

# DT fragment B transports DT fragment A from target cell endosome membrane

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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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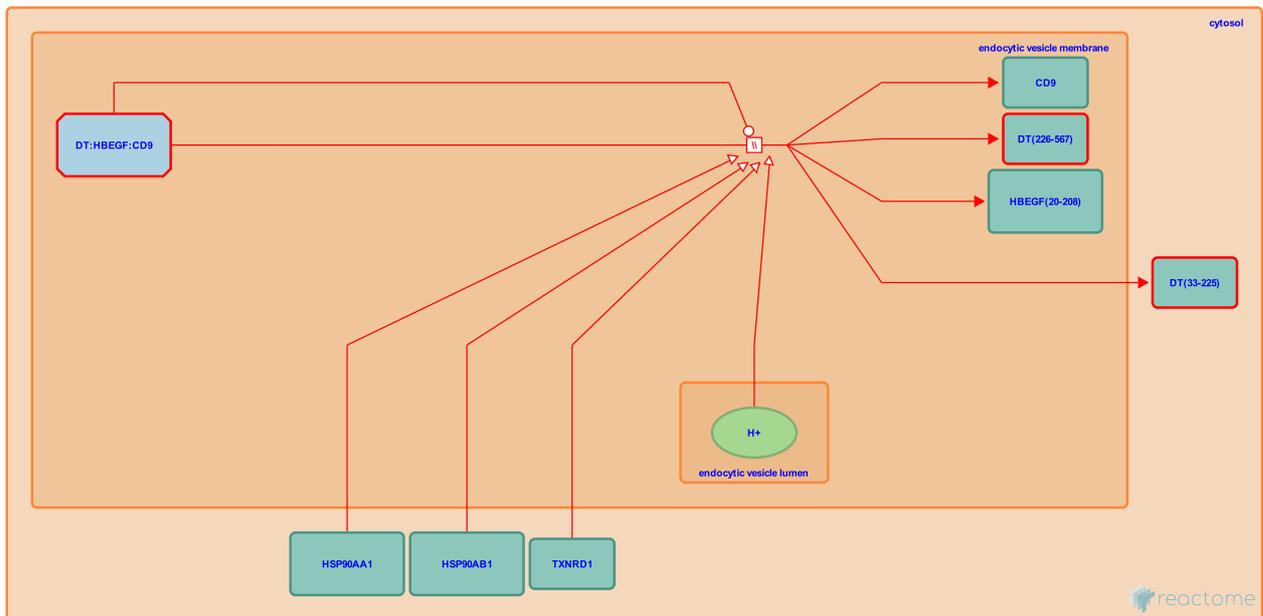
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The normal process of acidification of the endocytic vesicle containing diphtheria toxin (DT A:B) associated with target cell proteins HBEGF and CD9 is thought to cause a conformational change in the toxin. Its B fragment forms a channel in the endocytic vesicle membrane through which the A fragment is extruded into the target cell cytosol. There, reduction of the disulfide bond connecting the A and B fragments releases the A fragment to refold. The process requires participation of target cell heat shock proteins (HSP90AA1 and HSP90AB1) and thioredoxin reductase 1 (TXNRD1), which may mediate disulfide bond cleavage (Ratts et al. 2003; Murphy 2011).

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