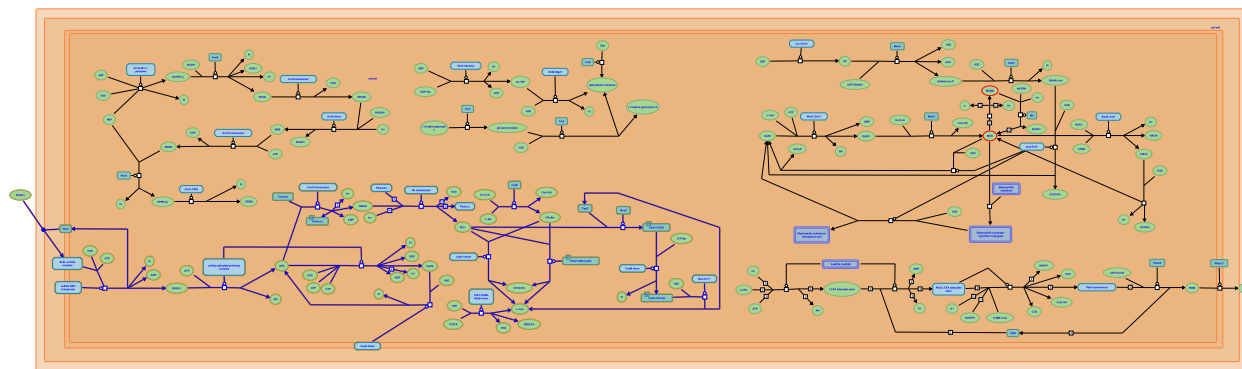


Sulfur compound metabolism



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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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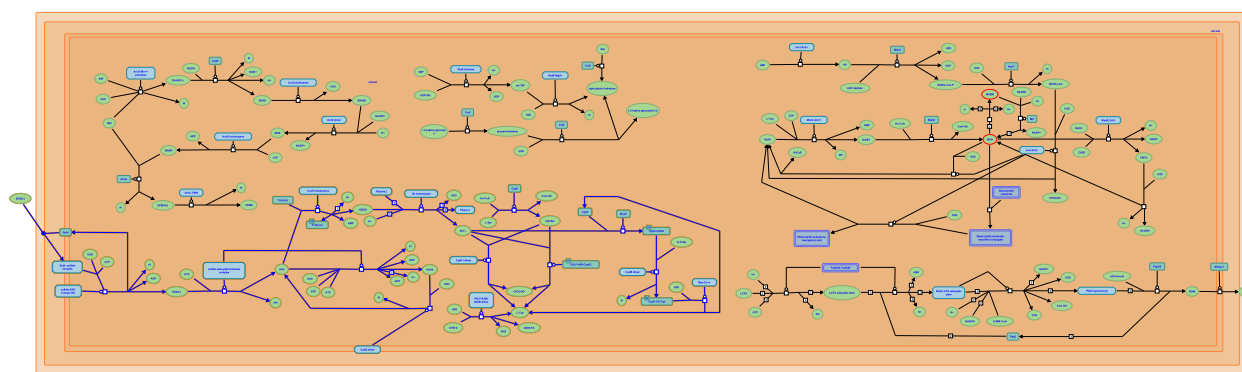
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Unique small sulfur compounds, as well as unique pathways to sulfur amino acids are known in Mycobacteria. Sulfoglycolipids and mycothiols are an important part of the hardy pathogen nature of these organisms. Their pathways make interesting targets for drug designers (Bhave et al, 2007).

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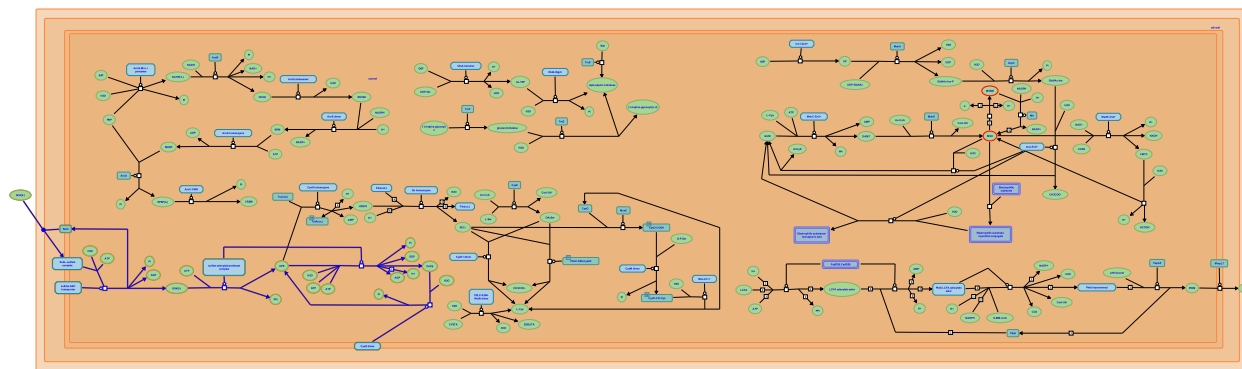
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Sulfate assimilation ↗

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Uptake of sulfur in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* happens exclusively through sulfate assimilation, an abundant molecule in the bacterium's environment. All enzymes participating in this process are non-redundant ie they are essential enzymes. Sulfate is first taken up via an ABC transporter and appended to AMP giving APS and PAPS, which can be considered the activated forms of sulfate and are used in cysteine and sulfolipid biosynthesis (Bhave et al, 2007).

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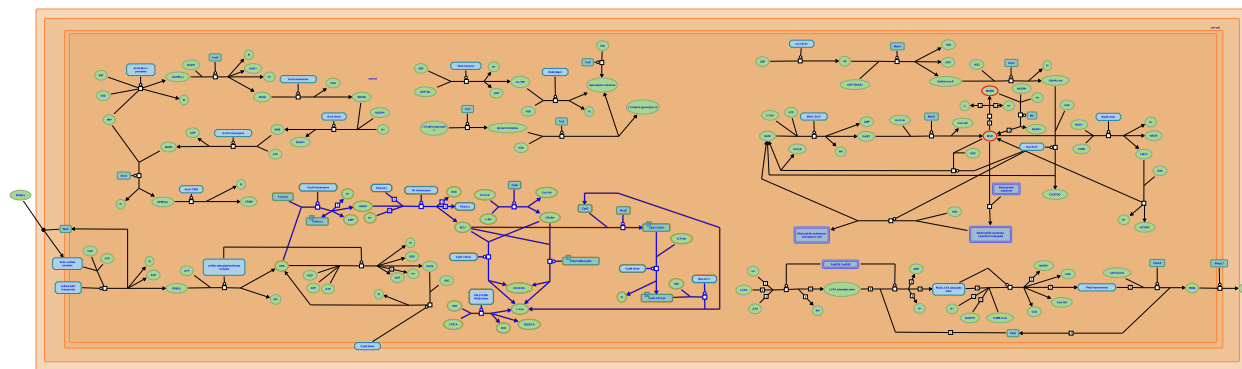
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Sulfur amino acid metabolism ↗

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No cysteine auxotrophs of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* are known. This suggests redundant pathways for sulfur uptake and cysteine biosynthesis. Indeed, there is full interconversion between taken up sulfate/sulfide, cysteine, and methionine via cystathionine. (Schnell and Schneider, 2010)

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