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# Introduction to Pathway Modeling

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# Goals and Motivations

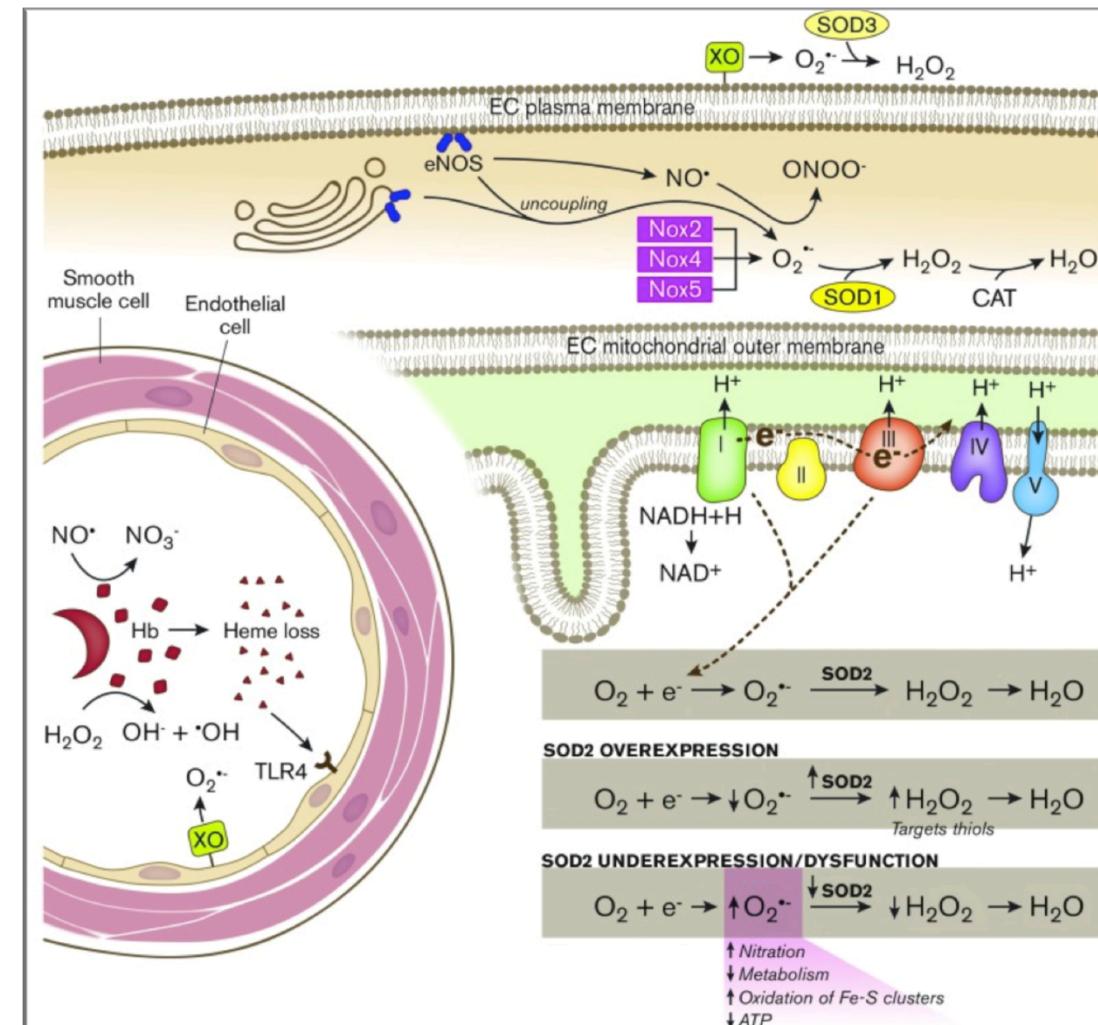
- Review how pathways are used in research
- Discover the advantages to computational pathway models
- Access existing pathway tools
- Learn how to use pathway drawing tools
- Create your own pathway models!

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# Why Pathways?

- Intuitive representation of complex information
  - ➔ Over 1000 published each month
- Proteins / genes / metabolites
- Interactions / reactions
- Subcellular location



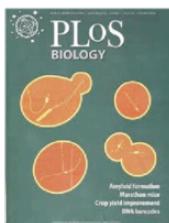
# Why Pathway Models?



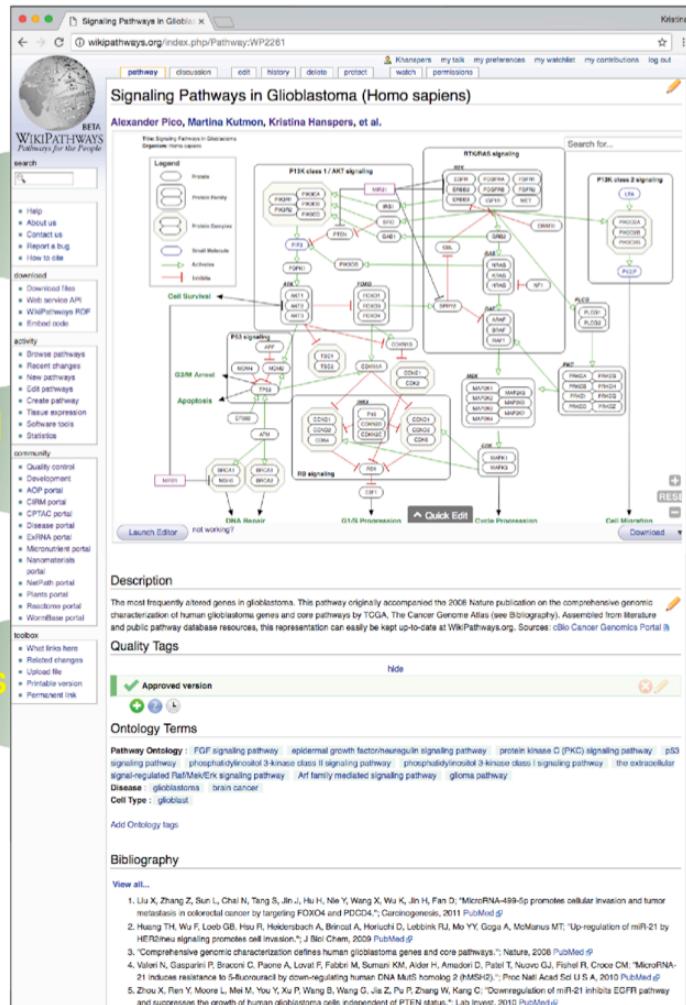
Literature



Experimental data



Static figures



Authorship

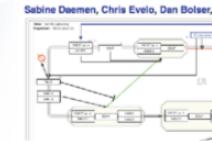


Figure images



Annotated models



Visualization & analysis



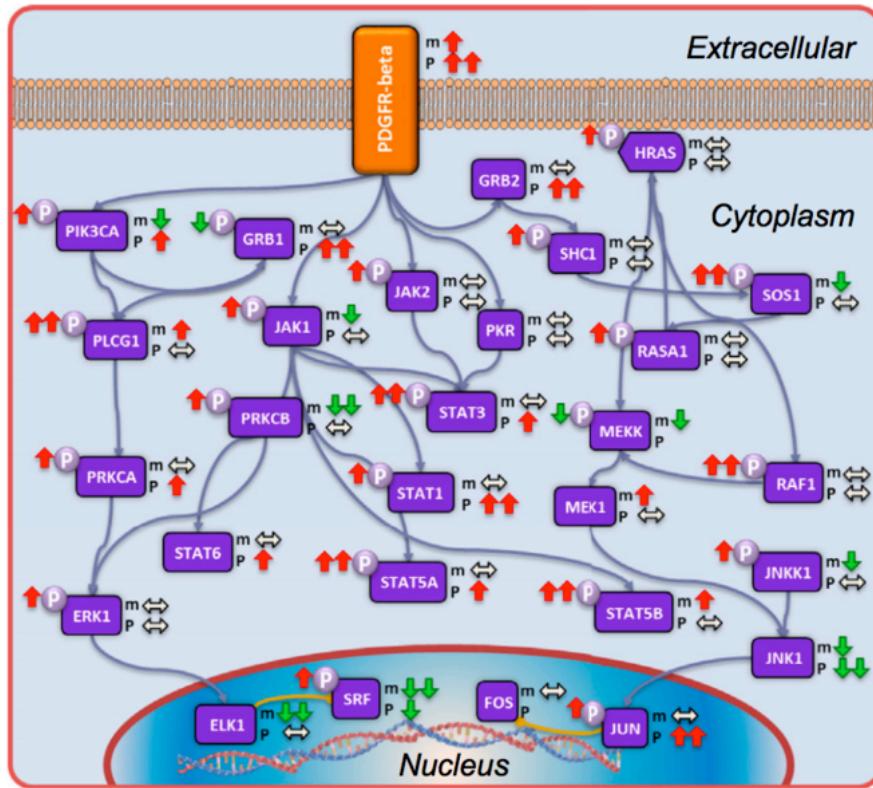
Collaboration



Distributed resource

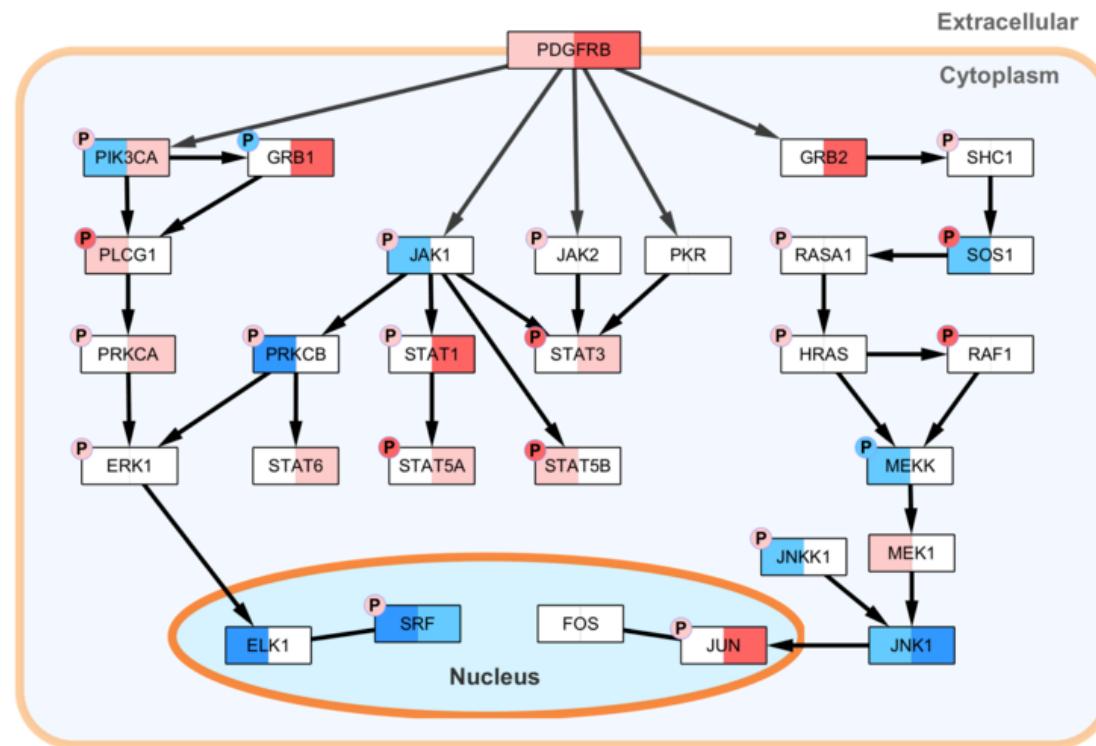


# Data Visualization on Pathway Models



Static image

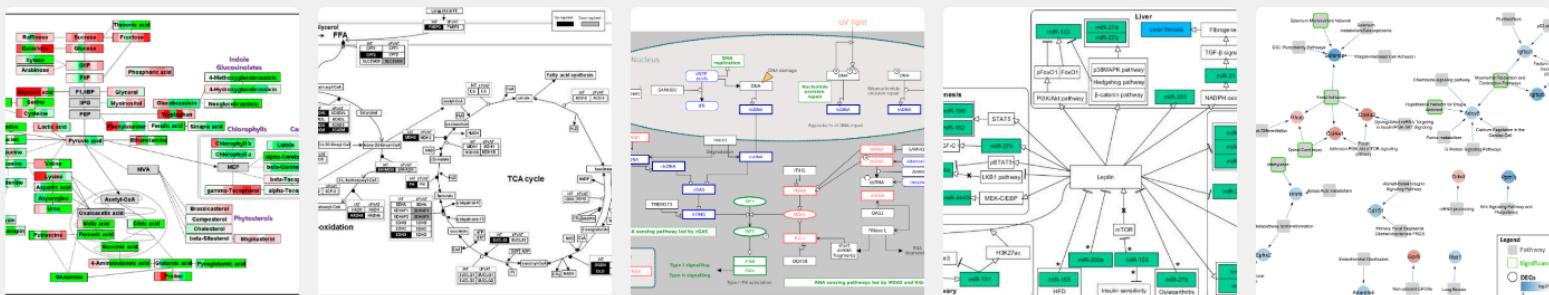
Zhang et al, Cell 2016



PDGFR-beta pathway with transcriptomic/  
phosphoproteomic data

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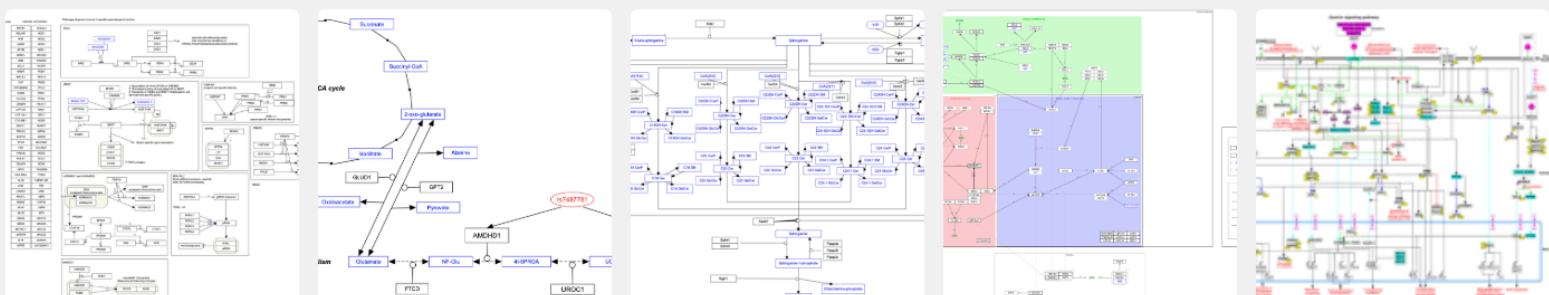
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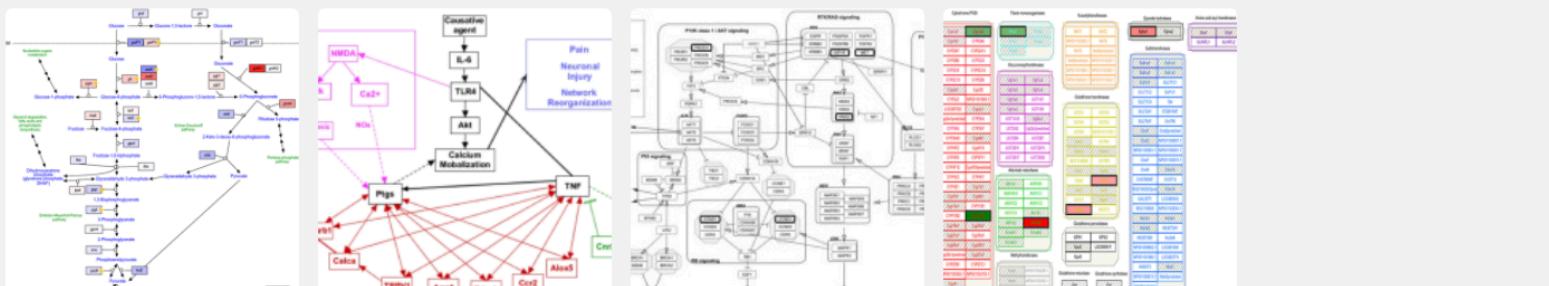
## WikiPathways Publications

<http://wikipathways.tumblr.com/>

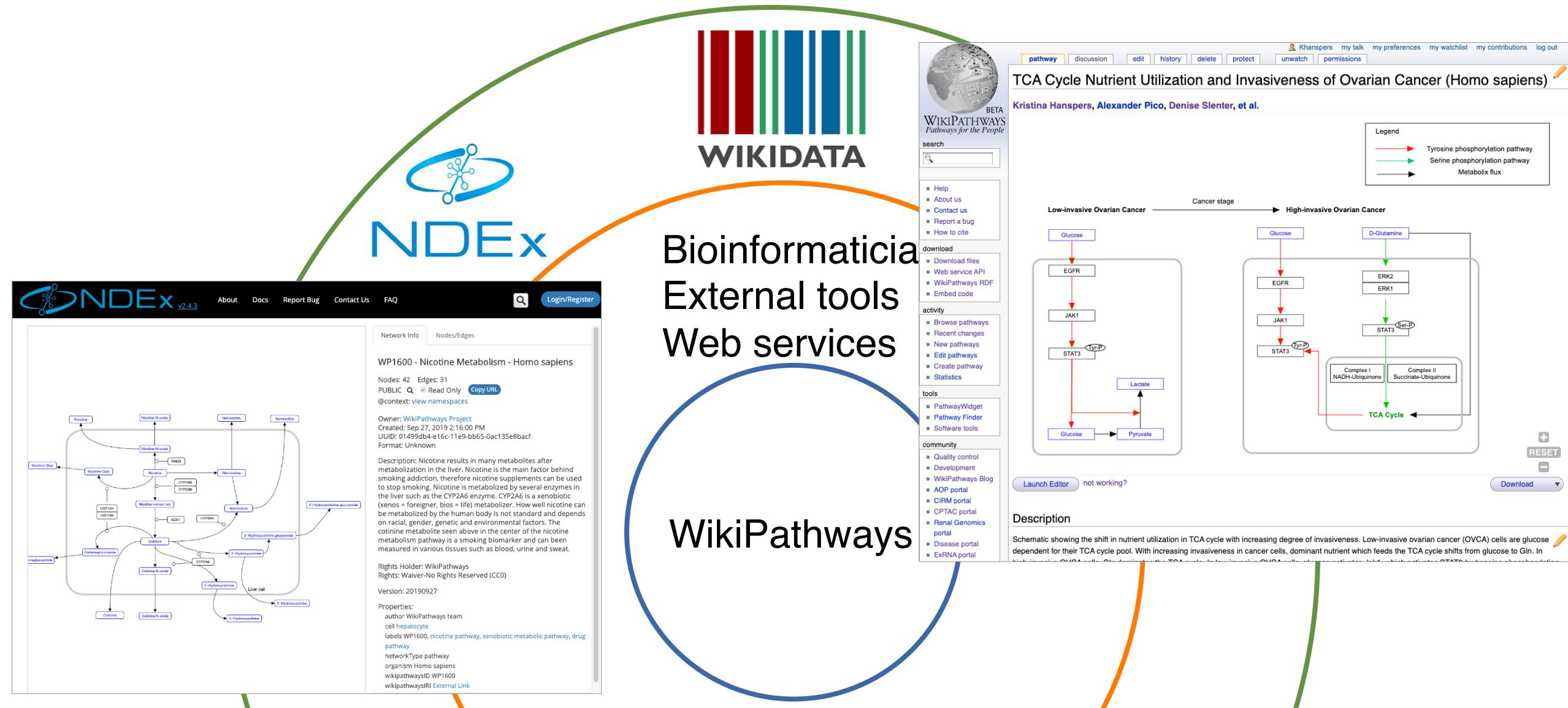
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# Publishing Pathway Models

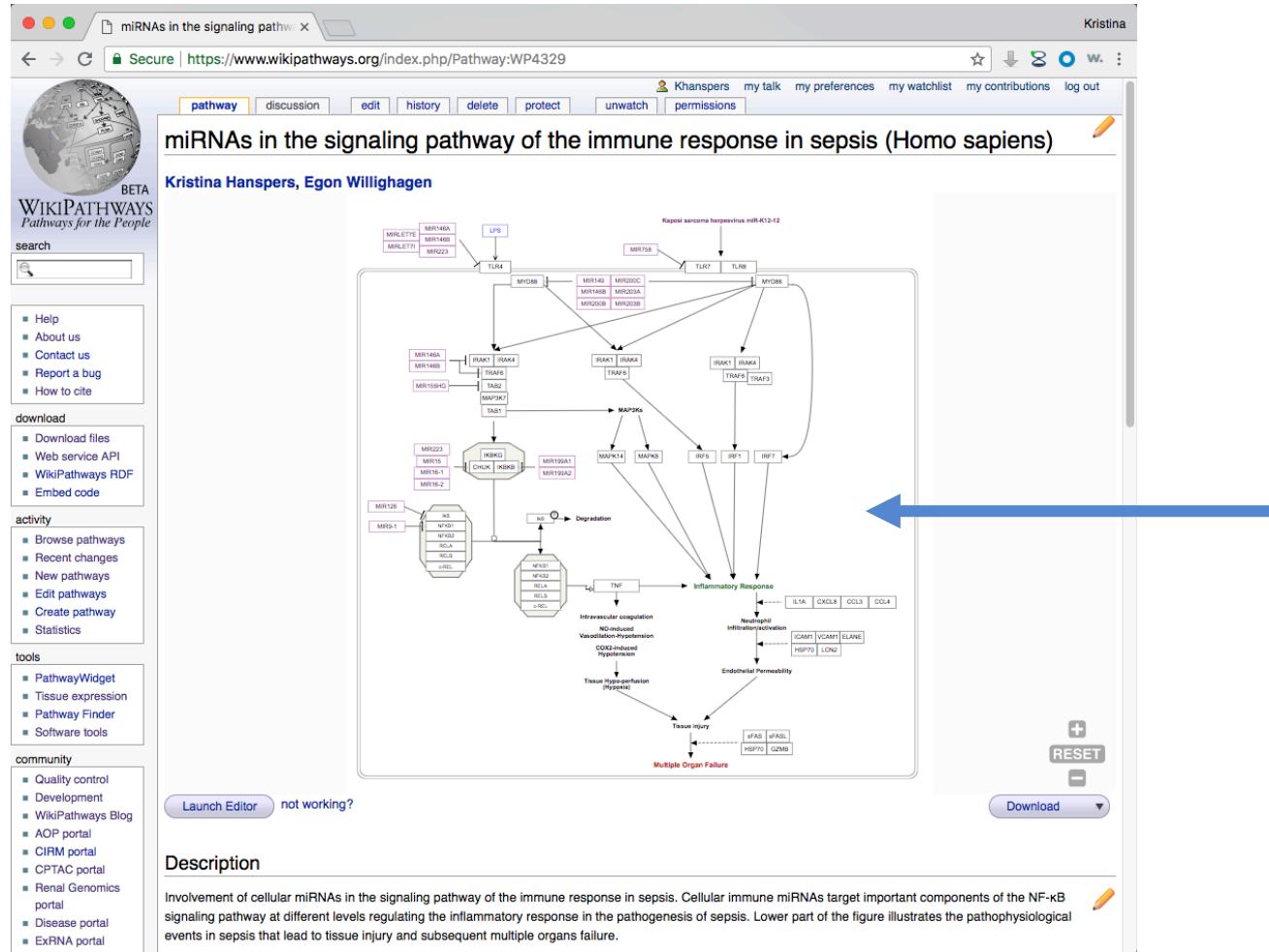


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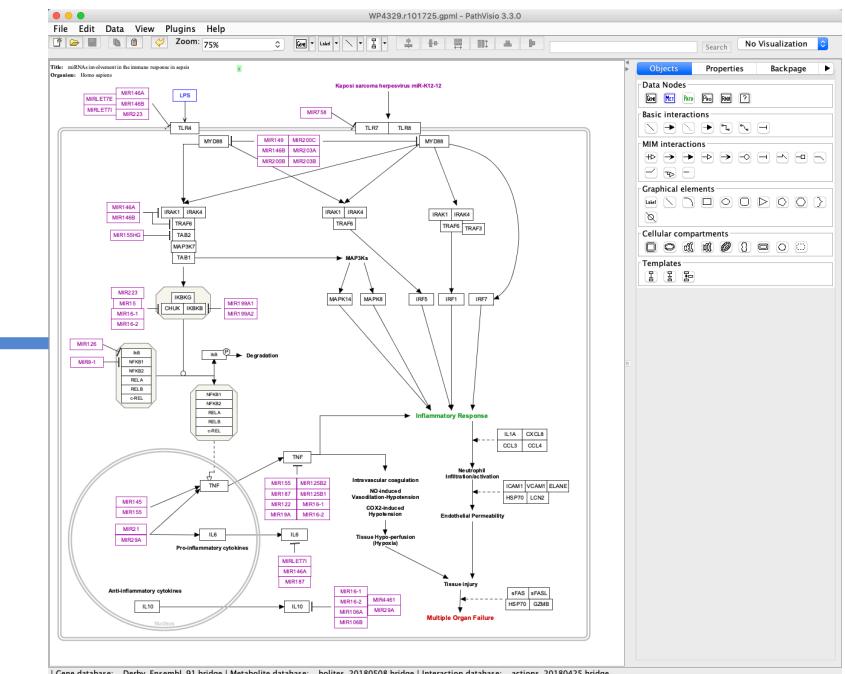
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# Editing Tools: WikiPathways and PathVisio

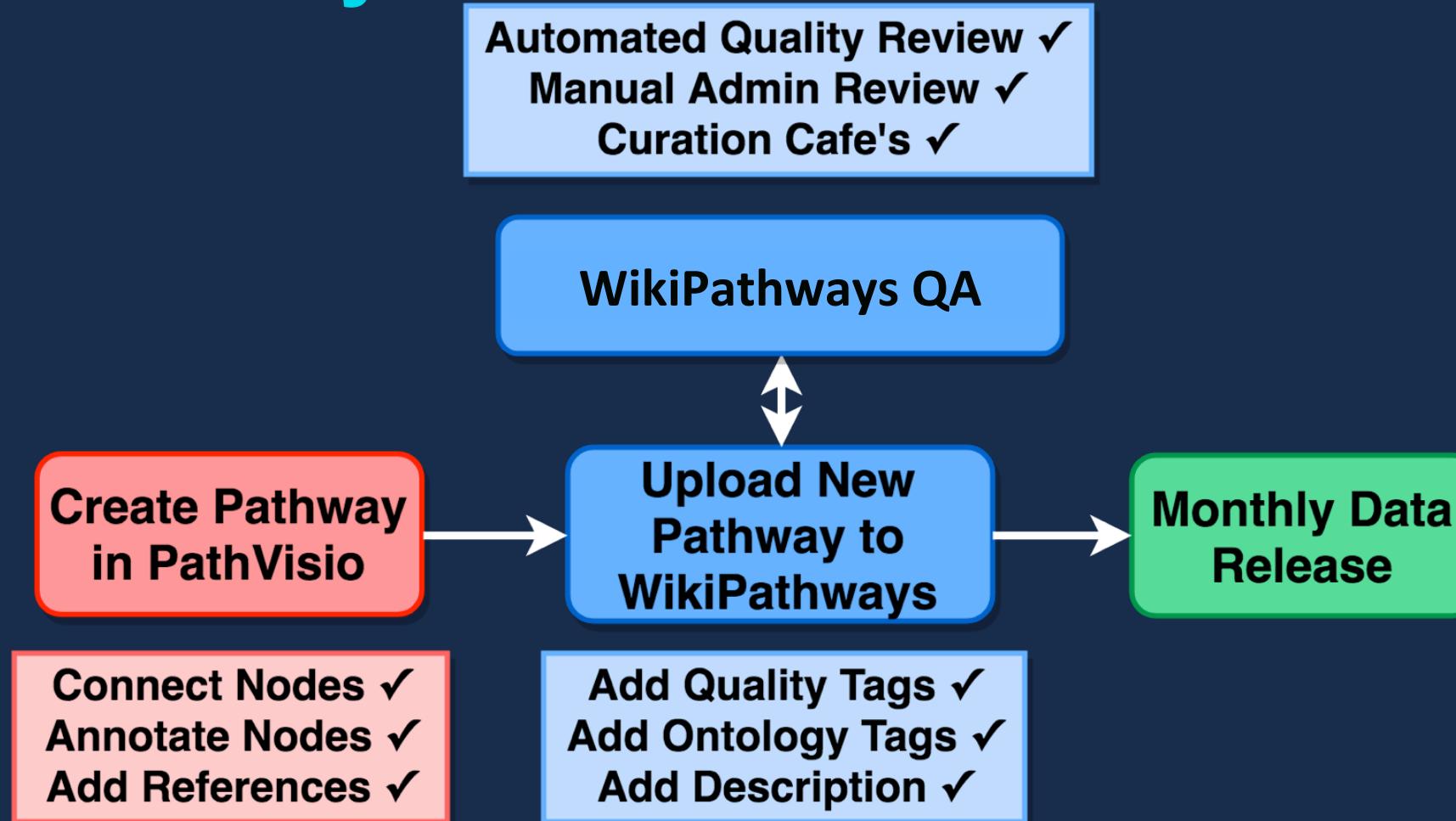
[www.wikipathways.org](http://www.wikipathways.org)



PathVisio Desktop Software



# Life Cycle of a Pathway Model at WikiPathways

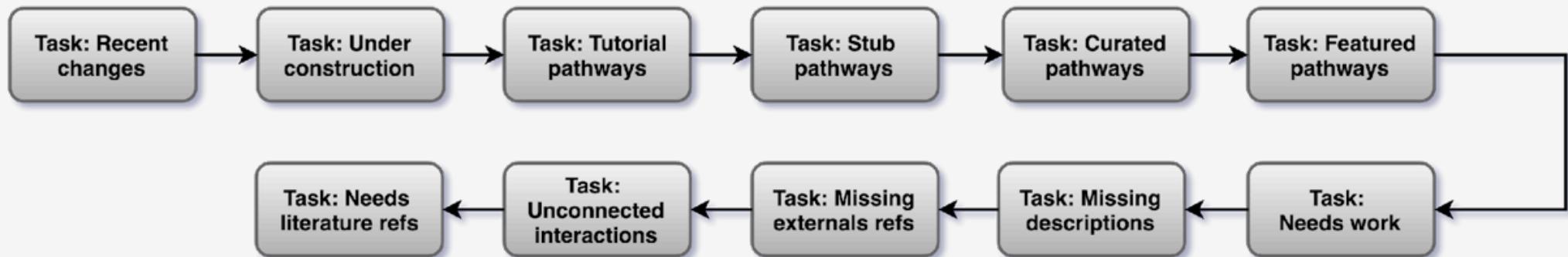


# Quality Control Protocol

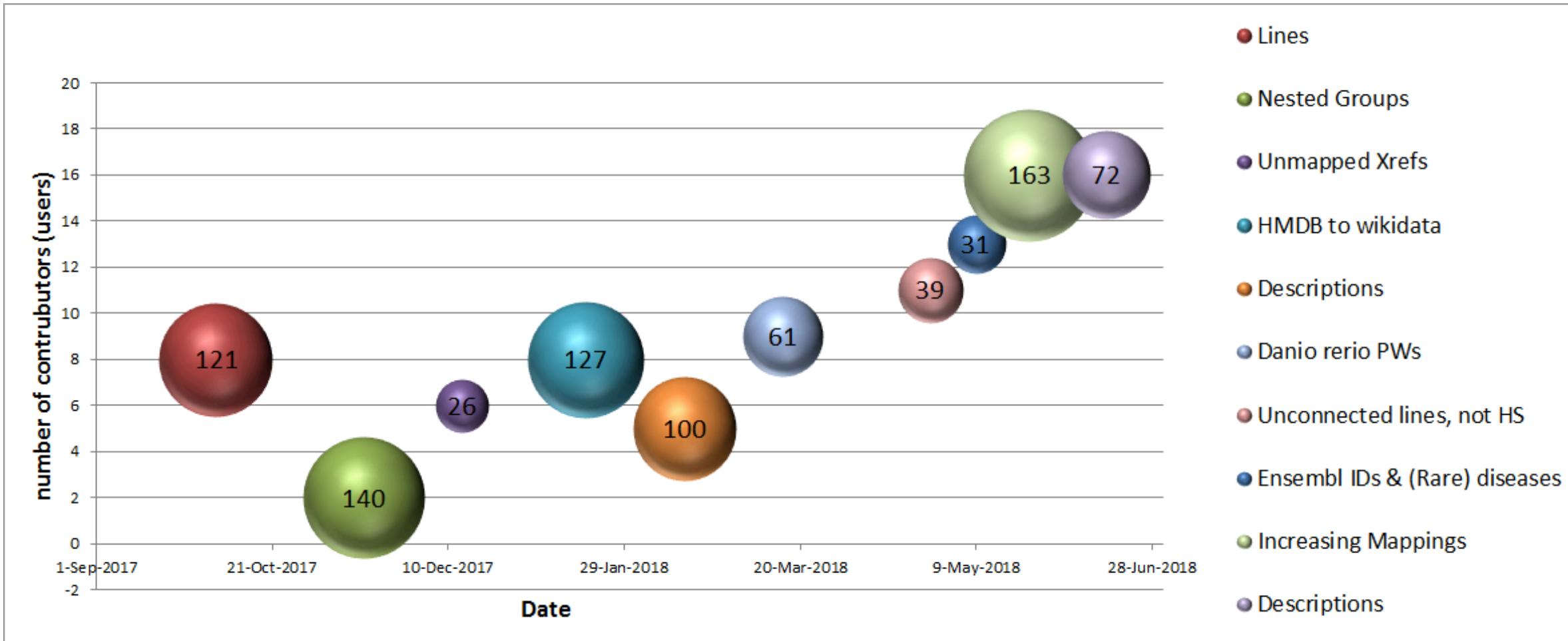
## QA Team



### QA Protocol



# Focused QA Events



# WikiPathways Academy

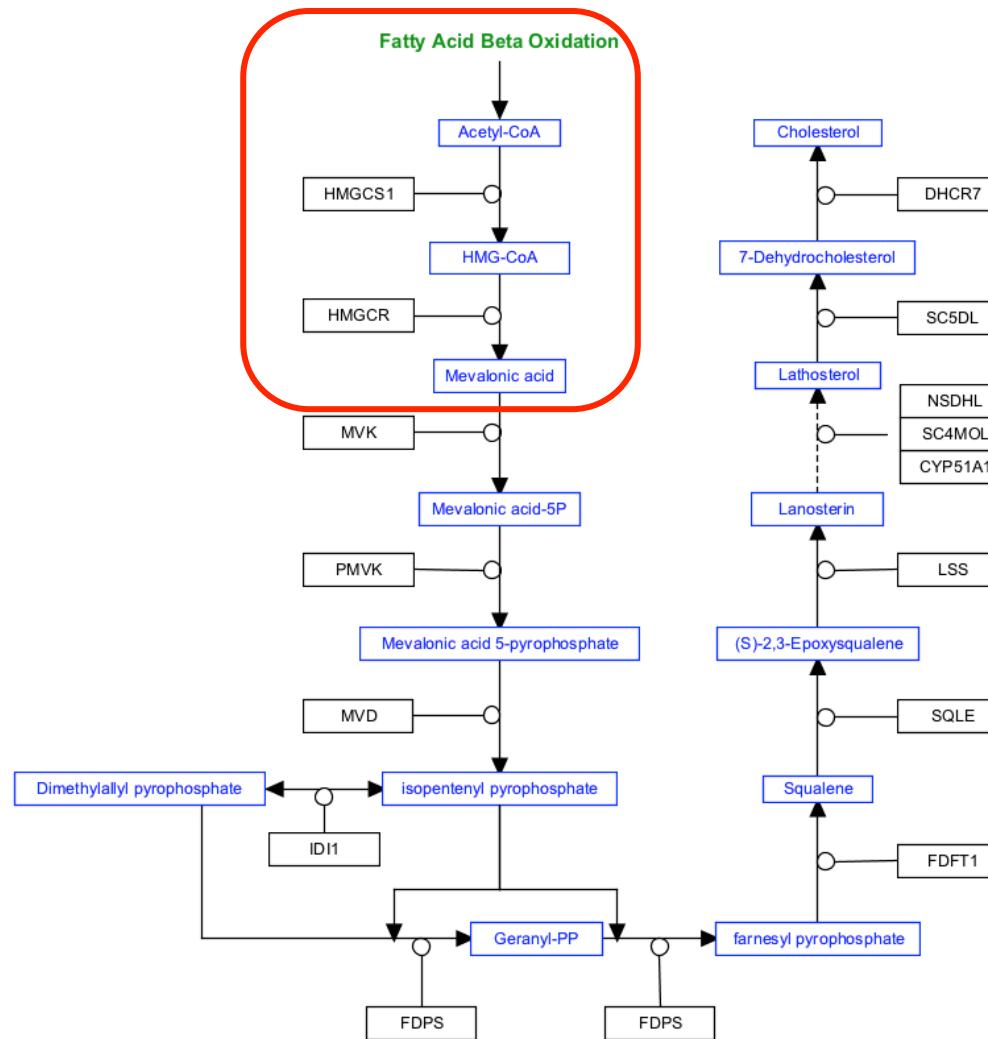
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# Drawing Challenge 1: Cholesterol Biosynthesis



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# Pathway Curation

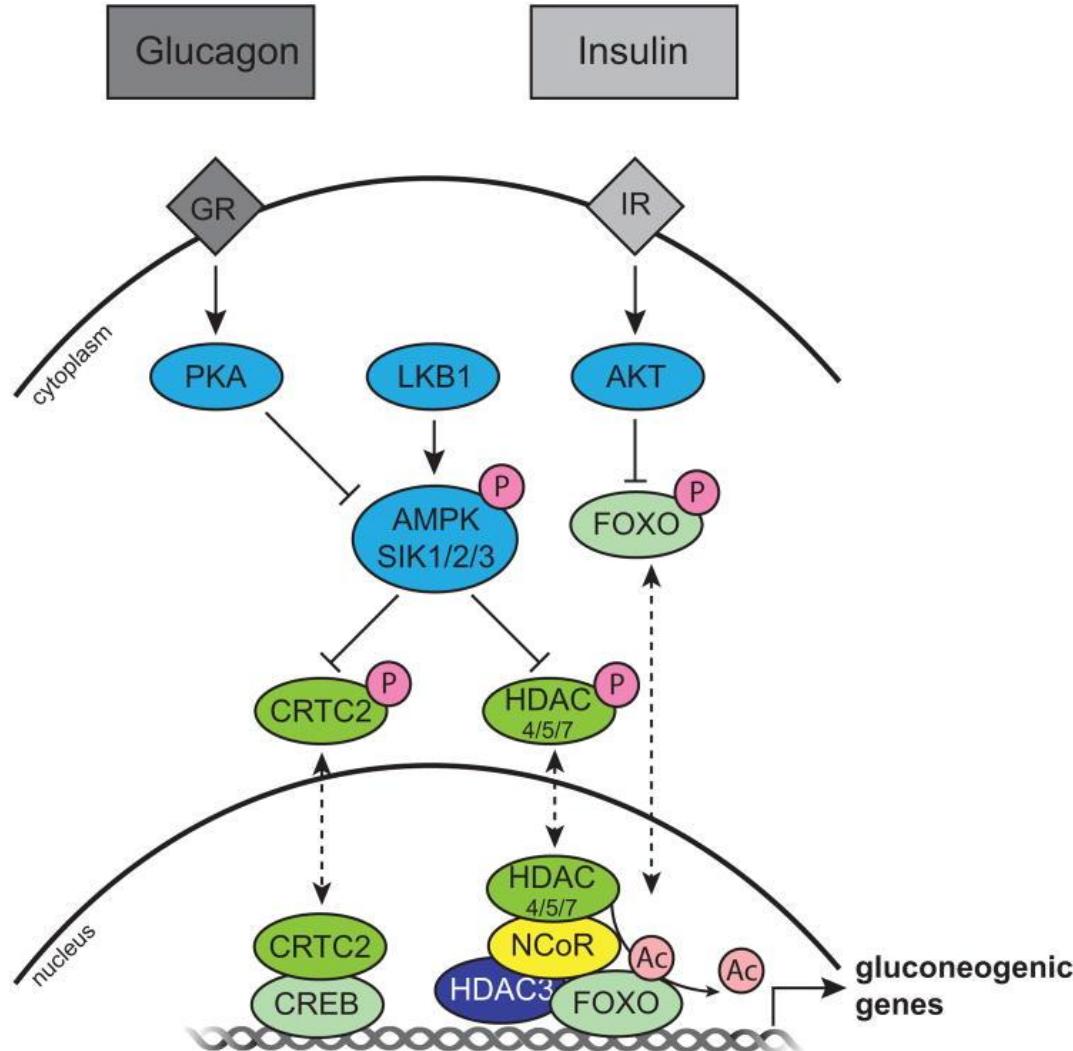
1. Identify a pathway topic
2. Find a model / use your own
3. Search WikiPathways
4. Make a curation plan!
  - Edit existing
  - Clone and mutate
  - New pathway

**What's the difference between you and a  
pathway curator?**

**NOTHING!**



# Example pathway 1: Kinase-mediated control of CRTC2 and HDAC4/5/7 subcellular localization and activity



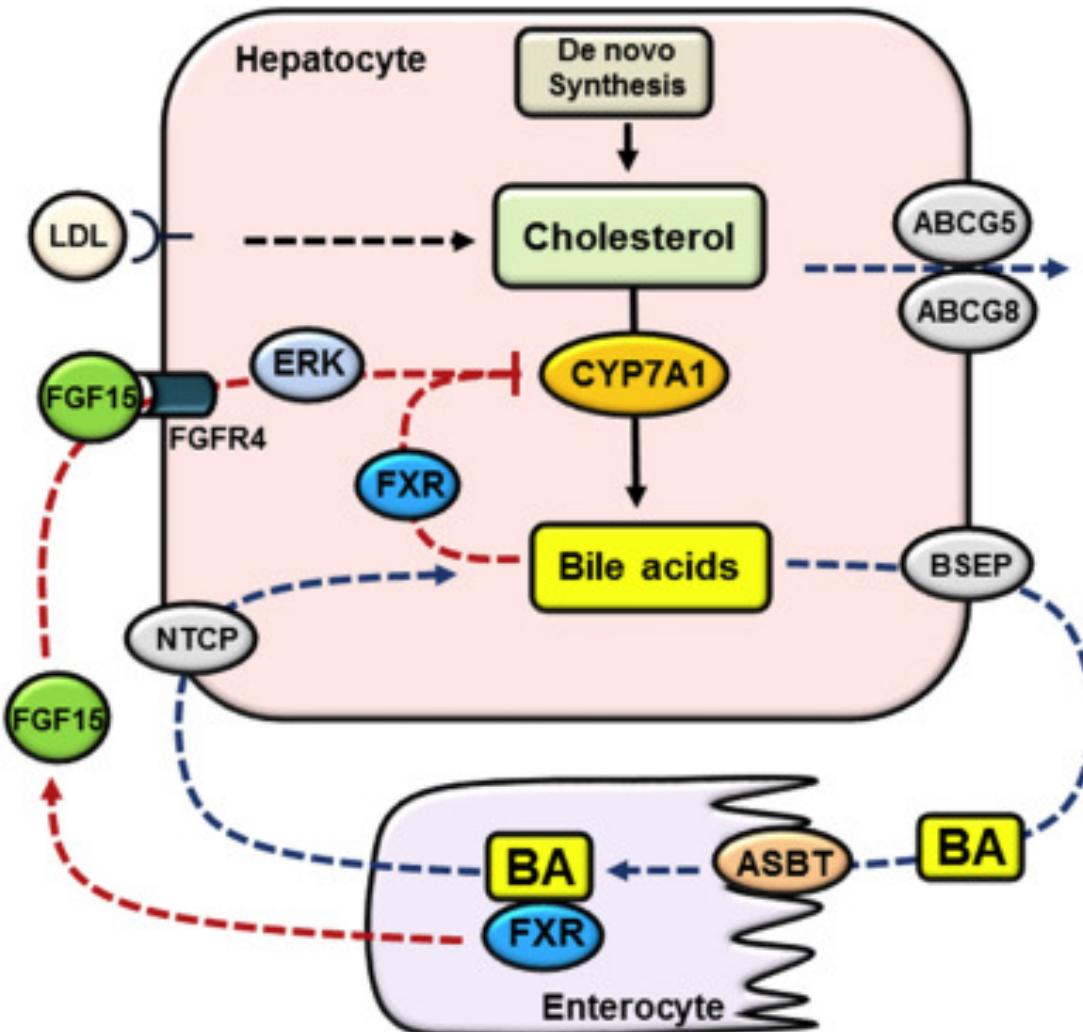
[Transcriptional coregulators: fine-tuning metabolism. Mouchiroud et al., Cell Metab, 2014, Figure 4.](#)

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Molecular model of kinase-mediated control of CRTC2 and HDAC4/5/7 subcellular localization and activity

The metabolic hormones glucagon and insulin signal through the glucagon receptor (GR) and insulin receptor (IR), respectively, to initiate signaling cascades downstream of changes in metabolic status. PKA and LKB1 phosphorylate (orange circles with a P) the AMPKR (AMPK-Related Kinases), including AMPK and SIK1/2/3 which, when active, phosphorylate CRTC2 and HDAC4/5/7, resulting in their cytoplasmic sequestration. When unphosphorylated, CRTC2 and HDAC4/5/7 translocate to the nucleus (dashed lines) where they are free to promote the activation of gluconeogenic gene expression programs through CREB and the NCoR, HDAC3, FOXO complex, respectively. CRTC2 coactivates CREB, and nuclear FOXO is activated upon HDAC4/5/7-mediated deacetylation (light pink circles). In parallel, AKT phosphorylation regulates the activity of FOXO.

## Example Pathway 2: Bile acid synthesis and enterohepatic circulation

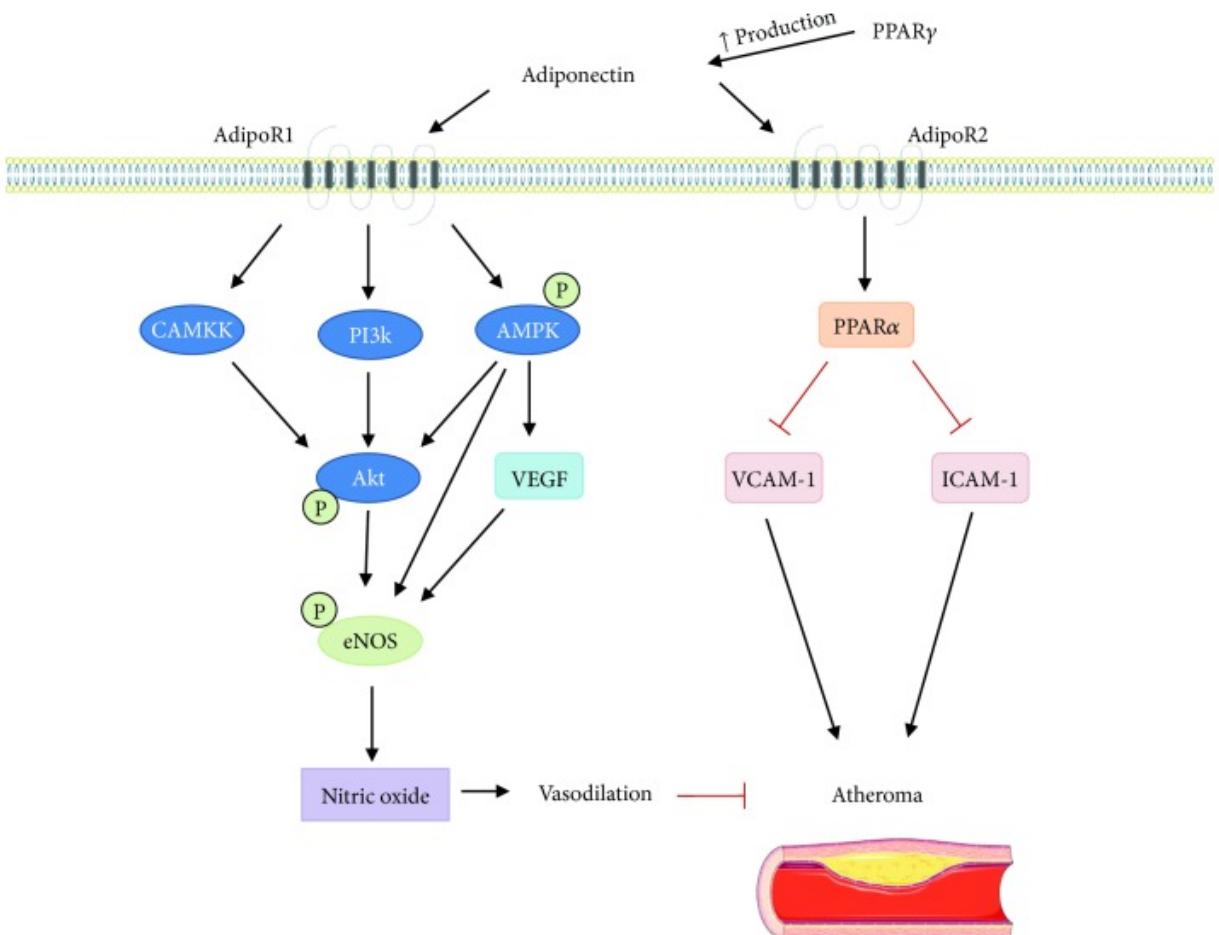


[Cholesterol and bile acid-mediated regulation of autophagy in fatty liver diseases and atherosclerosis. Wang et al, Biochim Biophys Acta Mol Cell Biol Lipids 2018, Figure 1](#)

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**Bile acid synthesis and enterohepatic circulation.** Hepatocytes acquire cholesterol via de novo synthesis and receptor-mediated endocytosis of cholesterol-rich lipoproteins. Hepatocytes eliminate cholesterol via bile acid synthesis and biliary secretion of cholesterol via ABCG5/ABCG8. Bile acids are synthesized from cholesterol in hepatocytes. CYP7A1 catalyzes the first and rate-limiting step in cholesterol conversion into bile acids. Bile acids are secreted into the bile via BSEP and subsequently released into the small intestine. The majority of bile acids is re-absorbed into the enterocytes via ASBT and transported back to the liver via portal circulation. Basolateral NTCP transports conjugated bile acids into the hepatocytes. Bile acids in the hepatocytes activate FXR to inhibit CYP7A1. Bile acids in the small intestine activate FXR to induce FGF15, which binds and activates FGFR4 to inhibit CYP7A1 partially via ERK signaling.

# Example Pathway 3: Proposed signaling mechanisms of adiponectin in prevention of ischemic stroke



[Role of Adiponectin in Central Nervous System Disorders, Boemer et al  
Neural Plast. 2018, Figure 2.](#)

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**Proposed signaling mechanisms of adiponectin in prevention of ischemic stroke.** Signaling through AdipoR1 and AdipoR2 can reduce formation of atheroma. AdipoR1 activates the AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK) pathway resulting in phosphorylation of protein kinase B (Akt) and activation of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). Activation of Akt through calcium calmodulin kinase kinase (CAMKK), phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase (PI3K), and AMPK contributes to activation of endothelial nitric oxide synthase (eNOS). Additionally, AMPK and VEGF also increase eNOS activity leading to nitric oxide (NO) production. Increase in production of NO leads to vasodilation, which is beneficial in prevention of atheroma and ischemia. Adiponectin signaling reduces vascular cell adhesion molecule 1 (VCAM-1) and intracellular adhesion molecule 1 (ICAM-1), and these adhesion molecules increase atheroma size. Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor alpha (PPAR $\alpha$ ) also reduces VCAM-1 and ICAM-1, and PPAR $\alpha$  is activated by AdipoR2 signaling. PPAR $\gamma$  increases production of adiponectin and also leads to reduction of VCAM-1 and ICAM-1. This figure was produced using Servier Medical Art (<http://www.servier.com/>).

# Questions?

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