

HEMOSTASIS (blood clotting, stop of bleeding)

= set of mechanisms which prevent bleeding on one side and stop already existing bleeding on the other side.

- Reaction of vessels
- Actions of platelets
- Blood clotting

HEMOSTASIS (blood clotting, stop of bleeding)

Ideal balance of several systems:

- endothelium of vessel wall
- collagen below endothelium
- tonus of the vessels
- number and quality of platelets
- clotting and fibrinolytic systems
- character of blood flow in the vessel

prevents ***bleeding*** on one side and ***intravascular blood clotting*** on the other side.

REACTION OF VESSELS

Vasoconstriction.

Vasoconstriction depends on the severity of vascular injury.

Serotonin (granules in platelets).

Adrenalin.

Fibrinopeptides.

PLATELETS (THROMBOCYTES)

Nucleus-less, colorless, granulated, the smallest formed elements in blood.

Origin: megakaryocytes of bone marrow under the effect of colony stimulating factors – interleukins (*IL-1, IL-3, IL-6*) and granulocytes and macrophages stimulating factor (*GM-CSF*)

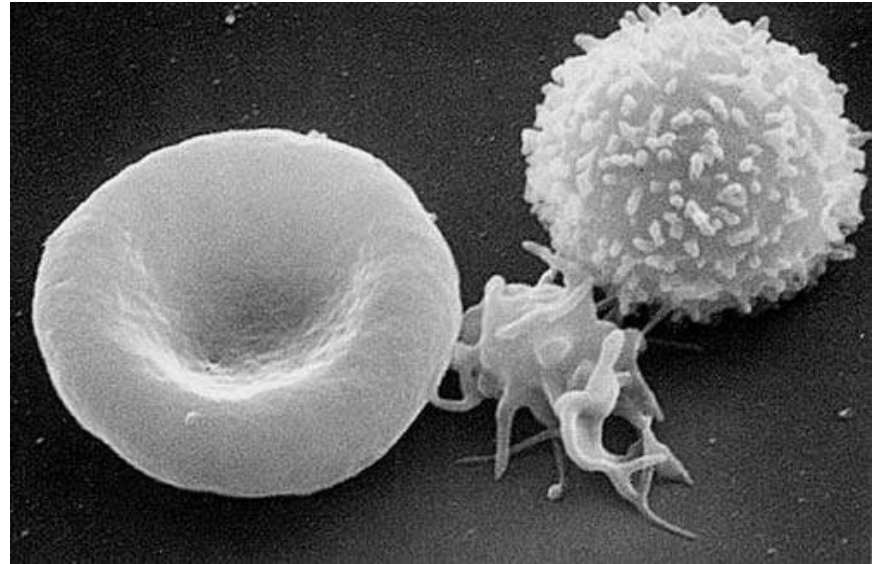
Number: 200 000 – 500 000 in μl , one third in spleen and two thirds in peripheral blood

No age and gender differences in platelet count.

Trombocytosis – after splenectomy.

Size: 2 – 4 μm in diameter, 0,5 – 1 μm thickness, 4 – 8 fl volume

Shape: smooth, round discs



The shape is kept by cytoskeleton (disk of microtubules around the periphery, invaginated membrane, canalicular system connected to extracellular space).

Membrane: contains receptors for adhesion to certain surfaces, e.g. collagen, von Willebrand factor, fibrinogen

Cytoplasm: contains actin, myosin, glycogen, lysosomes and

Granules: *dense granules* (non-protein substances – serotonin, ADP, adenonucleotides) and *α granules* (protein substances - clotting factors, platelet derived growth factor – PDGF)

Glycocalyx: 10 – 50nm, mixture of proteins and mucopolysaccharides (clotting factors, ions, amino acids, histamin, drugs...)

Life span: 9 – 12 days, biological half-time – about 4 days

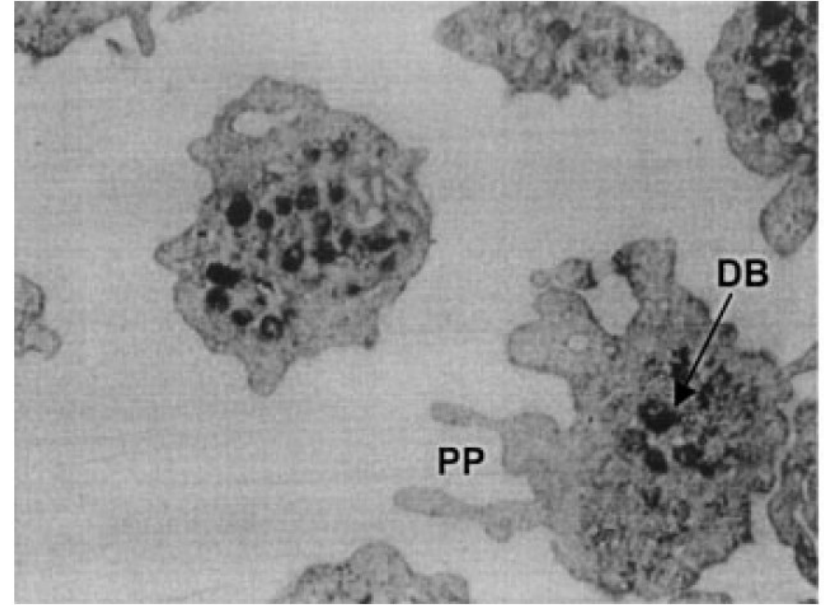


Figure 1 Morphology of human platelets. (A) Thin section of discoid resting platelets with evenly distributed granules. (B) Thin section of stimulated platelets, showing formation of pseudopodia and centralization of granules. DB, dense body; PP, pseudopodium. Magnification $\times 21,000$.

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Function of platelets

- Protection of organism from blood loss
- Keeping the integrity of vessel wall and healing of the ruptured vessel (PDGF from α -granules)
- Inflammatory reactions, changes in permeability of capillaries, removing of xenogenous substances, viruses, bacteria, graft rejection ...
- Carrier for many substances absorbed to platelets surface

HEMOSTASIS I. – white clot

Adhesion (exposure of the vessel wall – collagen – receptors for collagen on platelet, laminin, von Willebrand factor).

Activation and change of shape – collagen, ADP, thrombin. Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa receptors.

Secretion (degranulation):

Stimulation of aggregation – ADP

Stimulation of adhesion – vWF and fibronectin

Vasoconstriction – serotonin, thromboxane A_2

mitogenic effects – growth factor (**PDGF**)



activation of platelets and phagocytes – **PAF** (cytokine, G-coupled receptor, phospholipase C, DAG, increase of intracellular Ca^{2+} concentration, phospholipase A_2 – arachidonic acid – thromboxane A_2)!!! Therapeutic use of acetylsalicylic acid!!!

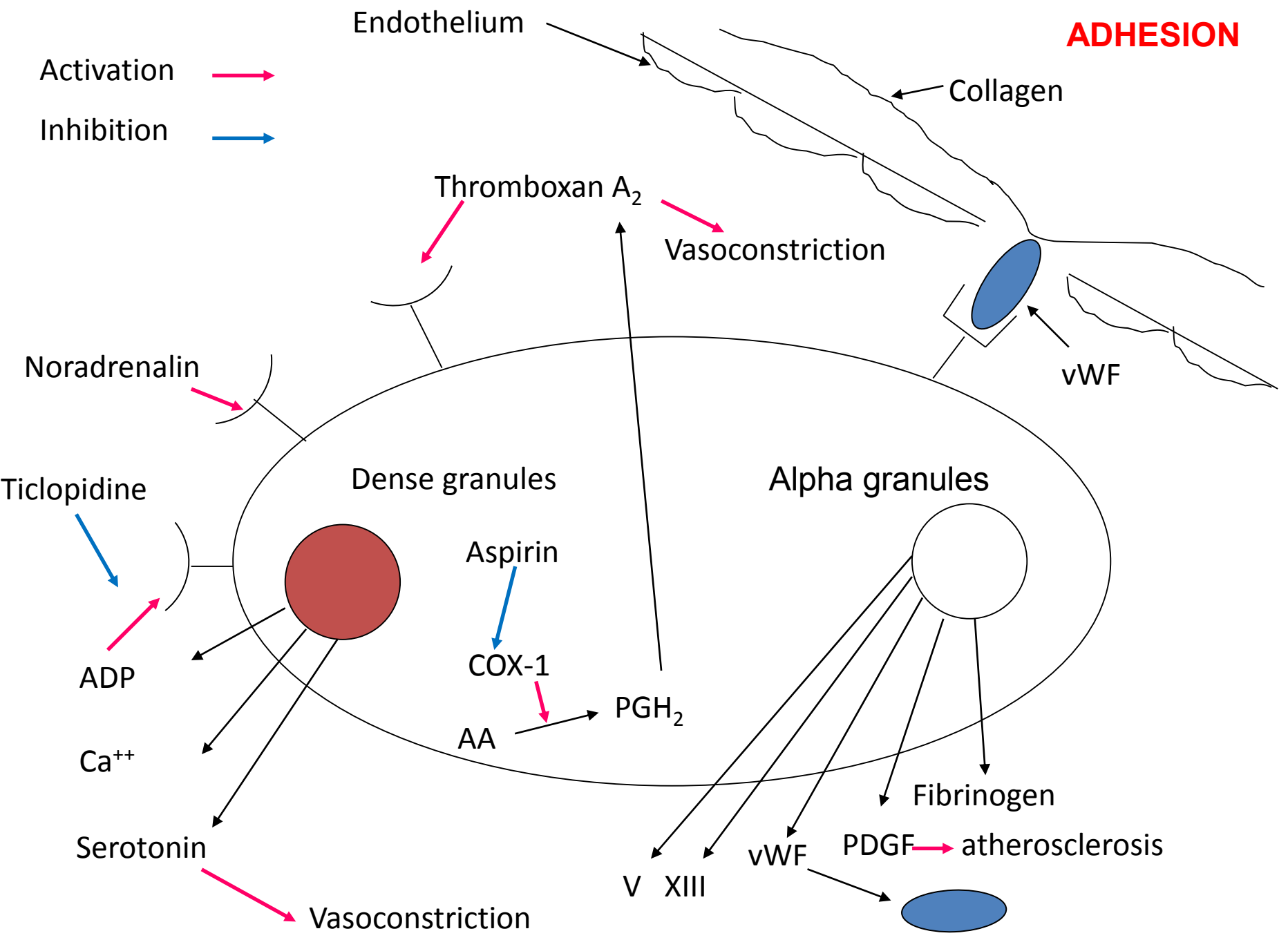
Aggregation.

Vasoconstriction.

Convolution of inner layer of vessel wall (at the place of rupture).

ADHESION

Activation 
Inhibition 



Endothelium

Collagen

Thromboxan A₂

Vasoconstriction

Noradrenalin

vWF

Dense granules

Alpha granules

Ticlopidine

Aspirin

COX-1

PGH₂

ADP

Ca⁺⁺

AA

Serotonin

V XIII

vWF

PDGF

Fibrinogen

atherosclerosis

Vasoconstriction

Inhibition →

Fibrinogen



vWF



AGGREGATION

Abciximab



Receptor IIb/IIIa

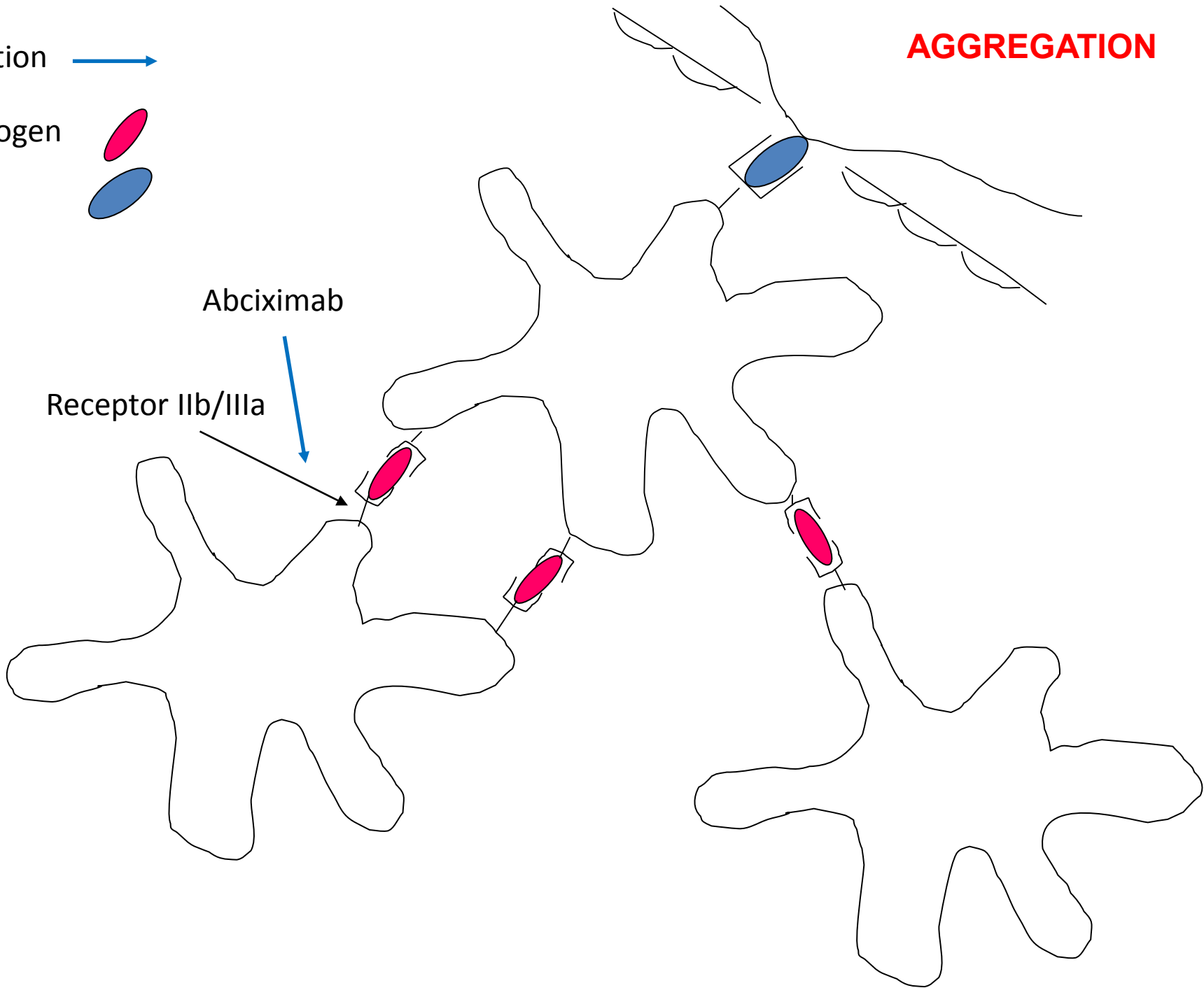
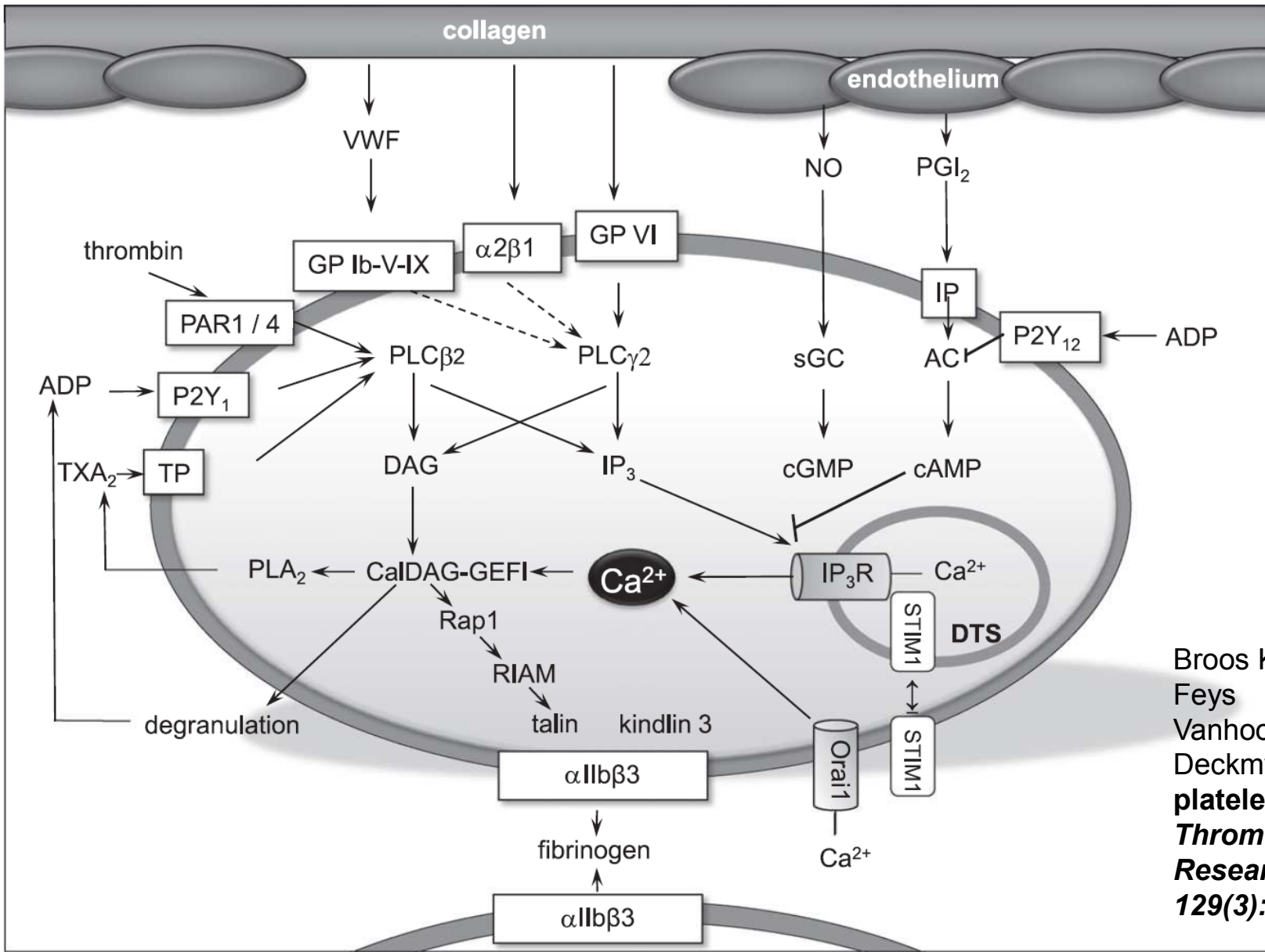


Table 1 Agonists, Ligands, and Receptors Important for Platelet Function

Platelet Function	Agonists, Ligands	Receptors
Initial and firm adhesion	vWF	GPIb/V/IX
	TSP1	GPIb/V/IX, CD36
	Collagen	$\alpha_2\beta_1$, GPVI, CD36
	Fibrinogen	$\alpha_{IIb}\beta_3$
	Fibronectin	$\alpha_5\beta_1$ ⁷³
	Vitronectin	$\alpha_v\beta_3$ ⁷⁷
	Laminin	$\alpha_6\beta_1$ ⁷⁴
	High shear stress	GPIb/V/IX
Activation and amplification	Thrombin	PAR1, PAR4, GPIb/V/IX
	ADP	P2Y ₁ , P2Y ₁₂
	TxA ₂	TP α , TP β
	Epinephrine	α_{2A}
	Serotonin	5-HT _{2A}
	MMP-2, MMP-1 ^{75,76}	?
	Immune complexes	Fc γ IIa
	Complement factors	C1q, C3a, C5a receptors
	Plasmin	?
	Streptokinase	?
Aggregation/amplification and stabilization	Fibrin	Activated $\alpha_{IIb}\beta_3$
	vWF	Activated $\alpha_{IIb}\beta_3$, GPIb/V/IX
	TSP-1 ⁷⁷	Activated $\alpha_{IIb}\beta_3$, CD36, IAP
	Fibronectin	Activated $\alpha_{IIb}\beta_3$
	sCD40L	Activated $\alpha_{IIb}\beta_3$
	Gas6	Axl ^{78,79}
	SDF-1, TARC, MDC	CXCR4, CCR4 ⁸⁰⁻⁸²

vWF, von Willebrand factor; TSP1, thrombospondin-1; ADP, adenosine diphosphate; TxA₂, thromboxane A₂; MMP, matrix metalloproteinase; IAP, integrin associated protein; SDF, stromal cell-derived factor; TARC, thymus and activation-regulated chemokine; MDC, macrophage-derived chemokine.

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Fig. 1. Schematic overview of the main platelet receptors and effectors involved in platelet activation, amplification, aggregation and inhibition.

Processes in platelets after „activation“ of receptors

- ✓ Activation of PLC \Rightarrow PIP_2 cleavage to IP_3 and DAG
- ✓ IP_3 mobilizes Ca^{2+} from ER
- ✓ $\uparrow \text{Ca}^{2+} \Rightarrow$
 - ✓ 1. activation of PLA_2 \Rightarrow activation of arachidonic acid pathway $\Rightarrow \uparrow \text{TXA}_2 = \uparrow$ degranulation
 - ✓ 2. activation of MLCK (Myosin light-chain kinase)
 - ✓ \Rightarrow contraction of contractile elements
 - ✓ \Rightarrow platelet shape change
- ✓ \uparrow degranulation
- ✓ DAG activates PKC \Rightarrow \uparrow degranulation

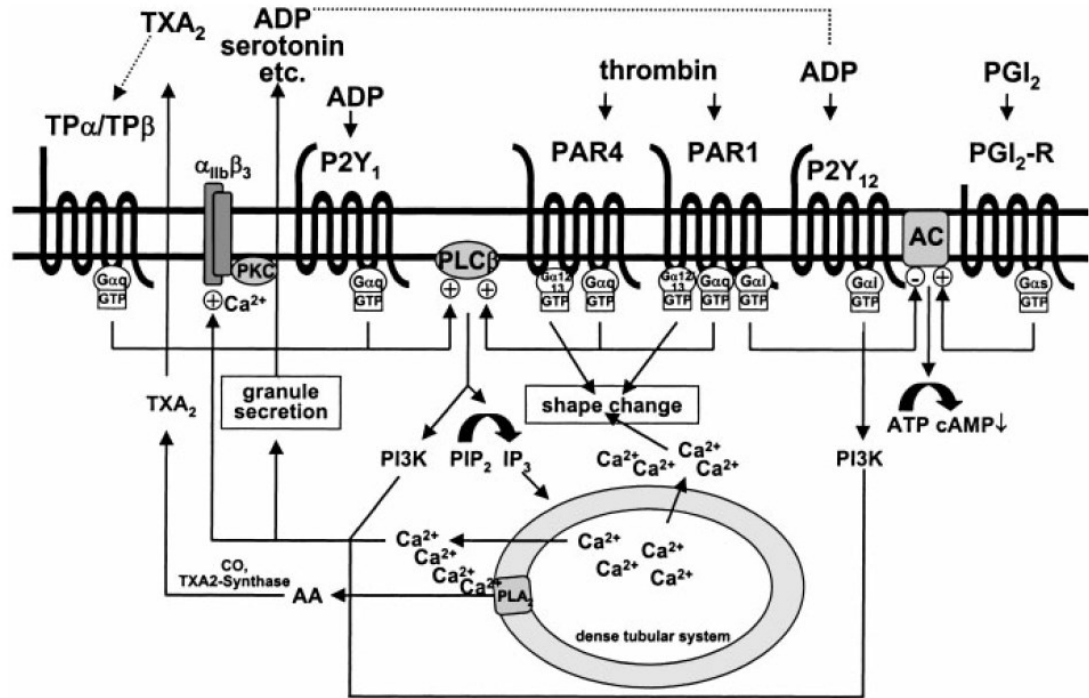


Figure 5 G-protein coupled seven-transmembrane receptor signaling in platelets. GTP, guanidine triphosphate; PKC, protein kinase C; TxA_2 , thromboxane A_2 ; CO, cyclooxygenase; PI3K, phosphatidylinositol-3 kinase; PIP_2 , phosphatidylinositolbiphosphate; IP_3 , inosit-1,4,5-triphosphate; PLA, phospholipase A; AC, adenylatecyclase; cAMP, cyclic adenosine monophosphate; ADP, adenosine diphosphate; ATP, adenosine triphosphate; PGI_2 , prostaglandin I_2 , R, receptor; PAR, protease activated receptor.

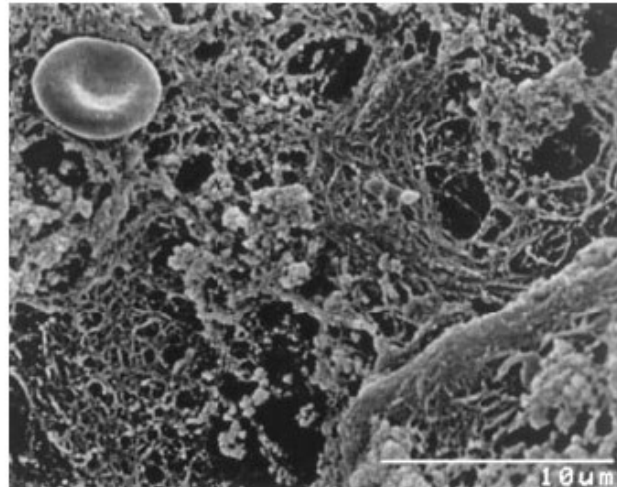
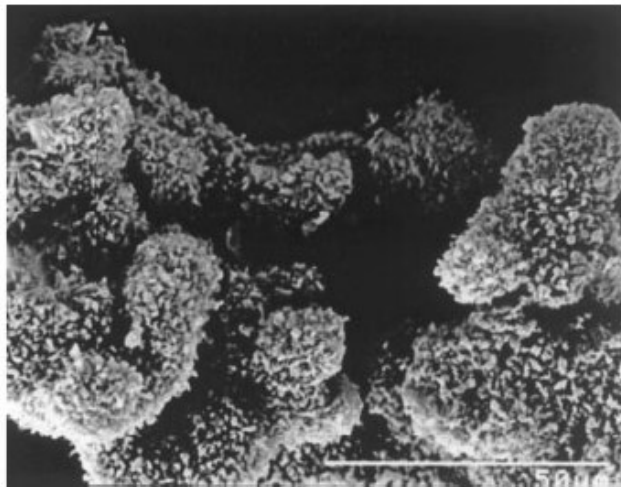
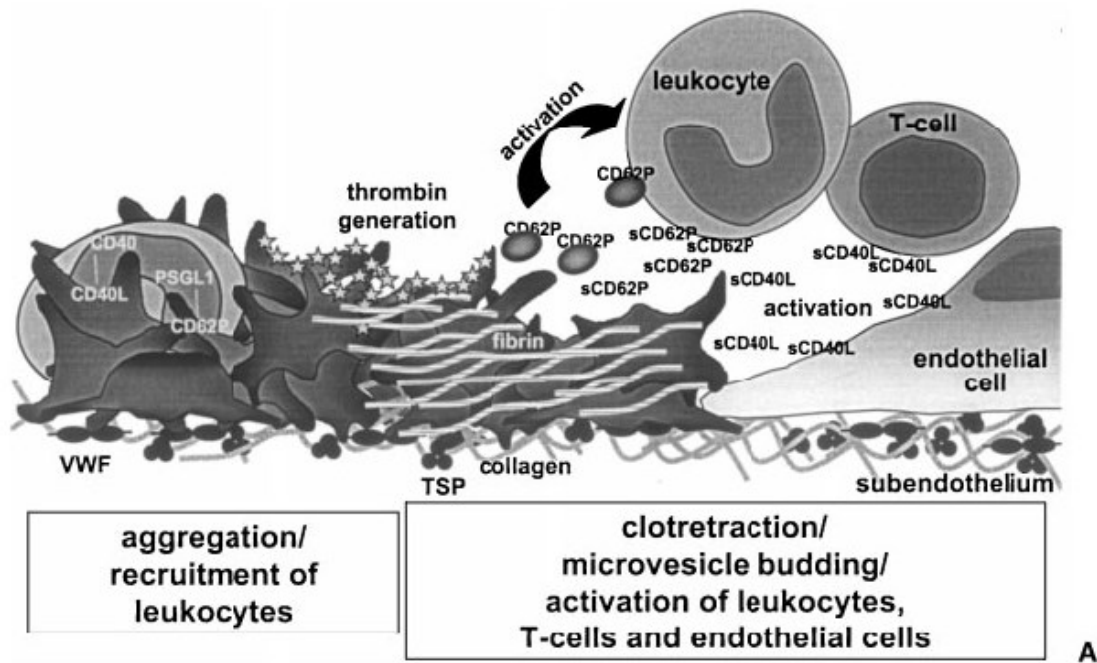


Figure 3 Aggregation and secondary hemostasis. (A) Fibrinogen or in high shear environments vWF bridges platelets through activated GPIIb/IIIa, leading to formation of an unstable platelet plug. Leukocytes are recruited to aggregated platelets via CD40/CD40L and PSGL1/CD62P interactions. Increased amounts of thrombin are generated on the platelet surface, which converts bound fibrinogen to fibrin, leading to plug stabilization and clot retraction. Microparticles as well as adhesion molecules (sCD62P, sCD40L) are shed from the platelet surface into the circulation as stimuli for leukocytes, T cells, and endothelial cells. (B) Scanning electron microscope preparation of a nonretracted platelet plug, induced by collagen. (C) REM-preparation of a platelet-fibrin clot with recruited red cell(s). vWF, von Willebrand factor; TSP, thrombospondin.

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Table
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Factors Involved in Platelet Function

Chemical Factor	Source	Activated by or Released in Response to	Role in Platelet Plug Formation	Other Roles and Comments
Collagen	Subendothelial extracellular matrix	Injury exposes platelets to collagen	Binds platelets to begin platelet plug	N/A
von Willebrand factor (vWF)	Endothelium, megakaryocytes	Exposure to collagen	Links platelets to collagen	Deficiency or defect causes prolonged bleeding
Serotonin	Secretory vesicles of platelets	Platelet activation	Platelet aggregation	Vasoconstrictor
Adenosine diphosphate (ADP)	Platelet mitochondria	Platelet activation, thrombin	Platelet aggregation	N/A
Platelet-activating factor (PAF)	Platelets, neutrophils, monocytes	Platelet activation	Platelet aggregation	Plays role in inflammation; increases capillary permeability
Thromboxane A ₂	Phospholipids in platelet membranes	Platelet-activating factor	Platelet aggregation	Vasoconstrictor; eicosanoid
Platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF)	Platelets	Platelet activation	N/A	Promotes wound healing by attracting fibroblasts and smooth muscle cells

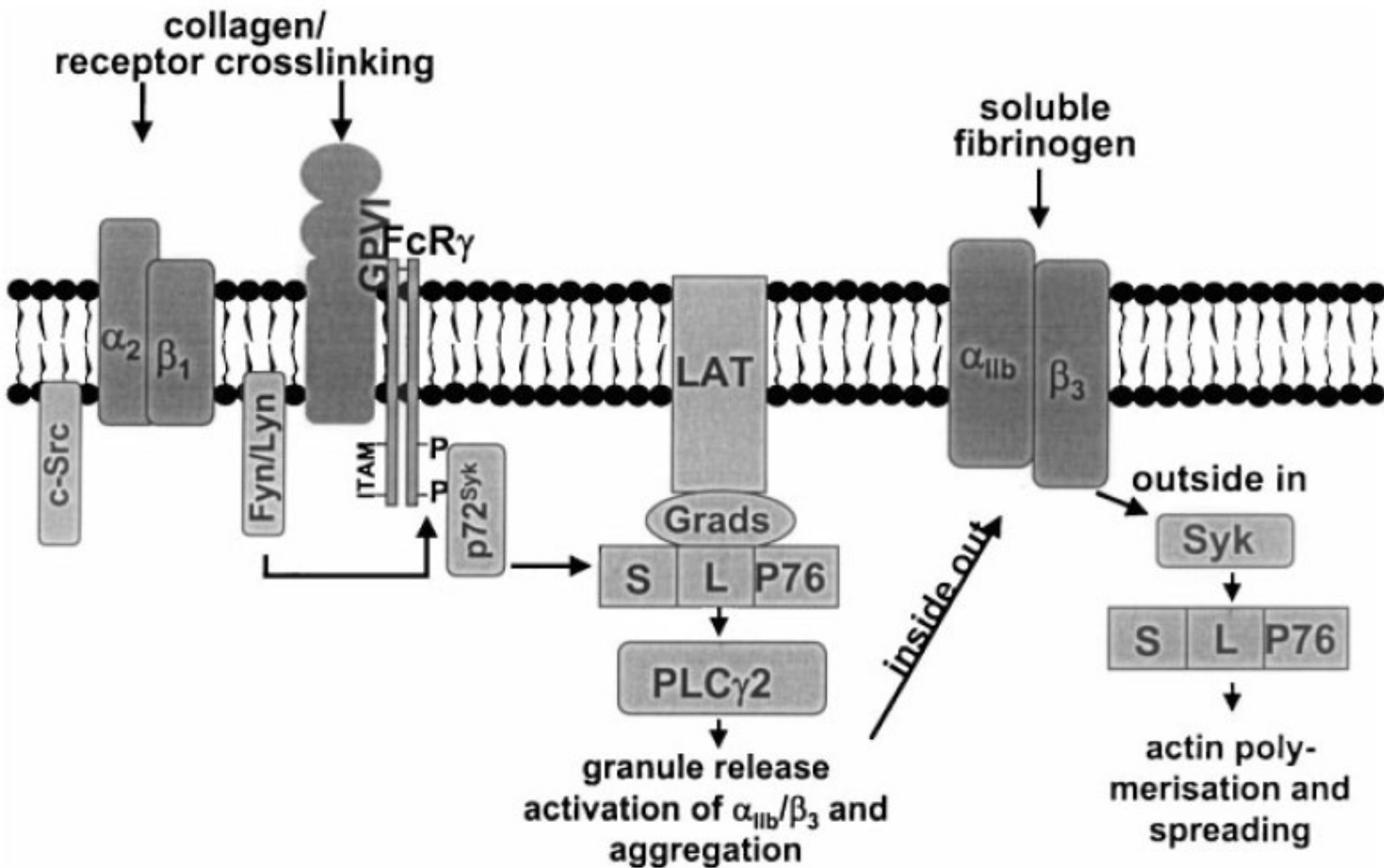
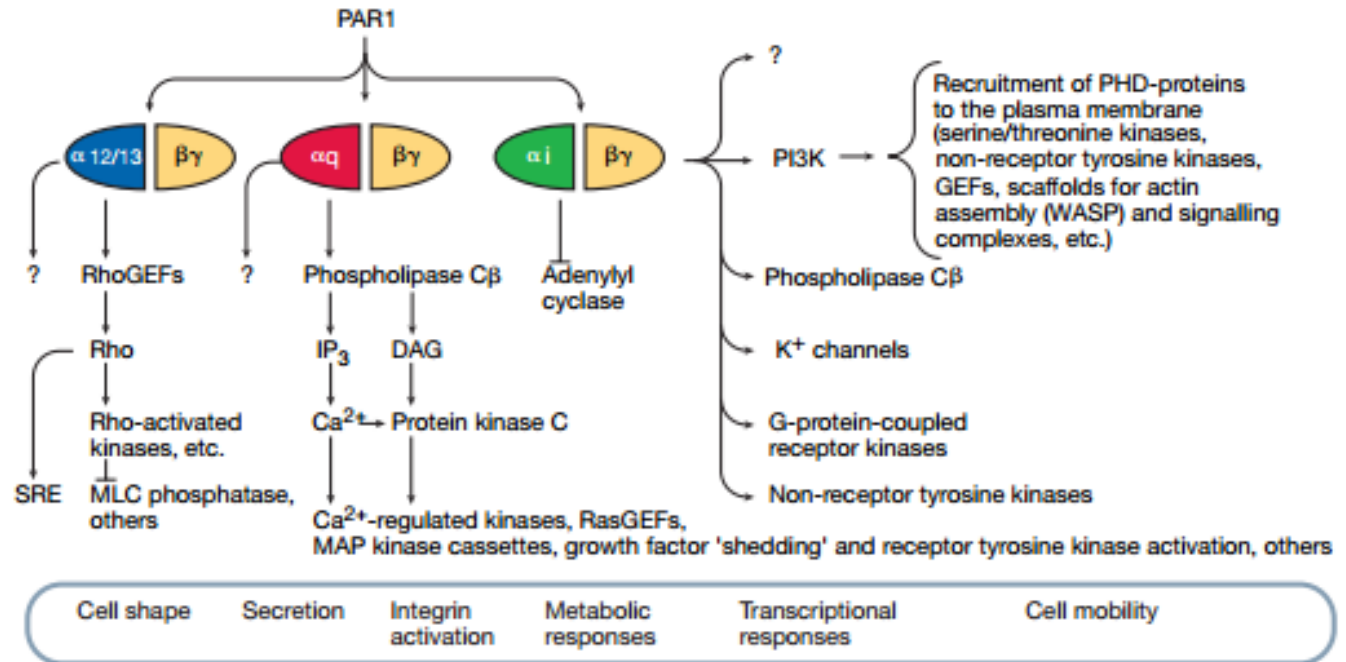


Figure 6 Nonreceptor tyrosine kinase mediated collagen signaling in platelets. Tyrosine-kinases: c-Src, Fyn/Lyn; non receptor tyrosine kinases; p72^{Syk}, Syk, adapter molecules: LAT, Grads, SLP76; PLC: phospholipase C; ITAM: immunoreceptor tyrosine based activation motif.

Thrombin receptor signalling

PAR1 can couple to members of the $G_{12/13}$, G_q , and G_i families⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ to impact on a substantial network of signalling pathways, as shown in the figure. The α -subunits of G_{12} and G_{13} bind RhoGEFs (guanine-nucleotide exchange factors, which activate small G proteins such as Rho)⁴⁸⁻⁵⁰, providing a pathway to Rho-dependent cytoskeletal responses that are likely to be involved in shape changes in platelets⁵¹ and permeability and migration in endothelial cells^{52,53}. G_{α_q} activates phospholipase

$C\beta$ ⁵⁴, triggering phosphoinositide hydrolysis which results in calcium mobilization and activation of protein kinase C. This provides a pathway to calcium-regulated kinases and phosphatases, GEFs, mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinase cassettes, and other proteins that mediate cellular responses ranging from granule secretion, integrin activation and aggregation in platelets⁵⁵, to transcriptional responses in endothelial and mesenchymal cells. G_{α_i} inhibits adenylate cyclase, an action known to promote platelet responses. $G\beta\gamma$ subunits can activate phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PI(3)K)⁵⁶ and other lipid-modifying enzymes, protein kinases and ion channels⁵⁷. PI(3)K modifies the inner leaflet of the plasma membrane to provide attachment sites for a host of signalling proteins⁵⁸. PAR1 activation can also activate cell-surface 'shedases' which liberate ligands for receptor tyrosine kinases, providing a link between thrombin and receptors involved in cell growth and differentiation⁵⁹. The pleiotropic effects of PAR1 activation are consistent with many of thrombin's diverse actions on cells. IP₃, inositol trisphosphate; DAG, diacylglycerol; SRE, serum response element; PHD, pleckstrin homology domain.



HEMOSTASIS II. – red clot

Prothrombin (factor X) – thrombin.

Fibrinogen – fibrin monomer – fibrin polymer (factor III, Ca^{2+}).

Intrinsic pathway – *extrinsic* pathway of factor X activation.

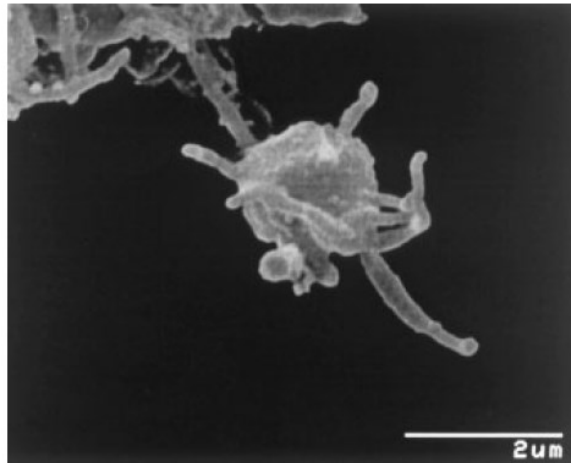
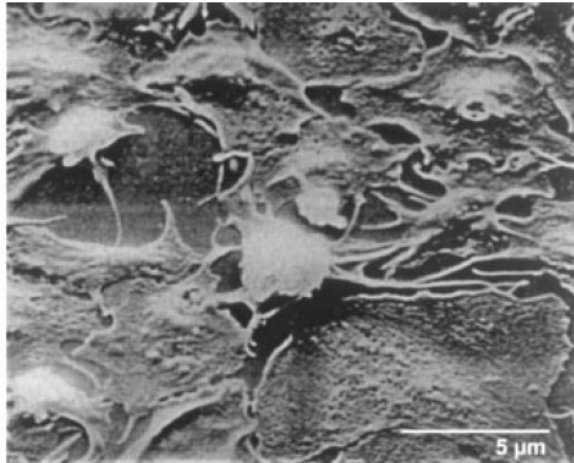
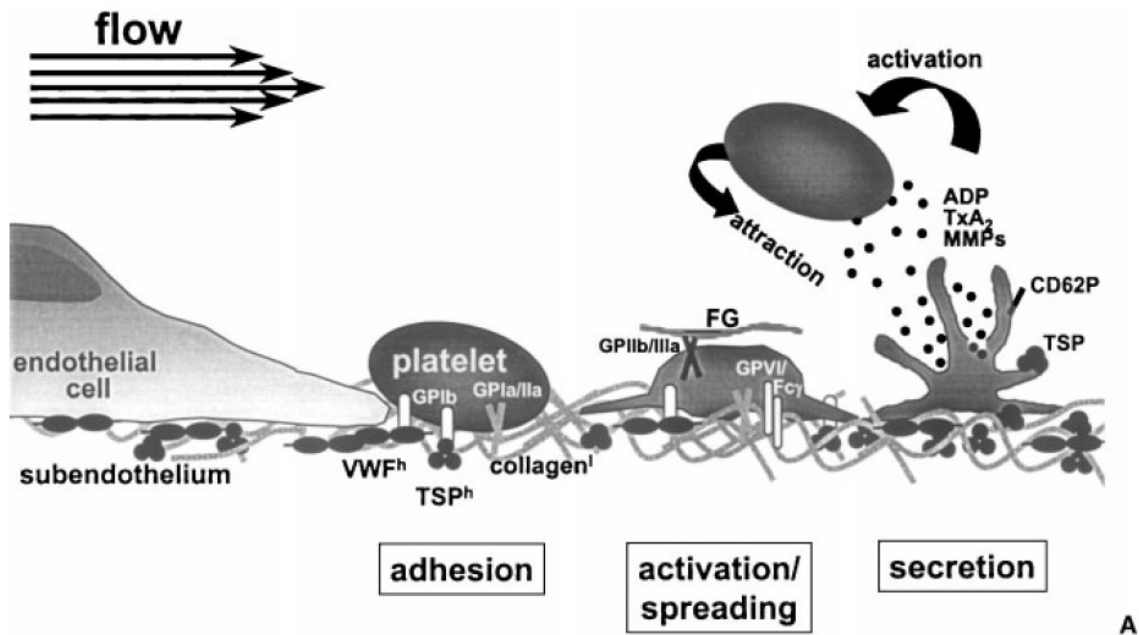


Figure 2 Primary hemostasis. (A) Platelets recruited from the circulation to the subendothelium of a damaged vessel wall adhere to vWF and TSP via GPIb/V/IX under high shear conditions (h). Collagen serves as adhesive substrate for platelets (via GPIa/IIa and GPVI/Fc_γ) under low shear conditions (1). Receptor clustering through multiple binding sites of matrix proteins induce activation of GPIIb/IIIa with subsequent binding of fibrinogen (FG) and platelet spreading. Activated platelets secrete several adhesive proteins, including TSP, which binds back to the platelet surface. Secreted secondary agonists (ADP, TxA₂ and MMPs) amplify activation and attraction of additional circulating platelets. (B) REM-preparation of human platelets adhered and spread on immobilized collagen. (C) Scanning electron microscope preparation of a thrombin-stimulated human platelet with marked pseudopodia. vWF, von Willebrand factor; TSP, thrombospondin, ADP, adenosine diphosphate; TxA₂, thromboxane A₂; MMPs, matrix metalloproteinases.

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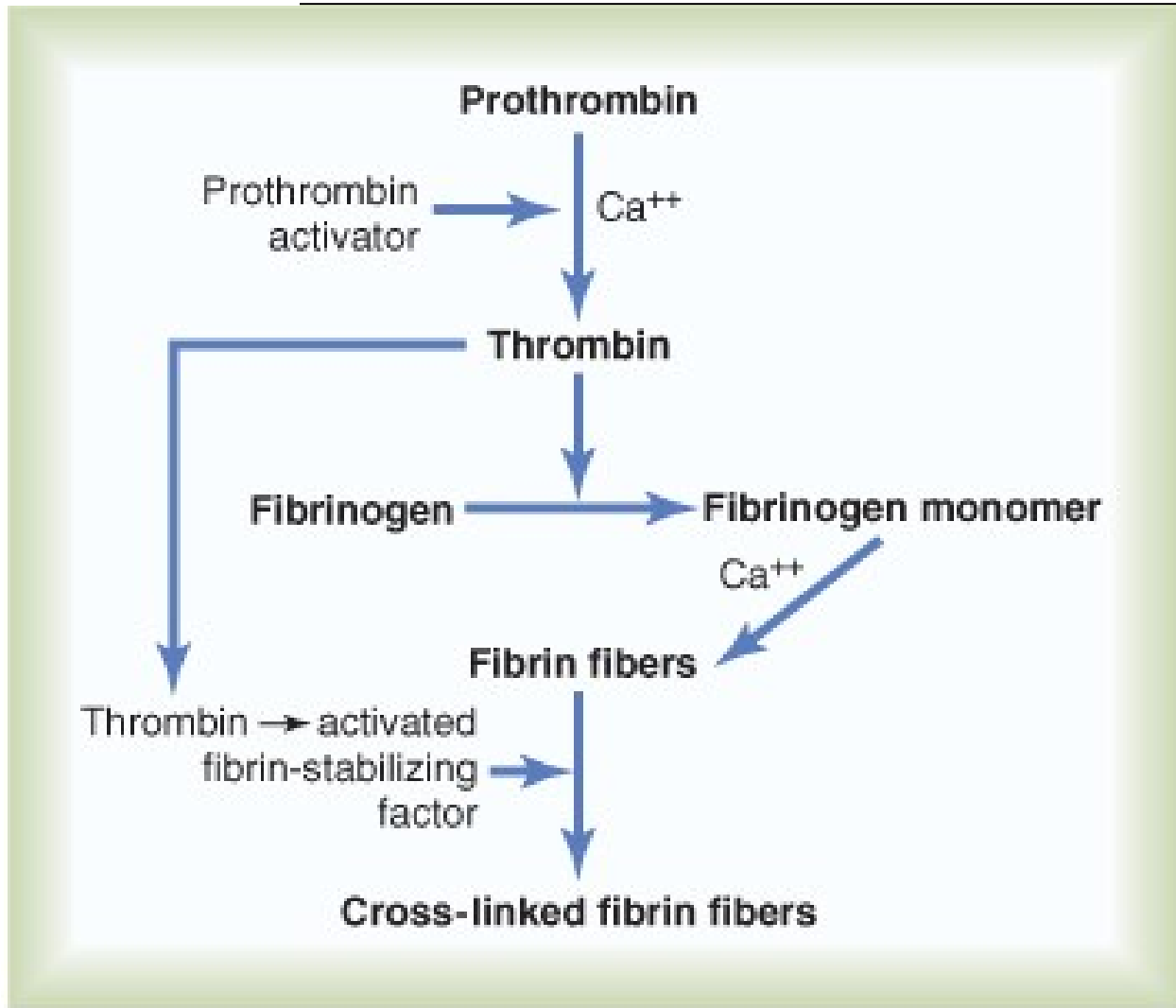


Figure 36-2 Schema for conversion of prothrombin to thrombin and polymerization of fibrinogen to form fibrin fibers.

Factor	Common Name	Pathway	Characteristic
I	Fibrinogen	Both	-
II	Prothrombin	Both	Contains N-terminal Gla domain
III	Tissue Factor	Extrinsic	-
IV	Calcium	Both	-
V	Proaccelerin, labile factor, Accelerator globulin	Both	Protein cofactor
VI (Va)	Accelerin	-	(Redundant to factor V)
VII	Proconvertin, serum prothrombin conversion accelerator (SPCA) cothromboplastin	Extrinsic	Endopeptidase with Gla domain
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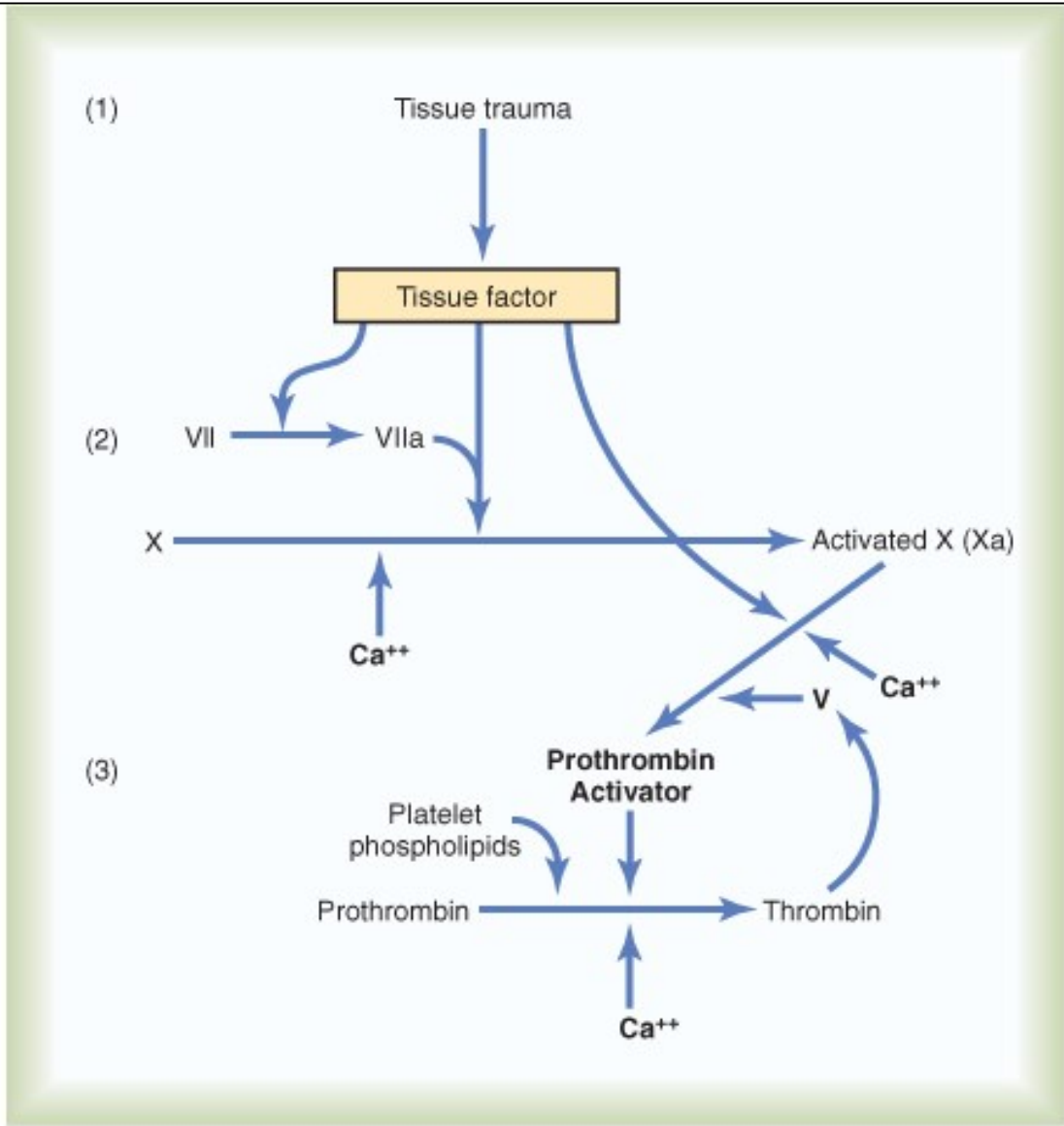
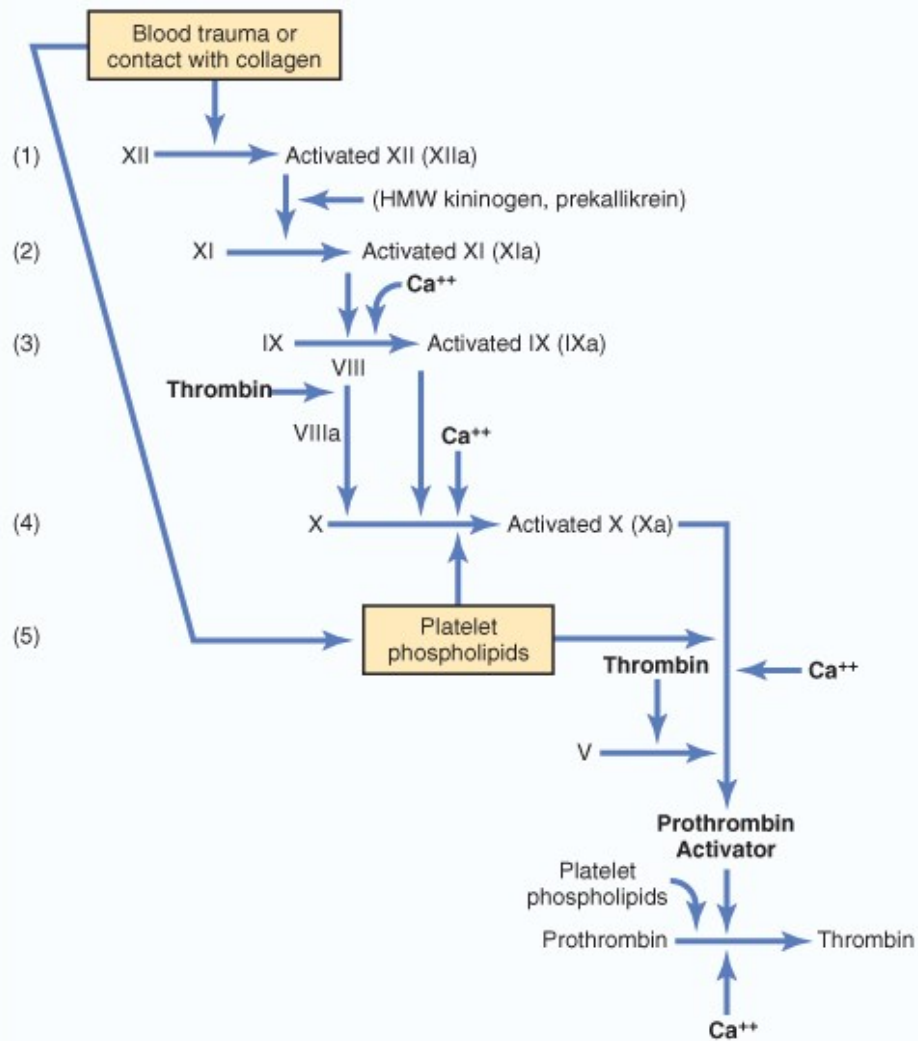


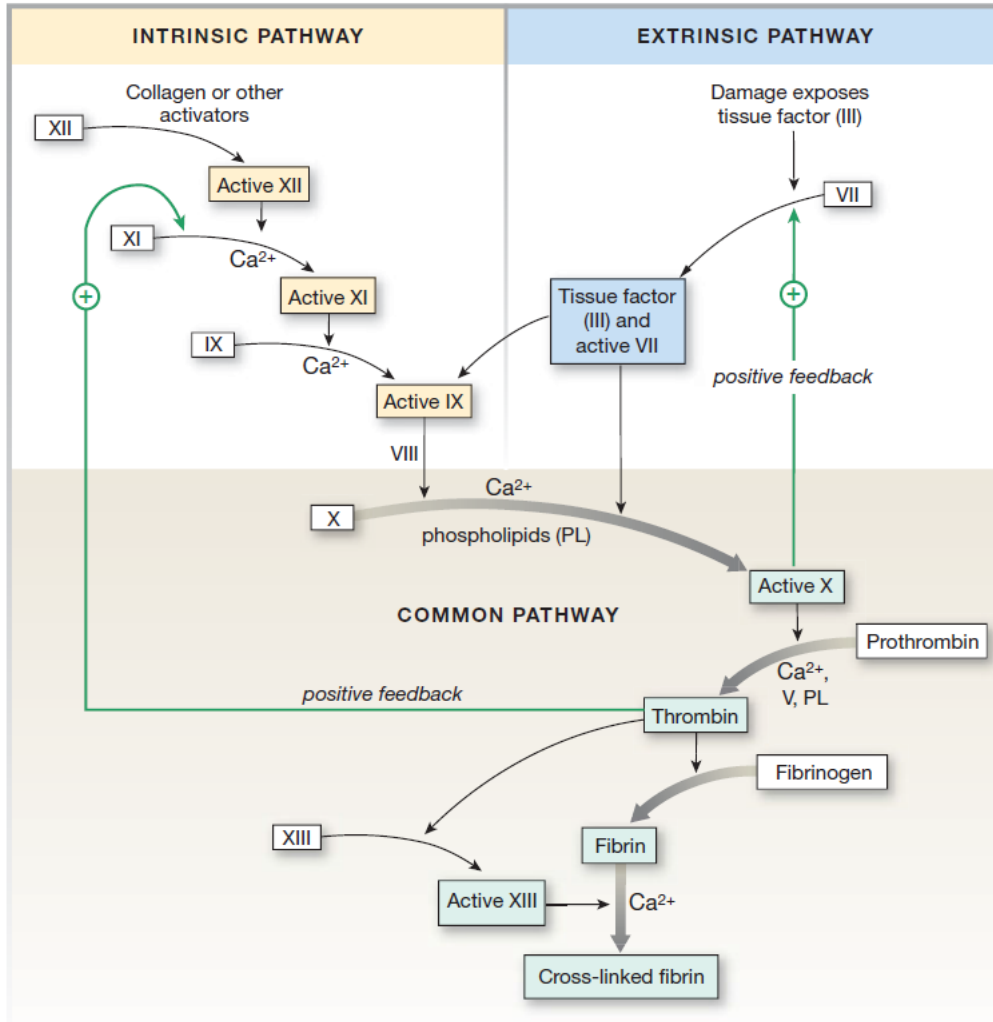
Figure 36-3 Extrinsic pathway for initiating blood clotting.



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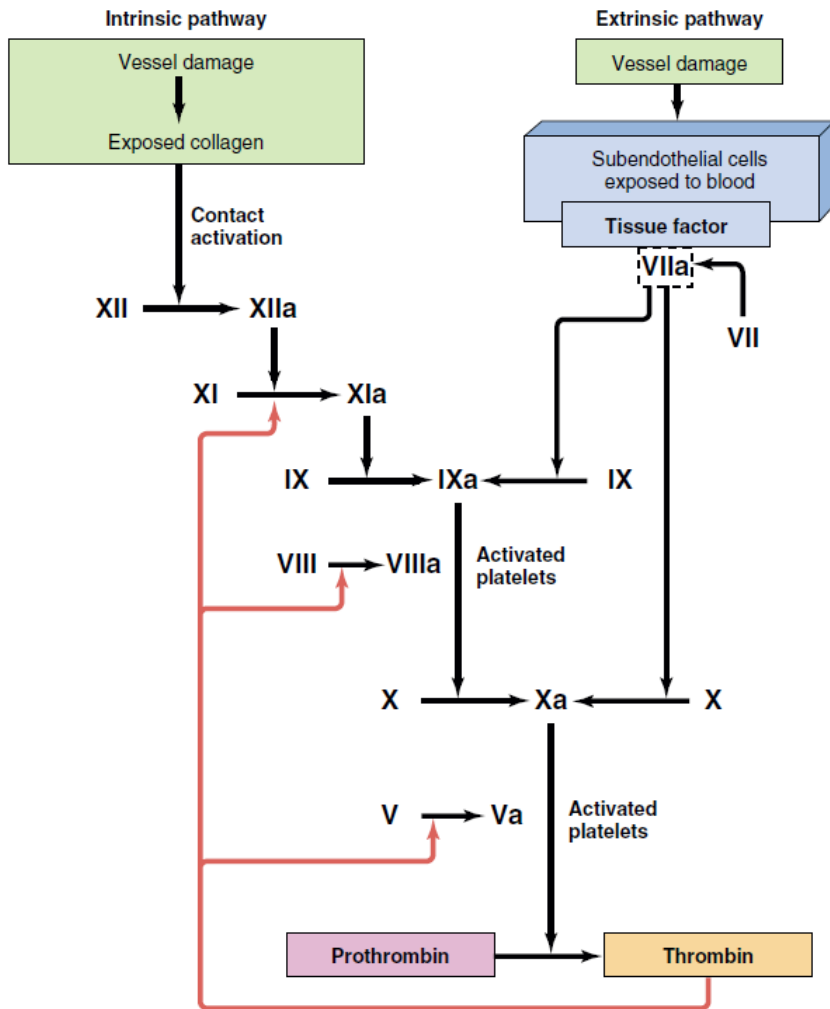
THE COAGULATION CASCADE

Inactive plasma proteins (white boxes) are converted into active enzymes in each step of the pathway.



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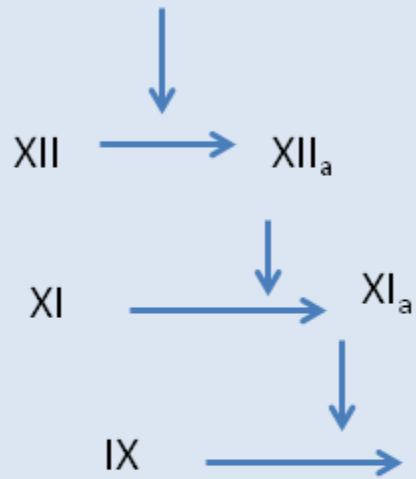
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Two clotting pathways—called intrinsic and extrinsic—merge and can lead to the generation of thrombin. Under most physiological conditions, however, factor XII and the contact activation step that begin the intrinsic pathway probably play little, if any, roles in clotting. Rather, clotting is initiated solely by the extrinsic pathway, as described in the text. You might think that factors IX and X were accidentally transposed in the intrinsic pathway, but such is not the case; the order of activation really is XI, IX, and X. For the sake of clarity, the roles of calcium in clotting are not shown.

The three pathways that make up the classical blood coagulation pathway

Intrinsic

surface contact



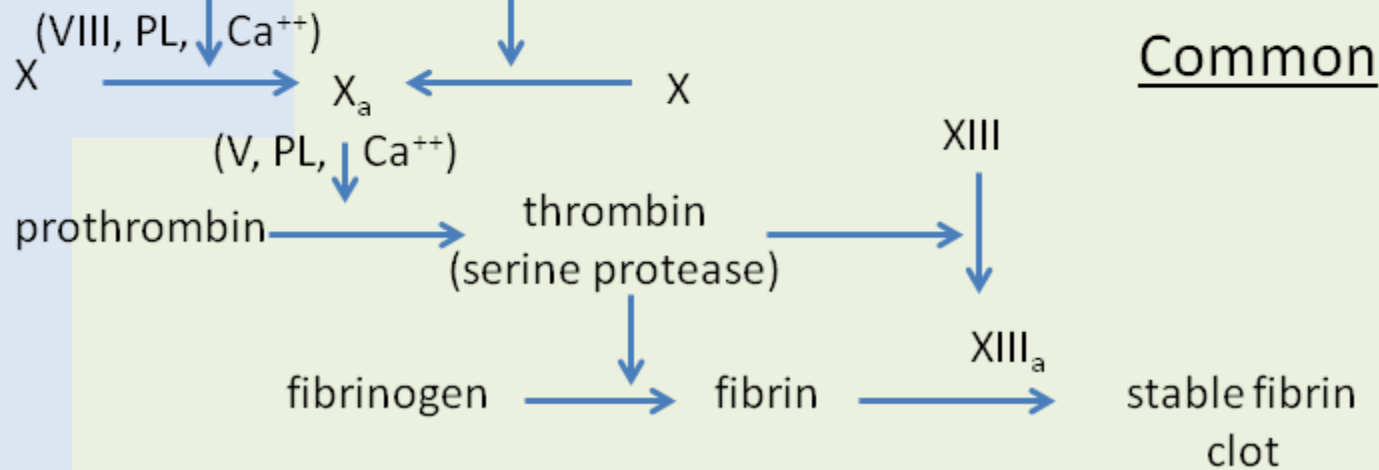
- XII – Hageman factor, a serine protease
- XI – Plasma thromboplastin, antecedent serine protease
- IX – Christmas factor, serine protease
- VII – Stable factor, serine protease
- XIII – Fibrin stabilising factor, a transglutaminase
- PL – Platelet membrane phospholipid
- Ca⁺⁺ – Calcium ions
- TF – Tissue Factor (_a =active form)

Extrinsic

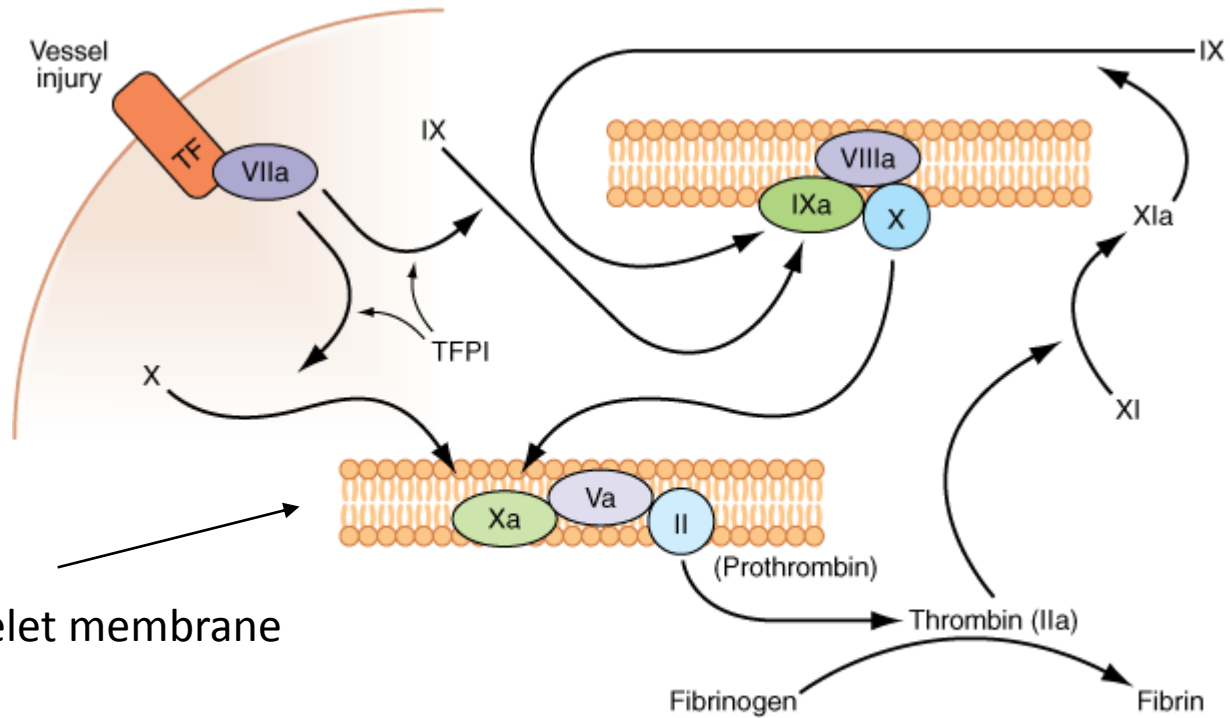


tissue damage

Common



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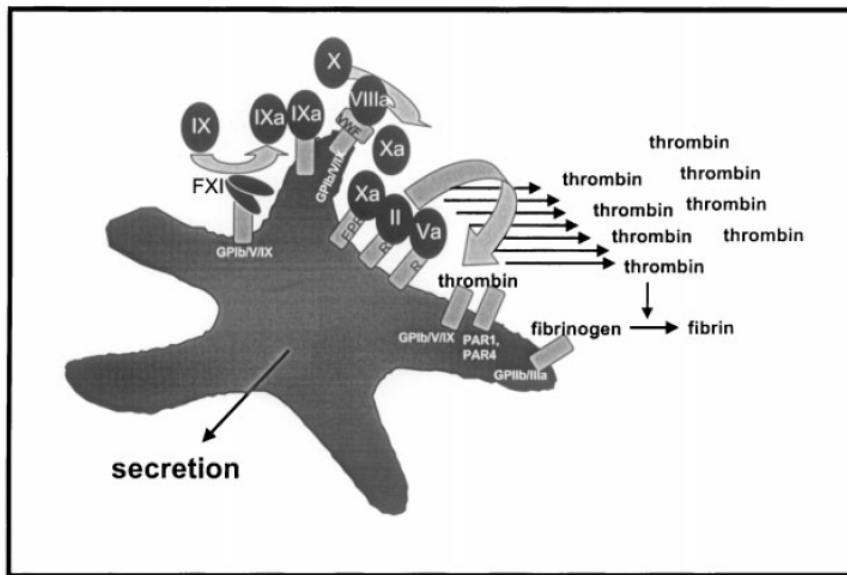


Activated platelet membrane

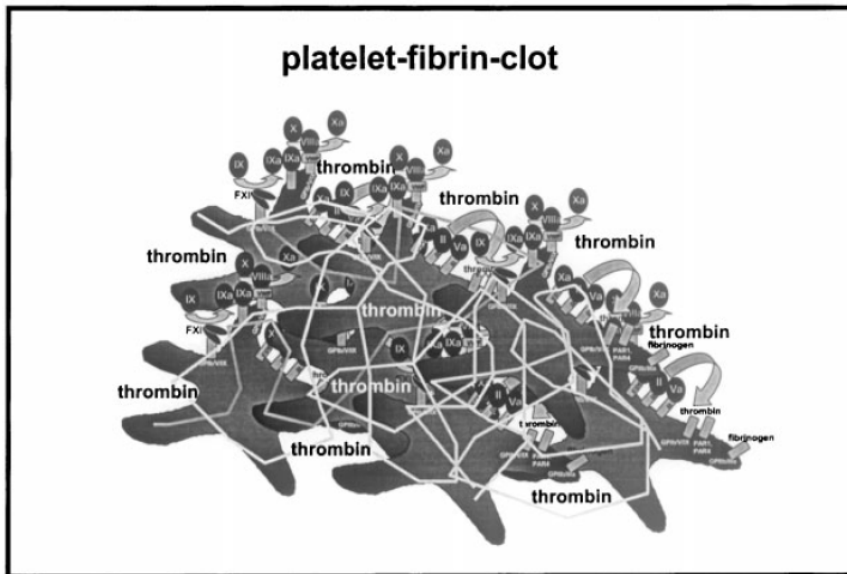
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TF, tissue factor

TFPI, tissue factor pathway inhibitor



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E

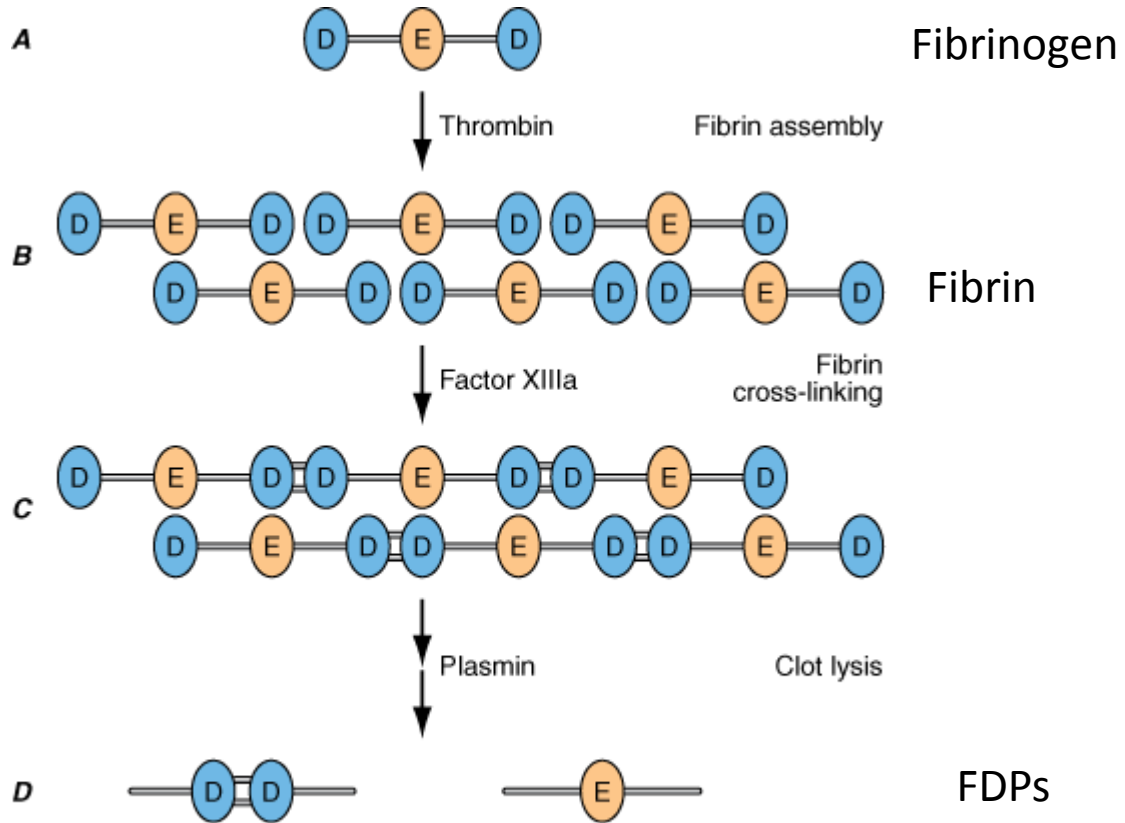
Figure 4 Model of receptor-mediated thrombin generation. (A) Small amounts of thrombin formed on the surface of a tissue factor (TF) presenting cell (fibroblast or activated monocyte or activated endothelial cell, respectively). These amounts of thrombin are not able to produce a stable fibrin clot, but are enough to activate platelets. (B) Activated platelets can then bind coagulation factors and cofactors via Ca^{2+} and by specific receptors. (C) Platelet-bound cofactors FV and FVIII are protected against cleavage by activated protein C. (D) On the surface of the platelet FXIa binds to its receptor GPIb and activates FIX. In contrast to FXa that is readily inhibited by tissue factor pathway inhibitor (TFPI) as soon as it enters the plasma, FIXa, built on TF/FVIIa presenting cells can in addition diffuse to the activated platelets. On the platelet surface the Xase-complex and the prothrombinase-complex have optimal conditions. (E) The concerted actions of coagulation factors on the platelet surface lead to a burst of thrombin formation, so that a stable fibrin clot can be formed. aPC, activated protein C; R, receptor; EPR1, effector cell protease receptor 1, PAR, protease activated receptor.

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Factors Involved in Coagulation

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Collagen	Subendothelial extracellular matrix	Injury that exposes collagen to plasma clotting factors	Starts intrinsic pathway	N/A
von Willebrand factor (vWF)	Endothelium, megakaryocytes	Exposure to collagen	Regulates level of factor VIII	Deficiency or defect causes prolonged bleeding
Kininogen and kallikrein	Liver and plasma	Cofactors normally present in plasma pathway	Cofactors for contact activation of intrinsic pathway	Mediate inflammatory response; enhance fibrinolysis
Tissue factor (tissue thromboplastin or factor III)	Most cells except platelets	Damage to tissue	Starts extrinsic pathway	N/A
Prothrombin and thrombin (factor II)	Liver and plasma	Platelet lipids, Ca ²⁺ and factor V	Fibrin production	N/A
Fibrinogen and fibrin (factor I)	Liver and plasma	Thrombin	Form insoluble fibers that stabilize platelet plug	N/A
Fibrin-stabilizing factor (XIII)	Liver, megakaryocytes	Platelets	Cross-links fibrin polymers to make stable mesh	N/A
Ca ²⁺ (factor IV)	Plasma ions	N/A	Required for several steps of coagulation cascade	Never a limiting factor
Vitamin K	Diet	N/A	Needed for synthesis of factors II, VII, IX, X	N/A

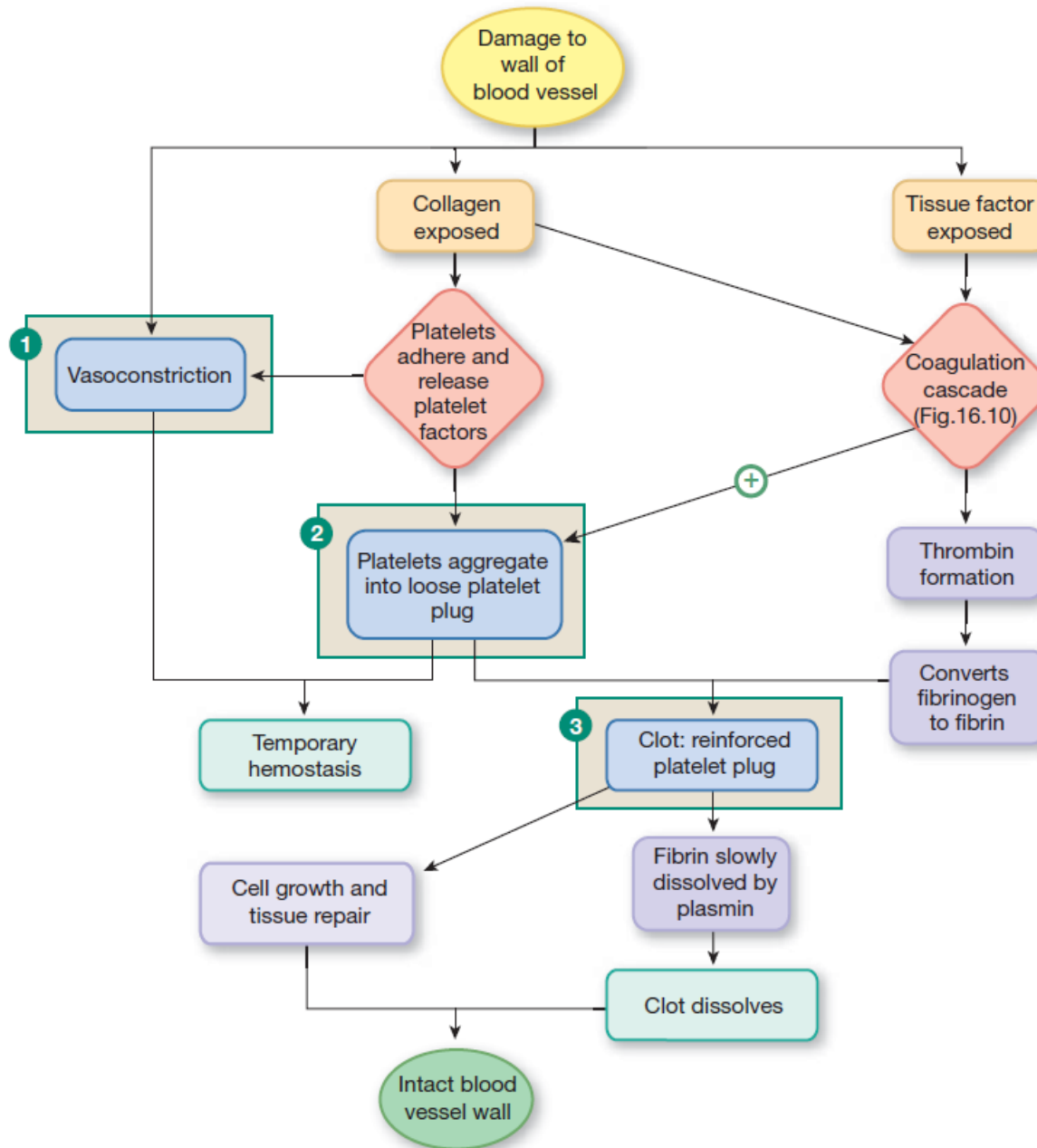
FIBRIN FORMATION AND DEGRADATION



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FDPs, fibrin degradation products

SUMMARY

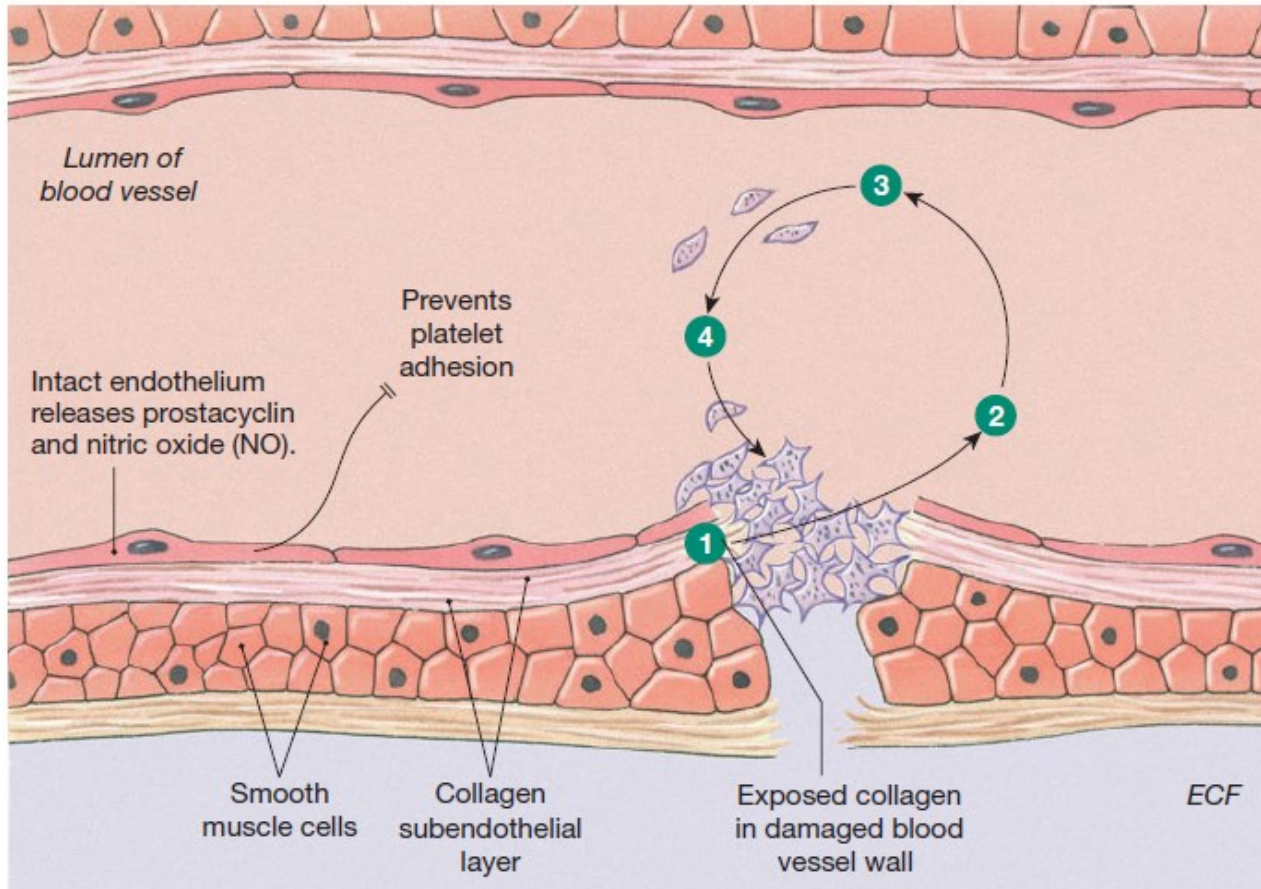


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PLATELET PLUG FORMATION

SUMMARY

Platelets will not adhere to intact endothelium. Damage triggers platelet plug formation where collagen has been exposed.



- 1 Exposed collagen binds and activates platelets.
- 2 Release of platelet factors
- 3 Factors attract more platelets.
- 4 Platelets aggregate into platelet plug.

Factor	Name of factor	Biological half-time (h)
I	fibrinogen	120-144
II	prothrombin	48
III	thromboplastin, thrombokinase	very short
IV	calcium ions	
V	proaccelerin	12-15
VII	(AHF) proconvertin, stabile factor	2-5
VIII	antihæmofilic factor A, a. globulin	5-12
IX	Christmas factor, antihem. f. B	12-30
X	Stuart-Prower factor	32
XI	antihæmofilic factor C, PTA	less than 12
XII	Hageman factor	less than 12
XIII	factor stabilising fibrin	48-72
HMW-K	Fitzgerald f. (high-molecular-weight kininogen)	
Pre-K	prekallikrein	
Ka	kallikrein	
PL	Platelet phospholipids	

**Table
16.6**

Endogenous Factors Involved in Fibrinolysis and Anticoagulation

Chemical Factor	Source	Activated by or Released in Response to	Role in Anticoagulation or Fibrinolysis	Other Roles and Comments
Plasminogen and plasmin	Liver and plasma	tPA and thrombin	Dissolves fibrin and fibrinogen	N/A
Tissue plasminogen activator (tPA)	Many tissues	Normally present; levels increase with stress, protein C	Activates plasminogen	Recombinant tPA used clinically to dissolve clots
Antithrombin III	Liver and plasma	N/A	Anticoagulant; blocks factors IX, X, XI, XII, thrombin, kallikrein	Facilitated by heparin; no effect on thrombin despite name
Prostacyclin (prostaglandin I, or PGI ₂)	Endothelial cells	N/A	Blocks platelet aggregation	Vasodilator

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TABLE 14–16 Anticlotting Roles of Endothelial Cells

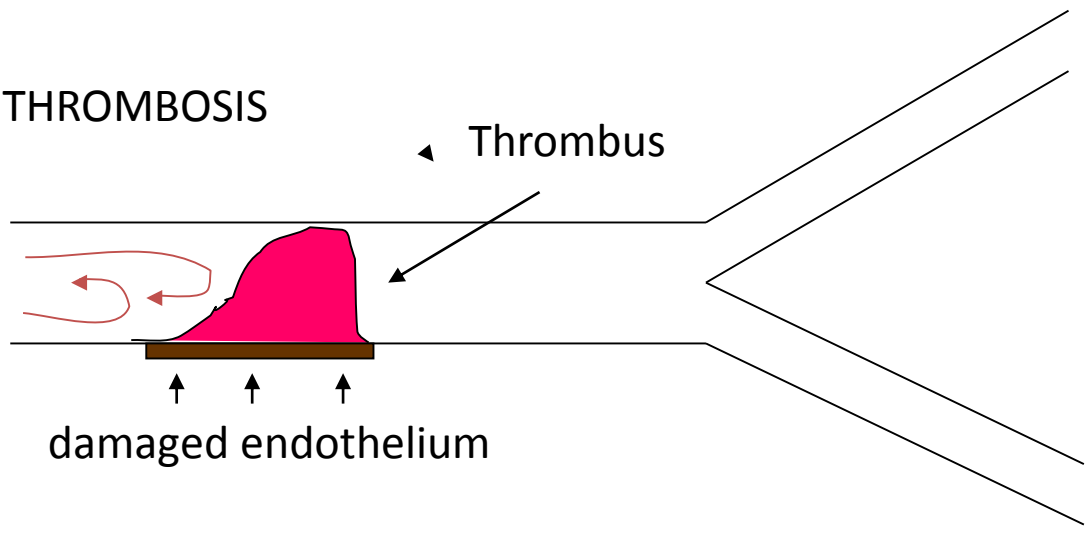
Action	Result
Normally provide an intact barrier between the blood and subendothelial connective tissue	Platelet aggregation and the formation of tissue factor–factor VIIa complexes are not triggered
Synthesize and release PGI ₂ and nitric oxide	These inhibit platelet activation and aggregation
Secrete tissue factor pathway inhibitor	Inhibits the ability of tissue factor–factor VIIa complexes to generate factor Xa
Bind thrombin (via thrombomodulin), which then activates protein C	Active protein C inactivates clotting factors VIIIa and Va
Display heparin molecules on the surfaces of their plasma membranes	Heparin binds antithrombin III, and this molecule then inactivates thrombin and several other clotting factors
Secrete tissue plasminogen activator	Tissue plasminogen activator catalyzes the formation of plasmin, which dissolves clots

INTRAVASCULAR COAGULATION

Damage of epithelium caused by:

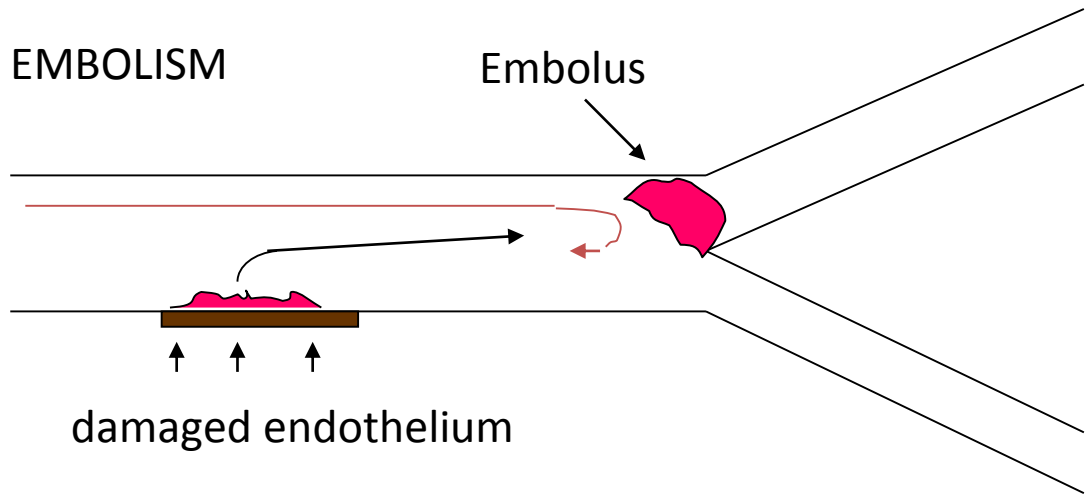
- 1) Atherosclerosis (myocardial infarction, stroke)
- 2) Inflammation (venous thrombosis, pulmonary embolism)

THROMBOSIS



Example:
MI
Stroke

EMBOLISM



Example:
Pulmonary embolism

Antithrombotic Drugs

Antiplatelet drugs

Anticoagulants

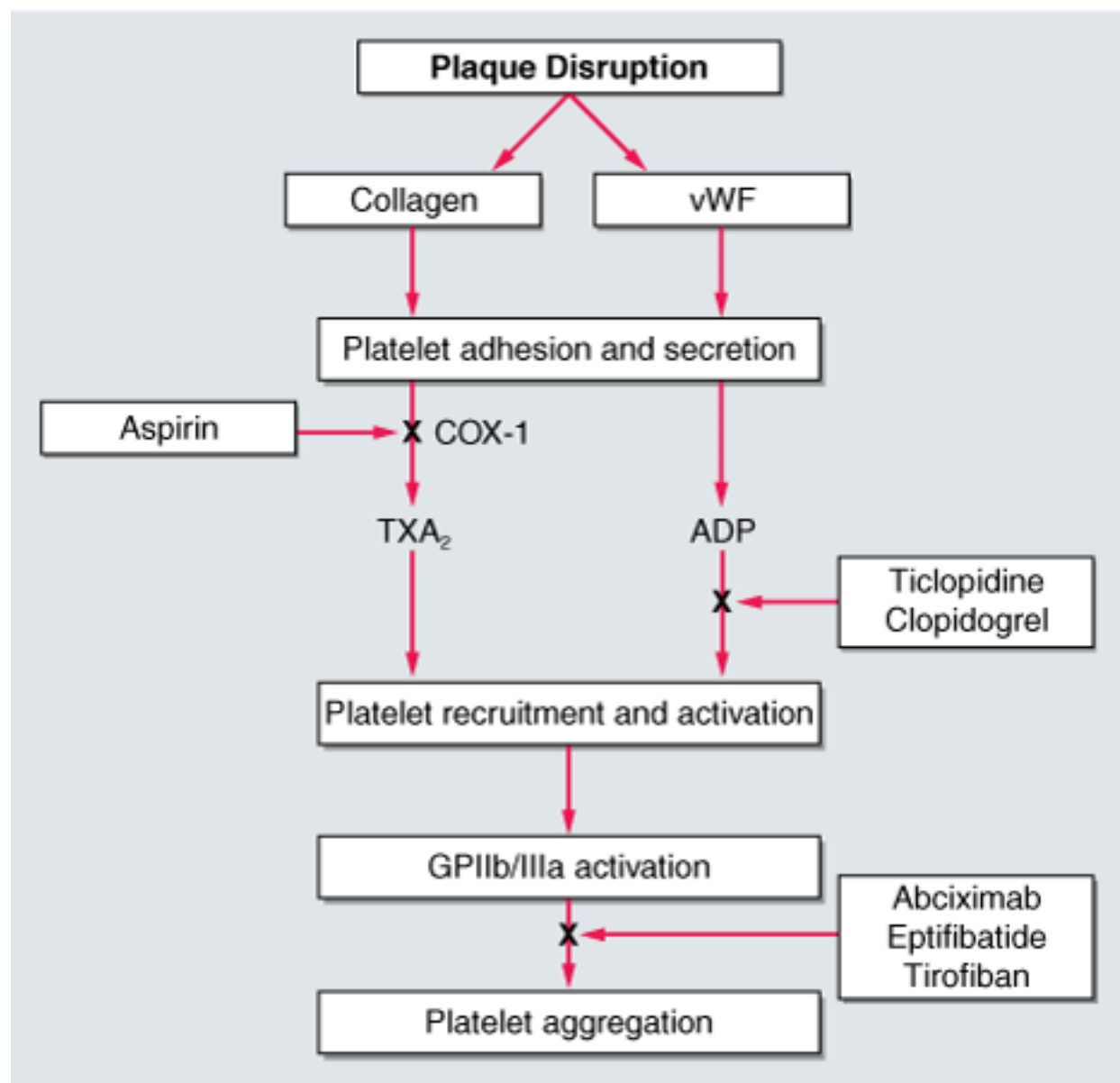
Fibrinolytic agents

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Antithrombotic drugs

- We influence function of thrombocytes, not number of thrombocytes!
- Primary and secondary prevention of atherothrombosis
 - Acute Coronary Syndromes (ACS)
 - Cerebrovascular Ischemic Attack
 - Peripheral arterial disease (PAD)
- antiplatelet agents?
- Inhibitors of cyklooxygenase/inhibitors of thromboxane A₂ synthesis or antagonists of the receptors
- Inhibitors of ADP receptors (P2Y₁₂)
- Antagonists of protease-activated receptors (PAR-1)
- Antagonists of surface glycoproteins (GP IIb/IIIa)
- Blockage of serotonin pathway
- Other mechanisms



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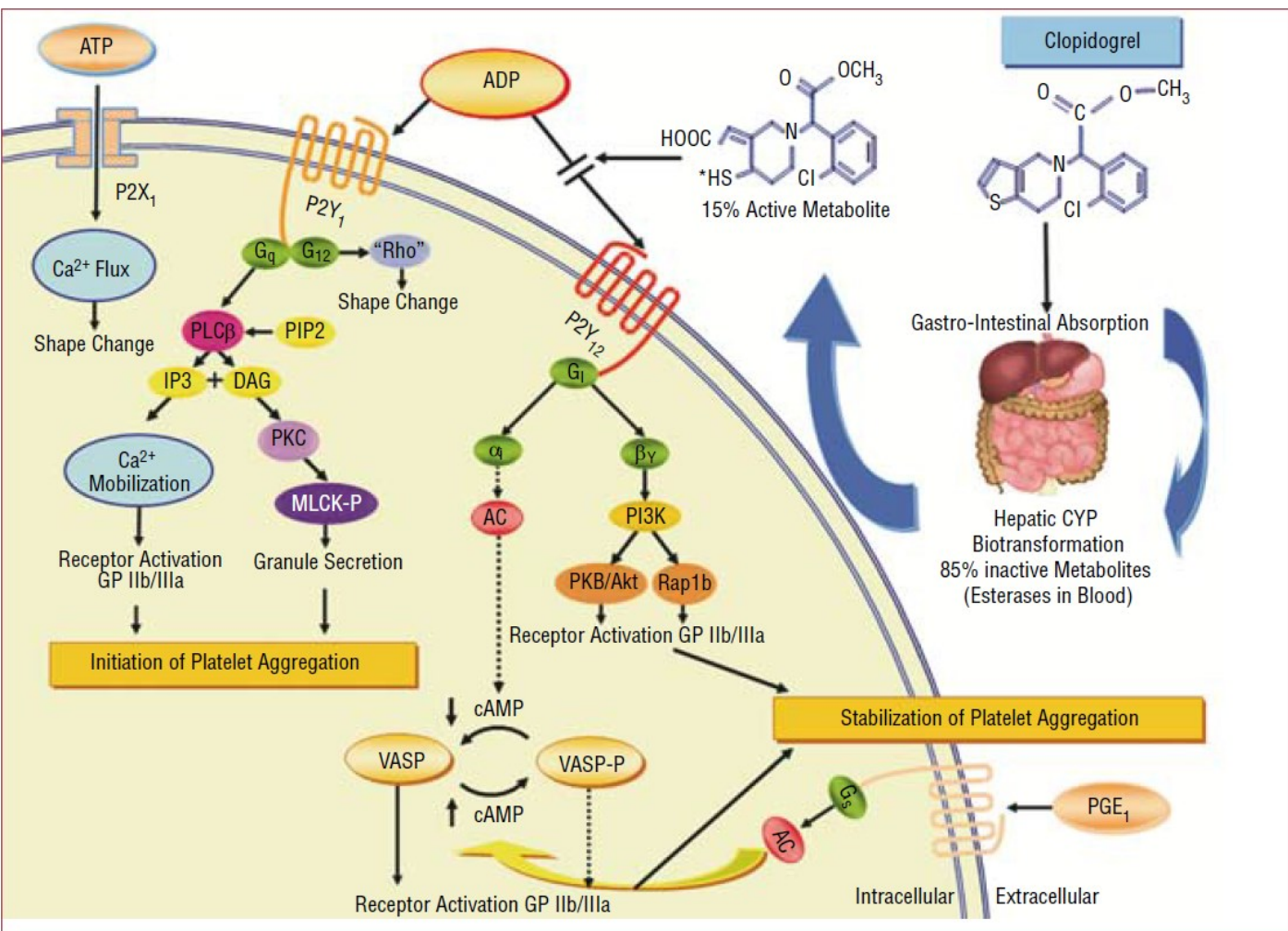


Figure 1. Purinergic receptors and mechanism of action of clopidogrel. Clopidogrel is a pro-drug of which approximately 85% is hydrolyzed by esterases in the blood to inactive metabolites and only 15% is metabolized by the cytochrome P450 (CYP) system in the liver into an active metabolite. The active metabolite irreversibly inhibits the adenosine diphosphate (ADP) P2Y₁₂ receptor. The P2X₁ receptor, which uses adenosine triphosphate (ATP) as an agonist, is involved in platelet shape change through extracellular calcium influx and helps to amplify platelet responses mediated by other agonists. Activation of the P2Y₁ receptor leads to alteration in shape and initiates a weak and transient phase of platelet aggregation. The binding of ADP to the G_q-coupled P2Y₁ receptor activates phospholipase C (PLC), which generates diacylglycerol (DAG) and inositol triphosphate (IP3) from phosphatidylinositol biphosphate (PIP2). Diacylglycerol activates protein kinase C (PKC) leading to phosphorylation of myosin light chain kinase (MLCK-P) and IP3 leads to mobilization of intracellular calcium. The P2Y₁ receptor is coupled to another G-protein, G₁₂, which activates the "Rho" protein and leads to the change in platelet shape. The binding of ADP to the G_i-coupled P2Y₁₂ receptor liberates the G_i protein subunits α_i and β_γ, resulting in stabilization of platelet aggregation. The α_i subunit inhibits adenylyl cyclase (AC) and, thus, reduces cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP) levels, which diminishes cAMP-mediated phosphorylation of vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein (VASP-P). The status of VASP-P modulates glycoprotein (GP) IIb/IIIa receptor activation. The subunit β_γ activates the phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase (PI3K), which leads to GP IIb/IIIa receptor activation through activation of a serine-threonine protein kinase B (PKB/Akt) and of Rap1b GTP binding proteins. Prostaglandin E₁ (PGE₁) activates AC, which increases cAMP levels and status of VASP-P. Solid arrows indicate activation; dotted arrows indicate inhibition. With permission from Angiolillo DJ et al.⁶

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CONTROL OF HAEMOCOAGULATION

Clotting is counteracted by anti-coagulating mechanisms:

Non-humoral control:

Endothelial surface factors.

Blood stream: restriction of increase of clot, dilution and removal of clotting factors.

Interaction between thromboxane A_2 and prostacycline.

Humoral control:

Fibrin: binds thrombin strongly – „antithrombin“

Antithrombin III: circulating inhibitor of proteases (active forms of factors IX, X, XI, XII), binding of proteases of clotting system is facilitated by heparin from mast cells (co-factor of heparin)

Thrombomodulin: thrombin binding protein, produced by endothelial cells.

Thrombin + Thrombomodulin = activator of protein C

Protein C: inactivation of factors V and VIII

Inhibition of the inhibitor of activator of tissue

plasminogen (= more plasmin – degradation of fibrin)

Plasmin (fibrinolysin): active part of fibrinolytic system.

Precursor: plasminogen, catalyzed by thrombin and **tissue**

activator of plasmin (TPA) – use in therapy of myocardial

infarction!!! Streptokinase.

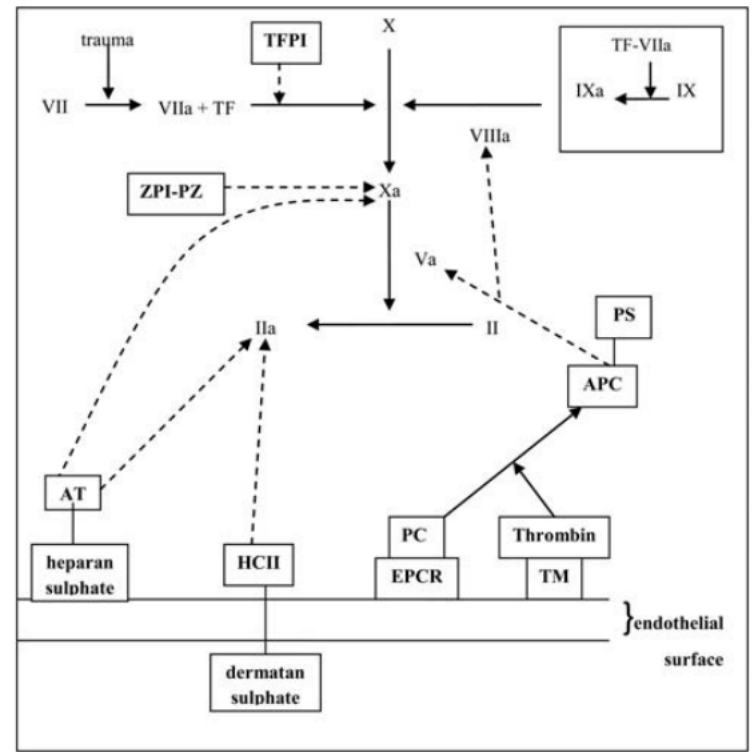
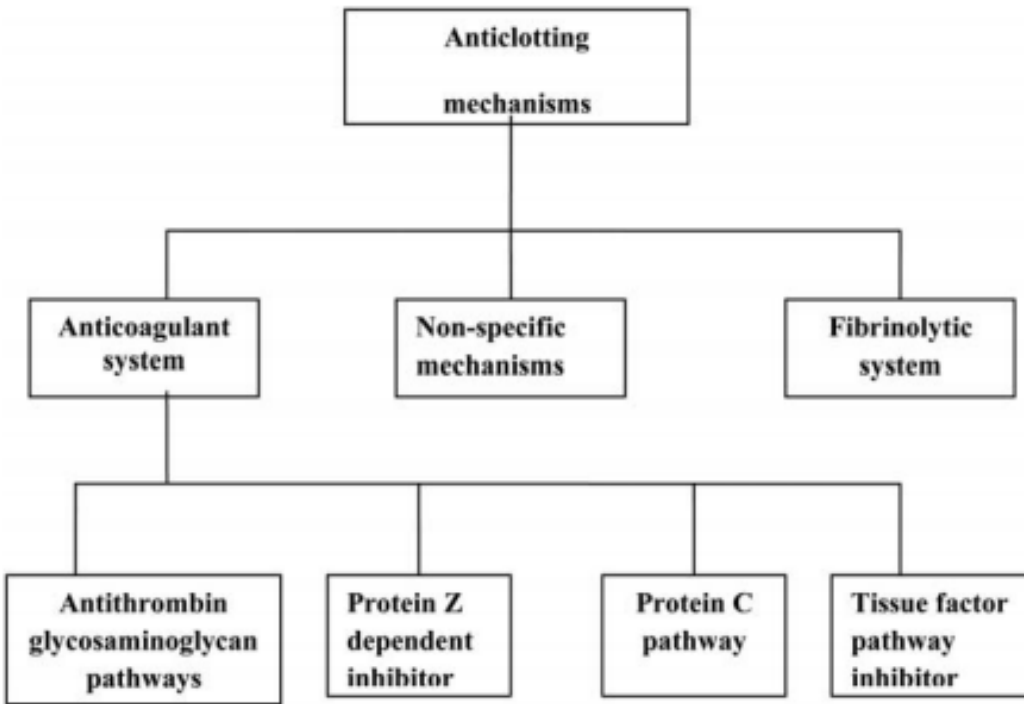


Fig 2 The anticoagulant system. AT, antithrombin; HCII, heparin cofactor II; TFPI, tissue factor pathway inhibitor; ZPI, protein Z-dependent protease inhibitor; PZ, protein Z; PC, protein C; APC, activated protein C; PS, protein S; EPCR, endothelial protein C receptor; TM, thrombomodulin. Solid arrows indicate activation and dashed arrows indicate inhibition.

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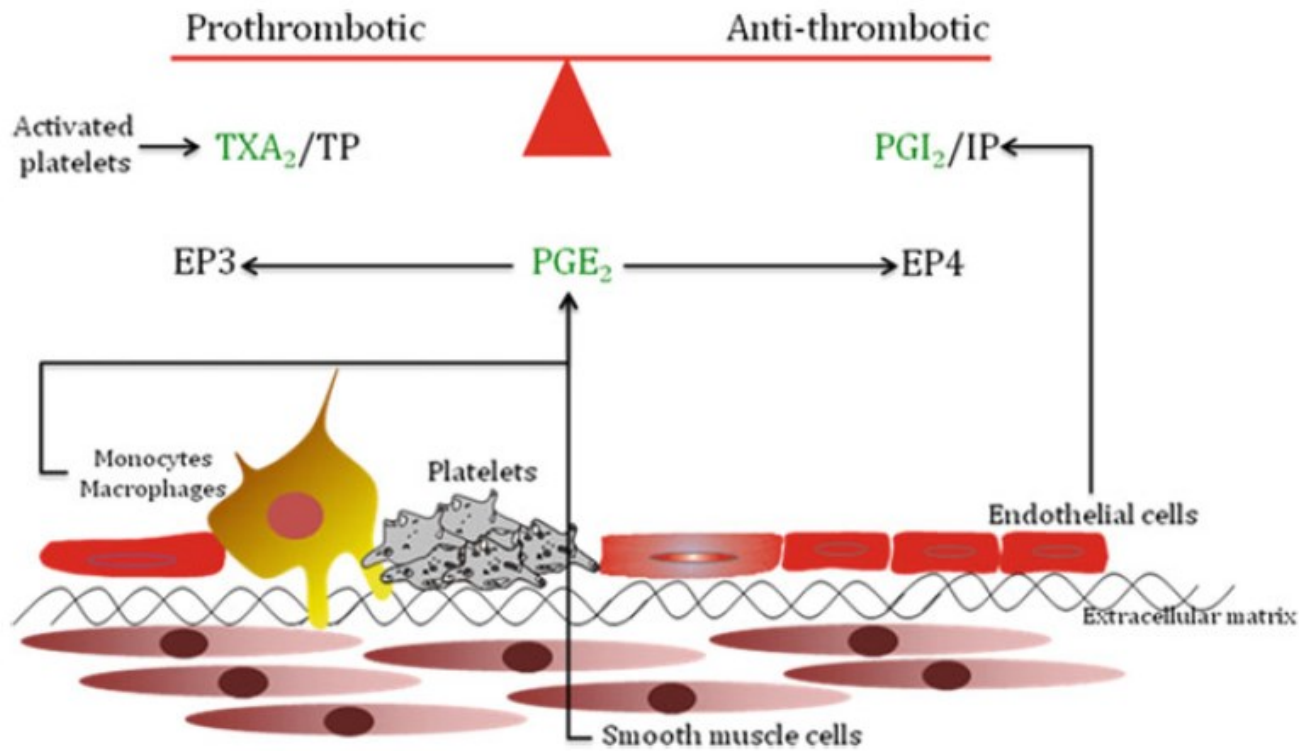
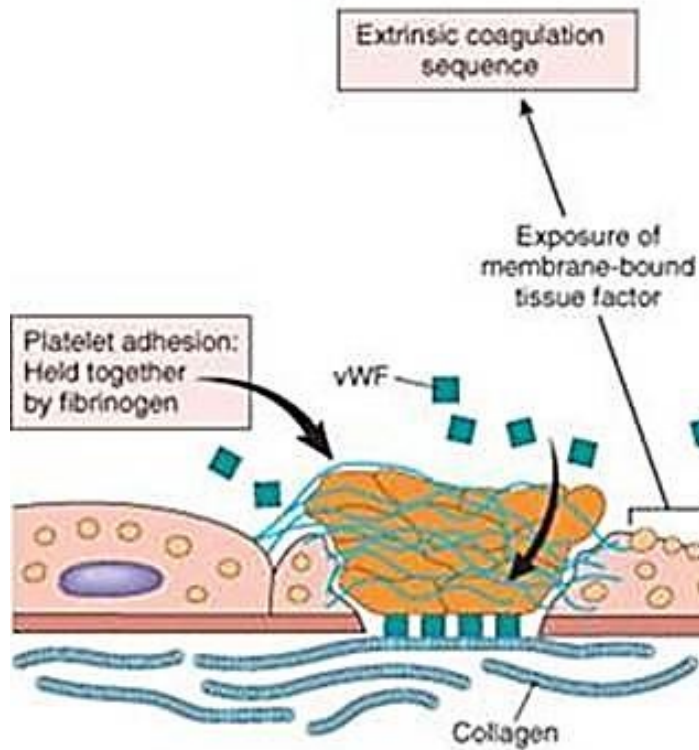


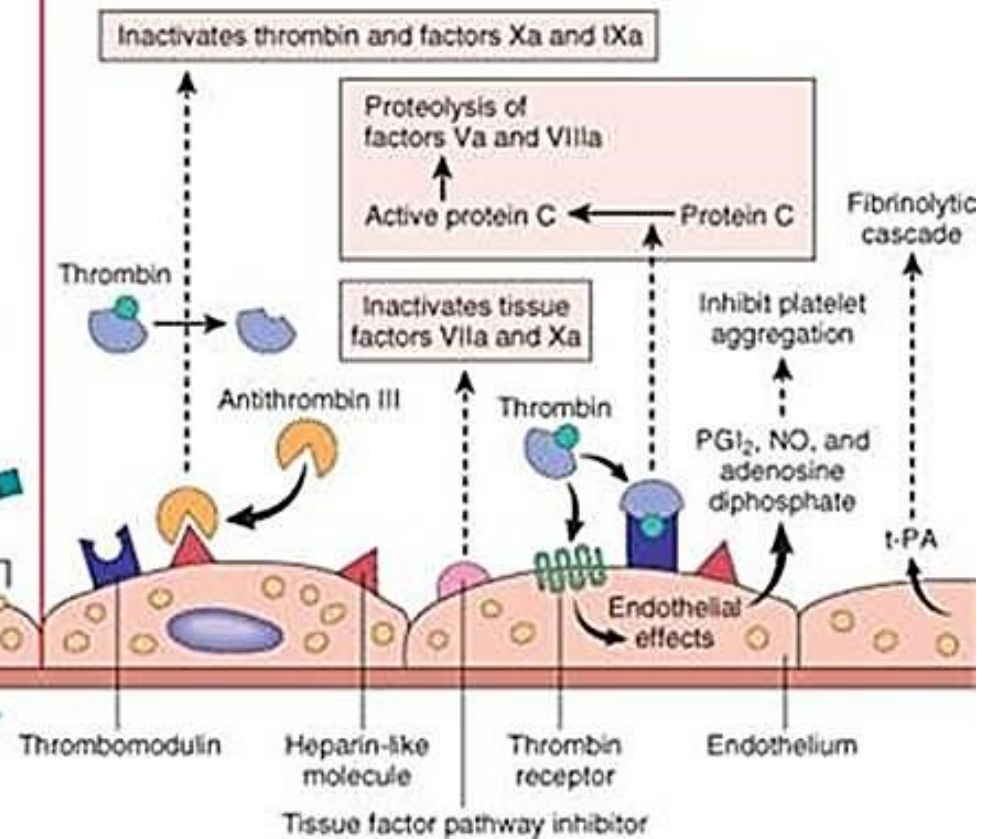
Fig. 4 The balance between thrombotic and antithrombotic effects of prostanoids. In response to vascular injury, PGI₂ produced by endothelial cells opposes the enhanced prothrombotic effect of TXA₂ produced by platelets. Smooth muscle cells, monocytes, and macrophages (accumulate in atherosclerotic plaques) release prostanoids such as PGE₂ during inflammation. PGE₂ shows a biphasic, dose-dependent effect on platelet aggregation

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FAVOR THROMBOSIS



INHIBIT THROMBOSIS



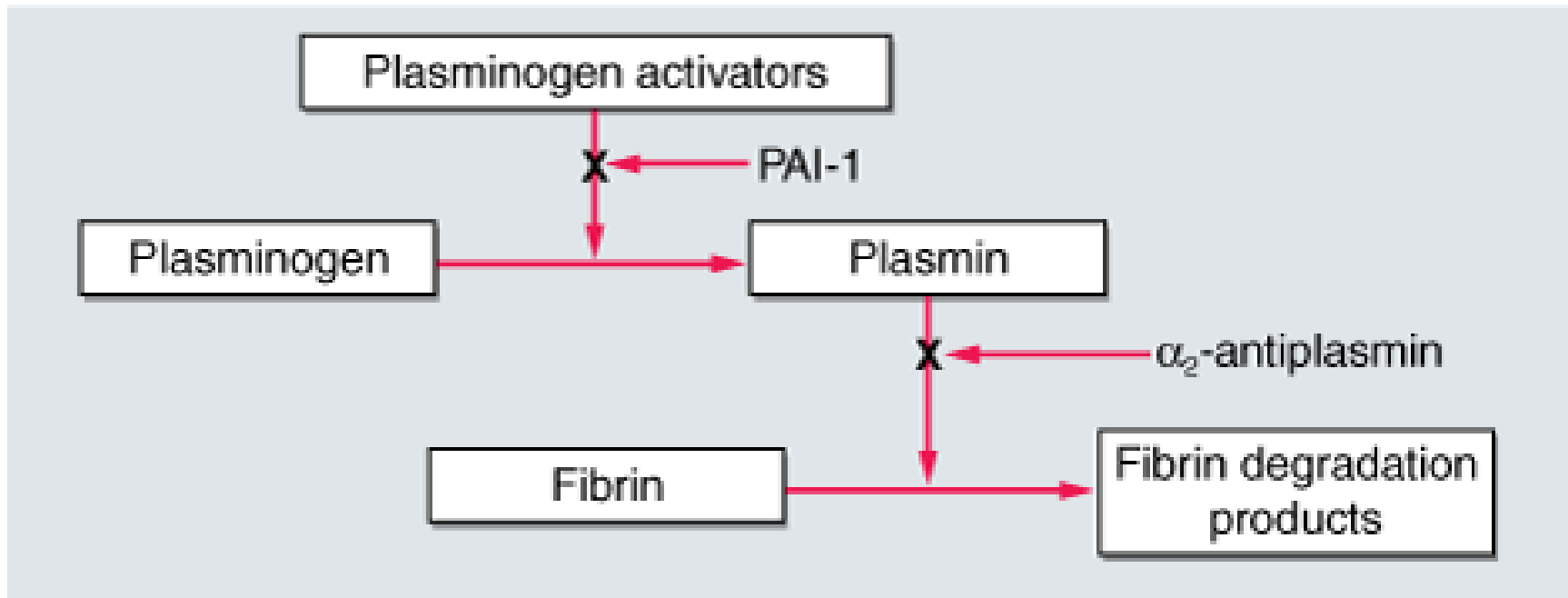
FIBRINOLYSIS

Inactive plasminogen.

Active plasmin (fibrinolysin).

Activators of plasminogen.

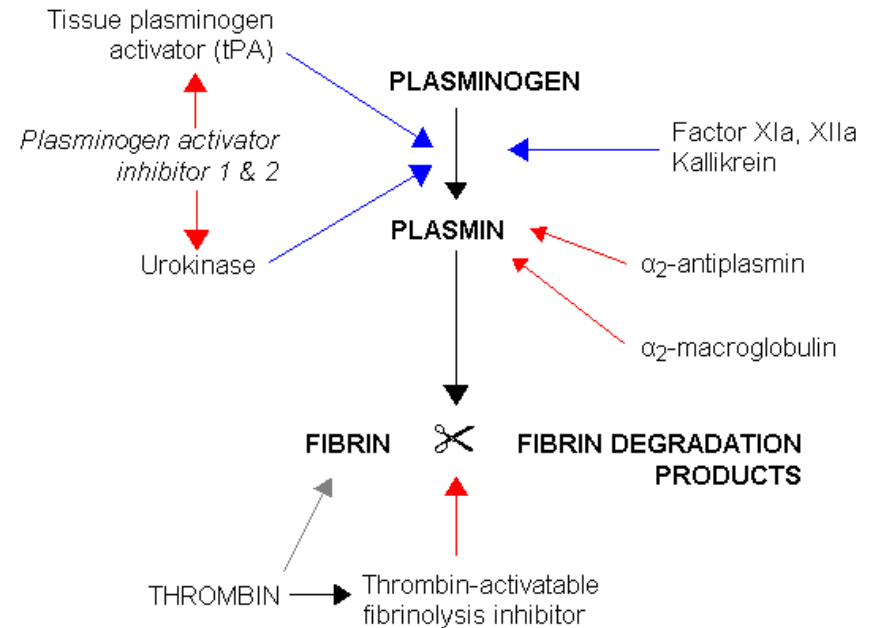
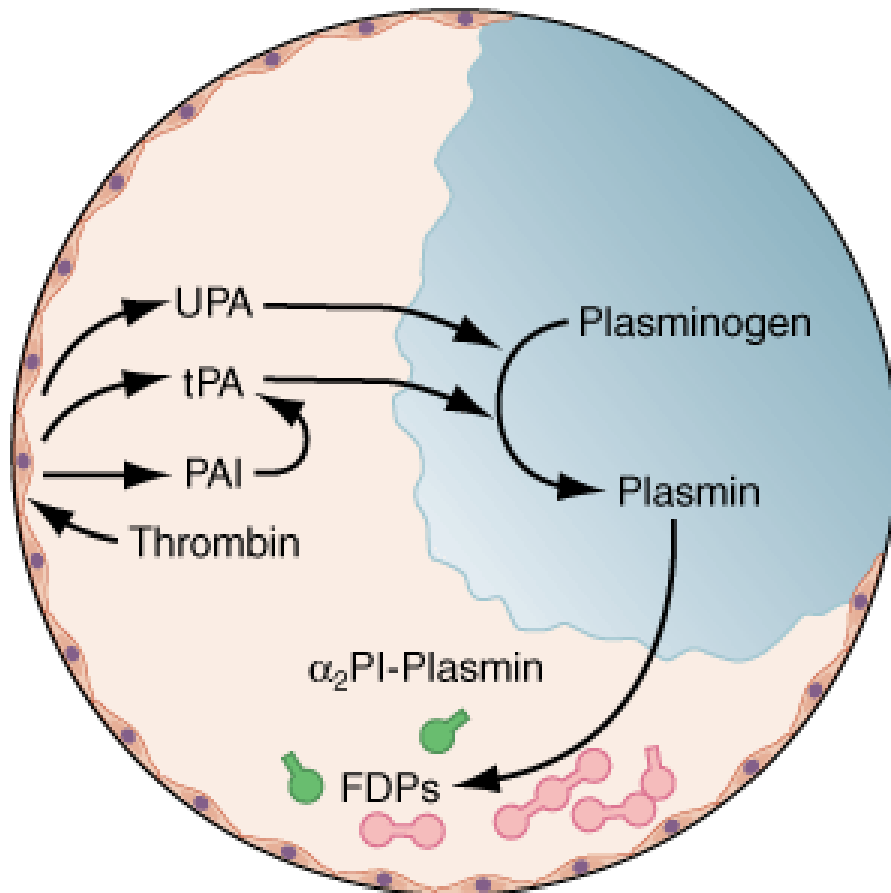
Inhibitors of plasminogen.



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Thrombolysis



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UPA, urokinase plasmin activator tPA, tissue plasmin activator

PAI, plasmin activator inhibitor alpha₂PI-Plasmin, complex

ANTI-CLOTTING TREATMENT

Defibrination: removal of fibrin (substances from snake poisons) – *in vitro*

Decalcification: binding or removal of calcium ions (sodium citrate, potassium or ammonium oxalate) – *in vitro*

Heparin: natural anticoagulant, mast cells, active only in the presence of antithrombin III, used also *in vivo*

Cumarin derivatives (dicumarol, warfarin): inhibition of effects of vitamin K in liver – disorders of factors II, VII, IX, X, protein C, protein S (facilitates activation of Va and VIIIa via protein C)

Hirudin: obsolete, salivary glands of leech (*Hirudo medicinalis*)

Anticoagulants

Activation →

Inhibition ←

In vivo: Heparin → antithrombin III
test: aPTT,
antifactor Xa level

Coumarin (warfarin)

Vitamin K →



Liver

→ prothrombin

test: PT

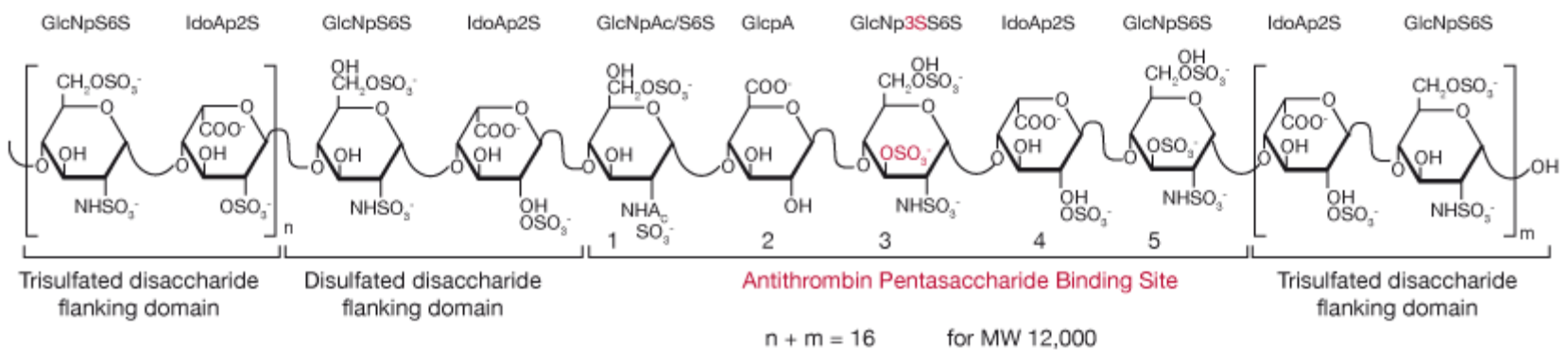
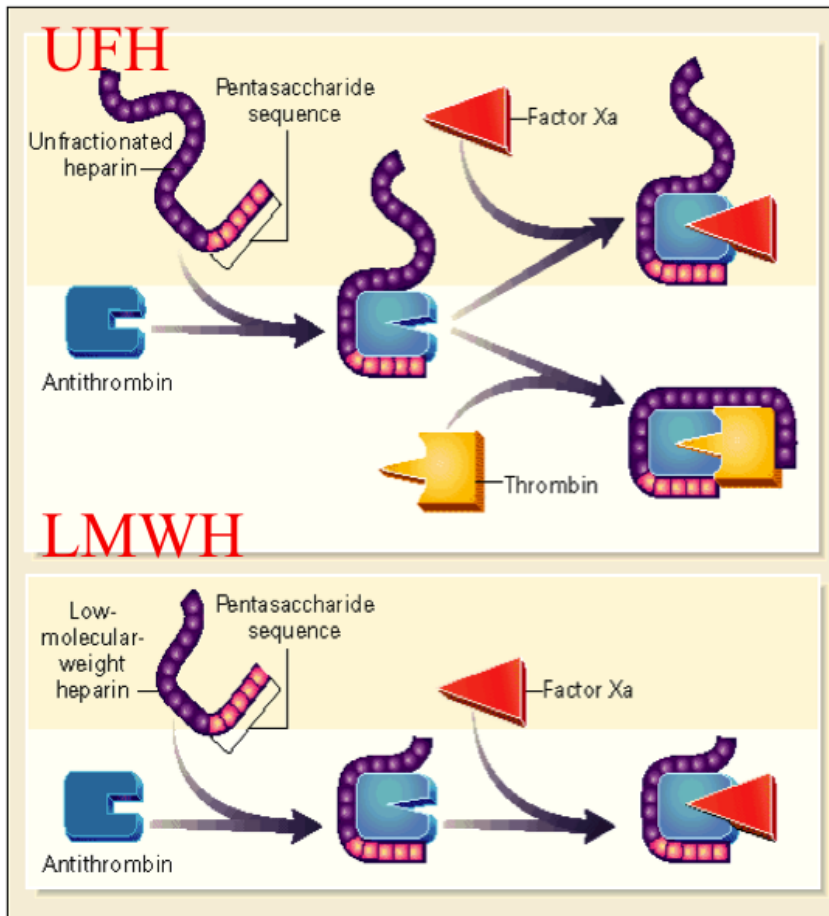
$INR = \frac{PT_{\text{patient}}}{PT_{\text{norm}}}$

warfarin → INR 2-3

In vitro: Heparin → antithrombin III

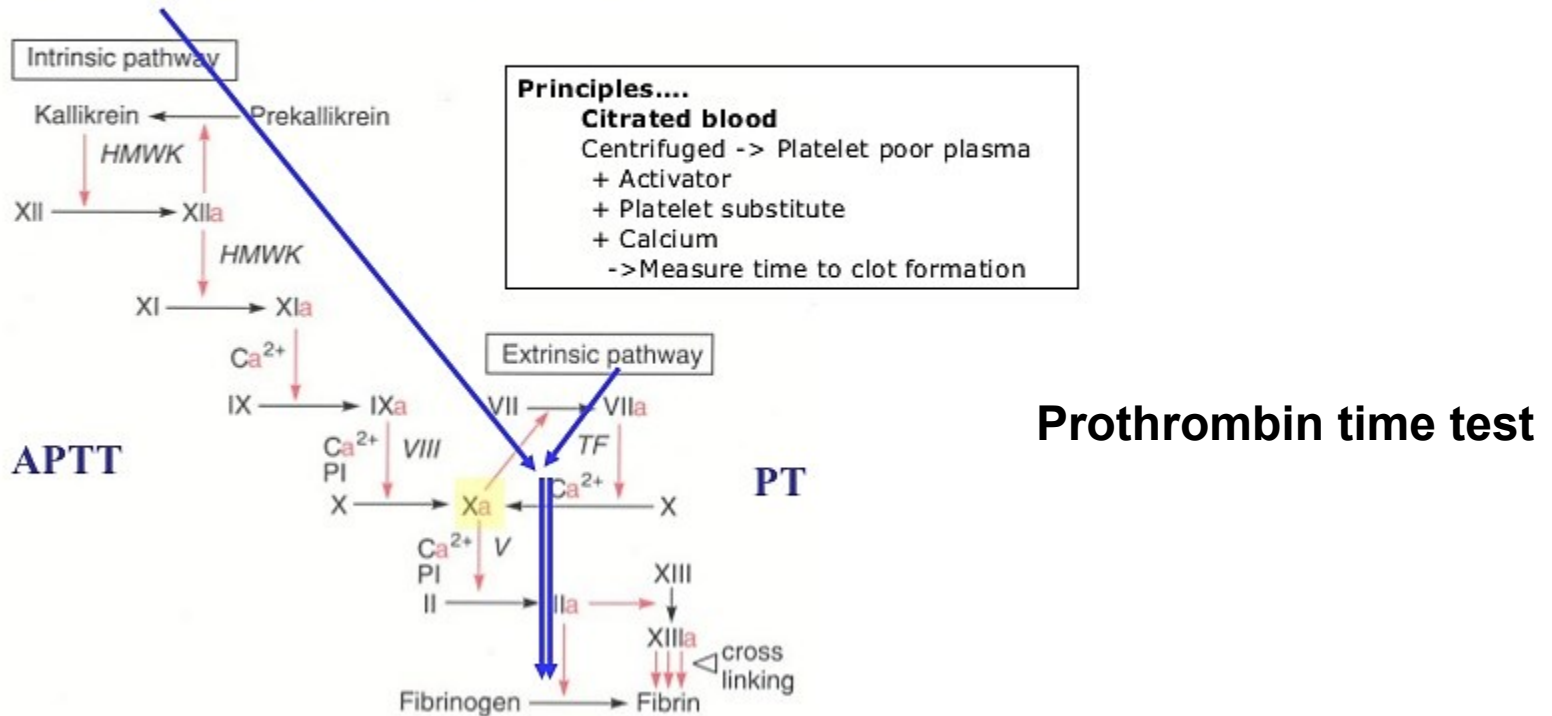
Sodium citrate → Ca^{++}

aPTT: activated partial thromboplastin time PT: prothrombin time



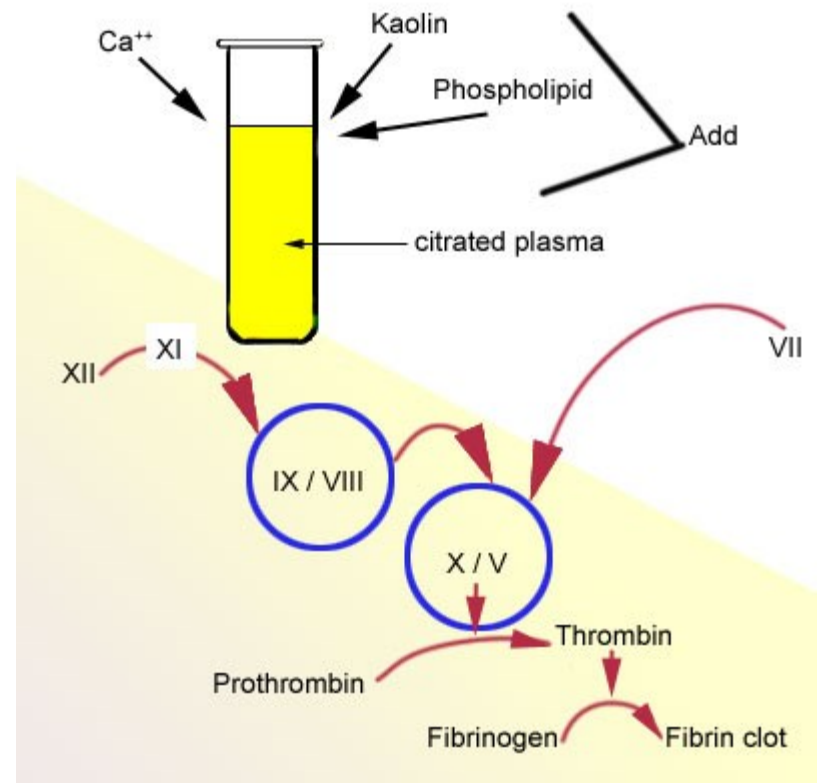
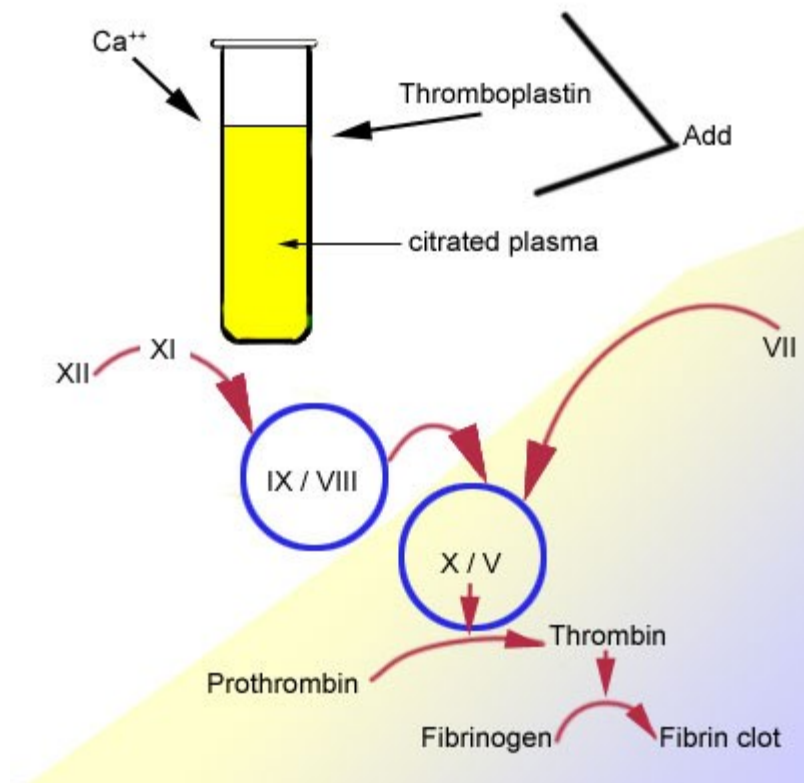
Tests aPTT and PT

Tests: PT and APTT



Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time test

HMWK, high-molecular-weight-kininogen PK, prekallikrein F, factor



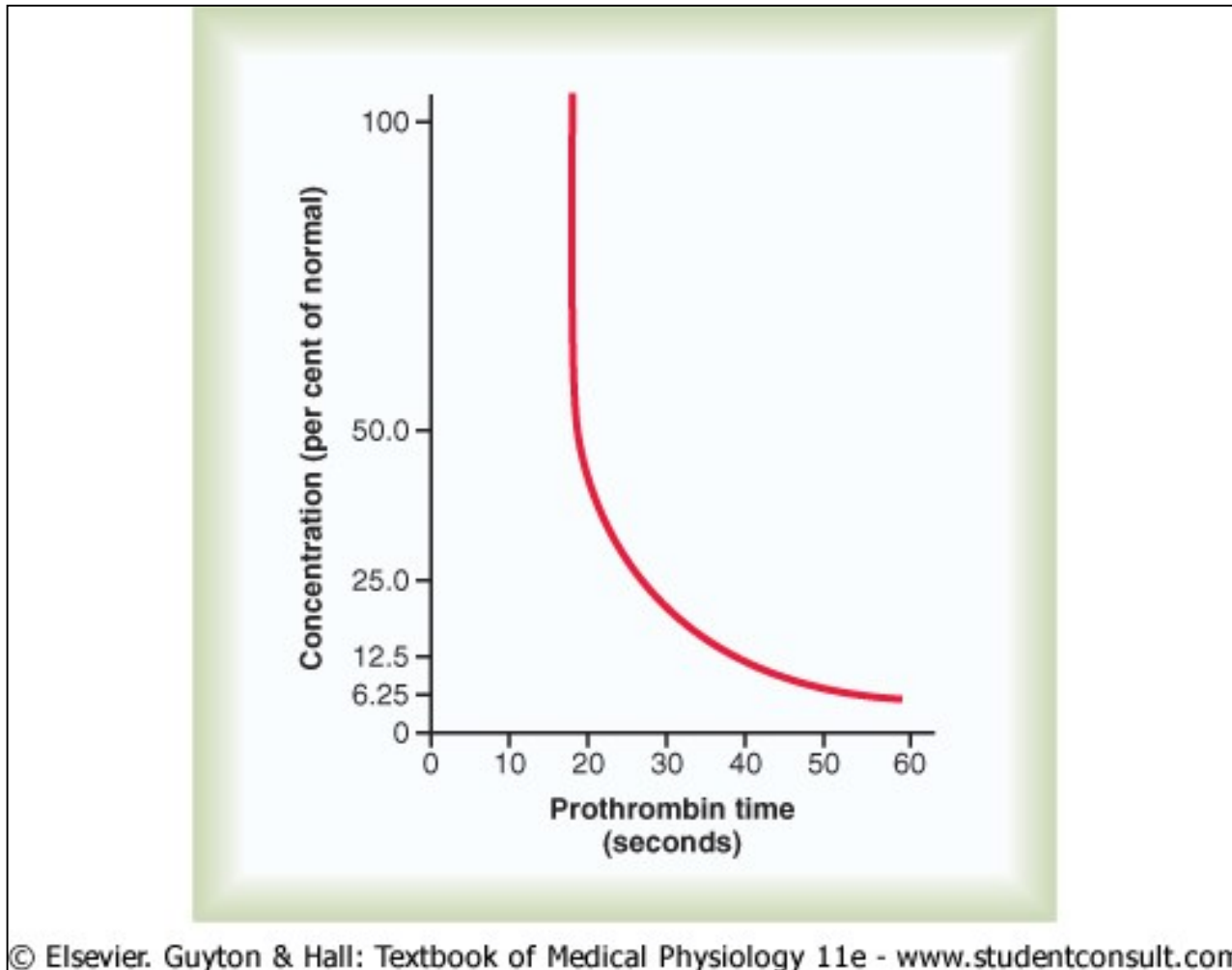
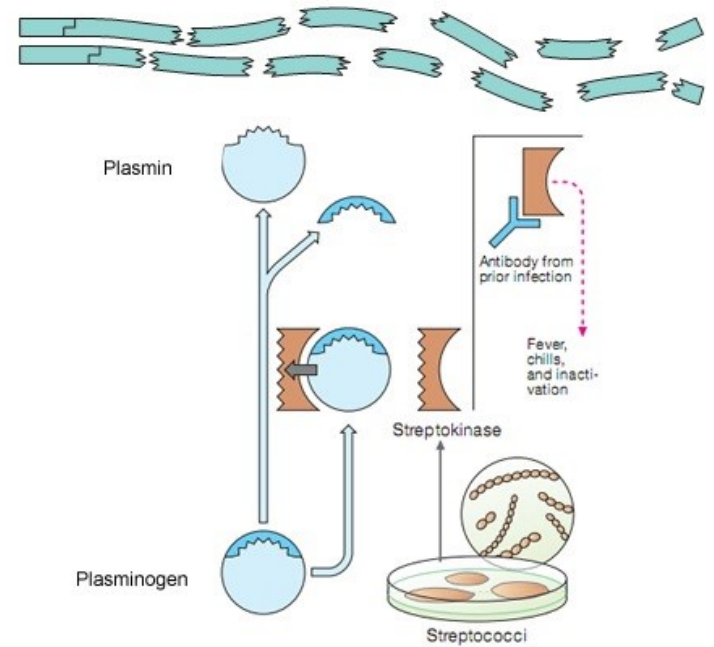
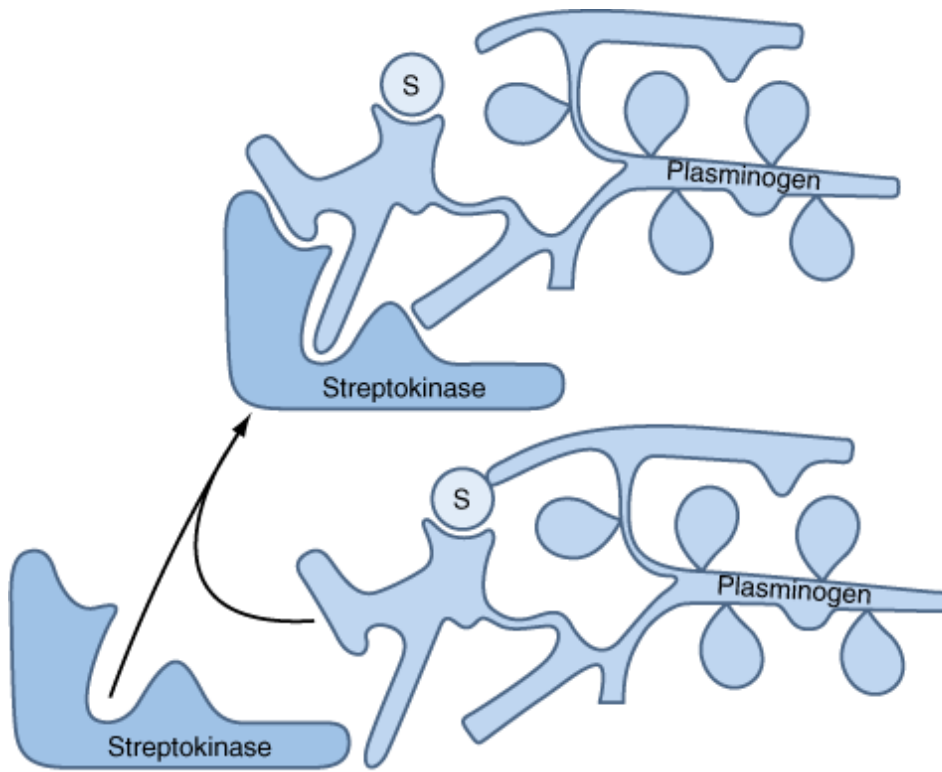


Figure 36-5 Relation of prothrombin concentration in the blood to "prothrombin time."

STREPTOKINASE



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CLOTTING DISORDERS

Clotting diseases = disorders, in which blood clotting starts either spontaneously or after inadequately small stimulus.

Blood clotting disorders caused by diseases of vessels

Disorders of platelets:

1) *thrombocytopenia*

2) *thrombocytopathy*

Coagulopathy – loss or lack of plasmatic clotting factors:

1) *Disorders of synthesis*: hereditary (haemophilia), attained (hypo-vitaminosis K, therapy with derivatives of cumarin)

2) *Disorders of metabolism*:

- consumptive coagulopathy and hyperfibrinolysis
- repeated transfusions
- immunocoagulopathy
- therapy by heparin
- paraproteinemia