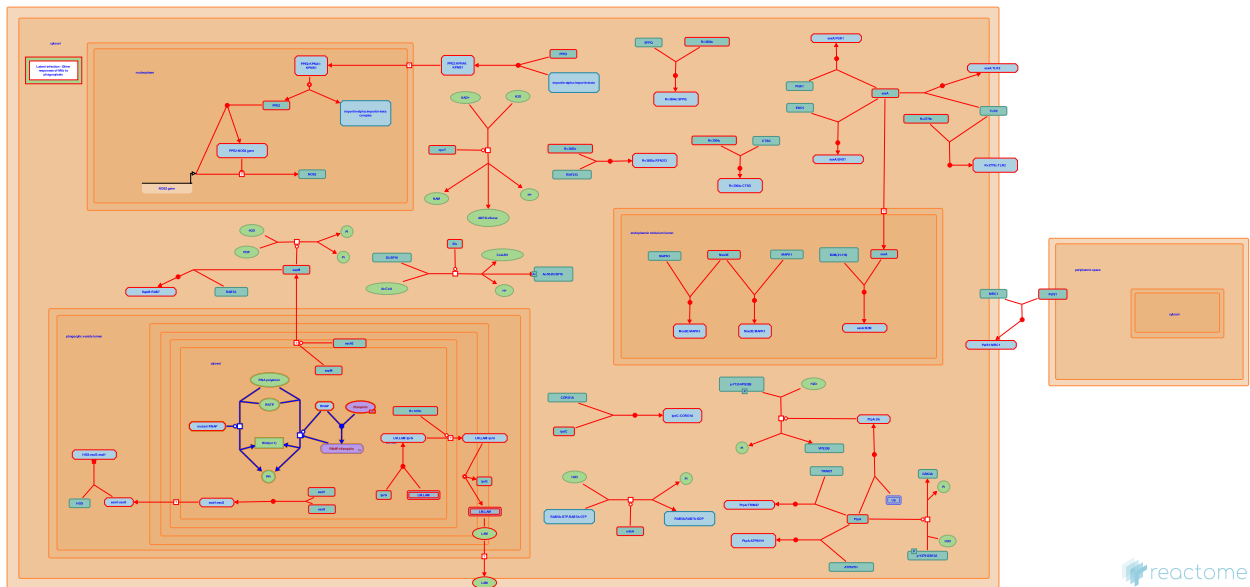


Antimicrobial action and antimicrobial resistance in Mtb



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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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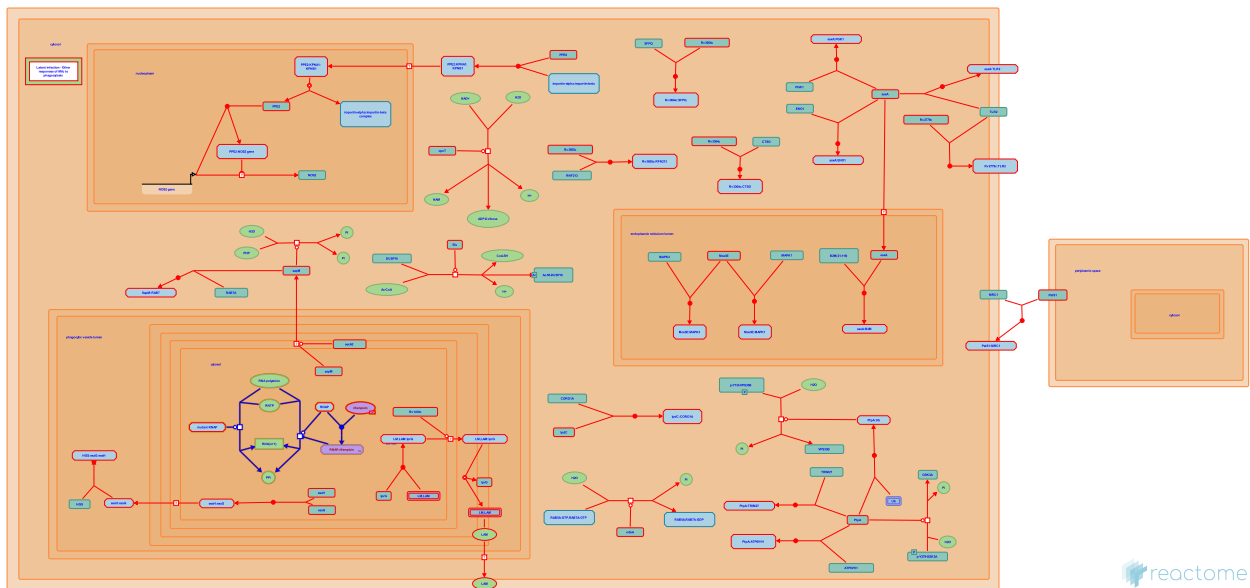
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Diseases: tuberculosis



Antimicrobial compounds kill microorganisms or inhibit their growth, either in the host, outside on the skin (antiseptics), or in the environment (disinfectants). In the host they are named after the target symbiont, for example antibiotics, antifungals, and antiparasitics. It suffices to permanently stop an essential pathway in the symbiont to kill it. Broad spectrum antimicrobials usually target a conserved pathway like protein synthesis or cell wall construction, in order to affect a whole taxonomic group (Arenz & Wilson 2016, Barry et al. 2007, Green 2002).

Resistance of microorganisms (bacteria, viruses, parasites) to antimicrobials is one of the most important public health problems. Many mechanisms exist, and they are either acquired by mutation, by horizontal gene transfer, or are already intrinsic to the organism. The main mechanisms are modification of the antimicrobial, or its removal from the place of action, modification of its binding partner in the affected pathway, or usage of a back-up pathway. Participation of the organism in a consortium (like in biofilms) enables additional resistance mechanisms (Aminov & Mackie 2007, Peterson & Kaur 2018, van Acker et al. 2014, van Acker & Coenye 2016).

The events described here are specific to Mtb infection.

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RNAP transcribes Mtb RNA polyanion ↗

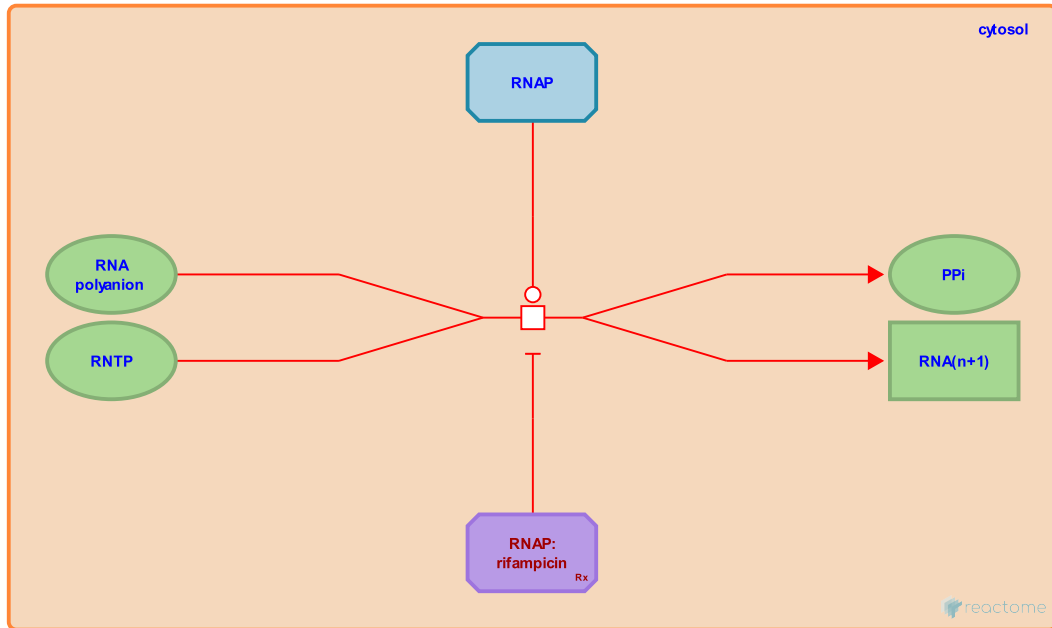
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Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol

Diseases: tuberculosis



The Mtb RNA polymerase core complex consists of 5 subunits ($2\alpha:\beta:\beta':\omega$) and elongates transcribed RNA polyanion by the step-wise attachment of ribonucleoside triphosphates, according to the DNA template (Hu et al. 2012).

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Morichaud, Z., Hu, Y., Brodolin, K., Leonetti, JP., Chen, S. (2012). Mycobacterium tuberculosis RbpA protein is a new type of transcriptional activator that stabilizes the σ A-containing RNA polymerase holoenzyme. *Nucleic Acids Res.*, 40, 6547-57. ↗

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Rifampicin binds Mtb RNAP [↗](#)

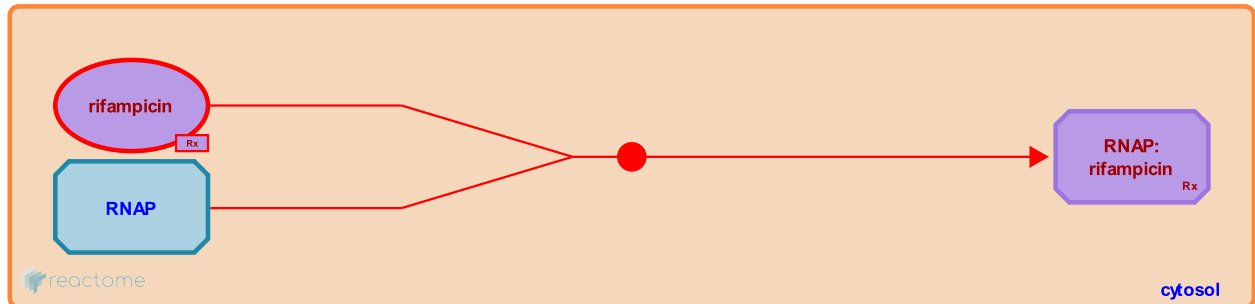
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Type: binding

Compartments: cytosol

Diseases: tuberculosis



The core of the bacterial RNA polymerase (RNAP) consists of 5 subunits and is highly conserved across the kingdom. The antimycobacterial drug rifampicin binds to the rpoB subunit and inhibits transcription (Wehrli et al. 1968, Heil & Zillig 1970).

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Defective rpoB in Mtb RNAP transcribes RNA polyanion ↗

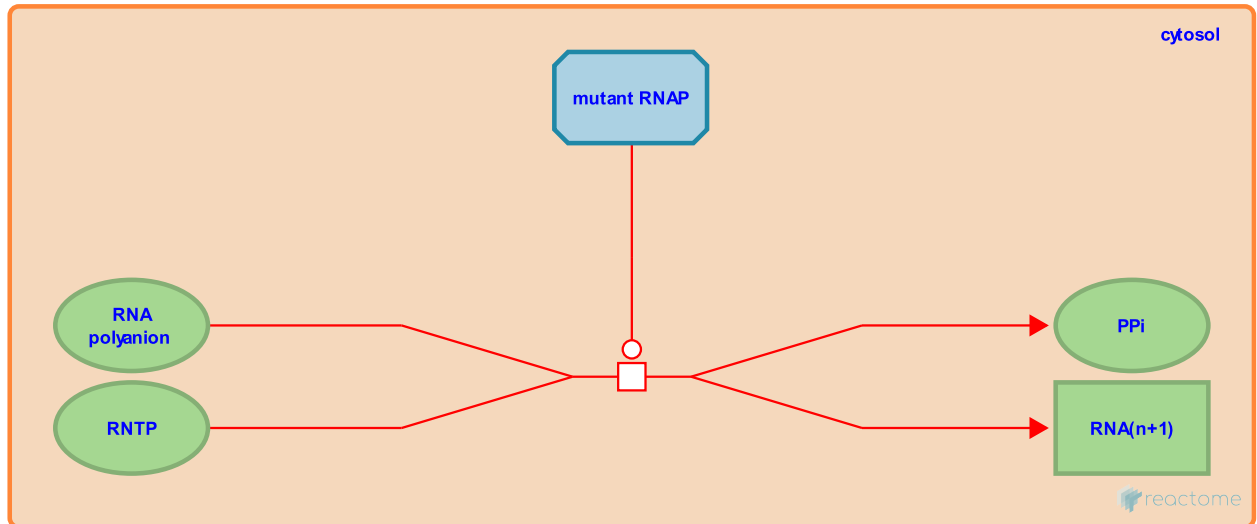
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Compartments: cytosol

Diseases: tuberculosis



Mutations in several regions of bacterial RNA polymerase (RNAP) subunit rpoB disable binding of rifampicin, and recover enzymatic activity (Jin & Gross 1988, Telenti et al. 1993). The most clinically prevalent mutation associated with rifampicin resistance is S456L which accounts for 40-75% of all rifampicin resistant mutants (Stefan et al. 2018).

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