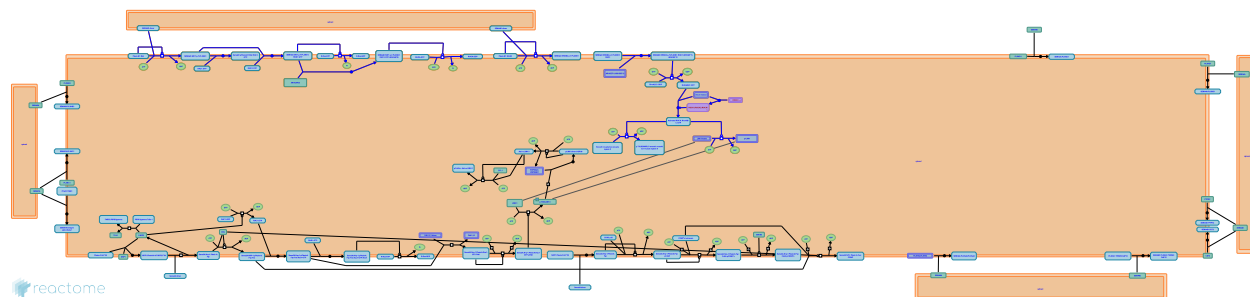


Sema4D in semaphorin signaling



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Introduction

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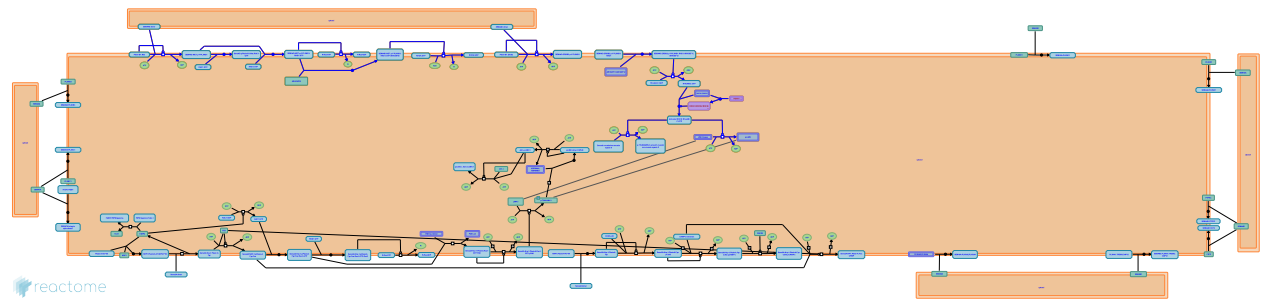
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Semaphorin 4D (Sema 4D/CD100) is an axon guidance molecule with two disulfide-linked 150-kDa subunits. SEMA4D is structurally defined by a conserved 500-amino acid extracellular domain with 16 cysteines (sema domain) and also an Ig-like domain C-terminal to the sema domain. Sema4D is expressed on the cell surface as a homodimer; cysteine 679 within the sema domain is required for this dimerization.

The main receptors for Sema4D are plexin-B1 and CD72. The activation of plexins by semaphorins initiates a variety of signaling processes that involve several small GTPases of the Ras and Rho families. Sema4D-Plexin-B1 interaction appears to mediate different and sometimes opposite effects depending on the cellular context. Plexin-B1 activation inhibits integrin-mediated cell attachment and cell migration through the activation of the R-RasGAP activity inherent to plexin-B1 or through the inhibition of RhoA. However, activation of plexin-B1 by Sema4D stimulates the migration of endothelial cells by mediating the activation of RhoA.

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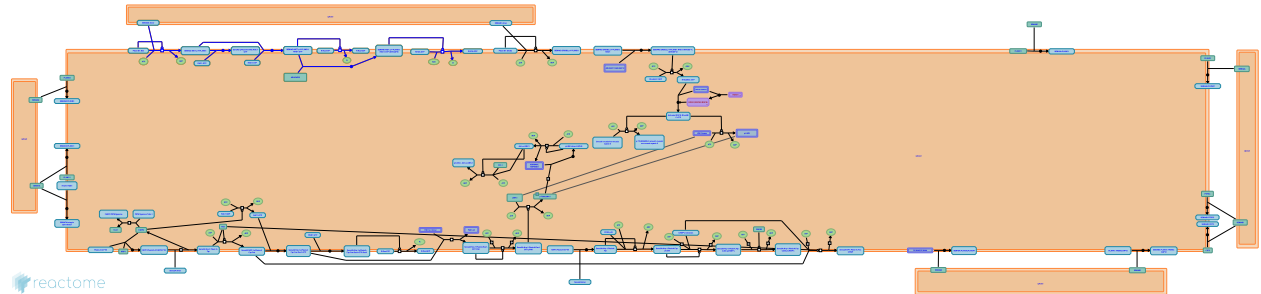
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Sema4D mediated inhibition of cell attachment and migration ↗

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Compartments: plasma membrane



Repulsive Sema4D-Plexin-B1 signaling involves four GTPases, Rnd1, R-Ras, Rho and Rac1. Sema4D-Plexin-B1 binding promotes Rnd1-dependent activation of the plexin-B1 GAP domain and transient suppression of R-Ras activity. R-Ras inactivation promotes PI3K and Akt inactivation followed by GSK-3beta activation and CRMP2 inactivation. Plexin-B1 also transiently associates with and activates p190Rho-GAP, triggering a transient decrease in activated Rho.

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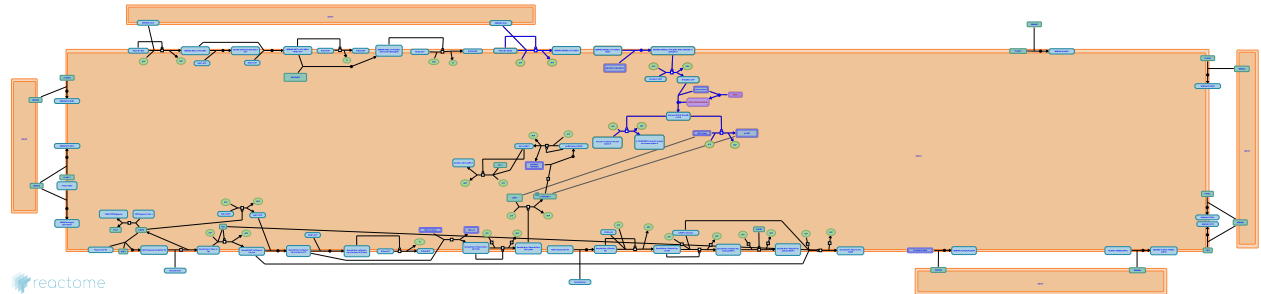
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Sema4D induced cell migration and growth-cone collapse ↗

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Compartments: plasma membrane



Sema4D-mediated attraction of endothelial cells requires Rho, but not R-Ras, signaling. Sema4D-mediated plexinB1 activation activates Rho and its downstream effector ROCK. ROCK then phosphorylates MLC to induce actomyosin stress fiber contraction and to direct the assembly of focal adhesion complexes and integrin-mediated adhesion.

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