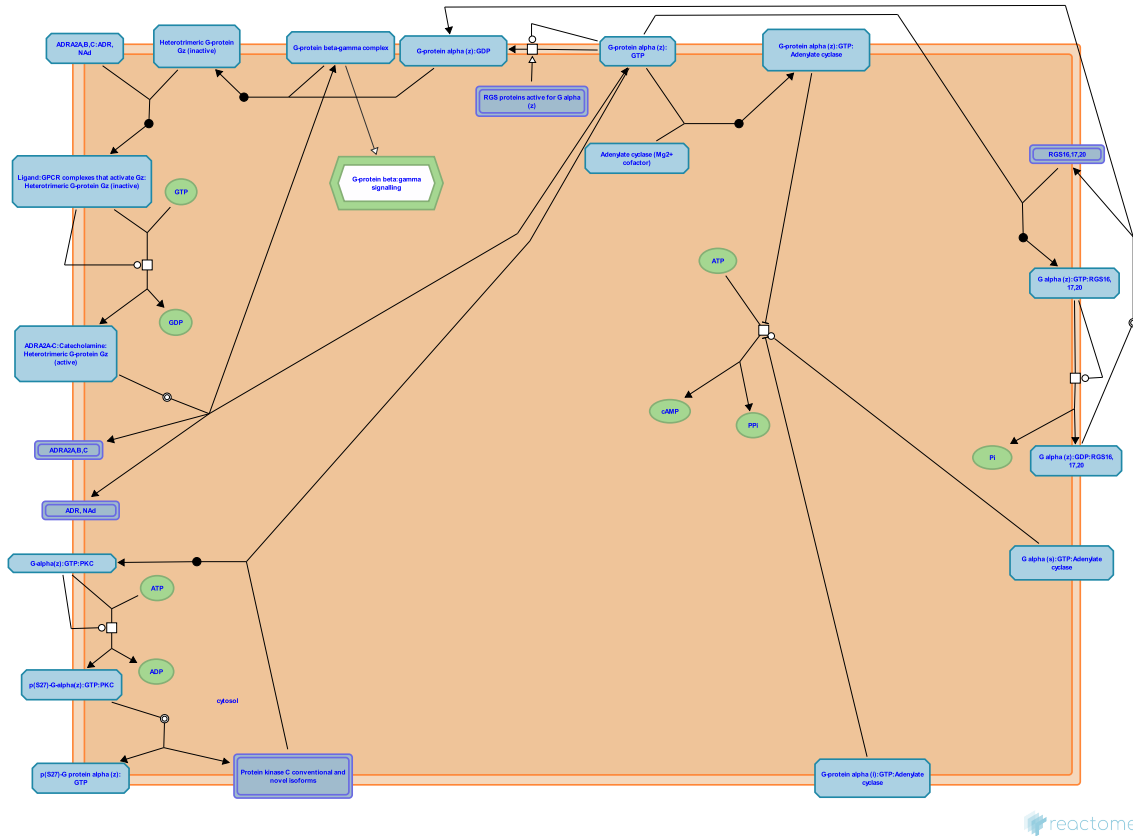


G alpha (z) signalling events



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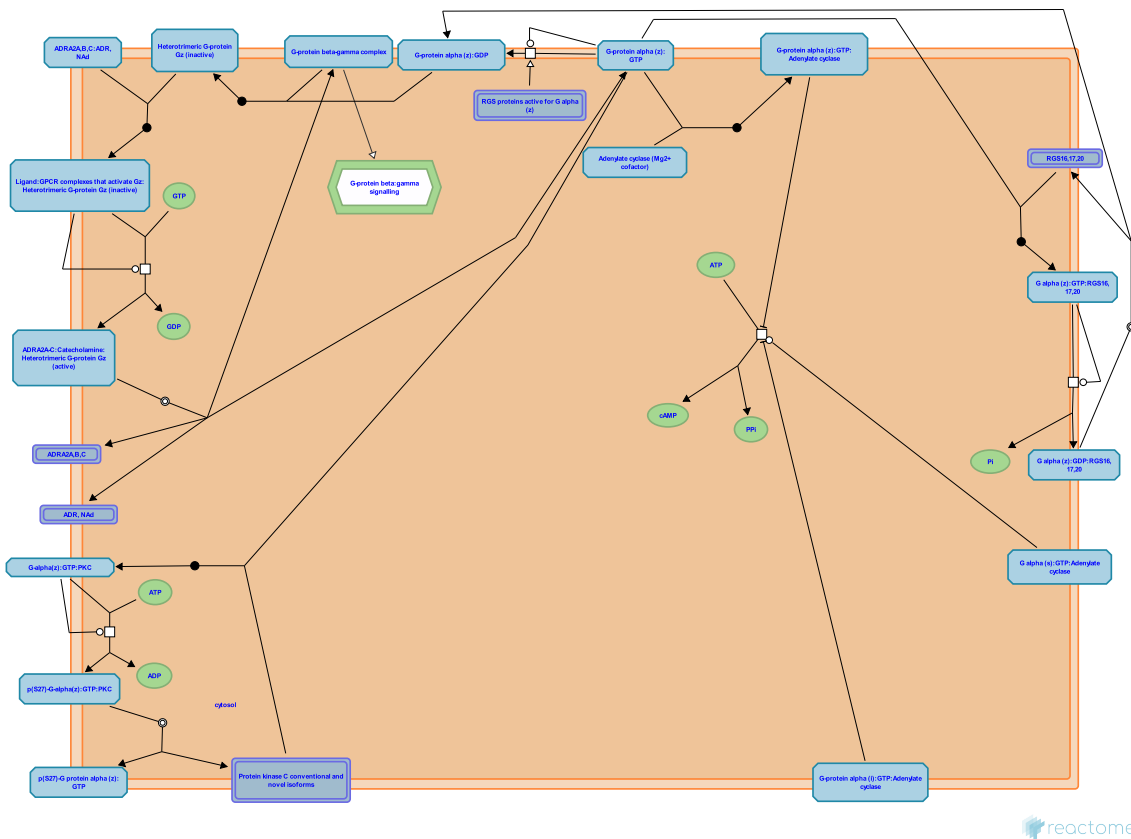
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G alpha (z) signalling events ↗

Stable identifier: R-HSA-418597

Compartments: plasma membrane



The heterotrimeric G protein G alpha (z), is a member of the G (i) family. Unlike other G alpha (i) family members it lacks an ADP ribosylation site cysteine four residues from the carboxyl terminus and is thus pertussis toxin-insensitive. It inhibits adenyl cyclase types I, V and VI (Wong Y H et al. 1992). G alpha (z) interacts with the Rap1 GTPase activating protein (Rap1GAP) to attenuate Rap1 signaling. Like all G-proteins G alpha (z) has an intrinsic GTPase activity, but this activity tends to be lower for the pertussis toxin insensitive G-proteins, most strikingly so for G alpha (z), whose kcat value for GTP hydrolysis is 200-fold lower than those of G alpha (s) or G alpha (i) (Grazziano et al. 1989). G alpha (z) knockout mice have disrupted platelet aggregation at physiological concentrations of epinephrine and responses to several neuroactive drugs are altered (Yang et al. 2000). Regulator of G-protein Signalling (RGS) proteins can regulate the activity of G alpha (z) (Soundararajan M et al. 2008).

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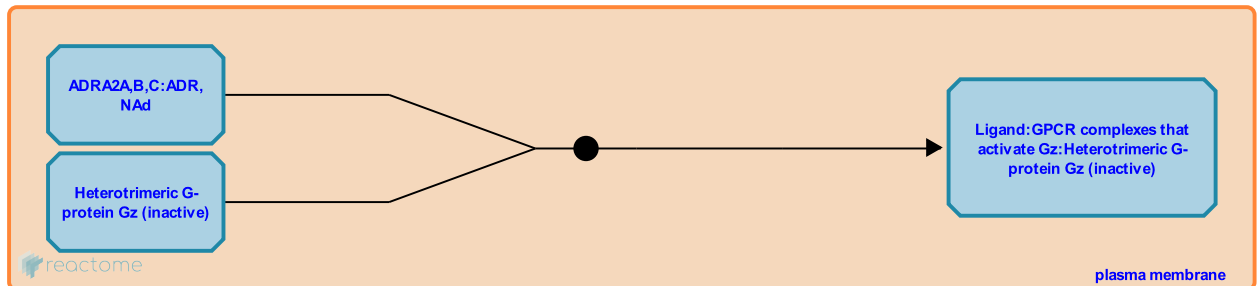
Liganded Gz-activating GPCRs bind inactive heterotrimeric G-protein Gz ↗

Location: [G alpha \(z\) signalling events](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-749446

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane



Gz is predominantly expressed in the nervous system and platelets. Gz interacts with receptors for many neurotransmitters and neuropeptides, including the adenosine A1, alpha2-adrenergic, dopamine D2, 5-HT1A, muscarinic M2, substance P, and all types of opioid receptors. In addition, Gz is capable of transducing signals from receptors such as the C5a and formyl peptide receptors. All these receptors can also signal via Gi. (Ho & Wong 2001).

Followed by: [Liganded Gz-activating GPCR acts as a GEF for Gz](#)

Literature references

Blendy, JA., Lucki, I., Manning, D., Dalvi, A., Yang, J., Poncz, M. et al. (2000). Loss of signaling through the G protein, Gz, results in abnormal platelet activation and altered responses to psychoactive drugs. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 97, 9984-9. ↗

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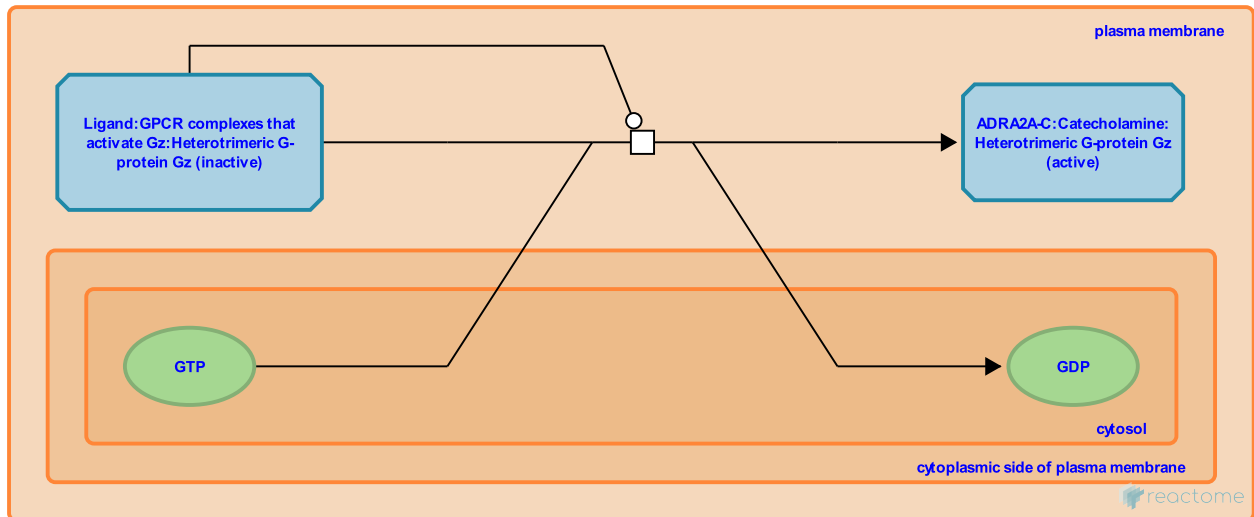
Liganded Gz-activating GPCR acts as a GEF for Gz ↗

Location: G alpha (z) signalling events

Stable identifier: R-HSA-749453

Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol



The liganded receptor undergoes a conformational change, generating a signal that is propagated in a manner that is not completely understood to the the G-protein. This stimulates the exchange of GDP for GTP in the G-protein alpha subunit, activating the G-protein.

This event is negatively regulated by some Activators of G protein signaling (AGS) proteins, a class of proteins identified in yeast functional screens for proteins able to activate G protein signaling in the absence of a G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) (Cismowski et al. 1999, Takesono et al. 1999). AGS proteins contain G protein regulatory (GPR) motifs (also referred to as the GoLoco motif) that bind and stabilize the Galpha subunit in its GDP-bound conformation (Mochizuki et al. 1996, Peterson et al. 2000, Cao et al. 2004, Blumer & Lanier 2014). Some RGS proteins similarly bind to Galpha preventing the exchange of GDP for GTP (Soundararajan et al. 2008).

Preceded by: Liganded Gz-activating GPCRs bind inactive heterotrimeric G-protein Gz

Followed by: The Ligand:GPCR:Gz complex dissociates

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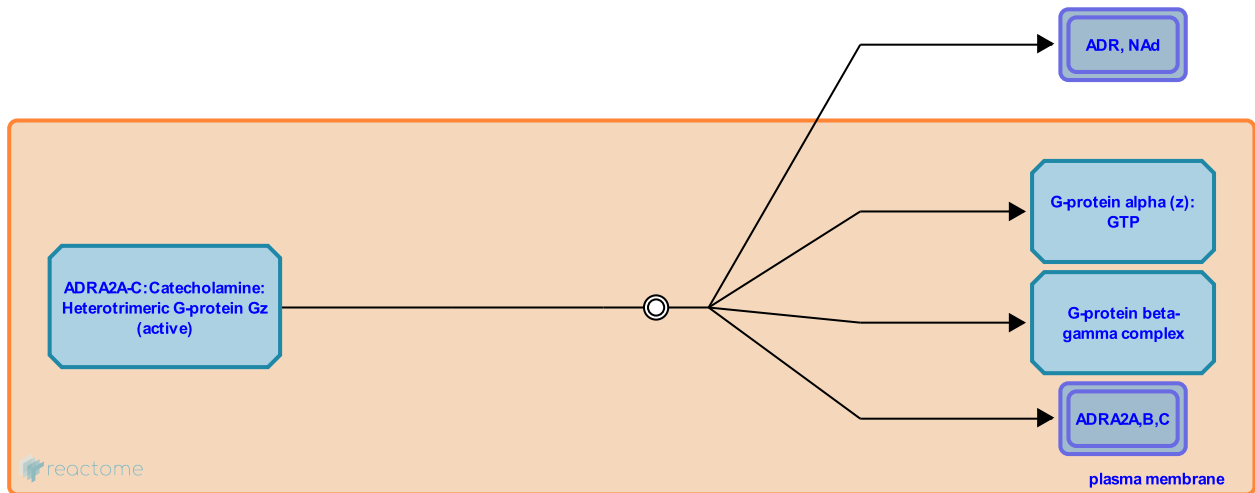
The Ligand:GPCR:Gz complex dissociates ↗

Location: G alpha (z) signalling events

Stable identifier: R-HSA-751024

Type: dissociation

Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region



The classical view of G-protein signalling is that the G-protein alpha subunit dissociates from the beta:gamma dimer. Activated G alpha (z) and the beta:gamma dimer then participate in separate signalling cascades. Although G protein dissociation has been contested (e.g. Bassi et al. 1996), recent in vivo experiments have demonstrated that dissociation does occur, though possibly not to completion (Lambert 2008).

Preceded by: Liganded Gz-activating GPCR acts as a GEF for Gz

Followed by: Active G alpha (z) binds RGS proteins, PKC binds active G alpha (z), G alpha (z) auto-inactivates by hydrolysing GTP to GDP, G alpha (z) inhibits adenylate cyclase

Literature references

Lambert, NA. (2008). Dissociation of heterotrimeric g proteins in cells. *Sci Signal*, 1, re5. ↗

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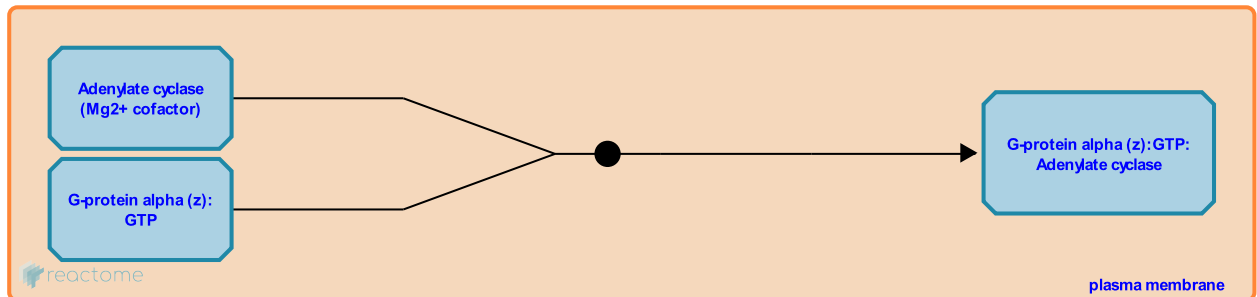
G alpha (z) inhibits adenylate cyclase ↗

Location: [G alpha \(z\) signalling events](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-392064

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane



G-proteins in the Gi class inhibit adenylate cyclase activity, decreasing the production of cAMP from ATP, which has many consequences but classically results in decreased activity of Protein Kinase A (PKA). cAMP also activates the cyclic nucleotide-gated ion channels, a process that is particularly important in olfactory cells. Experimental data for this reaction was obtained in vitro using rat G alpha (i) and dog Adenylate Cyclase.

Preceded by: [The Ligand:GPCR:Gz complex dissociates](#)

Followed by: [Adenylate cyclase converts ATP to 3',5'-cyclic AMP \(cAMP\) and pyrophosphate](#)

Literature references

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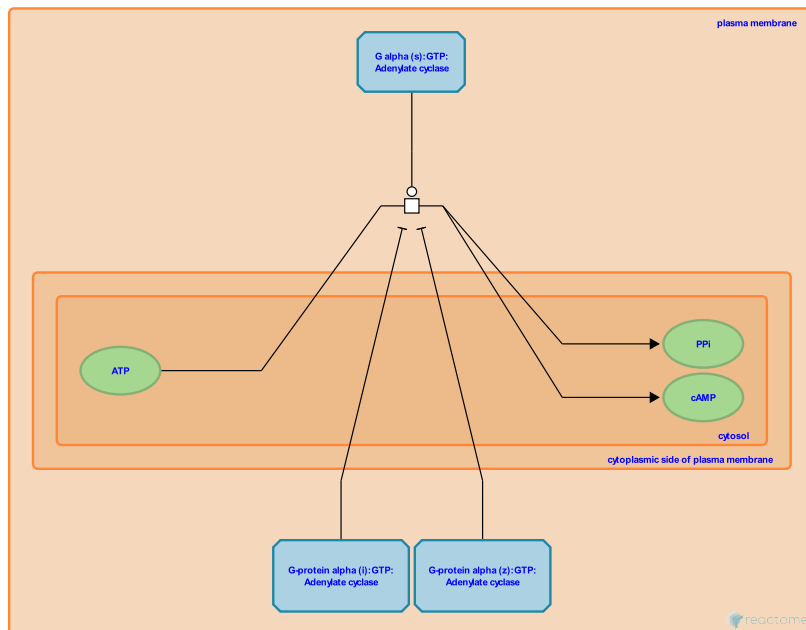
Location: [G alpha \(z\) signalling events](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-392129

Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol

Inferred from: [Adenylate cyclase converts ATP to 3',5'-cyclic AMP \(cAMP\) and pyrophosphate \(Canis familiaris\)](#)



The activation of adenylyl (adenylate) cyclase (AC) results in the production of adenosine-3',5'-monophosphate i.e. cyclic AMP. Humans have 9 genes encoding membrane-associated AC and one encoding a soluble AC. Two of the classes of heterotrimeric G-proteins are named according to their effect on AC; G(s) stimulates all membrane-bound ACs (the s in G(s) denotes AC stimulatory); the G(i) class inhibits some AC isoforms, particularly 5 and 6. Beta-gamma subunits of heterotrimeric G-proteins can also regulate AC. Ca²⁺/Calmodulin activates some AC isoforms (1, 8 and 3) but is inhibitory to others (5 and 6).

Preceded by: [G alpha \(z\) inhibits adenylate cyclase](#)

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PKC phosphorylates G alpha (z) ↗

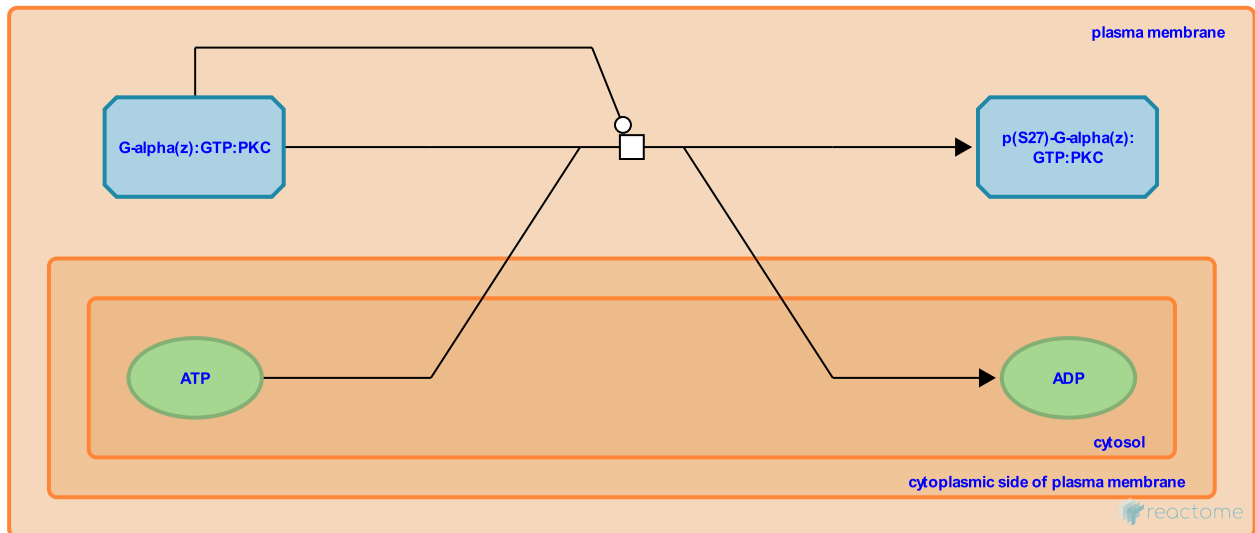
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Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol

Inferred from: [PKC \(cow\) phosphorylates G alpha z \(rat\) \(Bos taurus\)](#)



G alpha z (Lounsbury et al. 1991) and G alpha 12 (Kozasa & Gilman, 1996) are excellent in vitro substrates for all three subtypes of protein kinase C (PKC). Activation of PKC in intact platelets by agents such as thrombin, thromboxane A2 (TXA2) analogues and phorbol esters leads to rapid and near-stoichiometric phosphorylation of G alpha z (Carlson et al. 1989). The primary phosphorylation site is Ser-27 (Lounsbury et al. 1993). This phosphorylation blocks the interaction of G alpha z with Gbeta:gamma suggesting that it is a regulatory mechanism for attenuating signalling by preventing subunit reassociation.

Preceded by: [PKC binds active G alpha \(z\)](#)

Followed by: [G-alpha\(z\):PKC dissociates to give phosphorylated G alpha \(z\)](#)

Literature references

Lounsbury, KM., Manning, DR., Casey, PJ., Brass, LF. (1991). Phosphorylation of Gz in human platelets. Selectivity and site of modification. *J Biol Chem*, 266, 22051-6. ↗

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G alpha (z) auto-inactivates by hydrolysing GTP to GDP ↗

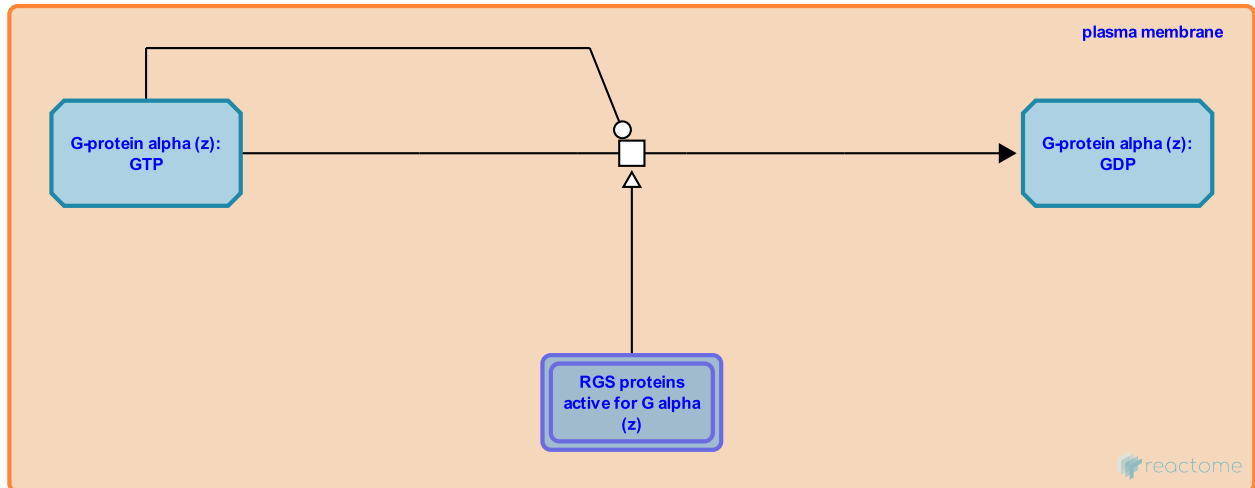
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Stable identifier: R-HSA-392133

Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane

Inferred from: [G alpha \(i\)1 auto-inactivates by hydrolysing GTP to GDP \(Rattus norvegicus\)](#)



When a ligand activates a G protein-coupled receptor, it induces a conformational change in the receptor (a change in shape) that allows the receptor to function as a guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF), stimulating the exchange of GDP for GTP on the G alpha subunit. In the traditional view of heterotrimeric protein activation, this exchange triggers the dissociation of the now active G alpha subunit from the beta:gamma dimer, initiating downstream signalling events. The G alpha subunit has intrinsic GTPase activity and will eventually hydrolyze the attached GTP to GDP, allowing reassociation with G beta:gamma. Additional GTPase-activating proteins (GAPs) stimulate the GTPase activity of G alpha, leading to more rapid termination of the transduced signal. In some cases the downstream effector may have GAP activity, helping to deactivate the pathway. This is the case for phospholipase C beta, which possesses GAP activity within its C-terminal region (Kleuss et al. 1994).

Preceded by: [The Ligand:GPCR:Gz complex dissociates](#)

Followed by: [Inactive G alpha \(z\) reassociates with G beta:gamma](#)

Literature references

Kleuss, C., Gilman, AG., Sprang, SR., Raw, AS., Lee, E. (1994). Mechanism of GTP hydrolysis by G-protein alpha subunits. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 91, 9828-31. ↗

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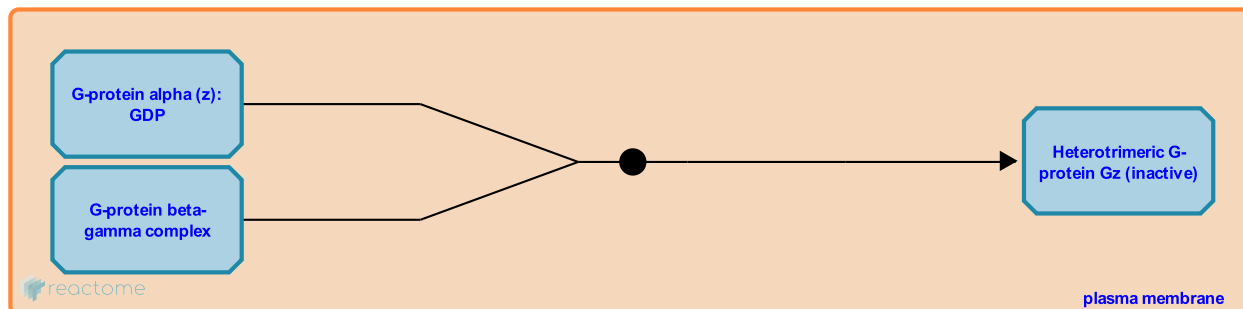
Inactive G alpha (z) reassociates with G beta:gamma ↗

Location: [G alpha \(z\) signalling events](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-750988

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane



The classical model of G-protein signaling suggests that the G-protein dissociates upon GPCR activation. The active G alpha (z) subunit then participates in signaling, until its intrinsic GTPase activity degrades the bound GTP to GDP. The inactive G alpha (z):GDP complex has much higher affinity for the G beta:gamma complex and consequently reassociates.

Preceded by: [G alpha \(z\) auto-inactivates by hydrolysing GTP to GDP](#)

Literature references

Oldham, WM., Hamm, HE. (2006). Structural basis of function in heterotrimeric G proteins. *Q Rev Biophys*, 39, 117-66 . ↗

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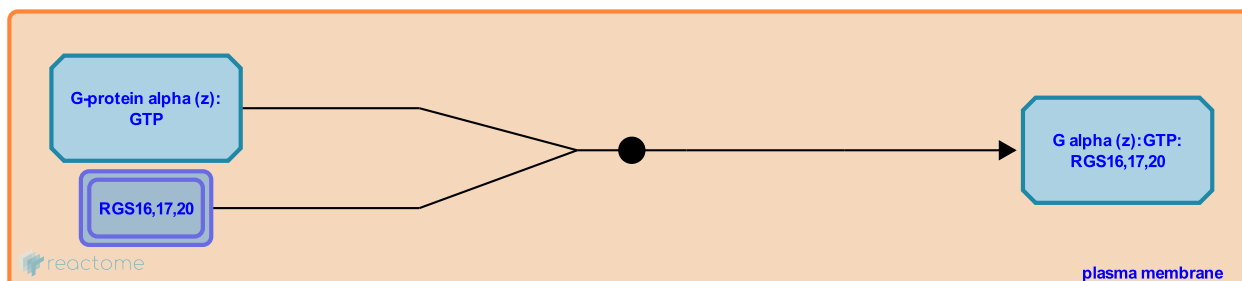
Active G alpha (z) binds RGS proteins ↗

Location: [G alpha \(z\) signalling events](#)

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Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol



G Protein Coupled Receptors (GPCR) sense extracellular signals and activate different Guanine nucleotide binding proteins (G proteins). Upon activation, GPCRs can replace the GDP with GTP in the alpha subunit of G proteins. GTP binding modifies the conformation of G alpha proteins and activates them. The Regulator of G protein Signalling (RGS) are GTPase Accelerating Proteins (GAPs) that can directly inhibit the G alpha subunit activity. There are at least 25 different types of RGS proteins known. RGS16, RGS17 and RGS20 can bind and stabilize the transition state of Guanine nucleotide binding protein G(z) subunit alpha (GNAZ) along its path to GTP hydrolysis. Subsequently, this leads to GTP hydrolysis and inactivation of GNAZ, terminating downstream signalling (Neubig & Siderovski 2002, Kach et al. 2012, Goto K et al. 2017). GNAZ inhibits adenylyl cyclase and interacts with Rap1GAP to attenuate Rap1 signaling.

Preceded by: [The Ligand:GPCR:Gz complex dissociates](#)

Followed by: [G alpha \(z\) in G alpha \(z\):RGS complex is inactivated](#)

Literature references

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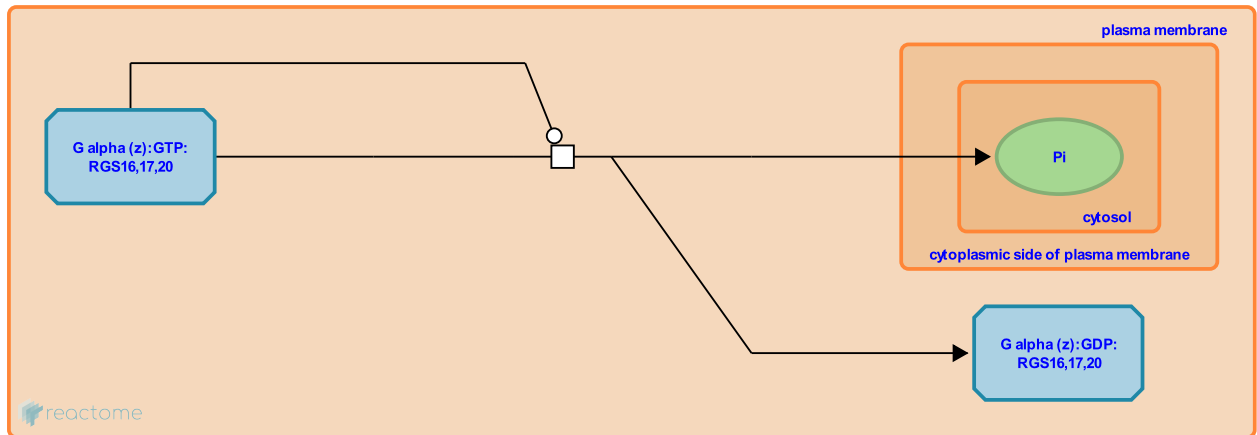
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Location: [G alpha \(z\) signalling events](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-8982021

Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane



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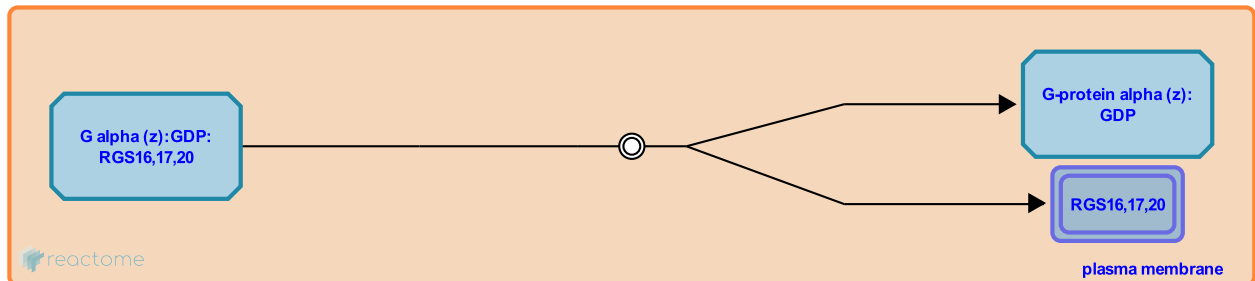
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Type: dissociation

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol



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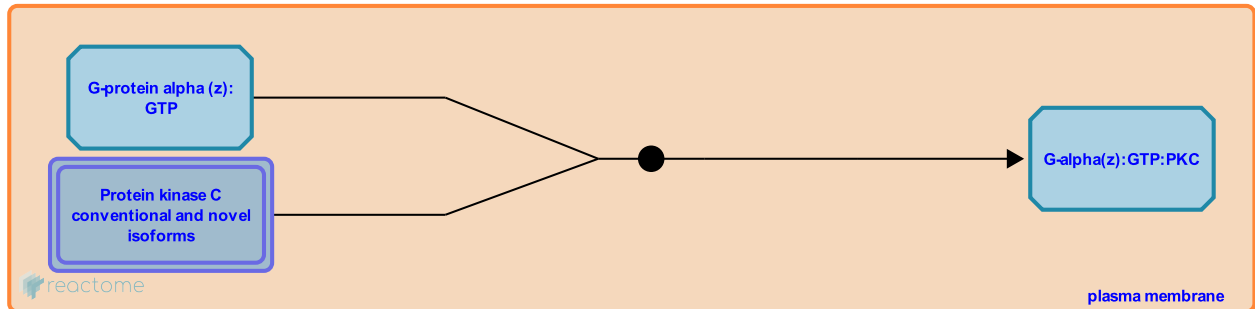
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Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane

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Preceded by: [The Ligand:GPCR:Gz complex dissociates](#)

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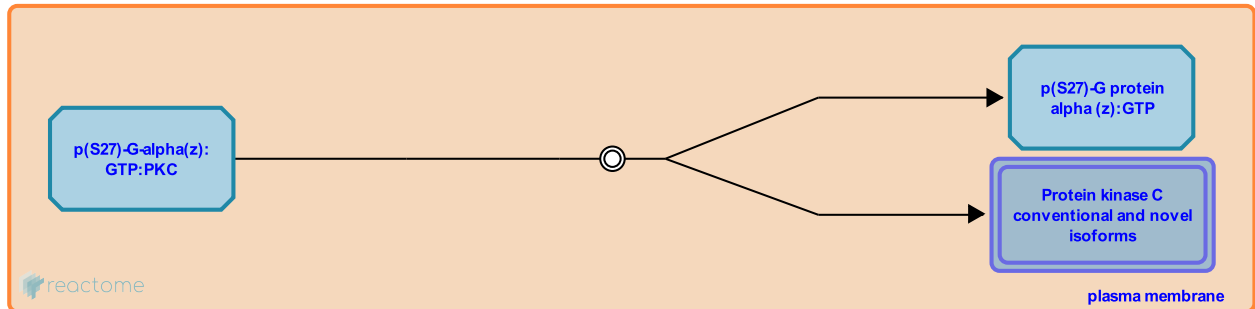
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Compartments: plasma membrane

Inferred from: [Gz\(rat\):PKC\(cow\) dissociates to give phosphorylated G alpha \(z\) \(Bos taurus\)](#)



G alpha z (Lounsbury et al. 1991) and G alpha 12 (Kozasa & Gilman, 1996) are excellent in vitro substrates for all three subtypes of protein kinase C (PKC). Activation of PKC in intact platelets by agents such as thrombin, thromboxane A2 (TXA2) analogues and phorbol esters leads to rapid and near-stoichiometric phosphorylation of G alpha z (Carlson et al. 1989). PKC can bind to G alpha z and facilitate phosphorylation at Ser-27 (Lounsbury et al. 1993). Subsequently, phosphorylated G alpha z dissociates from the complex. This phosphorylation blocks the interaction of G alpha z with Gbeta:gamma suggesting that it is a regulatory mechanism for attenuating signalling by preventing subunit reassociation.

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