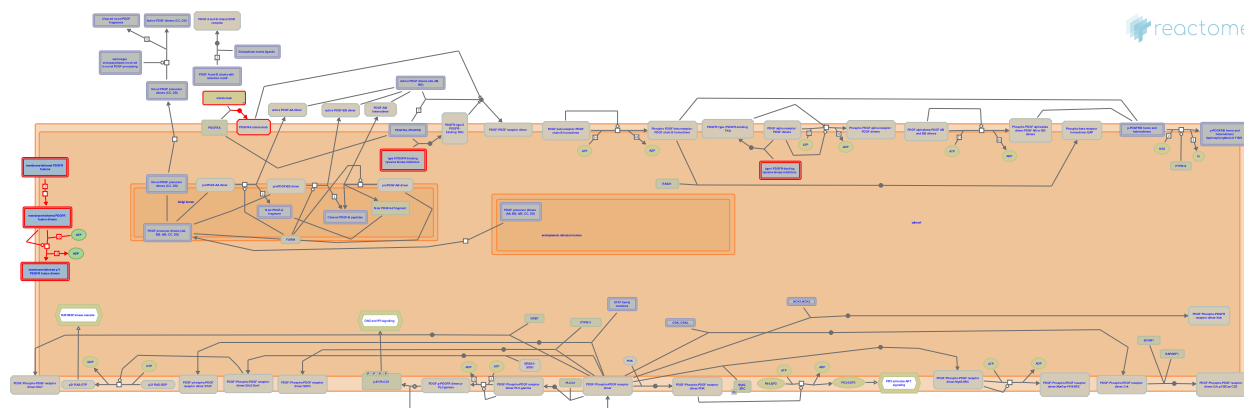


Signaling by membrane-tethered fusions of PDGFRA or PDGFRB



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Introduction

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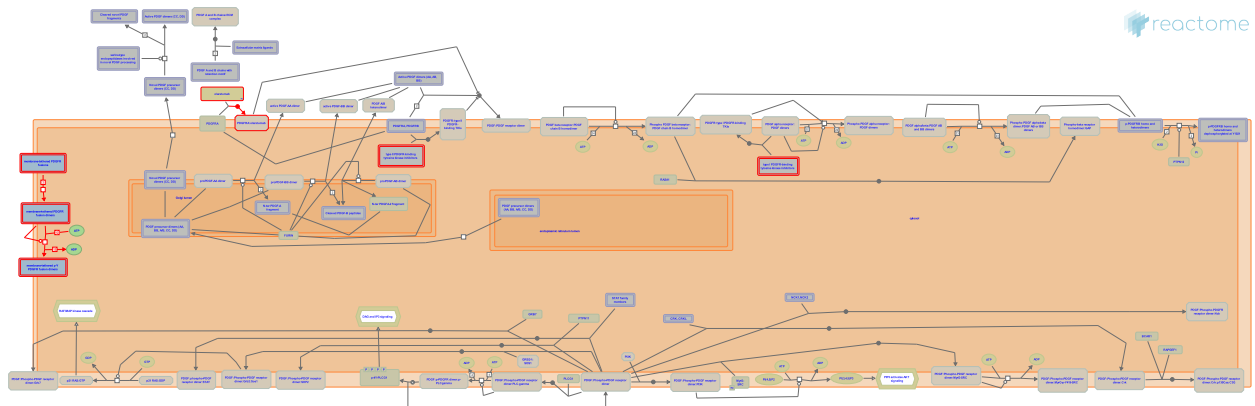
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In addition to activating missense and in-frame deletion mutations, PDGFRA and PDGFRB are also subject to low frequency gene fusion events arising from chromosomal rearrangements. To date there are about 35 identified PDGFRA or B fusion partners, with PDGFRB being the more common partner (reviewed in Appiah-Kubi et al, 2017). Although some of the PDGF fusion proteins are cytosolic by virtue of removal of the PDGFR transmembrane region (TMD), a number of fusions retain the TMD and are linked to the plasma membrane (Hidalgo-Curtis et al, 2010; Ozawa et al, 2010; Curtis et al, 2007; Medves et al, 2010; reviewed in Appiah-Kubi et al, 2017). The most common transmembrane fusion partner of PDGFRA and PDGFRB is ETV6 (also known as TEL1), a transcriptional repressor with known ability to homodimerize (Curtis et al, 2007; Golub et al, 1994; Andrae et al, 2008; reviewed in de Braekeleer et al, 2012; Wang et al, 2016; Appiah-Kubi et al, 2017).

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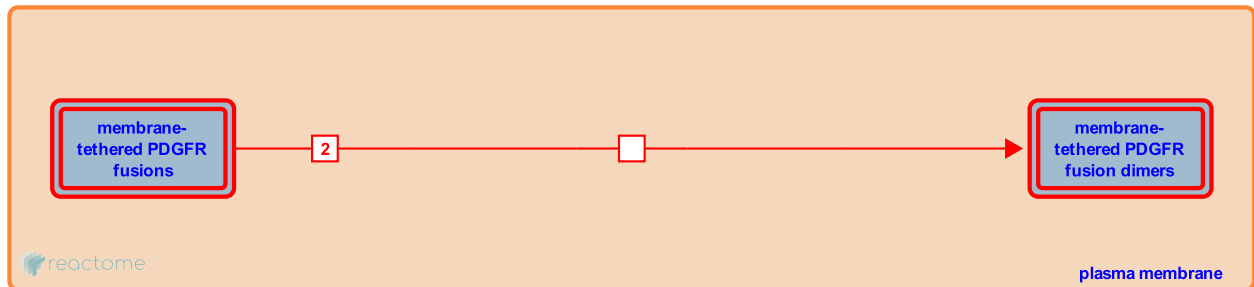
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Transmembrane PDGFR fusion proteins dimerize independent of ligand stimulation, driven by the presence of a dimerization domain provided by the N-terminal fusion partner of the PDGFR protein (Stover et al, 2006; Carroll et al, 1996; Ozawa et al, 2010; Medves et al, 2010; Willbanks et al, 2000; reviewed in Wang et al, 2016; Appiah-Kubi et al, 2017).

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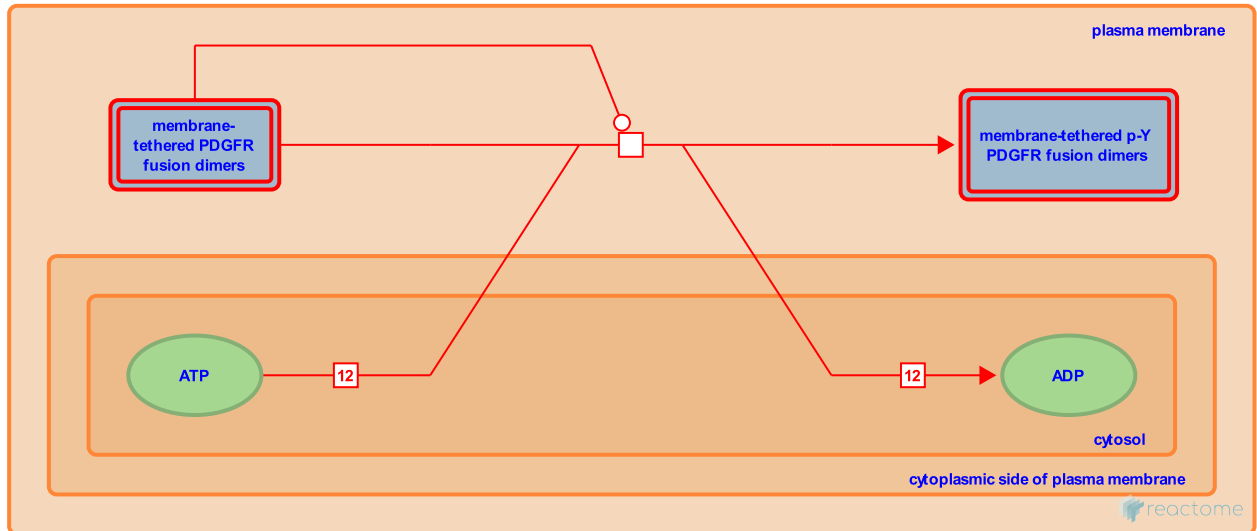
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Where they have been studied, transmembrane PDGFR fusion proteins have been shown to trans-autophosphorylate in a ligand-independent manner, stimulating downstream signaling and promoting oncogenic transformation (Carroll et al, 1996; Willbanks et al, 2000; Stover et al, 2006; Medves et al, 2010; Ozawa et al, 2010; reviewed in Wang et al, 2016; Appiah-Kubi et al, 2017). Many of the PDGFR fusions appear to signal through the STAT pathway, with some variability in which STAT family members are engaged. Other pathways activated downstream of the transmembrane fusions include MAP kinase, PLC gamma and PI3K signaling cascades (Medves et al, 2010; Ozawa et al, 2010; Willbanks et al, 2000; Carroll et al, 1996).

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