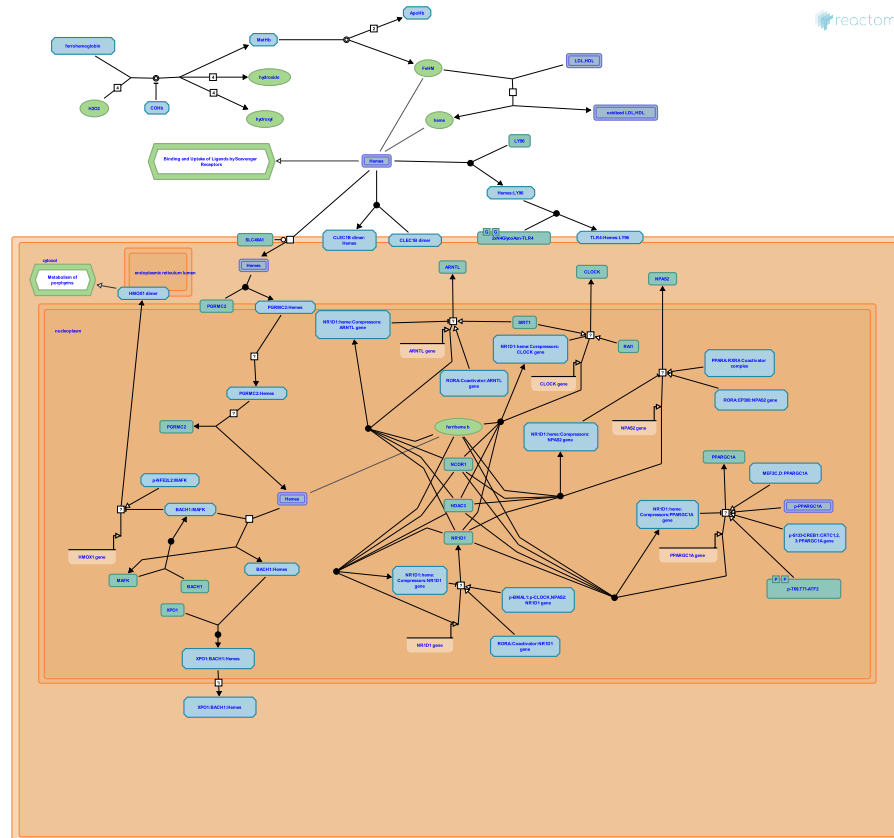


# Heme signaling



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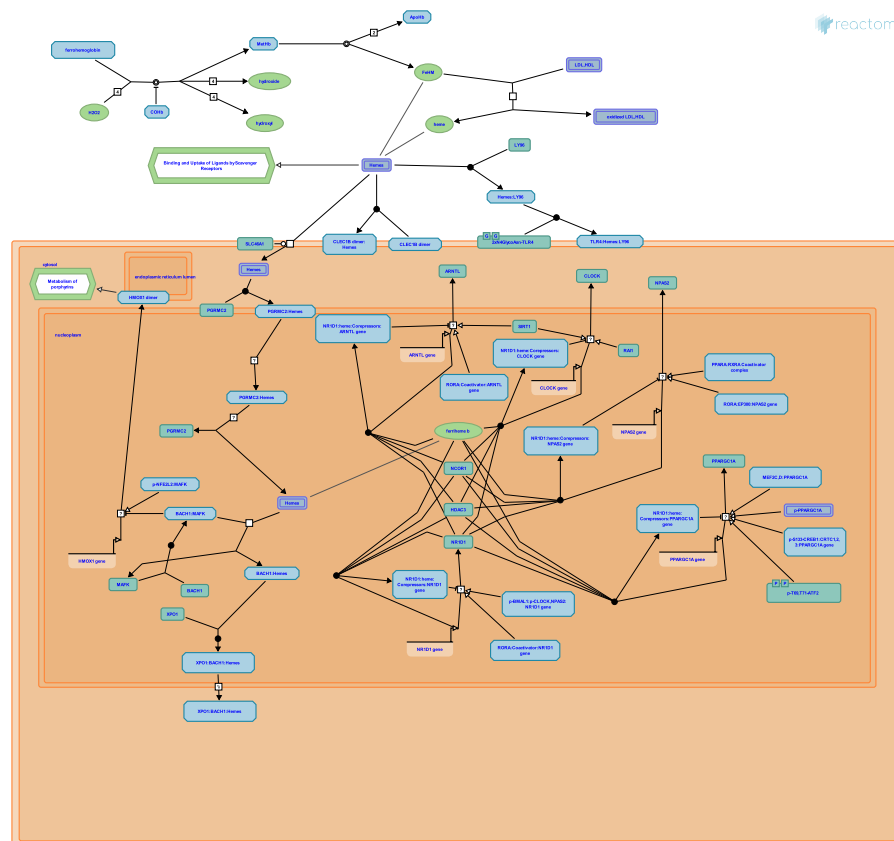
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## Heme signaling ↗

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707616

**Compartments:** cytosol, extracellular region, nuclear envelope, nucleoplasm, plasma membrane



Extracellular hemoglobin, a byproduct of hemolysis, can release its prosthetic heme groups upon oxidation. Blood plasma contains proteins that scavenge heme. It is estimated that about 2–8% of the heme released in plasma becomes ‘bioavailable’, being internalized by bystander cells. If the heme degradation capacity of a cell, represented by heme oxidase 1 and 2, cannot be ramped up sufficiently then heme signaling and reactivity puts cells under stress. Platelets are activated by heme, and macrophages switch to the inflammatory type (Donegan et al, 2019; Gouveia et al, 2019).

Free (labile) heme accumulates in the blood stream in great amounts under pathological conditions like viral infections and malaria, but also ARDS and COPD. The locally affected cells' primary reaction is to upregulate heme oxidase 1 (HMOX1) expression. HMOX1 induction in these cells not only removes heme from circulation but also triggers a functional switch toward the anti-inflammatory phenotype (Vijayan et al, 2018). However, heme scavenging and degradation systems may get overwhelmed by the sheer amount of heme present.

Heme promotes platelet activation, complement activation, vasculitis, and thrombosis (Bourne et al, 2020; Merle et al, 2018). Heme was recognized to act as a danger signal, damage-associated molecular pattern (DAMP), or alarmin (Soares and Bozza, 2016) and was shown to activate Toll-like receptor 4 (TLR4) signaling (Figueiredo et al, 2007; Janciauskiene et al, 2020). It also has a role as corepressor in the circadian clock system (Ko and Takahashi, 2006). BACH1 is regulated by heme in a cell, thus placing heme as a signaling molecule in gene expression in higher eukaryotes. The regulation of BACH1 by heme may be important for the stress response in general (Suzuki et al, 2004).

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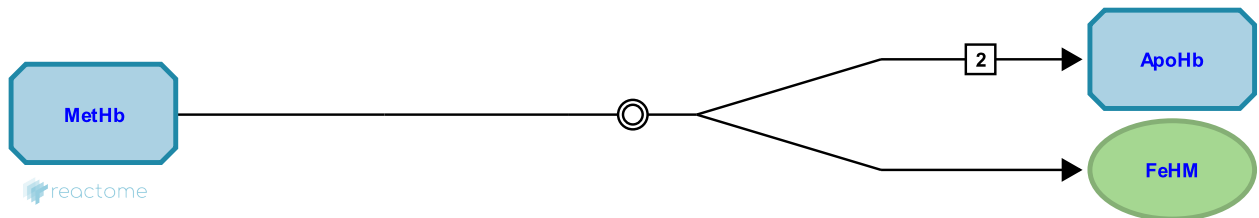
## FeHM dissociates from MetHb [↗](#)

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707516

**Type:** dissociation

**Compartments:** extracellular region



Methemoglobin (MetHb) is highly unstable, releasing free ferriheme (FeHM). The hydrophobic ferriheme, if not scavenged by serum proteins, rapidly intercalates into the plasma membrane of surrounding cells, catalyzing lipid oxidation (Balla et al, 1993).

**Preceded by:** [H2O2 oxidises ferrohemoglobin to MetHb](#)

**Followed by:** [FeHM oxidises LDL,HDL](#)

### Literature references

Eaton, JW., Balla, G., Jacob, HS., Vercellotti, GM., Balla, J., Nath, K. (1993). Endothelial-cell heme uptake from heme proteins: induction of sensitization and desensitization to oxidant damage. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 90, 9285-9. [↗](#)

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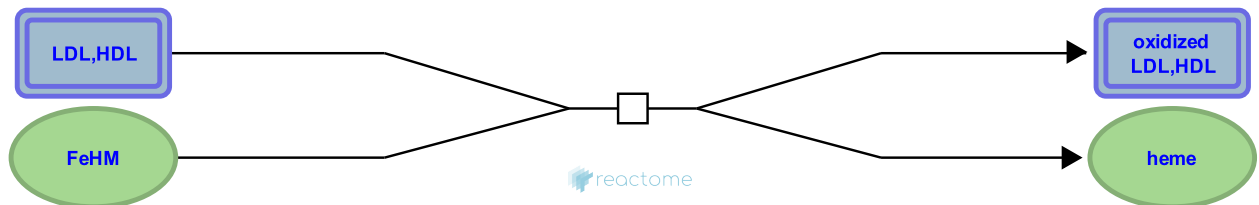
## FeHM oxidises LDL,HDL ↗

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707586

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** extracellular region



Free heme initially binds to the lipoproteins LDL and HDL which are highly susceptible to oxidation by ferriheme (FeHM). The half-life of the heme:lipoprotein complex is longer than 20 sec. Heme is then transferred to the antioxidants albumin and hemopexin (Miller and Shaklai, 1999; Jeney et al, 2002)

**Preceded by:** [FeHM dissociates from MetHb](#)

### Literature references

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Eaton, JW., Jeney, V., Vercellotti, GM., Yachie, A., Balla, G., Varga, Z. et al. (2002). Pro-oxidant and cytotoxic effects of circulating heme. *Blood*, 100, 879-87. ↗

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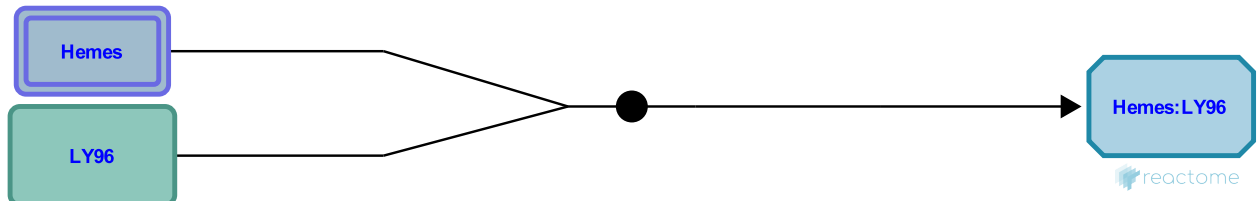
## Hemes bind LY96 [↗](#)

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707594

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** extracellular region



Secreted LY96 (MD-2) is a large protein that confers lipopolysaccharide (LPS) sensitivity to Toll-like receptor 4 (TLR4). Hemes can bind to secreted LY96 at a different site than LPS, resulting in comparable TLR4 activation (Belcher et al, 2002; Visintin et al, 2001).

**Followed by:** [Hemes:LY96 activates TLR4](#)

### Literature references

Belcher, JD., Nath, KA., Kiser, ZM., Nguyen, J., Trent, JO., Zhang, P. et al. (2020). Identification of a Heme Activation Site on the MD-2/TLR4 Complex. *Front Immunol*, 11, 1370. [↗](#)

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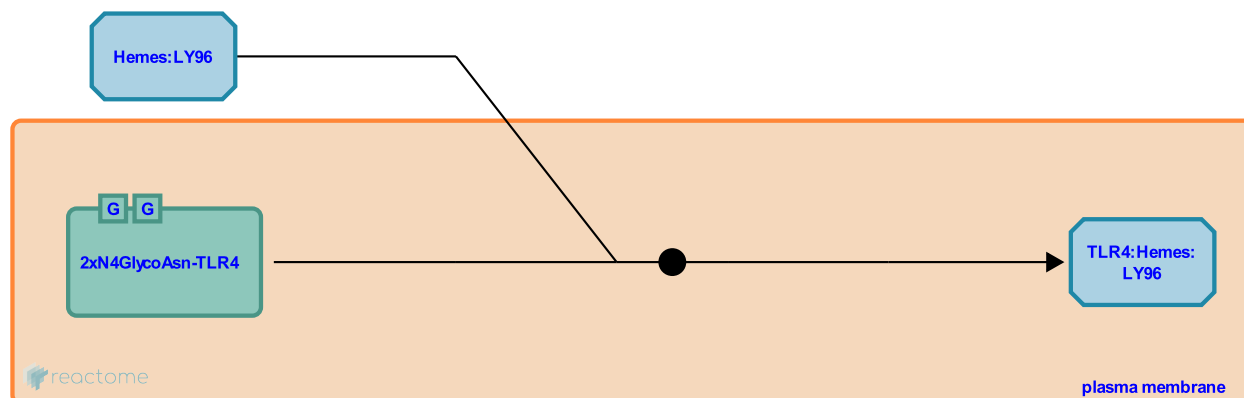
## Hemes:LY96 activates TLR4 [↗](#)

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707659

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, extracellular region



Hemes bind and activate TLR4 signaling at amino acids W23 and Y34 on LY96 (MD-2) (Belcher et al, 2002).

**Preceded by:** [Hemes bind LY96](#)

### Literature references

Belcher, JD., Nath, KA., Kiser, ZM., Nguyen, J., Trent, JO., Zhang, P. et al. (2020). Identification of a Heme Activation Site on the MD-2/TLR4 Complex. *Front Immunol*, 11, 1370. [↗](#)

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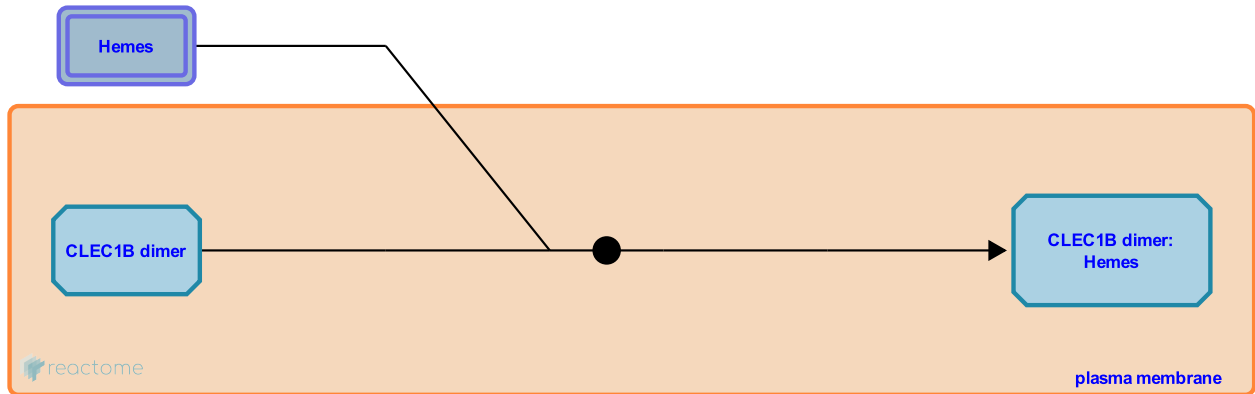
## Hemes bind to CLEC1B dimer [↗](#)

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707505

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** plasma membrane, extracellular region



Heme is an endogenous agonist for CLEC-2 (CLEC1B) leading to platelet activation through activation of integrin GPIIb/IIIa at low concentrations and agglutination at high concentrations (Bourne et al, 2020).

### Literature references

Rayes, J., Watson, SP., Roumenina, LT., Slater, A., Dimitrov, JD., Martin, E. et al. (2020). Heme induces human and mouse platelet activation through C-type-lectin-like receptor-2. *Haematologica*. [↗](#)

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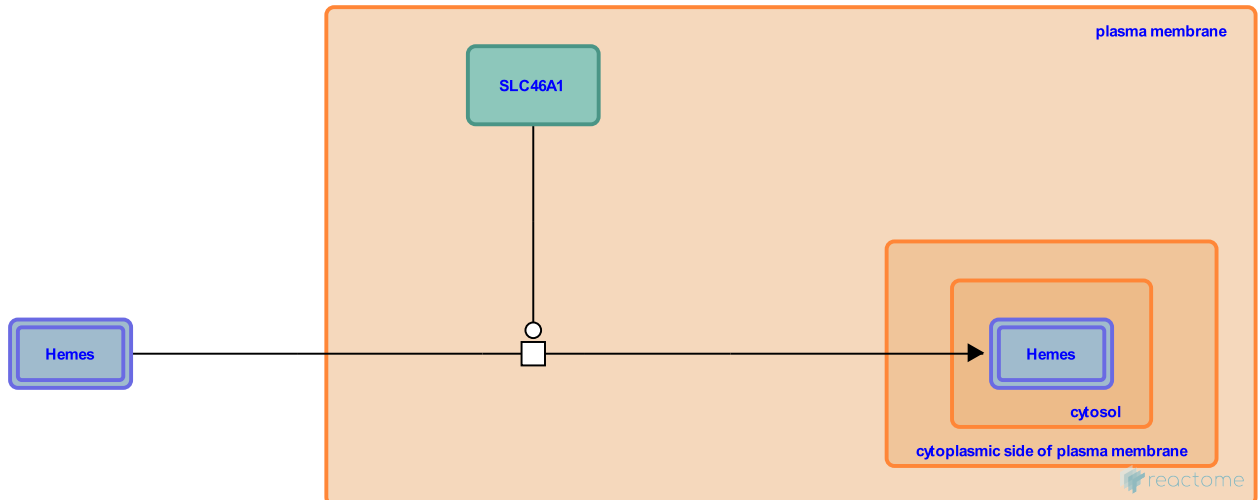
## SLC46A1 transports hemes from extracellular region to cytosol [↗](#)

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-917870

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane



Uptake of iron from meat happens mostly in the form of ferriheme (FeHM), and via the same transporter that is used for folate. The process is more effective than taking up iron ions (Shayeghi M et al, 2005). In general, heme transporters do not differentiate between ferroheme and ferriheme.

### Literature references

Simpson, RJ., McKie, AT., Shayeghi, M., Latunde-Dada, GO., Laftah, AH., Halliday, N. et al. (2005). Identification of an intestinal heme transporter. *Cell*, 122, 789-801. [↗](#)

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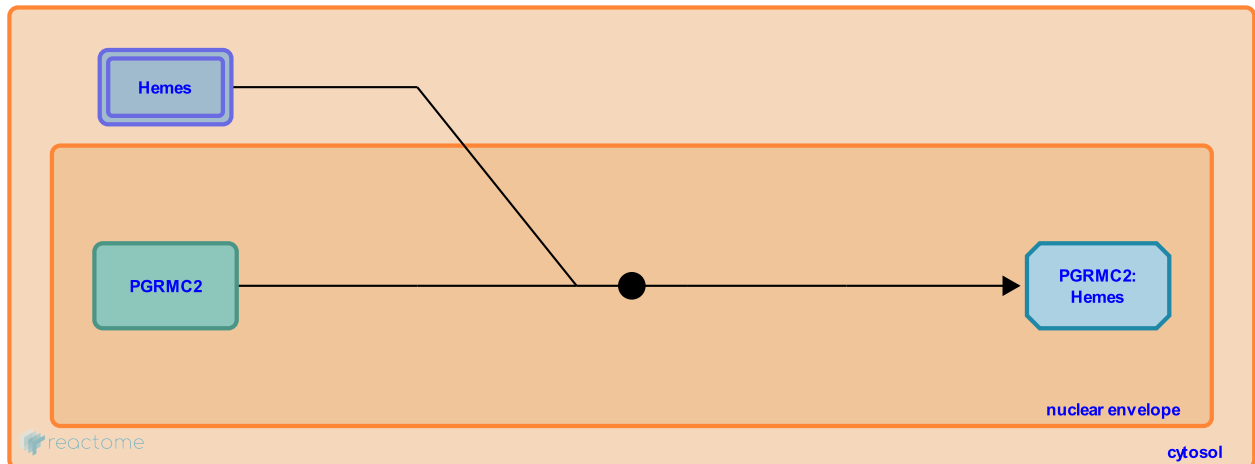
## PGRMC2 binds Hemes [↗](#)

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707683

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** nuclear envelope, cytosol



Mitochondria-bound PGRMC1 transfers heme to ER-bound PGRMC2, which delivers heme to proteins in the ER and nucleus, including heme-responsive transcription factors such as Rev-Erb $\alpha$  (Parker et al, 2017; Galmozzi et al, 2020).

**Followed by:** [PGRMC2:Hemes translocate to the nucleus](#)

## Literature references

Cintron-Colon, R., Mosure, S., Kojetin, D., Montenegro-Burke, JR., Godio, C., Siuzdak, G. et al. (2019). PGRMC2 is an intracellular haem chaperone critical for adipocyte function. *Nature*, 576, 138-142. [↗](#)

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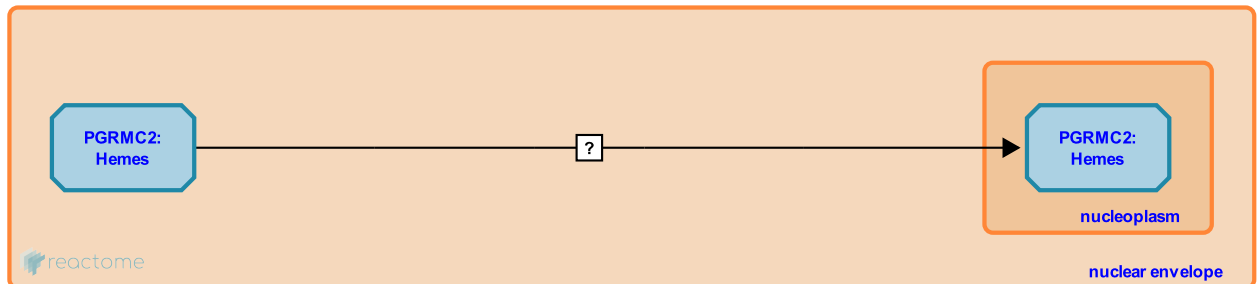
## PGRMC2:Hemes translocate to the nucleus ↗

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707606

**Type:** uncertain

**Compartments:** nuclear envelope, nucleoplasm



PGRMC2 binds heme reversibly. Also, PGRMC2 can bind to AAAS, a subunit of the nuclear pore complex, suggesting nuclear import of the PGRMC2:heme complex through the NPC takes place (Jühlen et al, 2016; Parker et al, 2017; Galmozzi et al 2020).

**Preceded by:** [PGRMC2 binds Hemes](#)

**Followed by:** [Hemes bind to BACH1:MAFK](#), [PGRMC2:Hemes dissociates](#)

### Literature references

Jühlen, R., Landgraf, D., Koehler, K., Huebner, A. (2016). Identification of a novel putative interaction partner of the nucleoporin ALADIN. *Biol Open*, 5, 1697-1705. ↗

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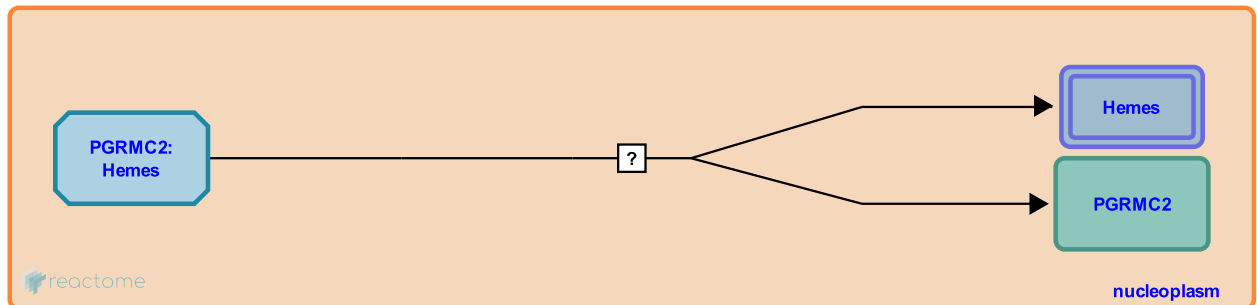
## PGRMC2:Hemes dissociates [↗](#)

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707856

**Type:** uncertain

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



Free heme behaves differently in the nucleus, in the absence of PGRMC2. This implies that heme may separate from the PGRMC2:heme complex. The exact conditions under which dissociation might occur are unknown (Galmozzi et al, 2019).

**Preceded by:** [PGRMC2:Hemes translocate to the nucleus](#)

### Literature references

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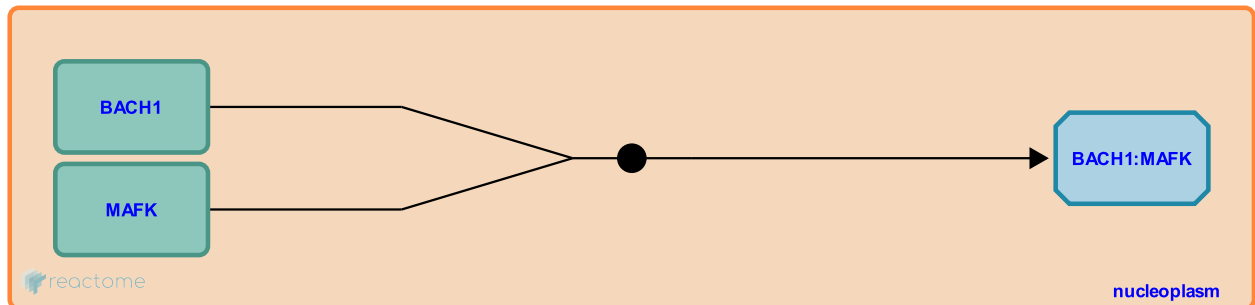
## BACH1 binds MAFK ↗

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707690

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



Members of the small Maf family (MAFK, MAFF, and MAFG) can function as transcriptional activators or repressors, depending on the dimer compositions of their DNA binding forms. Transcription regulator protein BACH1 is a heterodimerization partner of MAFK (Oyake et al, 1996).

**Followed by:** [Hemes bind to BACH1:MAFK](#), [HMOX1 gene produces HMOX1 dimer](#)

### Literature references

Yamamoto, M., Motohashi, H., Oyake, T., Hayashi, N., Igarashi, K., Itoh, K. et al. (1996). Bach proteins belong to a novel family of BTB-basic leucine zipper transcription factors that interact with MafK and regulate transcription through the NF-E2 site. *Mol Cell Biol*, 16, 6083-95. ↗

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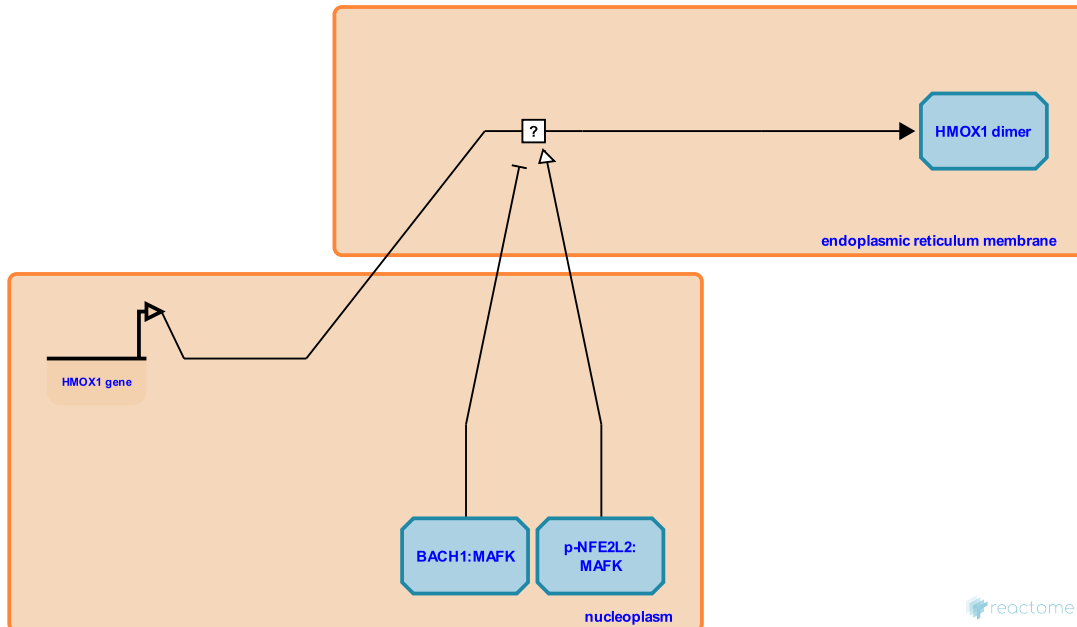
## HMOX1 gene produces HMOX1 dimer ↗

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707645

**Type:** uncertain

**Compartments:** endoplasmic reticulum membrane, nucleoplasm



Transcription regulator protein BACH1 is a critical physiological repressor of heme oxygenase 1 (HMOX1). BACH1 binds to the multiple Maf recognition elements (MAREs) of HMOX1 enhancer MafK in vitro and represses its activity in vivo. BACH1 is inducible by hypoxia and IFN-gamma (Kitamuro et al, 2003; Sun et al, 2002).

NFE2L2 (nuclear factor erythroid 2-related factor 2) is a transcription factor that activates transcription of a battery of cytoprotective genes by binding to the ARE (antioxidant response element). It is considered not only as a cytoprotective factor regulating the expression of genes coding for anti-oxidant, anti-inflammatory and detoxifying proteins, but it is also a powerful modulator of species longevity. HMOX1 is one of the genes whose expression it activates (Huang et al, 2000; Reichard et al, 2007).

**Preceded by:** [BACH1 binds MAFK](#)

### Literature references

Sun, J., Muto, A., Takaku, K., Suzuki, H., Takahashi, S., Taketo, MM. et al. (2002). Hemoprotein Bach1 regulates enhancer availability of heme oxygenase-1 gene. *EMBO J*, 21, 5216-24. ↗

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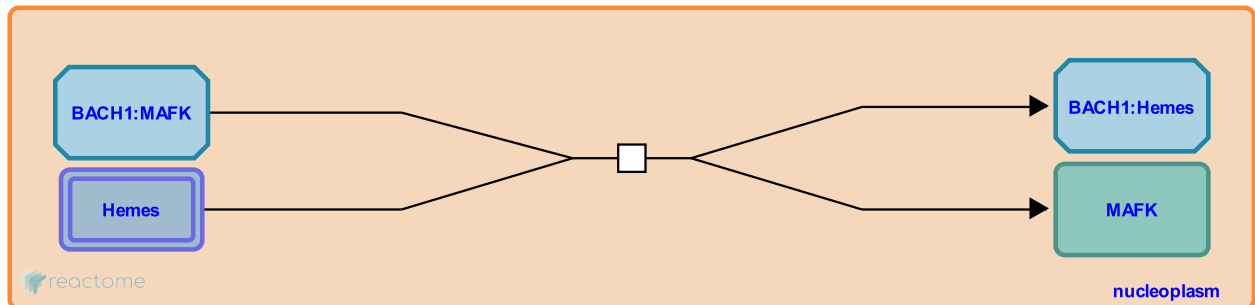
## Hemes bind to BACH1:MAFK ↗

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9707523

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



Heme binds to four cysteine-proline motifs in the C-terminal region of BACH1 and inhibits the DNA-binding activity of BACH1-MAFK heterodimers resulting in HMOX1 induction. MAFK separates from the complex, and heme recruits nuclear exporters for BACH1 (Yoshida et al, 1988; Ogawa et al, 2001; Suzuki et al, 2004).

**Preceded by:** [BACH1 binds MAFK](#), [PGRMC2:Hemes translocate to the nucleus](#)

**Followed by:** [XPO1 \(CRM1\) binds to BACH1:Hemes](#)

### Literature references

Nishitani, C., Sassa, S., Nakajima, O., Taketani, S., Shibahara, S., Yamamoto, M. et al. (2001). Heme mediates derepression of Maf recognition element through direct binding to transcription repressor Bach1. *EMBO J*, 20, 2835-43. ↗

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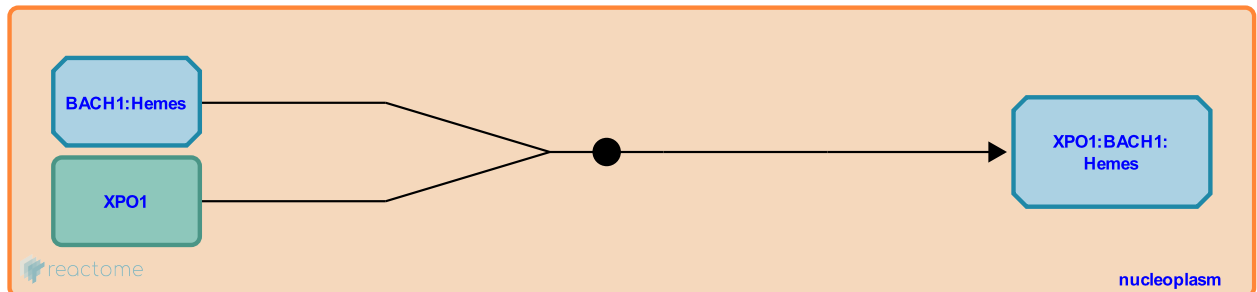
## XPO1 (CRM1) binds to BACH1:Hemes ↗

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9708430

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



A small but significant fraction of XPO1 (CRM1) binds to BACH1. Several cysteine–proline (CP) dipeptide sequence in BACH1 are involved in heme binding, they also contain a nuclear export signal. The simplest model is that this region is involved in a heme-regulated interaction with XPO1 that mediates nuclear export. While XPO1 bound to BACH1 in GST pull-down assays, the nature of this interaction has yet to be extensively characterized (Suzuki et al, 2004).

**Preceded by:** [Hemes bind to BACH1:MAFK](#)

**Followed by:** [XPO1:BACH1:Hemes are transported out of the nucleus](#)

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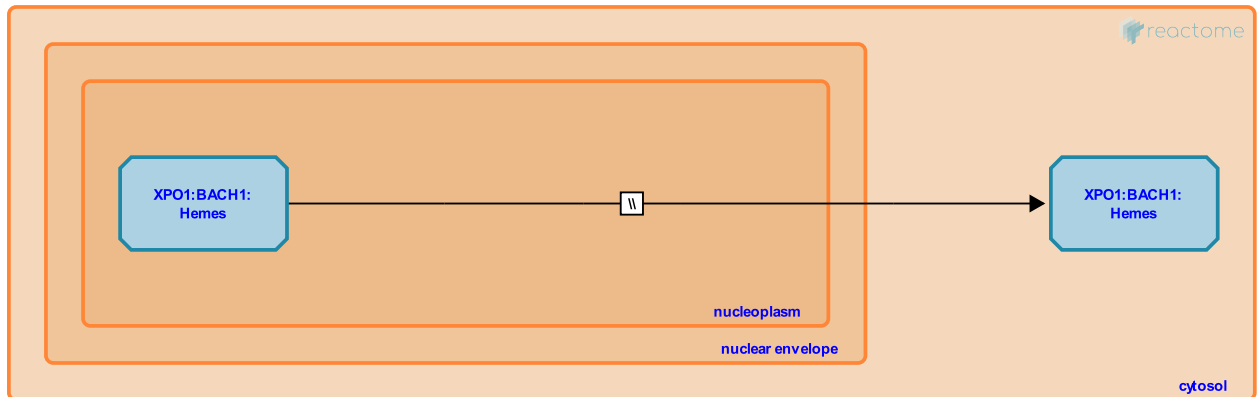
## XPO1:BACH1:Hemes are transported out of the nucleus ↗

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9708423

**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm, cytosol



Heme regulates transcription by affecting the nucleocytoplasmic shuttling of nuclear protein. Inhibition of heme synthesis enhances the nuclear accumulation of BACH1, whereas treating cells with hemin results in nuclear exclusion of BACH1. A specific region on BACH1 functions as a heme-regulated NES dependent on the exporter Crm1 (XPO1) (Suzuki et al, 2004).

**Preceded by:** [XPO1 \(CRM1\) binds to BACH1:Hemes](#)

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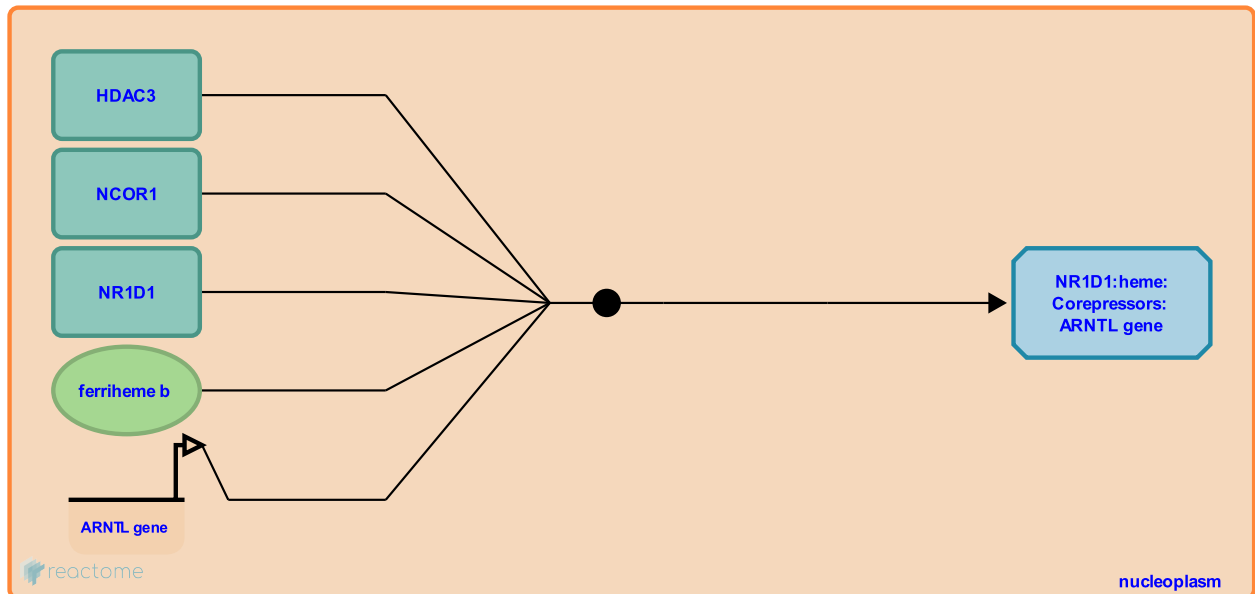
## NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) binds heme, the ARNTL gene, and recruits corepressors. ↗

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-1368069

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) binds heme. The NR1D1:heme complex is then able to recruit the corepressors NCoR and HDAC3. Corepressors do not bind NR1D1 in the absence of heme. NR1D1:heme binds a RRE element in the promoter of the ARNTL (BMAL1) gene, recruits corepressors, and represses transcription.

**Preceded by:** [Expression of NR1D1 \(REV-ERBA\)](#)

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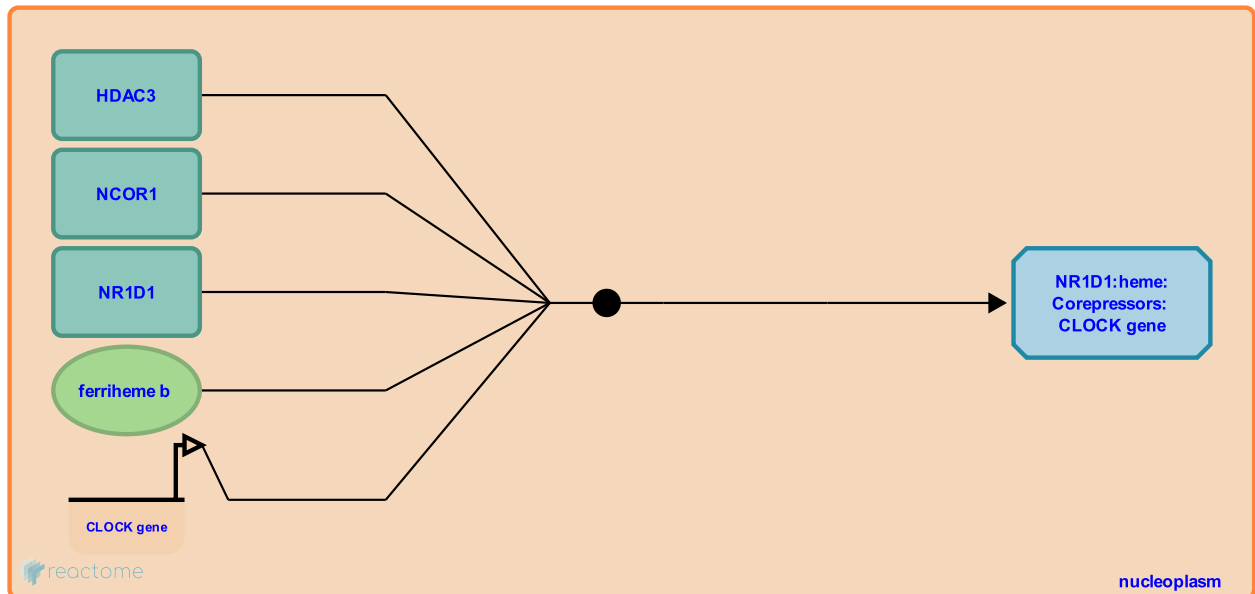
## NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) binds heme, the CLOCK gene, and recruits corepressors [↗](#)

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) binds the promoter of the CLOCK gene and recruits corepressors to repress transcription. Recruitment of repressors appears to depend on the binding of heme by NR1D1.

**Preceded by:** [Expression of NR1D1 \(REV-ERBA\)](#)

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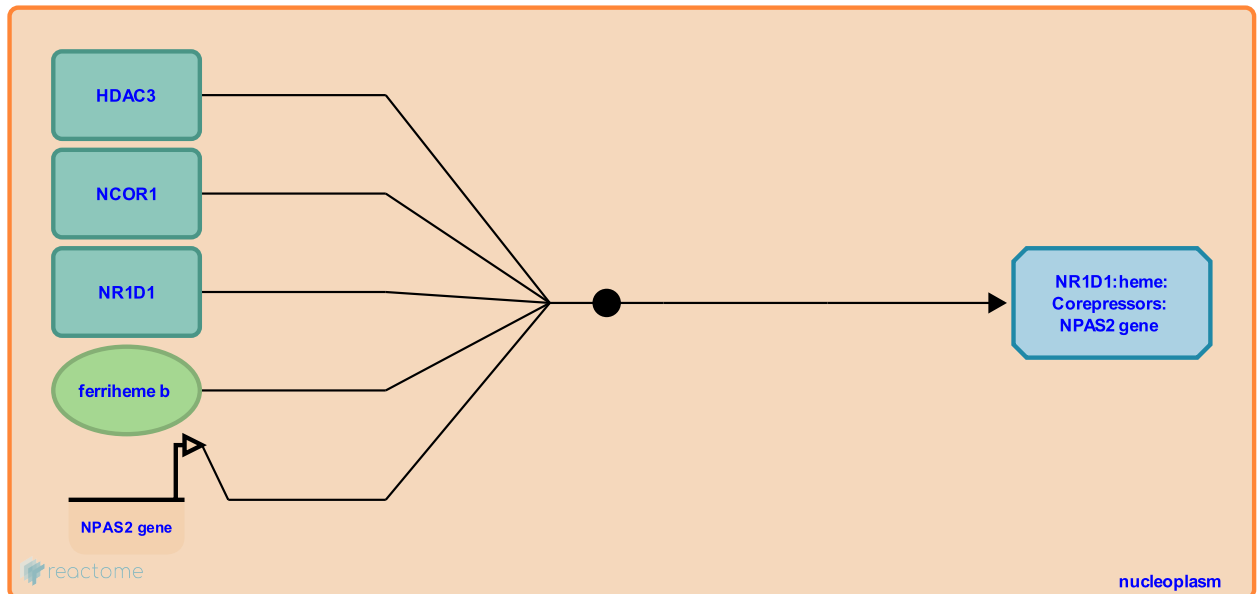
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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) binds the promoter of the NPAS2 gene and recruits corepressors to repress transcription. Recruitment of repressors appears to depend on the binding of heme by NR1D1.

**Preceded by:** [Expression of NR1D1 \(REV-ERBA\)](#)

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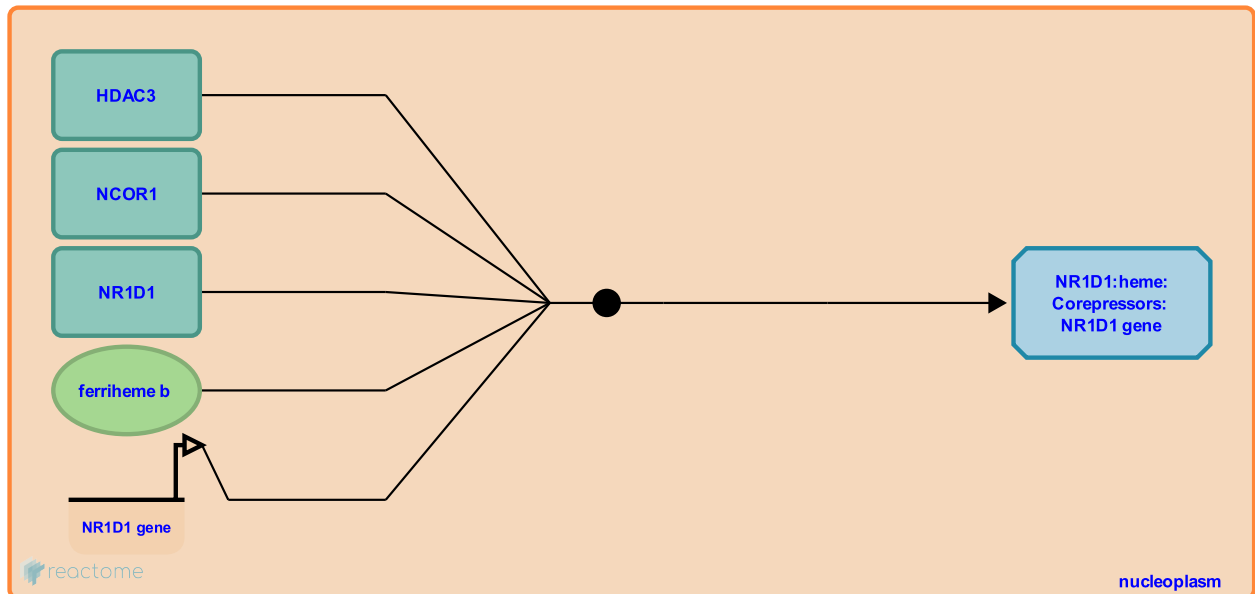
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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) binds its own promoter and represses its own expression.

**Preceded by:** [Expression of NR1D1 \(REV-ERBA\)](#)

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Stéhelin, D., Adelmant, G., Laudet, V., Bègue, A. (1996). A functional Rev-erb alpha responsive element located in the human Rev-erb alpha promoter mediates a repressing activity. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 93, 3553-8. [↗](#)

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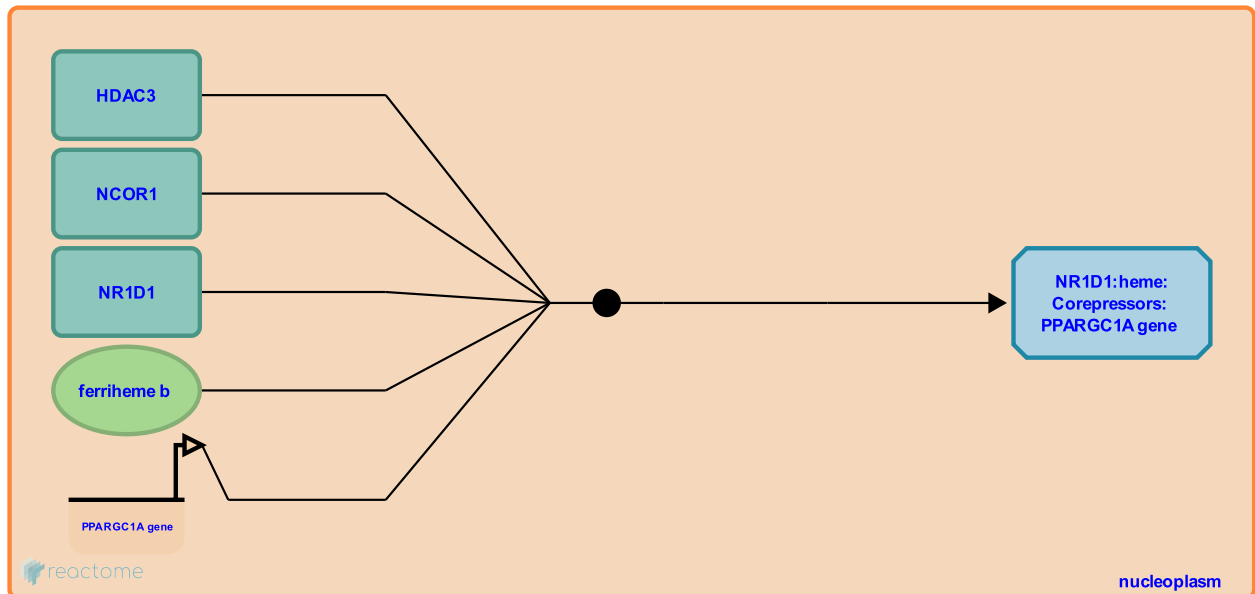
## NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) binds heme, the PPARGC1A gene, and recruits corepressors [↗](#)

**Location:** [Heme signaling](#)

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**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) binds heme and the promoter of the PGC-1 alpha (PPARGC1A) gene. The REV-ERBA:heme complex recruits the corepressors NCoR and HDAC3 and represses transcription.

**Preceded by:** [Expression of NR1D1 \(REV-ERBA\)](#)

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## Expression of ARNTL (BMAL1) ↗

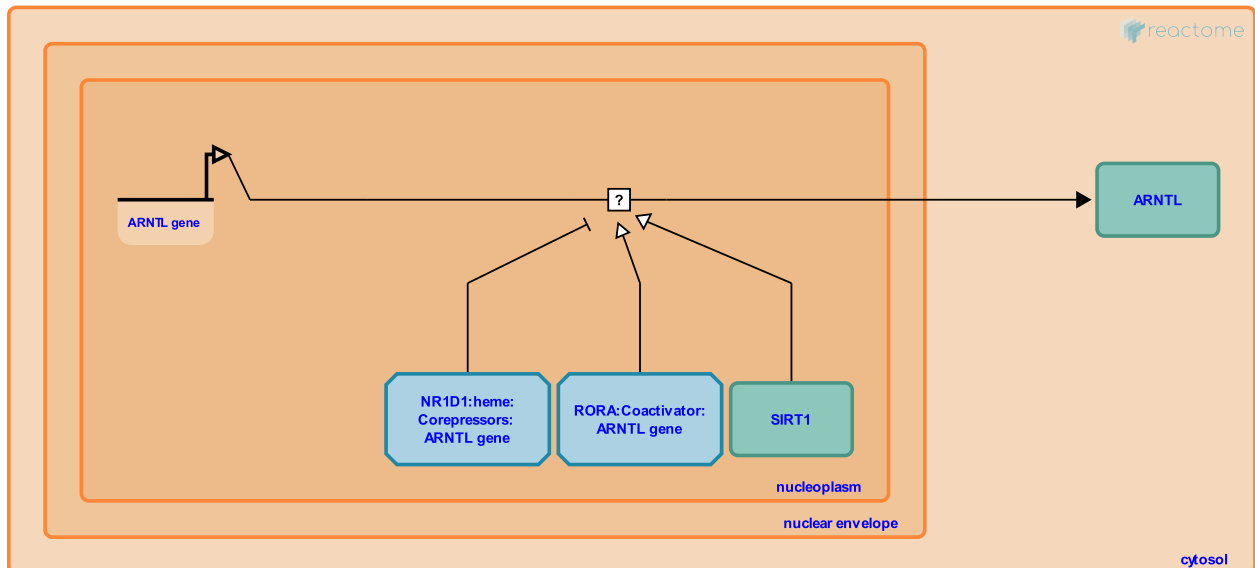
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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Expression of Bmal1 \(Arntl\) \(Mus musculus\)](#)



NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) binds to the same site in the promoter of the BMAL1 (ARNTL) gene as ROR-alpha (RORA). Whereas ROR-alpha activates transcription of BMAL1, REV-ERBA bound to heme recruits corepressors (NCoR and HDAC3) and inhibits transcription of BMAL1. Both REV-ERBA and ROR-alpha genes are targets of BMAL1:CLOCK/NPAS2 transactivation and they show alternating patterns of maximum protein levels, thus they give BMAL1 transcription circadian expression.

As inferred from mouse, RORA binds RRE DNA elements and recruits the coactivators PGC-1alpha (PPARGC1A), p300 (EP300, a histone acetylase), and NRIP1. Activation of BMAL1 (ARNTL) expression by ROR-alpha (RORA) is inferred from mouse. In mouse, Rora together with coactivators Ep300 and Ppargc1a bind the promoter of Bmal1 and activate transcription.

The ARNTL (BMAL1) gene is transcribed to yield mRNA and the mRNA is translated to yield ARNTL protein (Hogenesch et al. 1997, Ikeda et al. 1997, also inferred from mouse homologs). The ROR-alpha transcription factor binds the RORE element of the BMAL1 (ARNTL) promoter and activates transcription of the BMAL1 gene. The REV-ERBA transcription factor binds the same RORE element and represses transcription of the BMAL1 gene.

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## Expression of CLOCK ↗

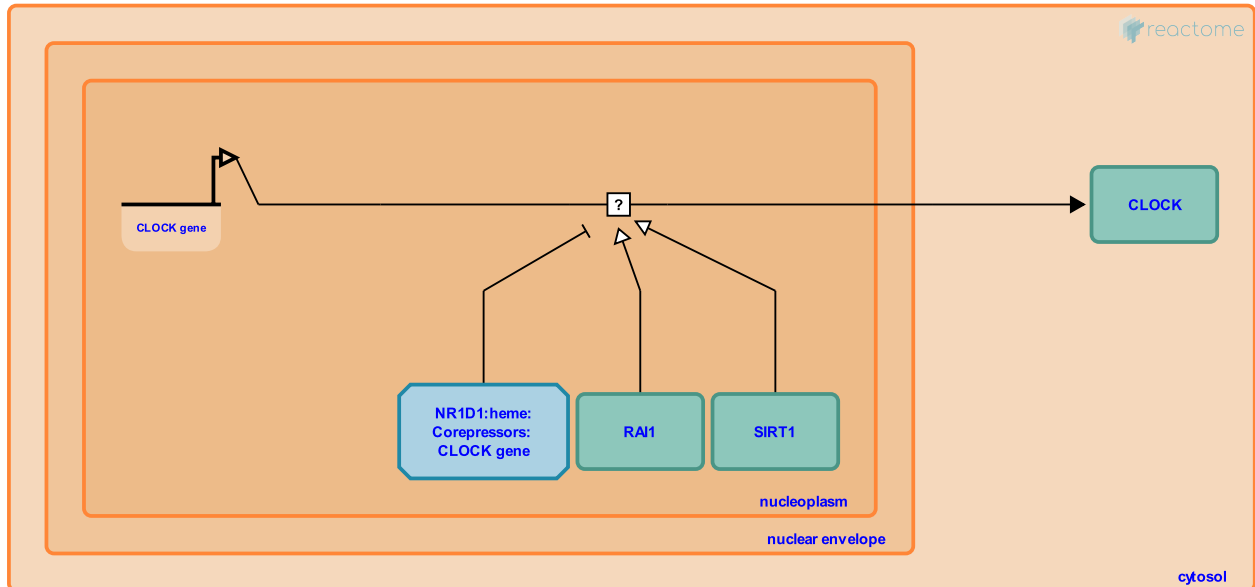
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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Expression of Clock \(Mus musculus\)](#)



The CLOCK gene is transcribed to yield mRNA and the mRNA is translated to yield CLOCK protein (Steeves et al. 1999, Ueda et al. 2005, also inferred from mouse homologs). Transcription of CLOCK is repressed by REV-ERBA. The promoter of CLOCK contains an RRE element that may bind REV-ERBA and RORA. Inferred from mouse homologs, RAI1 increases transcription of the CLOCK gene (Williams et al. 2012).

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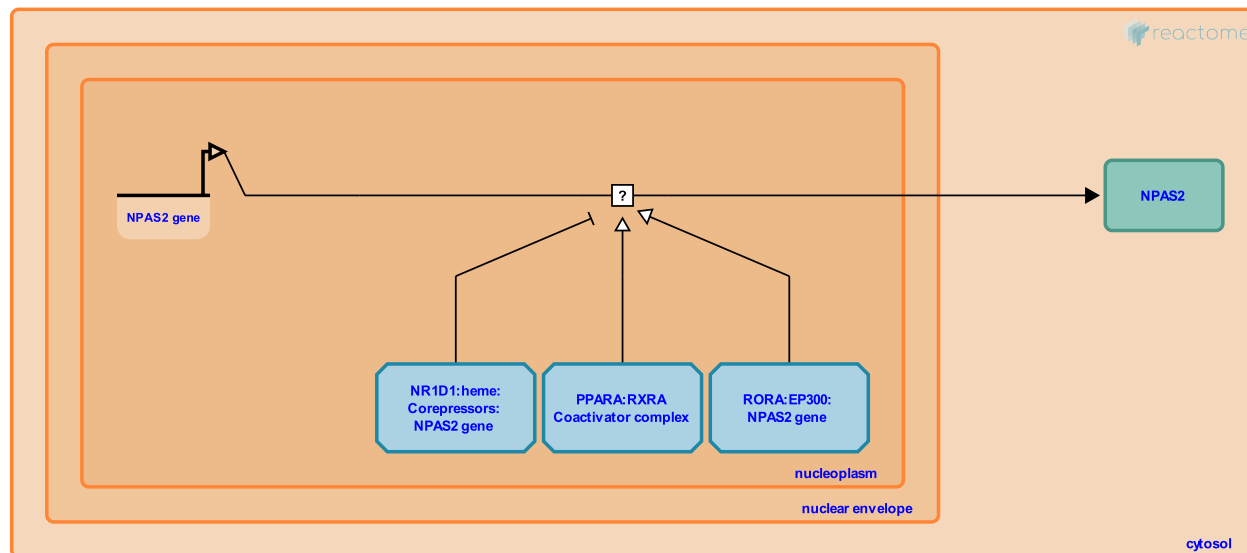
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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm, cytosol

**Inferred from:** [Expression of Npas2 \(Mus musculus\)](#)



The NPAS2 gene is transcribed to yield mRNA and the mRNA is transcribed to yield NPAS2 protein (Zhou et al. 1997, Matsumura et al. 2013, also inferred from mouse homologs). Transcription of NPAS2 is enhanced by the RORA:Coactivator complex and repressed by the REV-ERBA:Corepressor complex.

As inferred from mouse, RORA binds RRE DNA elements and recruits the coactivators PGC-1alpha (PPARGC1A) and p300 (EP300, a histone acetylase). As inferred from mouse, ROR-alpha binds the promoter of the NPAS2 gene and enhances transcription.

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## Expression of NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) ↗

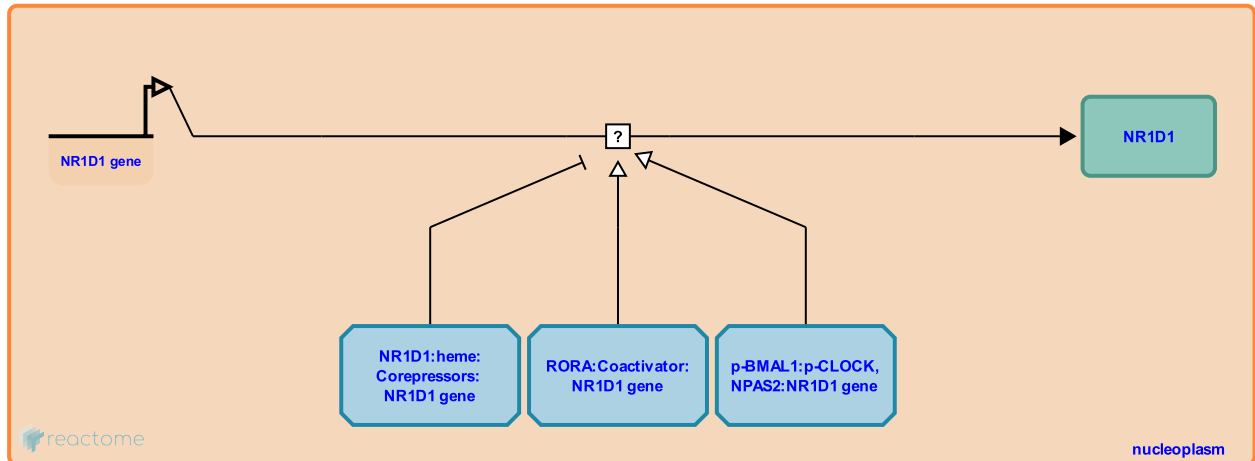
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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm

**Inferred from:** [Expression of Nr1d1 \(Rev-erba\) \(Mus musculus\)](#)



The NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) gene is transcribed to yield mRNA and the mRNA is translated to yield NR1D1 protein (Miyajima et al. 1989, Adelmant et al. 1996, also inferred from mouse homologs). In mouse the Rev-erba gene shows circadian expression due to transactivation by the BMAL1:CLOCK (ARNTL:CLOCK) heterodimer. REV-ERBA binds the promoter of its own gene and represses its own expression (Adelmant et al. 1996).

Activation of NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) expression by phosphorylated BMAL1:CLOCK (ARNTL:CLOCK) is inferred from mouse. NPAS2 is predicted to act redundantly with CLOCK.

As inferred from mouse, RORA binds RRE DNA elements and recruits the coactivators PGC-1alpha (PPARGC1A) and p300 (EP300, a histone acetylase). RORA binds the NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) promoter and activates transcription.

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## Expression of PPARGC1A (PGC-1alpha) ↗

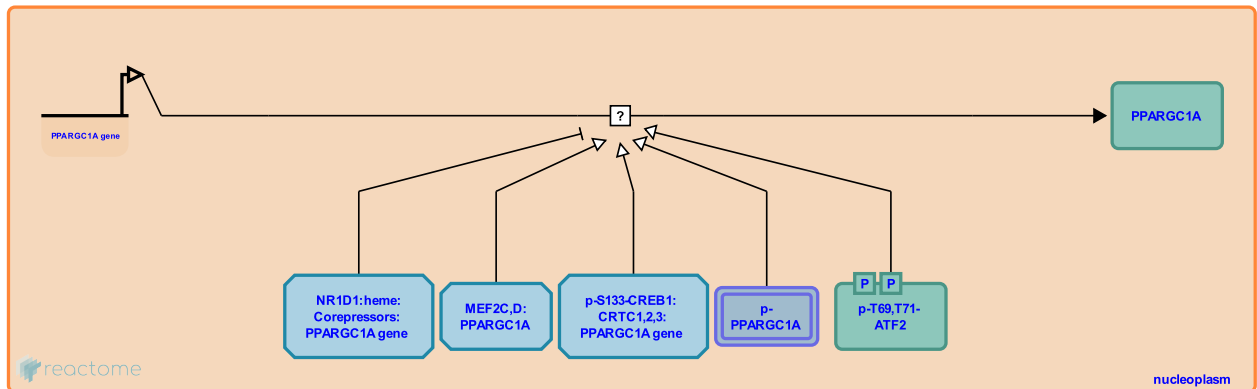
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**Compartments:** nucleoplasm

**Inferred from:** [Expression of Ppargc1a \(Pgc-1alpha\) \(Mus musculus\)](#)



The PPARGC1A gene is transcribed to yield mRNA and the mRNA is translated to yield PPARGC1A protein (Larrouy et al. 1999, Knutti et al. 2000, Pilegaard et al. 2003). PPARGC1A protein is located in the nucleus where it coactivates transcription.

As inferred from mouse homologs in liver (Herzig et al. 2001) and brown adipose tissue (Cao et al. 2004), phosphorylated CREB enhances expression of PPARGC1A (PGC-1alpha) (Handschin et al. 2003, Yoshioka et al. 2009). CRTC proteins (TORC proteins) coactivate the activation by CREB (Wu et al. 2006). CREB is phosphorylated in response to cAMP

As inferred from mouse, phosphorylated ATF2 binds the PGC-1alpha promoter and enhances expression (Cao et al. 2004, Akimoto et al. 2005, Wright et al. 2007, Akimoto et al. 2008). Intracellular calcium acting via p38 MAPK is believed to activate (phosphorylate) ATF2.

As inferred from mouse, MEF2C or MEF2D with PGC-1alpha activate expression of PGC-1alpha (Handschin et al. 2003).

NR1D1 (REV-ERBA) binds heme and the promoter of the PGC-1alpha (PPARGC1A) gene. The REV-ERBA:heme complex recruits the corepressors NCoR and HDAC3 and represses transcription.

PGC-1alpha (PPARGC1A) enhances expression of its own gene in mouse (Jager et al.2007) and in rat hepatocytes (Lin et al. 2003)

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