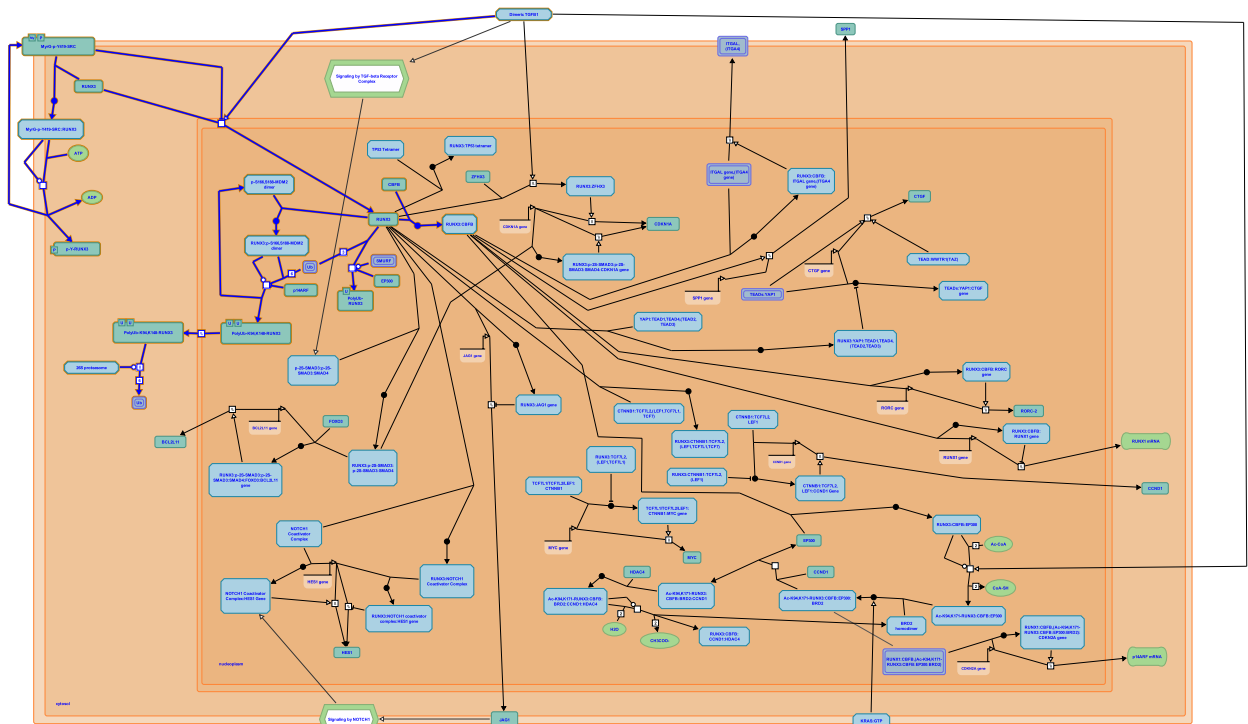


# Regulation of RUNX3 expression and activity



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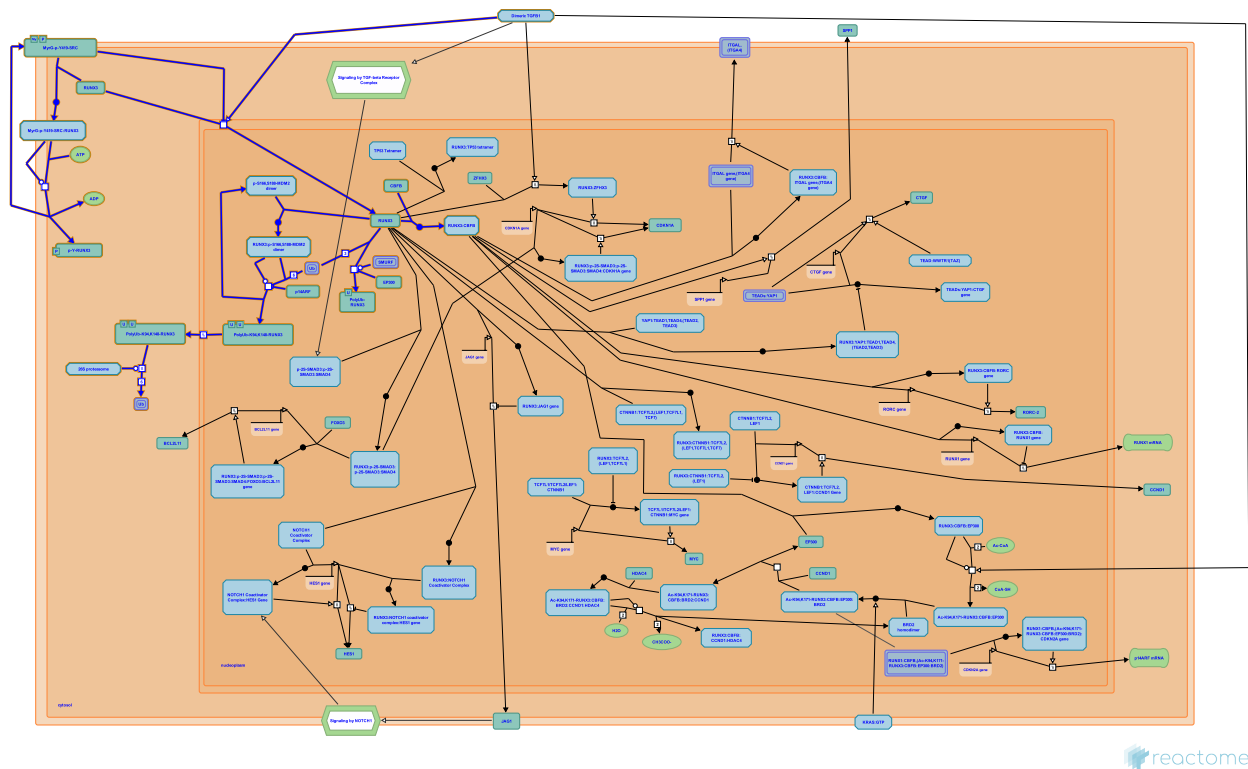
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## Regulation of RUNX3 expression and activity ↗

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RUNX3, like other RUNX family members, is transcribed from two promoters - the proximal P2 promoter and the distal P1 promoter. The P2 promoter is positioned within a large CpG island that is frequently methylated in solid tumors, resulting in epigenetic inactivation of the RUNX3 gene (reviewed by Levanon and Groner 2004). RUNX3 transcription is affected by SMAD4 levels. RUNX3 may directly upregulate its own transcription through a positive feedback loop (Whittle et al. 2015). Under hypoxic conditions, RUNX3 transcription is downregulated. Hypoxic silencing of RUNX3 involves hypoxia-induced upregulation of the histone methyltransferase G9a and histone deacetylase HDAC1, which leads to increased dimethylation of histone H3 at lysine residue K9 (K10 when taking into account the initiator methionine) and reduced acetylation of histone H3 at the RUNX3 promoter (Lee et al. 2009).

RUNX3 protein levels are inversely related to the levels of microRNA miR-130b. Based on in silico analysis, RUNX3 is predicted to be the target of miR-130b, but binding assays and 3'UTR reporter assays have not been done to confirm this (Lai et al. 2010, Paudel et al. 2016).

Similar to RUNX1 and RUNX2, RUNX3 forms a transcriptionally active heterodimer with CBFβ (CBF-beta) (Kim et al. 2013). RUNX3 activity can be regulated by changes in RUNX3 localization. SRC protein tyrosine kinase phosphorylates RUNX3 on multiple tyrosine residues, inhibiting its translocation from the cytosol to the nucleus and thus inhibiting RUNX3-mediated transcription (Goh et al. 2010). Subcellular localization of RUNX3 may be affected by PIM1-mediated phosphorylation (Kim et al. 2008).

The P1 and P2 promoters regulate RUNX3 transcription in a cell-type/differentiation dependent manner, giving rise to the p44 and p46 isoforms of RUNX3, respectively. Several splicing isoforms have also been reported. One example is the generation of a 33 kDa protein isoform (p33) by alternative splicing. The RUNX3 p33 isoform lacks the Runt domain and is unable to transactivate the regulatory regions of integrin genes. The p33 isoform is induced during maturation of monocyte-derived dendritic cells (MDDC), leading to reduced expression of genes involved in inflammatory responses, such as IL8 (interleukin-8) (Puig-Kroger et al. 2010).

E3 ubiquitin ligases MDM2 (Chi et al. 2009), SMURF1 and SMURF2 (Jin et al. 2004) are implicated in RUNX3 polyubiquitination and degradation.

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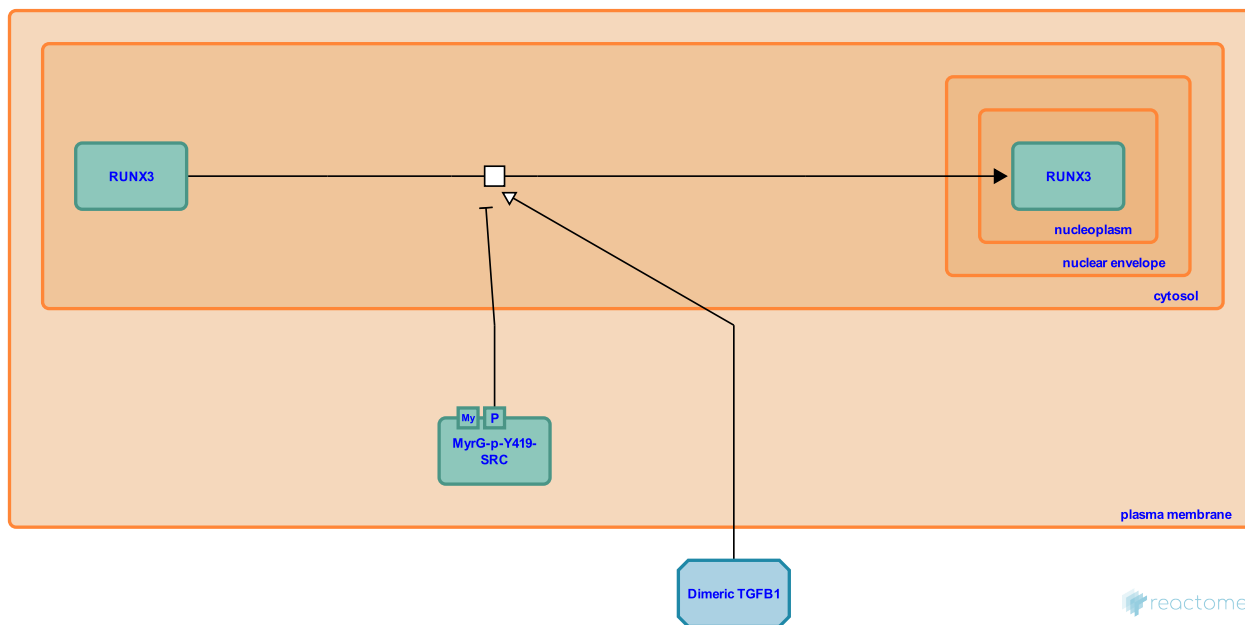
## RUNX3 translocates to the nucleus ↗

**Location:** [Regulation of RUNX3 expression and activity](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-8937814

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol, nucleoplasm



Translocation of RUNX3 from the cytosol to the nucleus is stimulated by TGF-beta (TGFB1) treatment (Ito et al. 2005) and inhibited by SRC-mediated phosphorylation of RUNX3 on multiple tyrosine residues (Goh et al. 2010).

**Followed by:** [SMURFs ubiquitinate RUNX3](#), [MDM2 binds RUNX3](#), [CBFB binds RUNX3](#)

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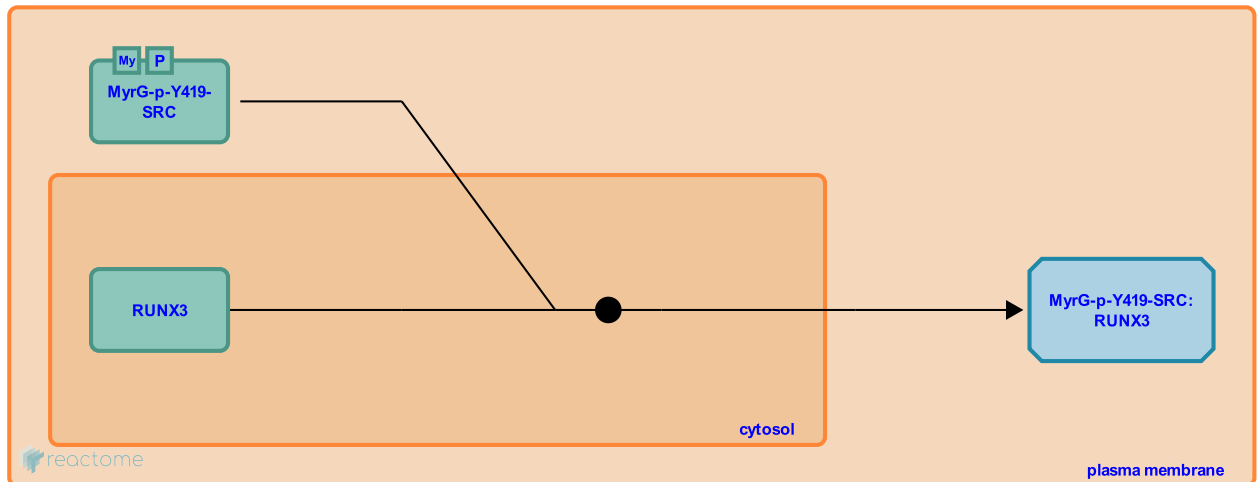
## RUNX3 binds SRC ↗

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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-8937792

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** cytosol, plasma membrane



Activated SRC binds to RUNX3 in the cytosol. The interaction involves the Runt domain of RUNX3 (Goh et al. 2010).

**Followed by:** [SRC phosphorylates RUNX3](#)

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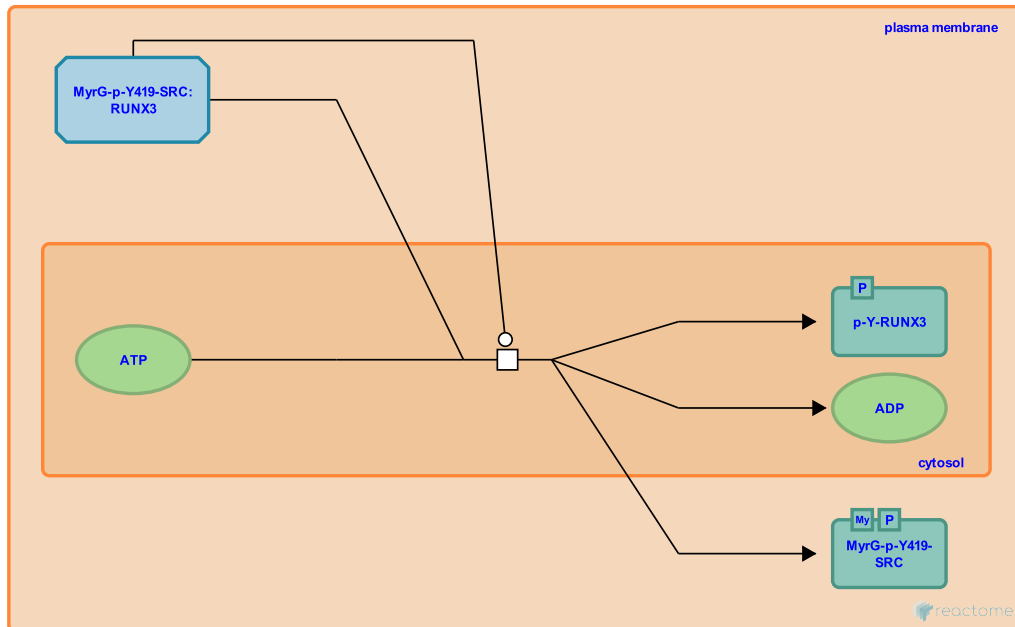
## SRC phosphorylates RUNX3 ↗

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**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol, nucleoplasm



Activated SRC phosphorylates RUNX3 in the cytosol, on multiple tyrosine residues. There are eleven tyrosine residues in RUNX3, but SRC target sites have not been determined. SRC-mediated phosphorylation of RUNX3 inhibits translocation of RUNX3 to the nucleus and is the underlying cause of cytosolic localization of RUNX3 in gastric and breast cancer (Goh et al. 2010).

**Preceded by:** [RUNX3 binds SRC](#)

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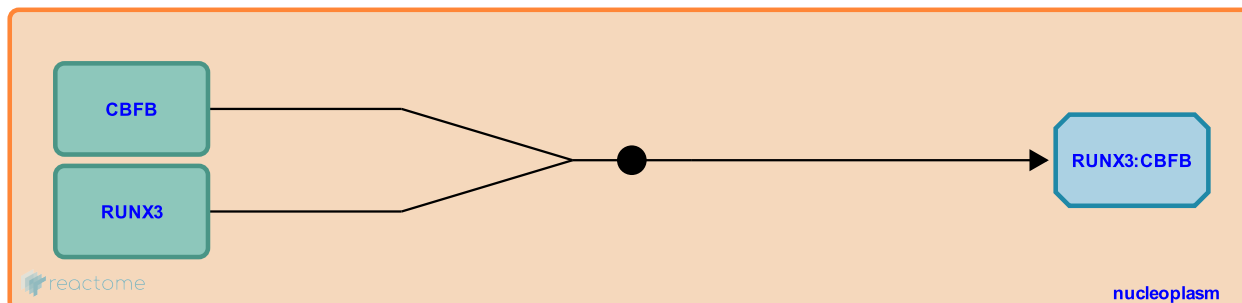
## CBFB binds RUNX3 [↗](#)

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**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



CBFB binds the transcription factor RUNX3, interacting with its Runt domain, which is highly similar to Runt domains of RUNX1 and RUNX2 (Kim et al. 2013). RUNX3 is implicated in neurogenesis, thymopoiesis and stomach development (Inoue et al. 2002, Levanon et al. 2002, Levanon et al. 2003). RUNX3 and CBFB are frequently downregulated in gastric cancer (Sakakura et al. 2005).

**Preceded by:** [RUNX3 translocates to the nucleus](#)

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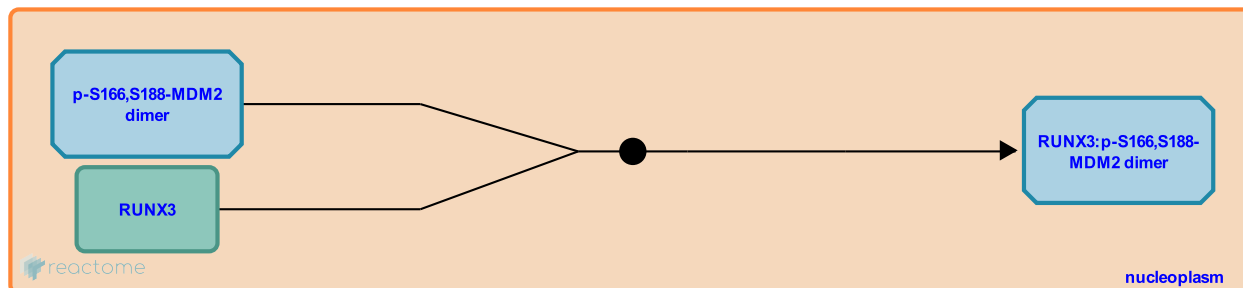
## MDM2 binds RUNX3 ↗

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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-8952371

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



MDM2 and RUNX3 form a complex in the nucleus. Association of RUNX3 with CBF $\beta$  does not interfere with binding of MDM2 to RUNX3. The interaction involves the acidic domain of MDM2 and the Runt domain of RUNX3 (Chi et al. 2009).

**Preceded by:** [RUNX3 translocates to the nucleus](#)

**Followed by:** [MDM2 polyubiquitinates RUNX3](#)

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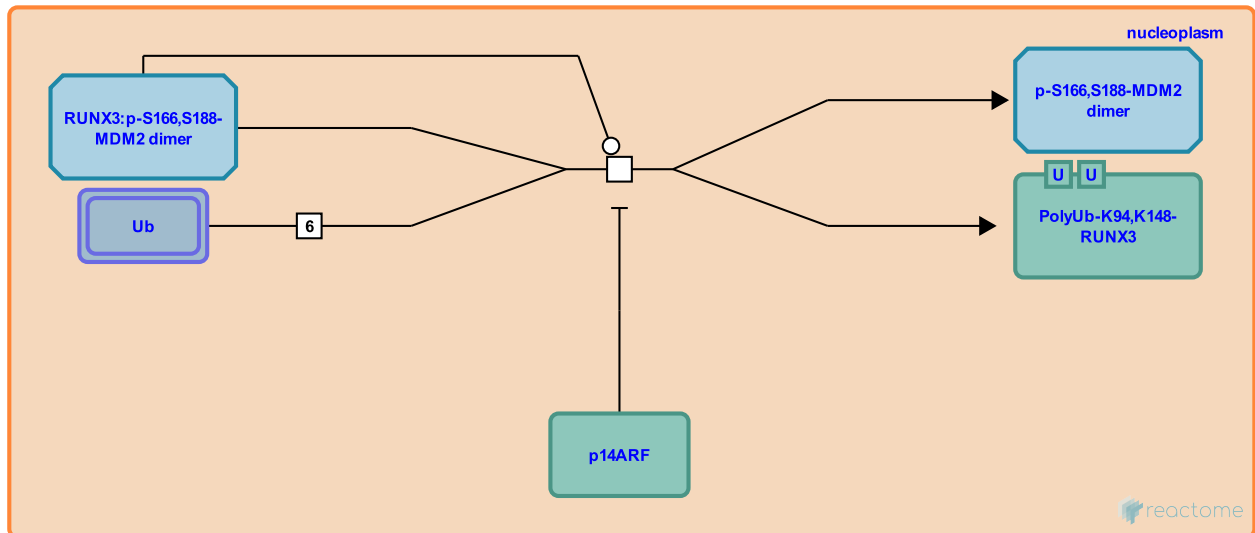
## MDM2 polyubiquitinates RUNX3 ↗

**Location:** [Regulation of RUNX3 expression and activity](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-8952382

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



MDM2 polyubiquitinates RUNX3 on lysine residues K94 and K148. MDM-mediated ubiquitination of RUNX3 is inhibited by p14-ARF (Chi et al. 2009).

**Preceded by:** [MDM2 binds RUNX3](#)

**Followed by:** [Polyubiquitinated RUNX3 translocates to the cytosol](#)

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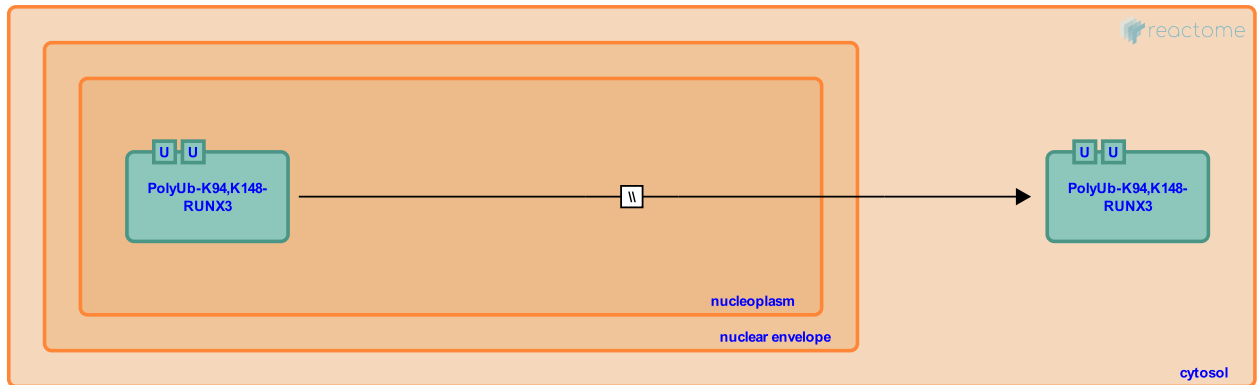
## Polyubiquitinated RUNX3 translocates to the cytosol ↗

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**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



Polyubiquitination of RUNX3 by MDM2 promotes translocation of RUNX3 from the nucleus to the cytosol (Chi et al. 2009).

**Preceded by:** [MDM2 polyubiquitinates RUNX3](#)

**Followed by:** [Polyubiquitinated RUNX3 is degraded by the proteasome](#)

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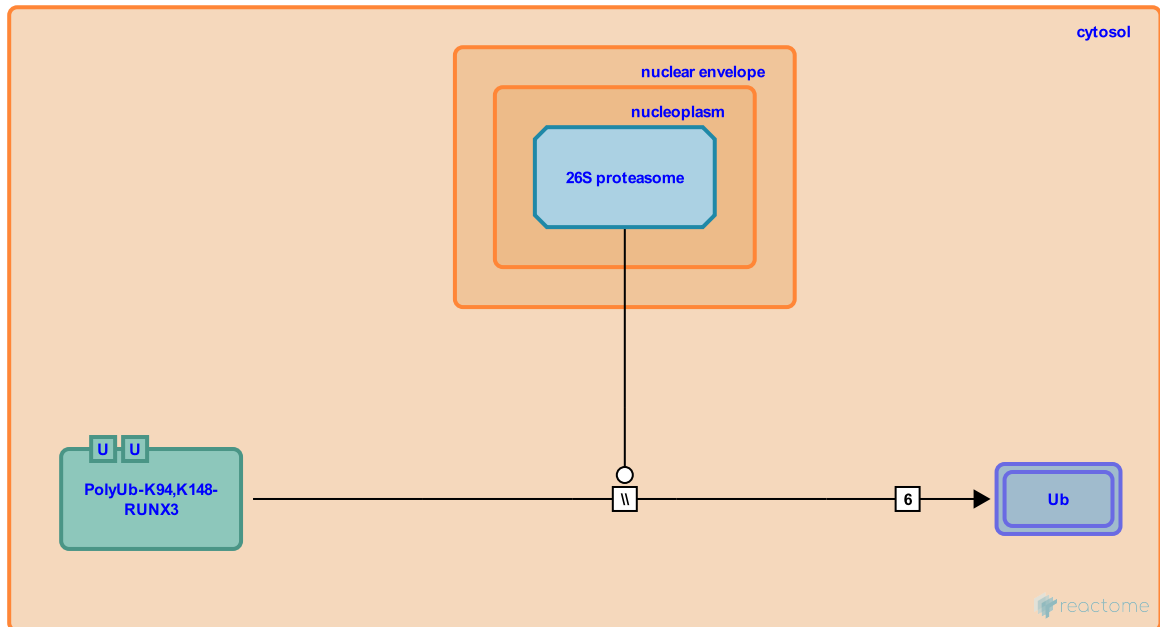
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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-8952408

**Type:** omitted

**Compartments:** cytosol



Polyubiquitinated RUNX3 is degraded by the proteasome (Chi et al. 2009).

**Preceded by:** [Polyubiquitinated RUNX3 translocates to the cytosol](#)

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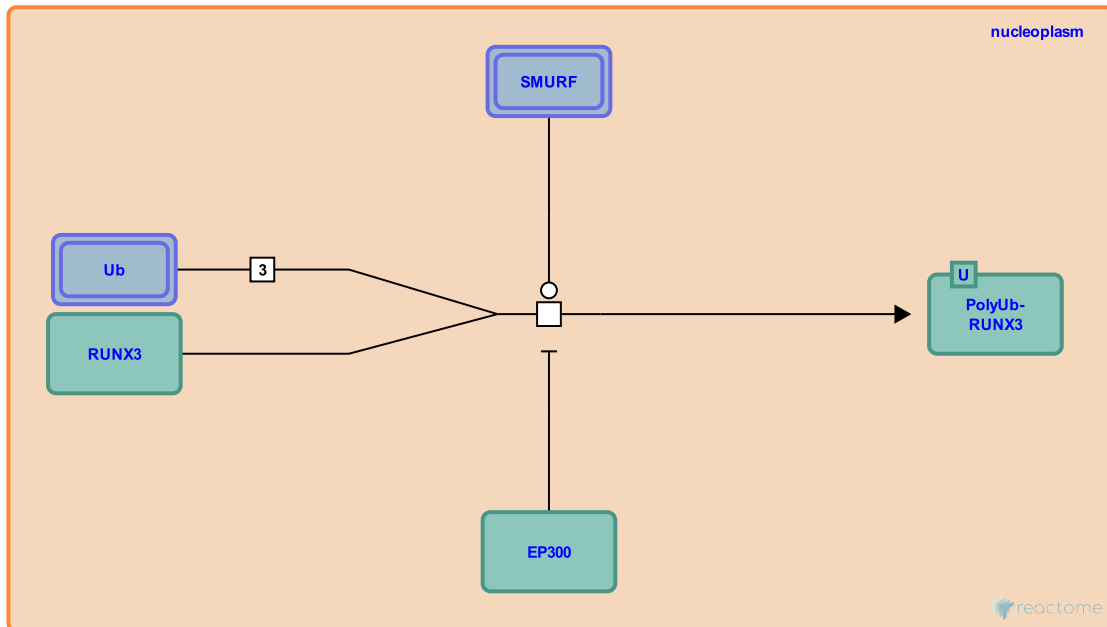
## SMURFs ubiquitinate RUNX3 [↗](#)

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**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-8952419

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm



SMURF1 and SMURF2 polyubiquitinate RUNX3 on unknown lysine residues, possibly K148, K186 and K192, targeting it for degradation. The interaction between SMURFs and RUNX3 involves the PY motif of RUNX3 and the WW domain of SMURFs. Acetylation of RUNX3 by EP300 (p300) prevents SMURF-mediated ubiquitination of RUNX3, thus increasing RUNX3 protein stability (Jin et al. 2004).

**Preceded by:** [RUNX3 translocates to the nucleus](#)

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