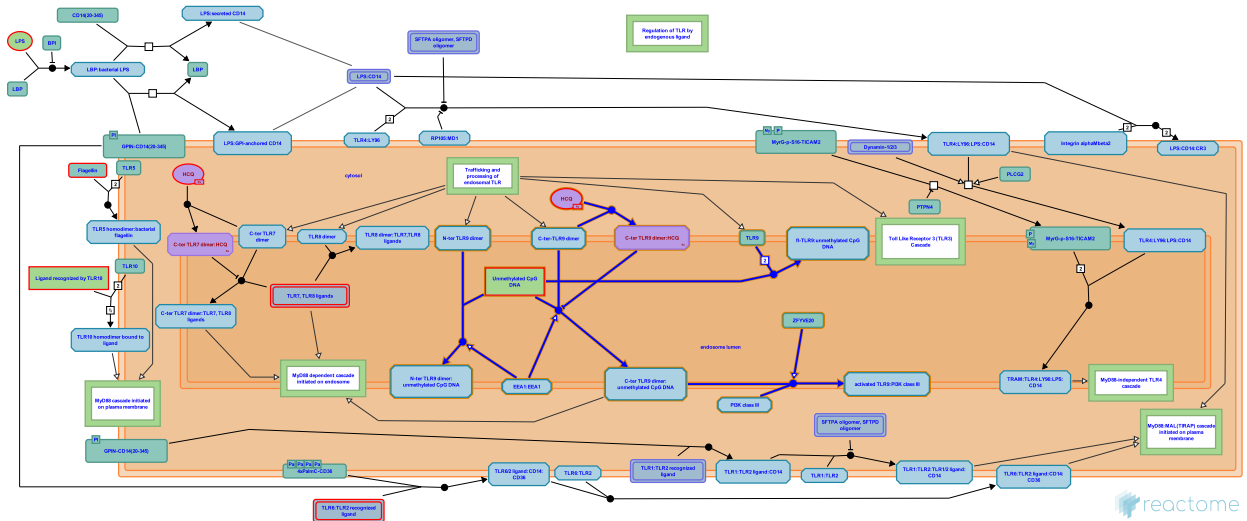


# Toll Like Receptor 9 (TLR9) Cascade



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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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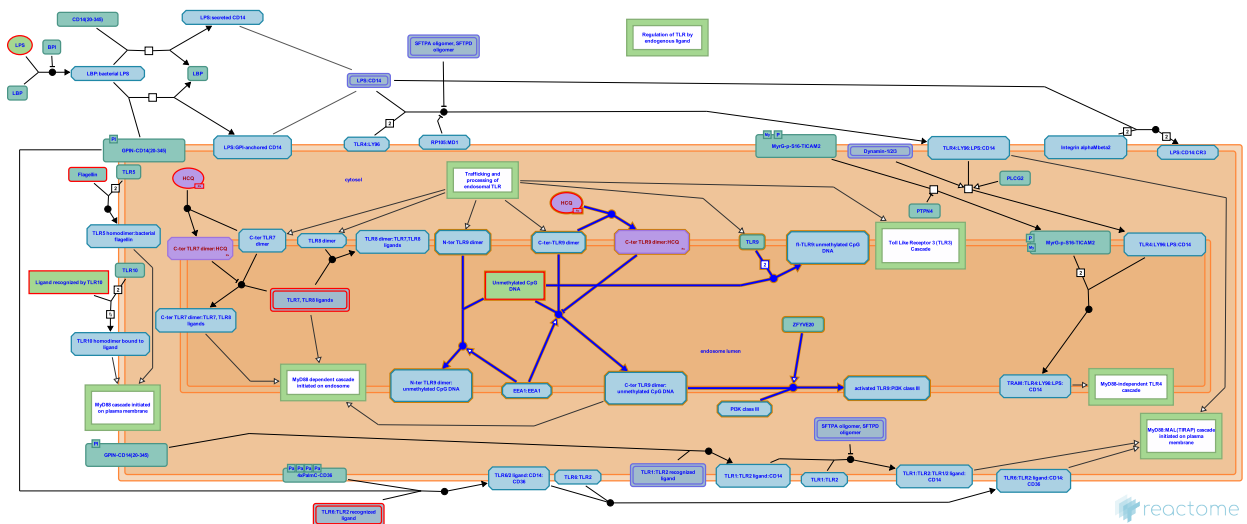
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# Toll Like Receptor 9 (TLR9) Cascade ↗

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-168138

**Compartments:** cytosol, endosome membrane, nucleoplasm



CpG DNA is an unusual Pathogen-Associated Molecular Pattern (PAMP). Cytosine methylation exists in mammalian but not bacterial cells, and most (but not all) CpG in the mammalian genome is methylated. Therefore, unmethylated CpG DNA may signal the presence of microbial infection. Evidence of CpG recognition by TLR9 was demonstrated both in human and mouse, and this type of signaling requires its internalization into late endosomal/lysosomal compartments. TLR9 has been reported to be able to discern different types of CpG motifs, and therefore that it presumably recognizes CpG DNA directly. It appears that over evolutionary periods, TLR9 molecules expressed by different species have diverged. This has led to differences in the precise sequence motif (CpG dinucleotide plus flanking regions) that optimally stimulate the innate immune system of different animals.

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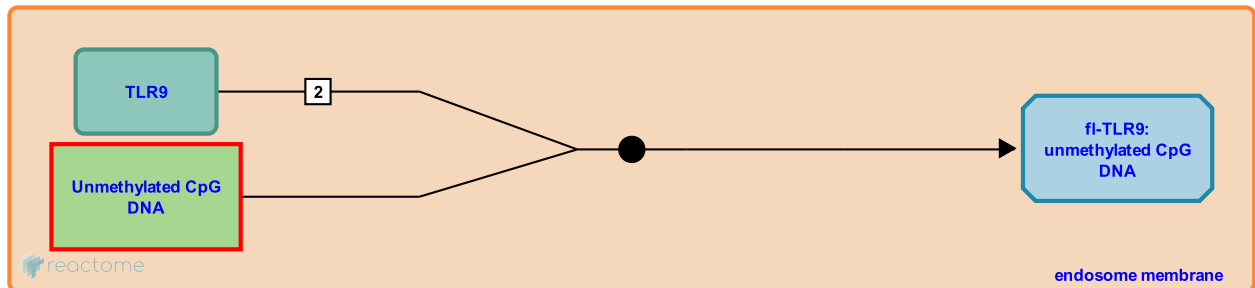
## Engulfed CpG DNA binds to endosomal full-length TLR9 [↗](#)

**Location:** [Toll Like Receptor 9 \(TLR9\) Cascade](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-1679589

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** endosome membrane



Both the full-length receptor and cleaved fragment corresponding to the C-terminal part of TLR9 were capable to bind ligand, however only processed form (TLR9 C-ter, aa 471-1032) was shown to bind MyD88 and induce signaling in different mouse cells (Ewald SE et al 2008,).

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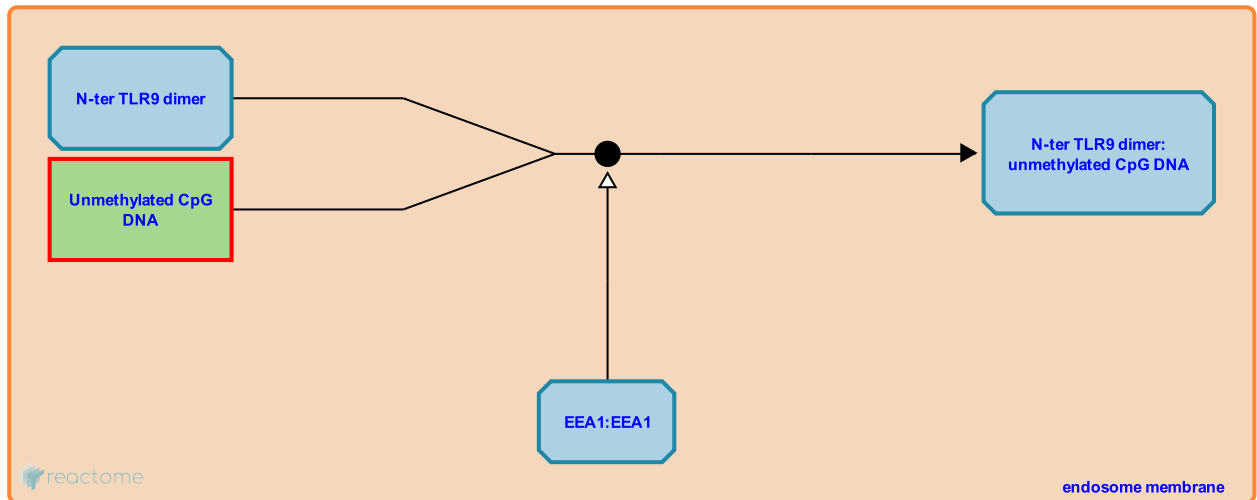
## Engulfed CpG DNA binds to endosomal N-ter TLR9 dimer ↗

**Location:** Toll Like Receptor 9 (TLR9) Cascade

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-1679098

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** endosome membrane



TLR9 traffics to an endosomal vesicle where it is processed by cathepsin S at neural pH to generate an N-terminal product (TLR9 N-ter, aa 1-723). The N-terminal fragment of TLR9 also binds ligand, but in contrast to the C-terminal fragment it inhibits TLR9 signaling. Thus, a proper balance between the two proteolytic events probably regulates TLR9-mediated host responses. (Chockalingam A et al 2011).

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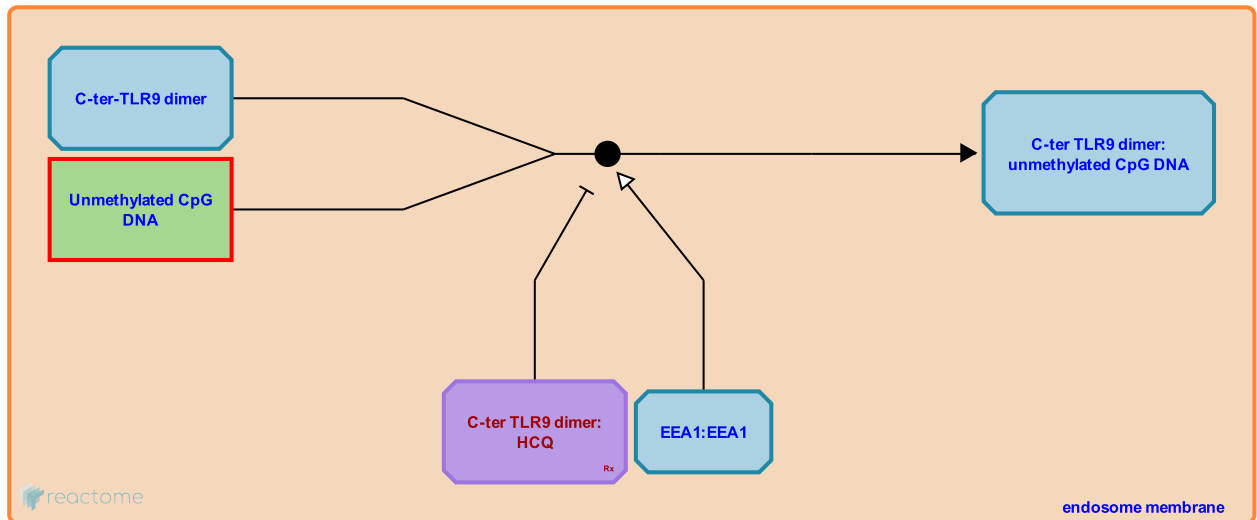
## Engulfed CpG DNA binds to endosomal C-ter TLR9 ↗

**Location:** Toll Like Receptor 9 (TLR9) Cascade

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-187895

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** endosome membrane



Synthetic oligodeoxynucleotides (ODN) expressing non-methylated CpG motifs patterned after those present in bacterial DNA have characteristic immunomodulatory effects. CpG DNA is recognized as a pathogen-associated molecular pattern by TLR9, and triggers a rapid innate immune response.

**Followed by:** Rab5-mediated recruitment of class III PI3K to TLR9

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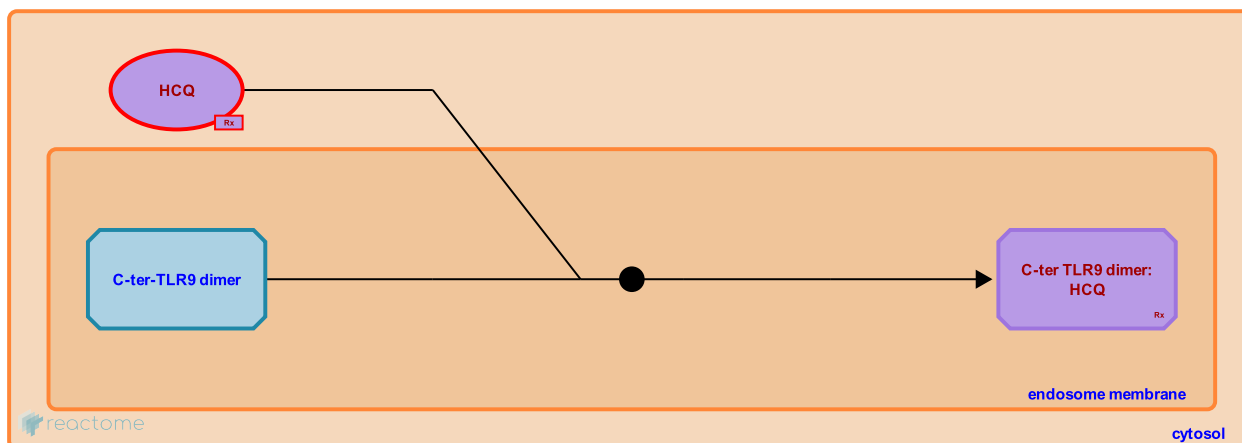
## C-ter TLR9 dimer binds HCQ ↗

**Location:** Toll Like Receptor 9 (TLR9) Cascade

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9679045

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** endosome membrane, cytosol



Toll-like receptor 9 (TLR9) is a key component of innate and adaptive immunity. It controls the host immune response against pathogens by stimulating dendritic cells and macrophages to secrete interferon alpha and other proinflammatory and regulatory cytokines (Lenert 2010). Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) binds and antagonises TLR9 (Lamphier et al. 2014), and thus inhibits interferon alpha production. HCQ is used clinically to treat systemic lupus erythromatosis and other autoimmune disorders (Costedoat Chalumeau et al. 2014).

HCQ's immunomodulatory properties may be useful for treatment of patients with COVID-19 (Sinha & Balayla 2020, Colson et al. 2020, Gautret et al. 2020).

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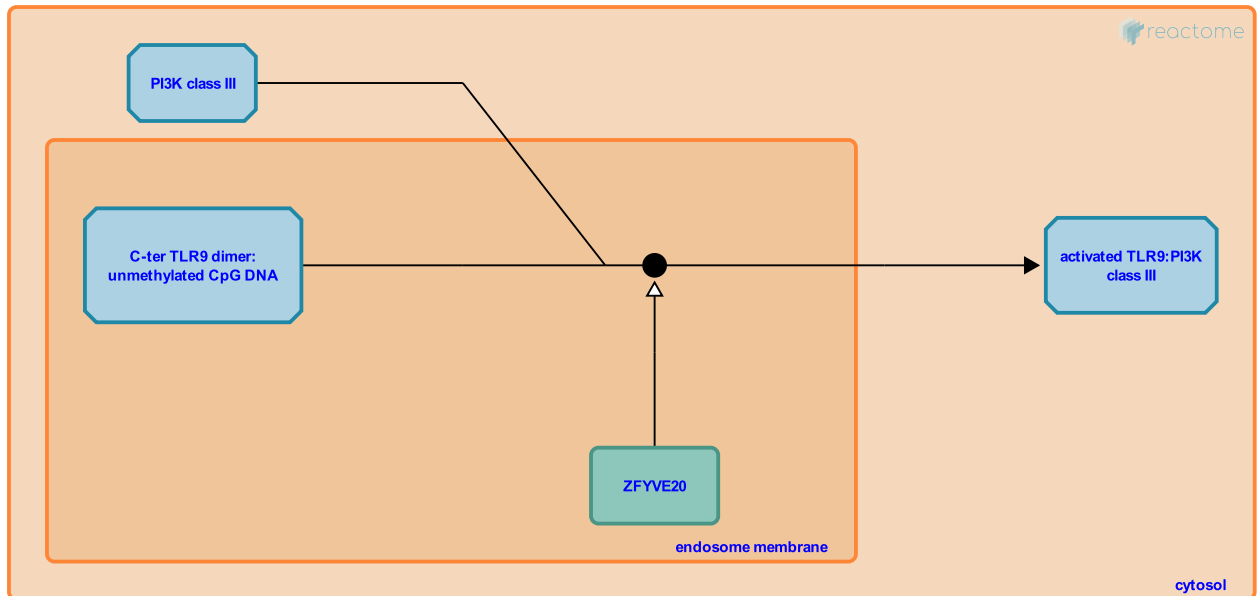
## Rab5-mediated recruitment of class III PI3K to TLR9 ↗

**Location:** Toll Like Receptor 9 (TLR9) Cascade

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-188002

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** endosome membrane, cytosol



TLR9 signaling has the uncommon property of triggering PI3K-mediated cascades via Rab5.

**Preceded by:** Engulfed CpG DNA binds to endosomal C-ter TLR9

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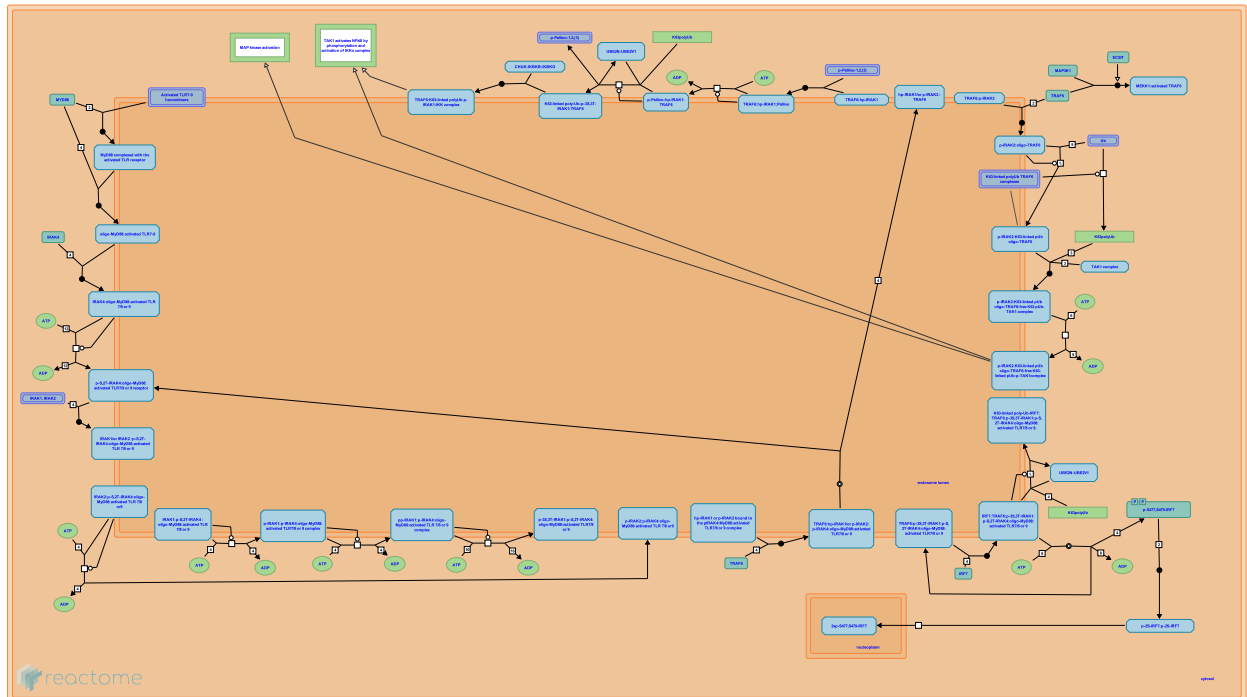


# MyD88 dependent cascade initiated on endosome [↗](#)

**Location:** Toll Like Receptor 9 (TLR9) Cascade

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-975155

**Compartments:** cytosol, endosome membrane, nucleoplasm



Upon binding of their ligands, TLR7/8 and TLR9 recruit a cytoplasmic adaptor MyD88 and IRAKs, downstream of which the signaling pathways are divided to induce either inflammatory cytokines or type I IFNs.

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