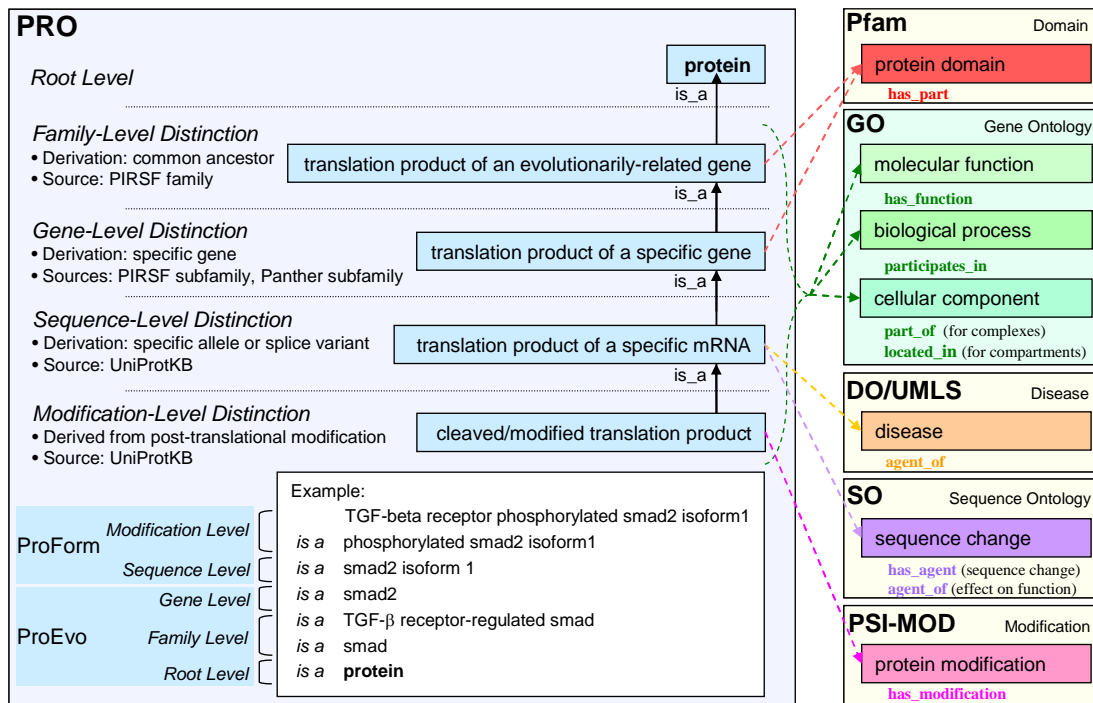




# PRO: Protein Ontology (<http://pir.georgetown.edu/pro>)

## PRO framework

We have designed a PProtein Ontology (PRO) that provides a framework to define protein entities and the relations between them. The components of PRO extend from the classification of proteins on the basis of evolutionary relatedness (ProEvo) to the representation of the multiple protein forms of a gene (ProForm). PRO can be used to annotate the attributes of each entity, map objects in pathways, and model biological system dynamics and disease. Development of PRO is illustrated using transforming growth factor (TGF)-beta signaling proteins.

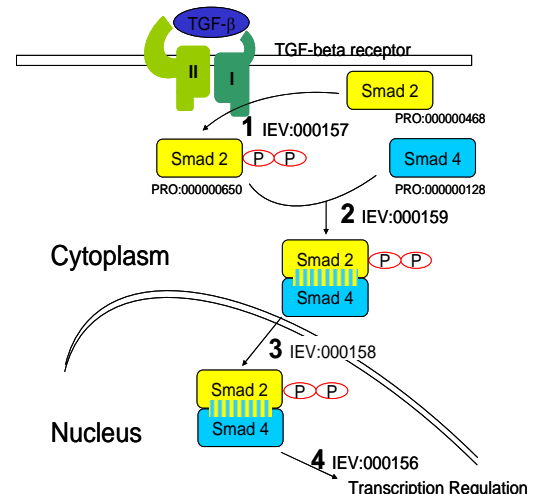


## PRO and the TGF-beta signaling pathway

Smad proteins are essential components of serine/threonine kinase receptor signaling pathways that are regulated by phosphorylation. The figure on the right depicts the TGF-beta signaling pathway, focusing on the Smad 2 component. The steps shown here (described by INOH event ontology, IEV) are preceded by TGF-beta binding to the receptor, and receptor phosphorylation.

- Step 1: Phosphorylation of Smad 2 by TGF beta receptor I.
- Step 2: Complex formation of R-smad and Smad4.
- Step 3: Nuclear import of R-smad:Smad4.
- Step 4: Binding of R-smad:Smad 4 complex coactivator to responsive element.

The PRO ID describes the specific entity involved in the pathway (next page).



# PRO Sample Report– Smad 2 protein

**\$PRO:00000001** protein  
  **%PRO:00000027** Smad protein { PIRSF037286 }  
    **has\_part Pfam:PF03165** MH1 domain  
    **has\_part Pfam:PF03166** MH2 domain  
    **participates\_in GO:0007165** signal transduction [ISS]  
    **participates\_in GO:0006355** regulation of transcription, DNA-dependent [ISS]  
    **has\_function GO:0005515** protein binding [ISS]  
  **%PRO:00000066** TGF-beta receptor-regulated Smad protein { PIRSF500455 }  
    **participates\_in GO:0007179** transforming growth factor beta receptor signaling pathway [ISS]  
    **participates\_in GO:0007183** SMAD protein complex assembly [ISS]  
  **%PRO:00000364** Smad2 { Q62432 (mouse), Q15796 (human) }  
    **%PRO:00000468** Smad2 isoform 1 (long form) { Q62432-1 (mouse), Q15796-1 (human) }  
      **has\_function GO:0005102** receptor binding [PMID:8980228, TaxID:9606]  
      **participates\_in GO:0007179** transforming growth factor beta receptor signaling pathway [PMID:8752209, TaxID:9606; PMID:11557747, TaxID:10090]  
      **located\_in GO:0005737** cytoplasm [PMID:15280432, TaxID:9606; PMID:14701940, TaxID:10090]  
    **>PRO:00000574** Smad2 sequence 1 phosphorylated form  
      **has\_modification MOD:00696** phosphorylated residue  
      **%PRO:00000650** Smad2 isoform 1 phosphorylated 1 (TGF-beta receptor I-phosphorylated) { Q15796-1, phosphorylated, Ser-465/Ser-467 }  
        **has\_modification MOD:00046** O-phosphorylated L-serine  
        **has\_function GO:0030618** transforming growth factor beta receptor, pathway-specific cytoplasmic mediator activity [PMID: 8980228, TaxID:9606; PMID:9346966, TaxID:9606]  
        **has\_function GO:0046332** SMAD binding [PMID:9311995, TaxID:9606; PMID:11043574, TaxID:10090]  
        **has\_function GO:0003713** transcription coactivator activity [PMID:9689110, TaxID:9609; PMID:15282343, TaxID:10090]  
        **participates\_in GO:0007179** transforming growth factor beta receptor signaling pathway [PMID:9873005, TaxID:9606; PMID:15630024; TaxID:10090]  
        **participates\_in GO:0007183** SMAD protein complex assembly [PMID:9346966, TaxID:9606]  
        **participates\_in GO:0006355** regulation of transcription, DNA-dependent [PMID: 9689110, TaxID:9606; PMID:15690394 TaxID:9606]  
        **located\_in GO:0005634** nucleus [PMID:9006934, TaxID:9606; PMID:9346966, TaxID:9606; PMID:11557747, TaxID:10090]  
      **%PRO:00000651** Smad2 isoform 1 phosphorylated 2 (TGF-beta receptor I and ERK1-phosphorylated) { Q15796-1, phosphorylated, Thr-8/Ser-465/Ser-467 }  
        **has\_modification MOD:00046** O-phosphorylated L-serine  
        **has\_modification MOD:00047** O-phosphorylated L-threonine  
        **has\_function GO:0030618** transforming growth factor beta receptor, pathway-specific cytoplasmic mediator activity  
        **has\_function GO:0046332** SMAD binding  
        **has\_function GO:0003713** transcription coactivator activity [PMID: 12193595, TaxID:9606]  
        **participates\_in GO:0007165** signal transduction [PMID: 12193595, TaxID:9606]  
        **participates\_in GO:0007183** SMAD protein complex assembly [PMID: 12193595, TaxID:9606]  
        **participates\_in GO:0006355** regulation of transcription, DNA-dependent [PMID: 12193595, TaxID:9606]  
        **located\_in GO:0005634** nucleus [PMID: 12193595, TaxID:9606]  
        **part\_of GO:0005667** transcription factor complex [PMID: 12193595, TaxID:9606]  
      **%PRO:00000652** Smad2 isoform 1 phosphorylated 3 (TGF-beta receptor I and CAMK2-phosphorylated) { Q15796-1, phosphorylated, Ser-240/Ser-465/Ser-467 }  
        **has\_modification MOD:00046** O-phosphorylated L-serine  
        **has\_function GO:0046332** SMAD binding [PMID:11027280, TaxID:9606]  
        **NOT has\_function GO:0003713** transcription coactivator activity [PMID:11027280, TaxID:9606]  
        **participates\_in GO:0007165** signal transduction [PMID:11027280, TaxID:9606]  
        **participates\_in GO:0007183** SMAD protein complex assembly [PMID:11027280, TaxID:9606]  
        **located\_in GO:0005737** cytoplasm [PMID:11027280, TaxID:9606]  
        **located\_in GO:0005769** early endosome when bound to PRO:00000313 [PMID:12356868, TaxID:9606]  
      **%PRO:00000469** Smad2 isoform 2 (splice variant short form) { Q62432-2 (mouse), Q15796-2 (human) }  
        **has\_function GO:0005102** receptor binding [PMID:9873005, TaxID:9606]  
        **participates\_in GO:0007179** transforming growth factor beta receptor signaling pathway [PMID:9873005, TaxID:9606; PMID:14701940, TaxID:9606; PMID:15630024, TaxID:10090]  
        **located\_in GO:0005737** cytoplasm [PMID:15280432, TaxID:10090]  
    **>PRO:00000576** Smad2 isoform 2 phosphorylated form  
      **has\_modification MOD:00696** phosphorylated residue  
      **%PRO:00000656** Smad2 isoform 2 phosphorylated 1 (TGF-beta receptor I-phosphorylated) { Q15796-2, phosphorylated, Ser-436/Ser-438 }  
        **has\_modification MOD:00046** O-phosphorylated L-serine  
        **has\_function GO:0030618** transforming growth factor beta receptor, pathway-specific cytoplasmic mediator activity [PMID:9873005, TaxID:9606; PMID:14701940, TaxID:9606]  
        **has\_function GO:0003677** DNA binding [PMID:9873005, TaxID:9606; PMID:14701940, TaxID:9606]  
        **has\_function GO:0003713** transcription coactivator activity [PMID:9873005, TaxID:9606; PMID:15630024, TaxID:10090]  
        **participates\_in GO:0007179** transforming growth factor beta receptor signaling pathway [PMID:9873005, TaxID:9606; PMID:15630024, TaxID:10090]  
      **%PRO:00000470** Smad2 sequence variant 1 (genetic variant related to carcinoma of the large intestine) { Q15796, R -> C (133) }  
        **has\_agent SO:1000093** amino\_acid\_substitution  
        **lacks\_modification MOD:00696** phosphorylated residue  
        **NOT has\_function GO:0003713** transcription coactivator activity [PMID:8752209, TaxID:9606]  
        **agent\_of UMLS:C0009402** carcinoma of the large intestine [PMID:8752209, TaxID:9606]

\*The symbols preceding each PRO accession are as follows: \$ root, % is\_a, , > derives\_from ,

<sup>b</sup>Text in curly braces indicates the PRO ID, typically derived from the source of the class

<sup>c</sup>Not all examples shown.

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