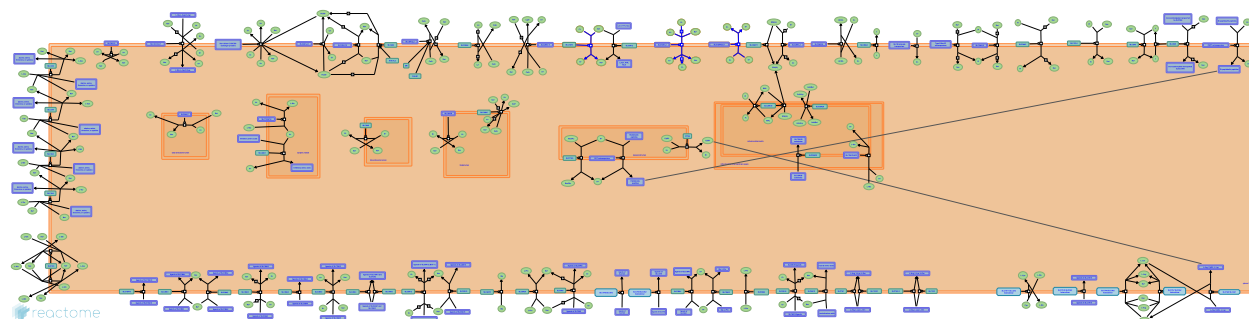


# Cation-coupled Chloride cotransporters



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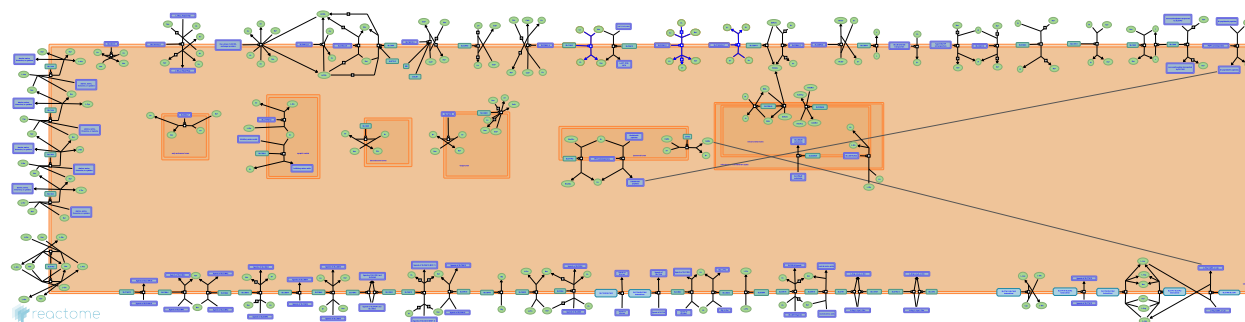
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## Cation-coupled Chloride cotransporters ↗

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The cation-chloride cotransporter family (SLC12 gene family) are membrane proteins that cotranslocate chloride ( $\text{Cl}^-$ ) with either  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ , or both cations electroneutrally. The general topology of these proteins feature 12 transmembrane domains flanked by hydrophilic  $\text{NH}_2$  and  $\text{COOH}$ -terminal domains. They are secondary transporters and movement of these cations is determined by gradients established by primary transporters such as  $\text{Na}^+$ - $\text{K}^+$ -ATPase. Cotransporters that use  $\text{Na}^+$  as the driving force move  $\text{Cl}^-$  into the cell because  $\text{Na}^+$  concentration is higher in the extracellular region. Conversely, cotransporters that use  $\text{K}^+$  as the driving force move  $\text{Cl}^-$  out of the cell because  $\text{K}^+$  concentration is higher inside the cell.

The SLC12 gene family contains nine members, of which seven are clearly characterized genes and two are orphans. They encode cotransporter proteins which are 1) involved in  $\text{Cl}^-$  homeostasis, 2) regulate cell volume, 3) involved in transepithelial ion movement (salt reabsorption in the kidney) and 4) involved in response to neurotransmitters such as GABA.

Three different cotransporter subtypes are expressed by the seven characterized genes; one thiazide-sensitive  $\text{Na}^+/\text{Cl}^-$  cotransporter, two loop diuretic-sensitive  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+/\text{2Cl}^-$  cotransporters and four  $\text{K}^+/\text{Cl}^-$  cotransporters (Gamba G, 2005; Hebert SC et al, 2004).

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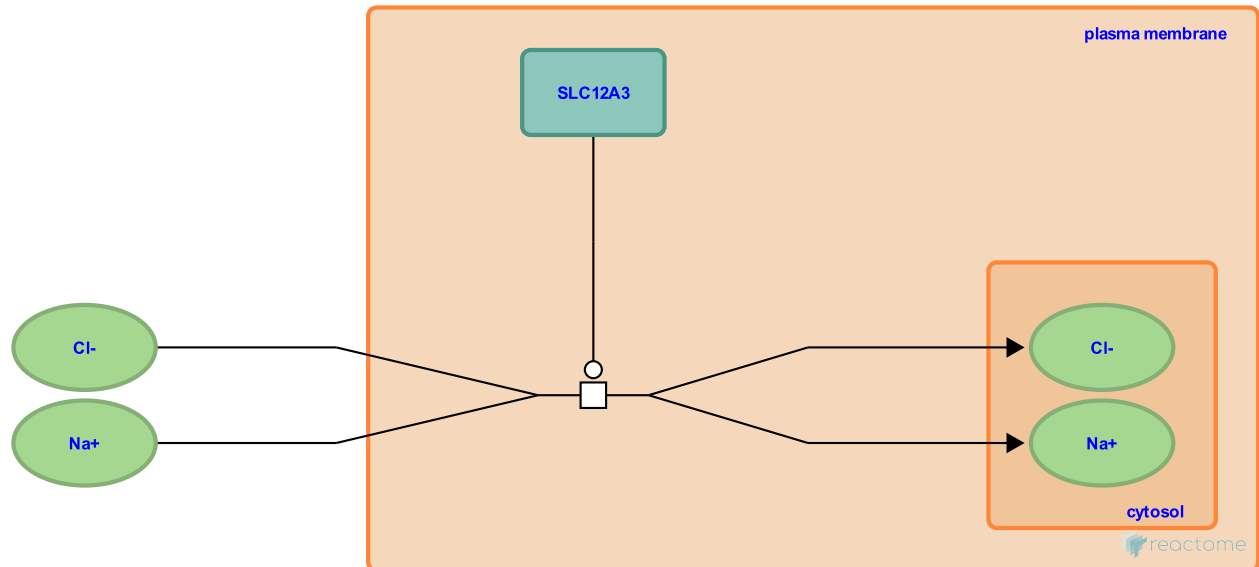
## SLC12A3 cotransports Cl<sup>-</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup> from extracellular region to cytosol ↗

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** plasma membrane



The SLC12A3 gene encodes for the Thiazide-sensitive sodium-chloride cotransporter (TSC). TSC mediates sodium and chloride removal from the distal convoluted tubule of the kidney (Mastroianni N et al, 1996). Defects in SLC12A3 are the cause of Gitelman syndrome (GS). GS is an autosomal recessive disorder that allows the kidneys to pass sodium, magnesium, chloride, and potassium into the urine, rather than being reabsorbed into the bloodstream (Simon et al. 1996). This cotransporter is the major target for thiazide-type diuretics, used in the treatment of hypertension, extracellular fluid overload and renal stone disease.

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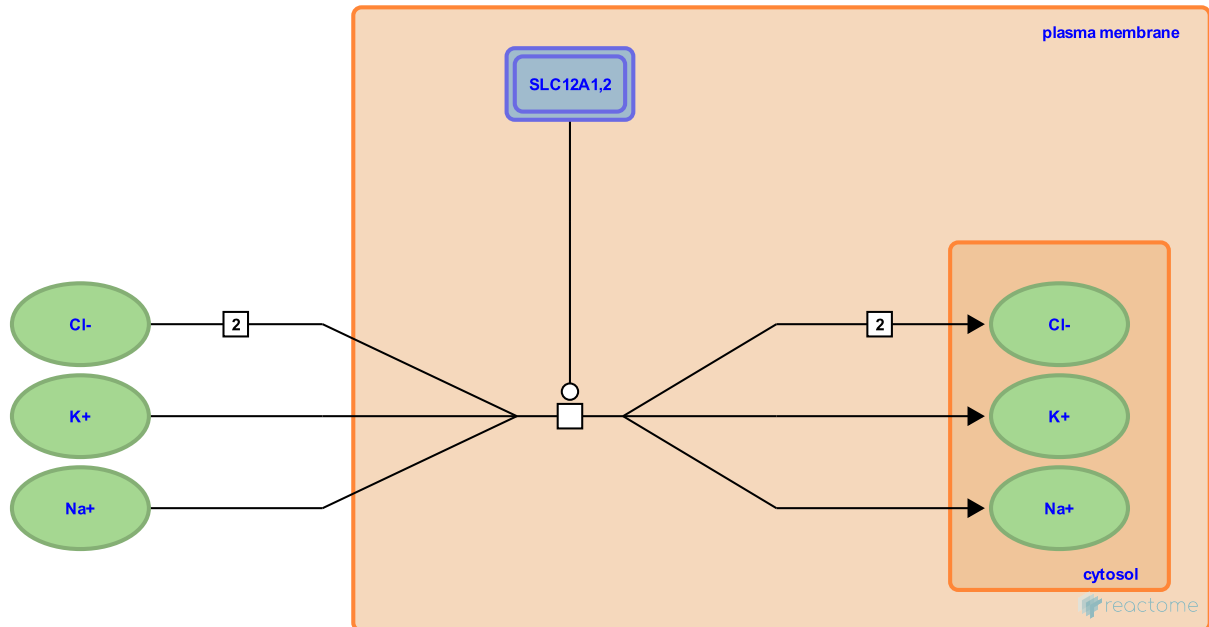
## SLC12A1,2 cotransports Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, 2Cl<sup>-</sup> from extracellular region to cytosol ↗

**Location:** [Cation-coupled Chloride cotransporters](#)

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**Type:** transition

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Two genes (SLC12A1 and SLC12A2) encode Na<sup>+</sup>,K<sup>+</sup>/2Cl<sup>-</sup> cotransporters (NKCC2 and NKCC1 respectively). SLC12A1 (Simon DB et al, 1996) is kidney-specific whilst SLC12A2 (Payne JA et al, 1995) is ubiquitously expressed. Two Cl<sup>-</sup> ions are electroneutrally transported into cells with a Na<sup>+</sup> ion and a K<sup>+</sup> ion.

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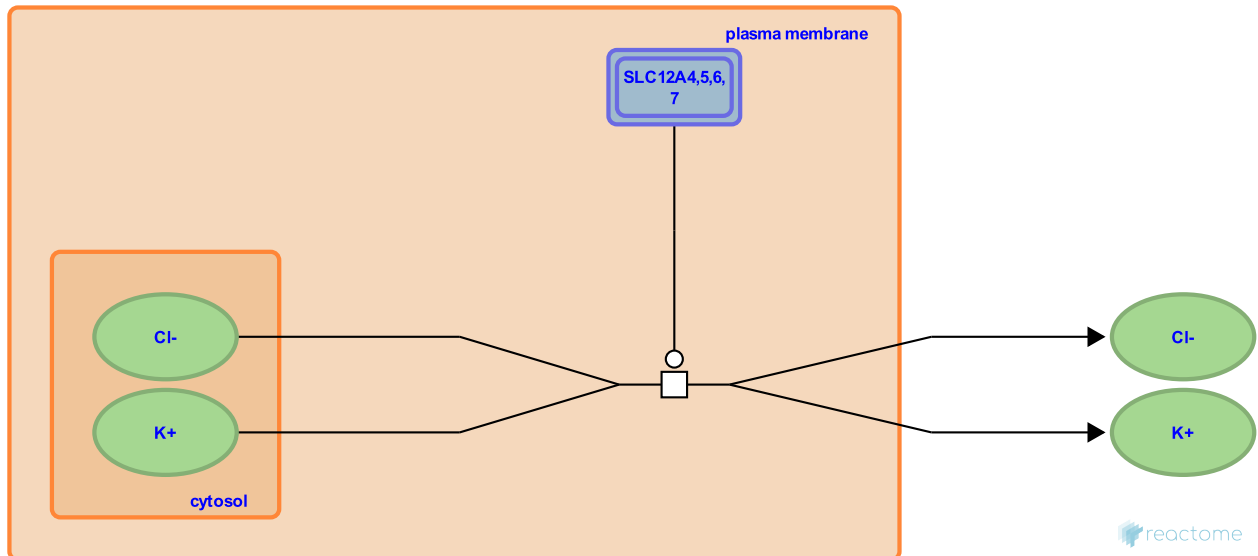
## SLC12A4,5,6,7 cotransport K<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup> from cytosol to extracellular region ↗

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K<sup>+</sup>/Cl<sup>-</sup> cotransport is implicated not only in regulatory volume decrease, but also in transepithelial salt absorption, renal K<sup>+</sup> secretion, myocardial K<sup>+</sup> loss during ischemia and regulation of neuronal Cl<sup>-</sup> concentration. Four genes (SLC12A4-7) encode the K<sup>+</sup>/Cl<sup>-</sup> cotransporters KCC1-4 respectively. Cotransport of K<sup>+</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> is electroneutral with a 1:1 stoichiometry. These cotransporters function as homomultimers or heteromultimers with other K<sup>+</sup>/Cl<sup>-</sup> cotransporters.

SLC12A4 encodes KCC1 (Gillen CM et al, 1996). KCC1 is ubiquitously expressed, suggesting a housekeeping role in the regulation of cell volume. SLC12A5 encodes KCC2 (Song L et al, 2002). KCC2's expression is restricted to neurons in the CNS and retina. It is thought KCC2 is important for Cl<sup>-</sup> homeostasis in neurons. SLC12A6 encodes KCC3 (Race JE et al, 1999; Mount DB et al, 1999). KCC3 is highly expressed in heart, brain, spinal cord, kidney, muscle, pancreas and placenta. Defects in SLC12A6 are a cause of agenesis of the corpus callosum with peripheral neuropathy (ACCPN) (Howard HC et al, 2002). SLC12A7 encodes KCC4 (Mount DB et al, 1999) which is widely expressed, especially in the kidney. It is thought to play a role in transepithelial transport of Cl<sup>-</sup> by the proximal tubule.

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