



Platelet Structure & Function

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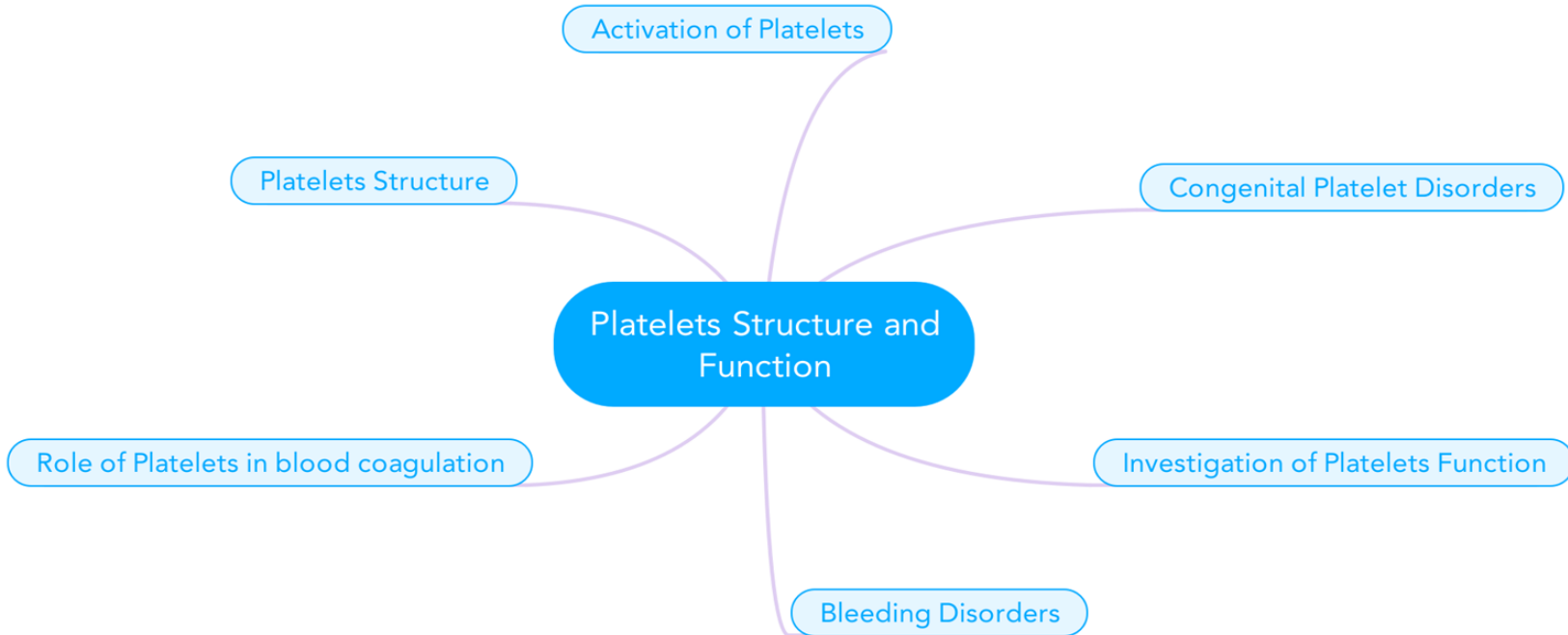
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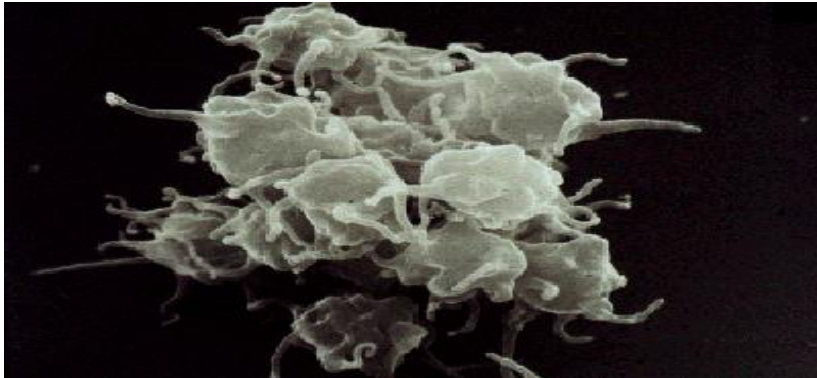


Platelets structure

General characters

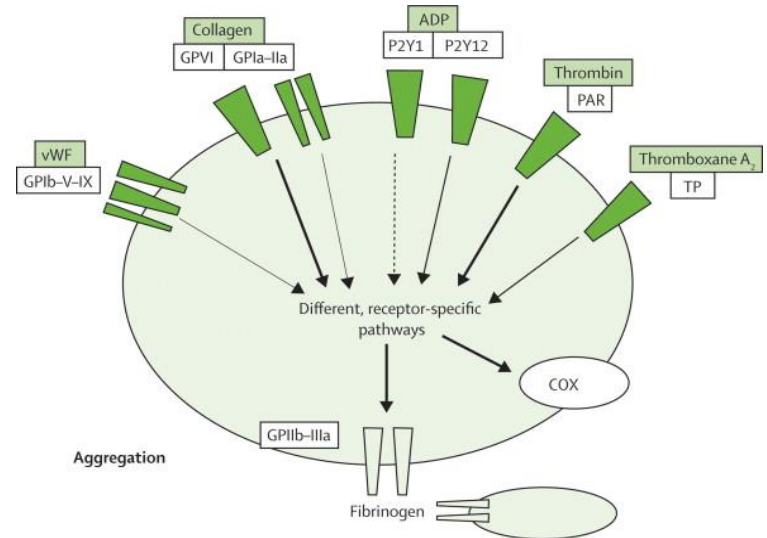
- **Anuclear** and discoid cell spherical when activate
- Platelet count = $(150-300) \times 10^3 / \text{ml}$
- **Size:** 1.5-3.0 μm
- **Life span:** 7-10 days
- Sequestered in the spleen:

hypersplenism may lead to low platelet counts.



PLATELETS RECEPTORS :

- 1-GP IA and GP VI----- collagen
- 2-GP IB-IX-V ----- VW factor
- 3-**GP IIB-IIIa** ----- fibrinogen and VWF
- 4-**TP Alpha** -----TXA₂
- 5-**P2Y₁₂**----- ADP



Platelets EM

1-Mitochondria

2-Microtubules

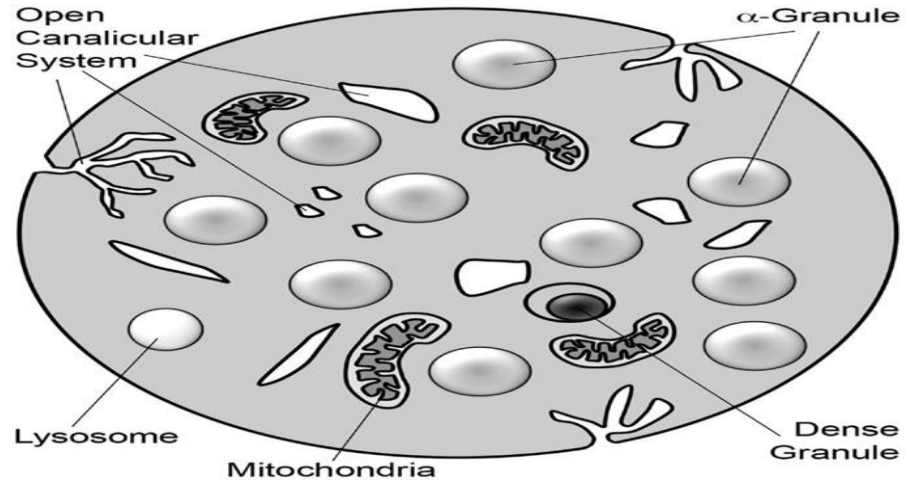
3-Alpha Granules

- von Will brand Factors
- Fibrinogen
- Chemokines (PF4,etc.)
- Thrombospondin
- P-selectin

4-Dense Granules

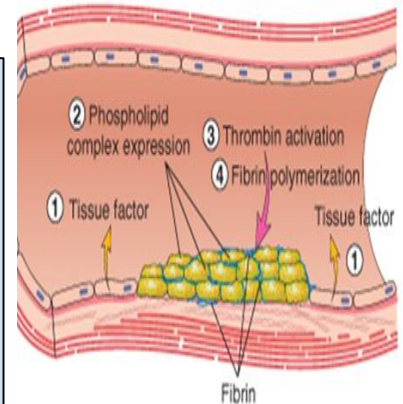
- ADP/ATP
- Calcium
- Serotonin

5-open canalicular system



Hemostasis

1. VASCULAR PHASE
2. PLATELET PHASE
3. COAGULATION PHASE
4. FIBRINOLYTIC PHASE



Platelets Activation

Adhesion

the platelet get activated after this stage when it contact with collagen after endothelial damage by:

- 1- **GP IA, GP VI** (Directly)
- Or
- 2- **(GP IB) > VW factor** (Indirectly)

shape change (Activation)

Aggregation:

Fibrinogen is needed to join platelets to each other via platelet **fibrinogen receptors (GP IIb /IIIa)**

Releasing:

1. **ADP**
 2. **5HT** vasoconstriction
 3. **Platelet phospholipid (PF3)** clot formation.
 4. **Thromboxane A2 (TXA2)** is a prostaglandin formed from arachidonic acid
- Function:**
- vasoconstriction
 - platelet aggregation

clot formation:

Myosin and actin filaments in platelets are stimulated to contract during aggregation further reinforcing the plug and help release of granule contents

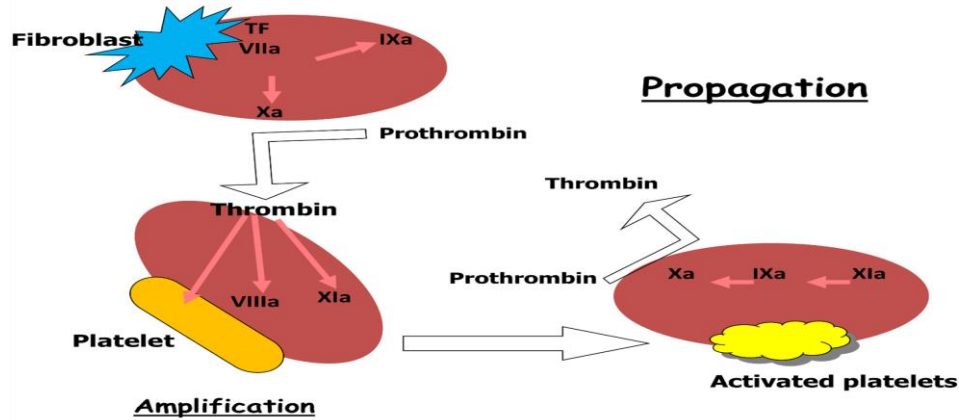
- **TXA2 & serotonin** activate other platelets and are vasoconstrictors decrease blood flow
- **TXA2** inhibited by aspirin (NSAIDS).
- **ADP*** activate other platelets and enhance stickiness and aggregation.

*ADP=Adenosine Diphosphate.

Role of platelets in blood coagulation

Cell based model

- 1-Initiation
- 2-Amplification
- 3-Propagation



Platelet Function :

- 1- maintenance of vascular integrity:
 - by initial arrest of bleeding by platelet **plug formation**.
 - Stabilization of hemostatic plug by **contributing to fibrin formation**.
- 2- Adequate number of Platelets is essential to participate optimally in hemostasis.

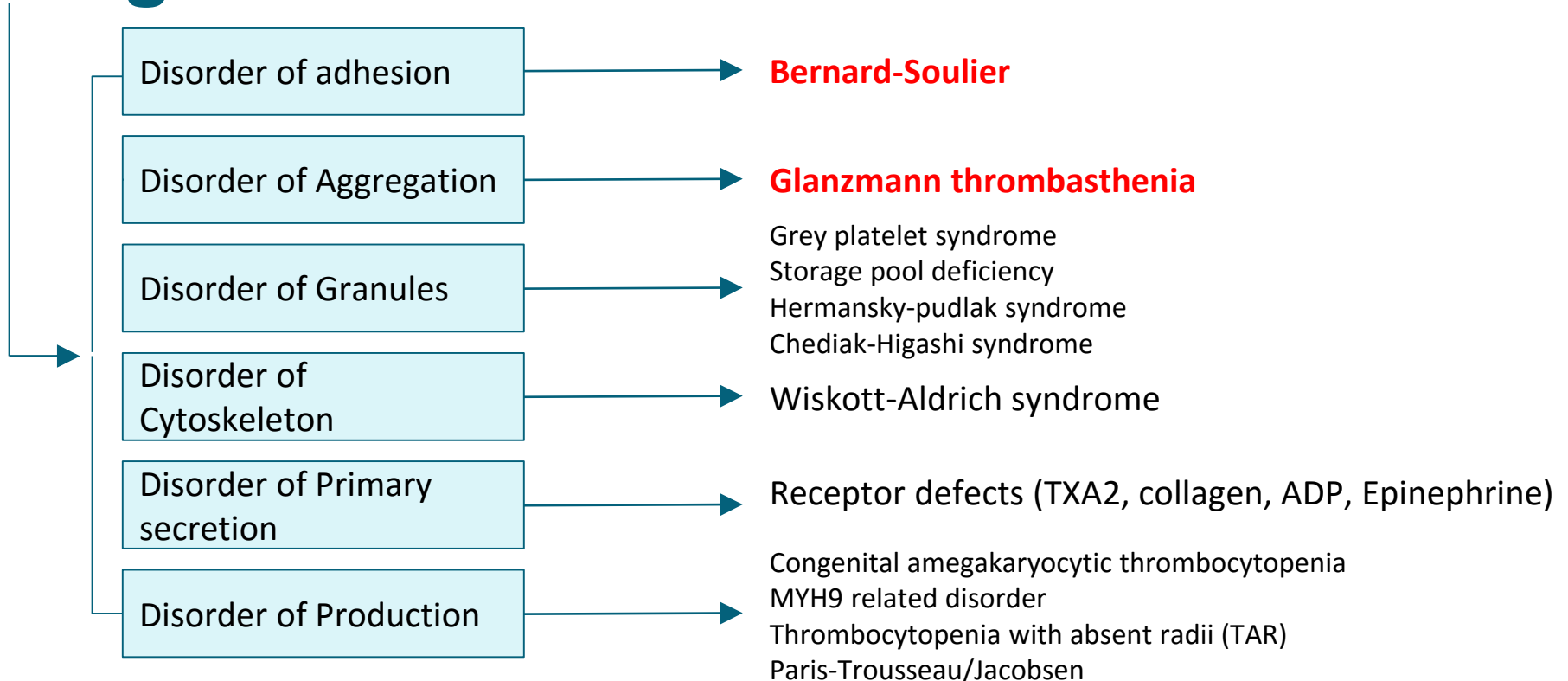


Bleeding disorders

❖ Thrombocytopenia (deficiency in platelet number):-

- Decrease Production:
 - Ex.. Leukemia, Lymphoma, anemias, Viruses(chickenpox, parvovirus, AIDS), chemotherapy & radiation, alcohol excess, Medication(diuretics, chloramphenicol).
- Increased Destruction:
 - Ex.. Autoimmune disease, Medication(vancomycin, rifampin, heparin), Surgery, Infection, Pregnancy.
- Abnormal Destruction
 - Splenomegaly.
- Pseudothrombocytopenia:
 - عددها كويس لكن استيعابها بطيء وما تتحرك الا بالقوة يعني تصوير كسولة ووجودها زي عدمها ويصير كأنه فيه ثرمبوسايتوبينيا
 - Partial clotting of specimen, EDTA-platelet clumping, Platelet satellitism around WBCs, Cold agglutinins and Giant platelets.

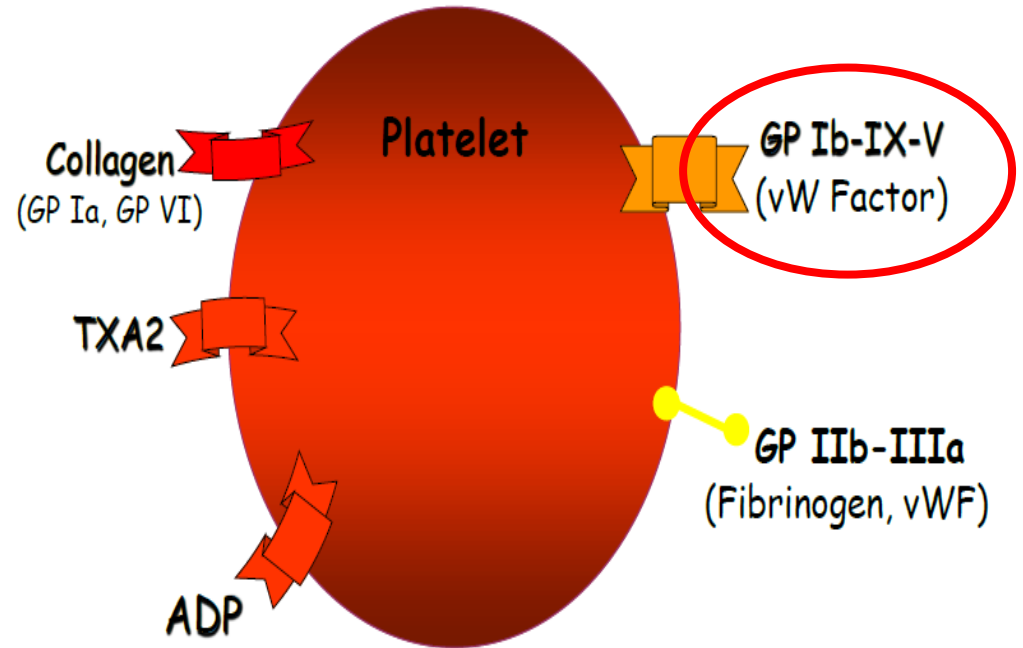
Congenital Platelet Disorders



Bernard-Soulier syndrome

Disorder of Adhesion

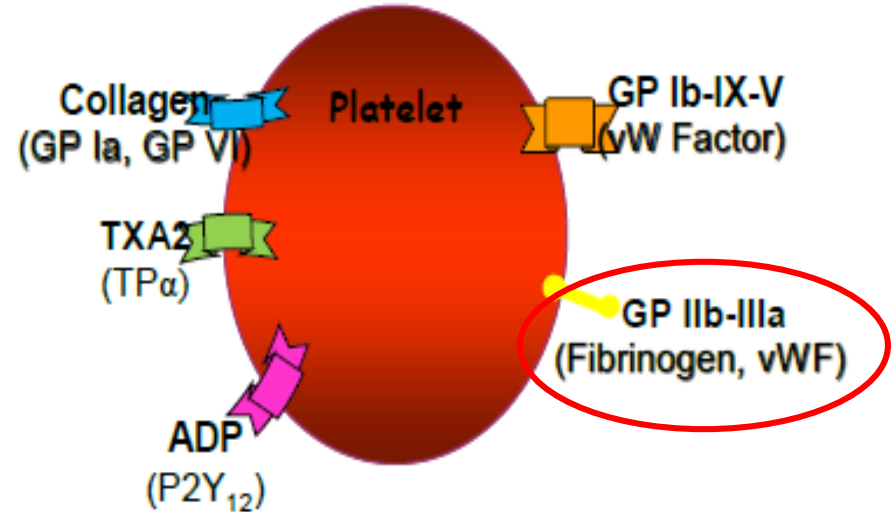
- ❖ Called hemorrhagic parous thrombocytic dystrophy.
- ❖ Rare autosomal recessive coagulopathy (bleeding disorder).
- ❖ Deficiency of **glycoprotein Ib (Gp Ib)**, the receptor for **von Willebrand factor**.
- ❖ BSS is a giant platelet disorder, meaning that it is characterized by abnormally large platelets.



Glanzmann Thrombasthenia

Disorder of Aggregation

- ❖ Is an abnormality of the platelets. It is an extremely rare coagulopathy
- ❖ Deficiency or low levels of **glycoprotein IIb/IIIa (Gp IIb/IIIa)**, which is a receptor for **fibrinogen**. As a result -->
 - no fibrinogen bridging of platelets to other platelets can occur, and the bleeding time is significantly prolonged (↓ Aggregation).



Laboratory Testing of Platelet Function

Bleeding time

a sharp pointed used to pierce the tip of finger or lobe of ear normally the bleeding last for 1-6 min if it is prolonged that's mean lack of platelet

Electron-microscopy

Platelet count & shape

Platelet aggregation

A platelet aggregation test requires a blood sample. The sample will be examined to see how the platelets are distributed through the plasma. Plasma is the liquid part of the blood. The lab technician will also add certain chemicals to your blood sample to test how quickly your platelets form a clot. also called aggregometry.

Platelet function analyzer

Flow-cytometry

Granule release products

(PRP) Platelet rich plasma: provide information on time course of platelet activation.

Agonists :

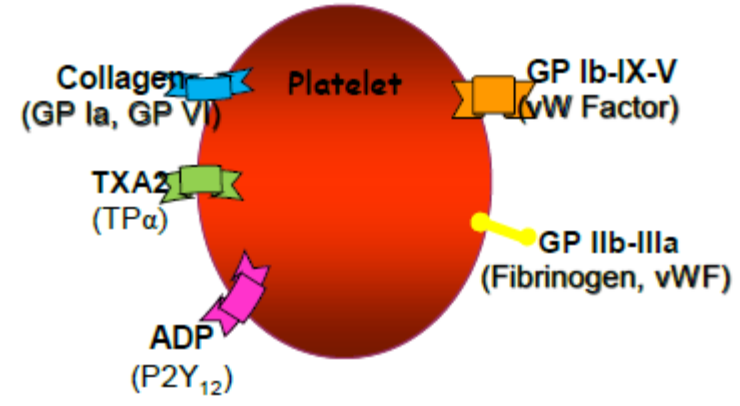
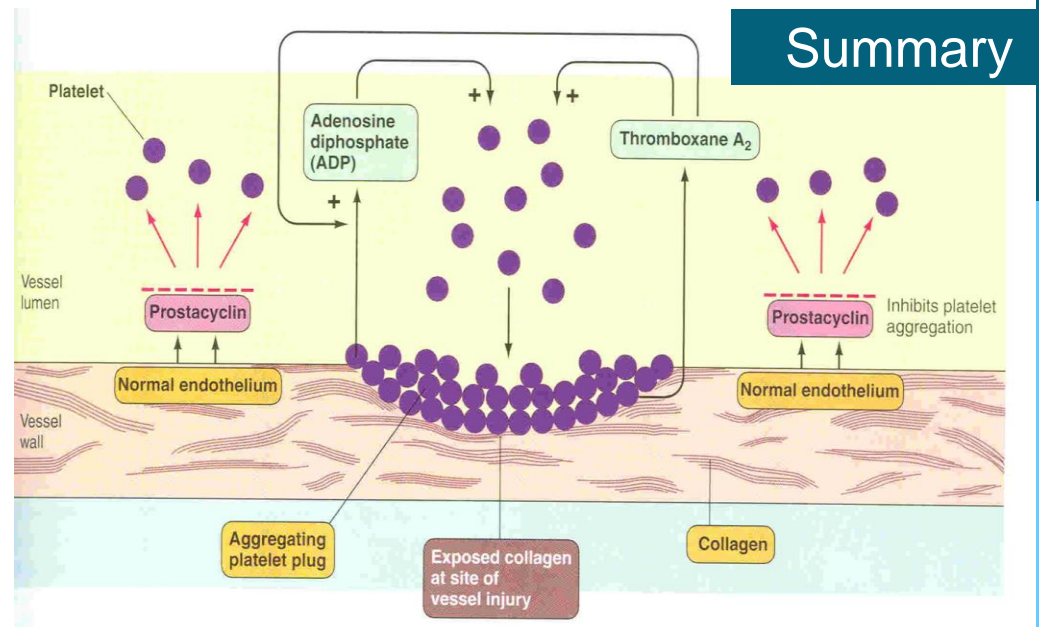
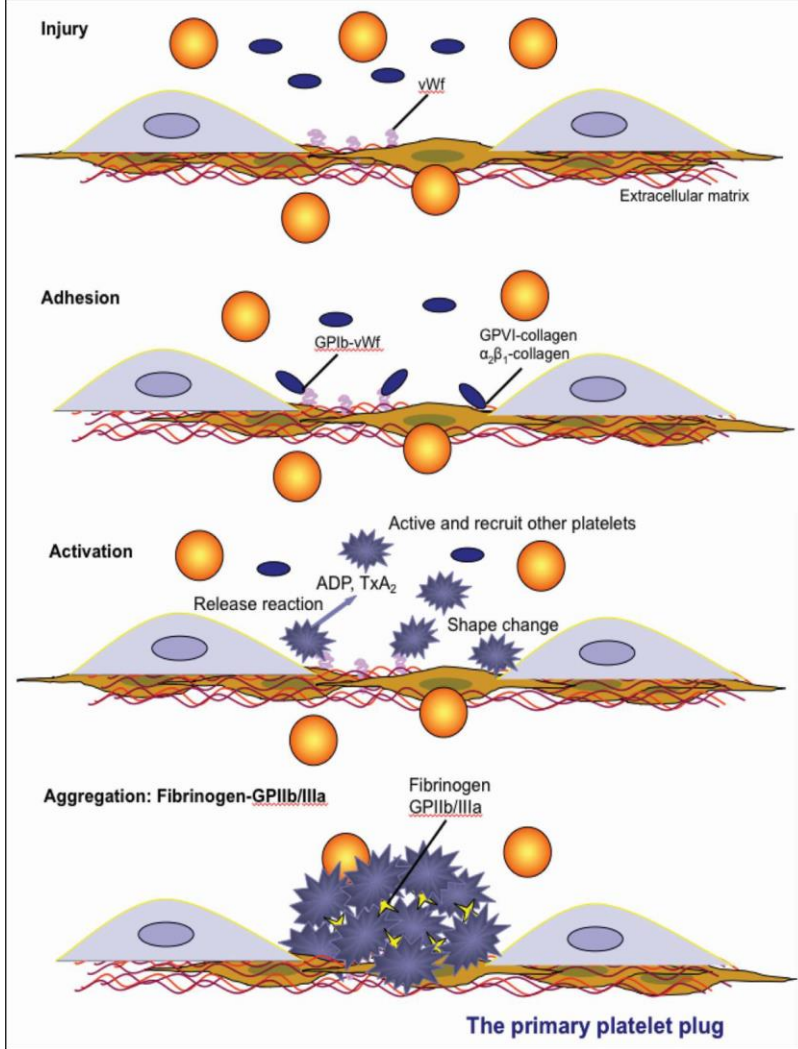
ADP	Arachidonic acid
Collagen	Adrenaline
Ristocetin	Thrombin



Bleeding Time
15:00 Min



Platelet aggregometry
9:36 Min



Answer key: 1:B , 2:D , 3:C, 4:A , 5:D , 6:D

MCQs

1-what is the receptor for Fibrinogen in aggregation:

- A.GP IB-IX-V.
- B.GP IIB-IIIA.
- C.P2Y₁₂.
- D.TP Alpha.

2-Platelets Secrete:

- A.ADP.
- B.Thromboxane A₂.
- C.PF₃
- D.All of the Above.

3-Thrombocytopenia due to increased destruction:

- A.Leukemia.
- B.HIV.
- C.Pregnancy.
- D.Chemotherapy.

4-Activation of platelets when they bind with which Receptor:

- A.GP IB
- B.GP IIB-IIIA.
- C.P2Y₁₂.
- D.TP Alpha.

5-Alpha Granules Contain:

- A.ADP/ATP
- B.Serotonin
- C.Calcium
- D.Fibrinogen

6-Normal Platelets Count:

- A.(100-250)x10³/ml
- B.(200-400)x10³/ml
- C.(15-30)x10³/ml
- D.(150-300)x10³/ml

Q1:What are the stages of platelets in coagulation?**Ans:**

- 1-Adhesion
- 2-Activation
- 3-Secretion
- 4-Clot Formation (Retraction)

Q2:platelets in EM are composed of:**Ans:**

1-Mitochondria, 2-Microtubules, 3-Alpha Granules, 4-Dense Granules, 5-open canalicular system.

Q3:How Thrombocytopenia occurs:

Ans: due to: decreased production, increased destruction, Abnormal Destruction and pseudothrombocytopenia.

Q4:Investigations that we can do them in detect the platelets function:**Ans:**

- 1- Bleeding time. 2- Platelet count. 3- Electron-microscopy .
- 4-Platelet Aggregation. 5- Platelet function analyzer. 6- Flow-cytometry. 7- Granule release products

Thanks for checking our work

Good Luck



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