

Antiplatelet Drugs

objectives

- describe different classes of anti-platelet drugs and their mechanism of action
- understand pharmacological effects, pharmacokinetics, clinical uses and adverse effects of anti-platelet drugs

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● extra information and further explanation

● important

● doctors notes

● Drugs names

● Mnemonics



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Introduction

Platelets and Vessels

- In healthy vessels, **nitric oxide** and **prostacyclin** (released by endothelial cells lining the blood vessels) **inhibit** platelets aggregation.
- Damage** to the vessel wall leads to interaction between (1) Platelets, (2) Endothelial cells and (3) Coagulation factors which lead to formation of the **CLOT**:

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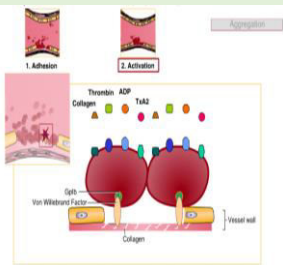
is the CLOT that adheres to vessel wall

EMBOLUS:

is the CLOT that floats in the blood

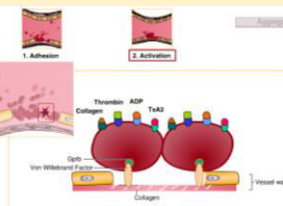
- THROMBOSIS**: is the formation of unwanted clot within the blood vessel, producing life threatening conditions such as:
 - Acute myocardial infarction (MI)
 - Acute ischemic stroke
 - Deep vein thrombosis (DVT)
 - Pulmonary embolism (PE)

Role of Platelets in Homeostasis

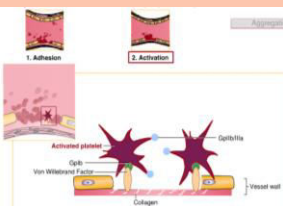


Following vascular injury, **von Willebrand factor** binds to collagen in the exposed subendothelium at the site of injury.

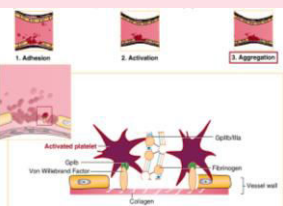
The other site of the “**rod-formed**” von Willebrand factor binds to the platelet receptor **GPIb** and platelets are thereby anchored to the site of the injured endothelium. This is called **adhesion**.



Following adhesion, agonists such as **collagen**, **thrombin**, **adenosine diphosphate (ADP)**, and **thromboxane A₂** activate platelets by binding to their respective platelet receptors.

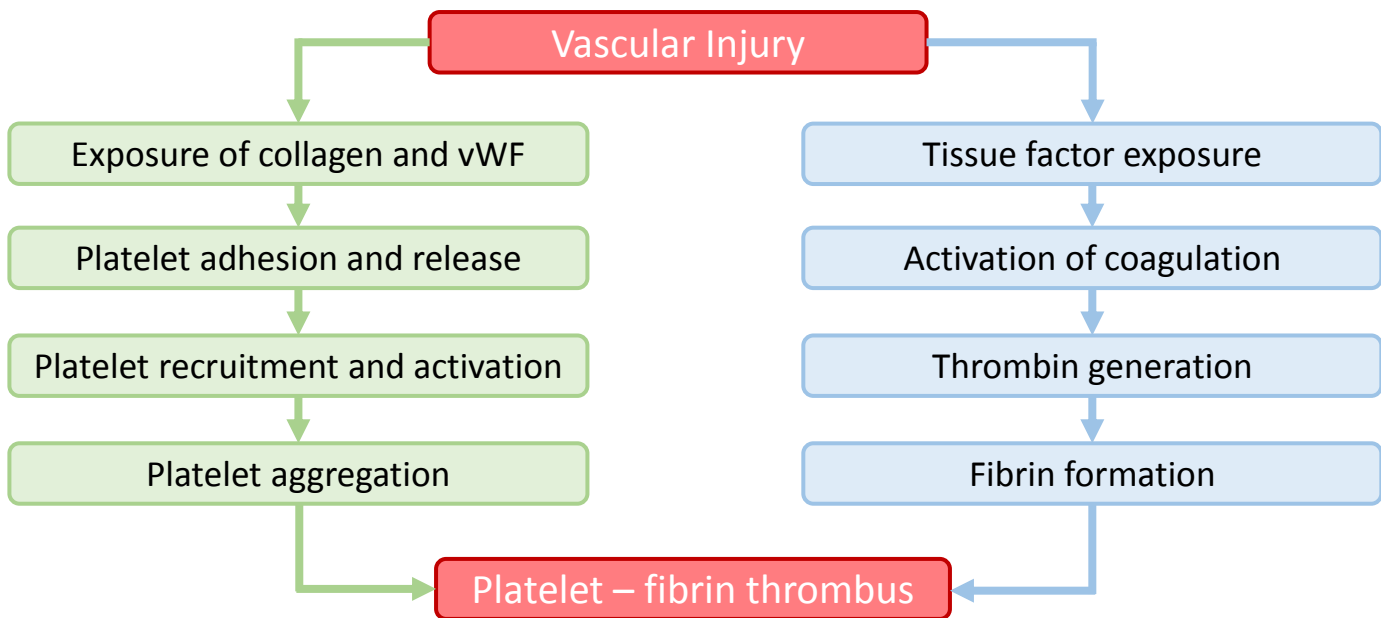


As a result of agonist binding, platelets undergo a **shape change** and new structures such as **phospholipids** and **GPIIb/IIIa receptors** are exposed on the cell membrane. This is called **activation**



The third step of platelet response is **aggregation**. After activation, binding of **fibrinogen to GPIIb/IIIa** causes platelets to adhere to each other into a loose platelet plug.

To understand !

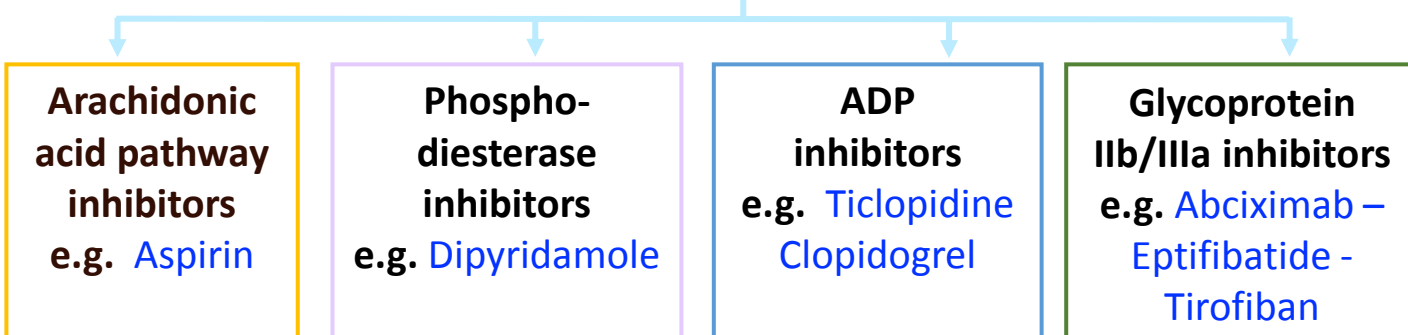


Drugs used in thrombosis

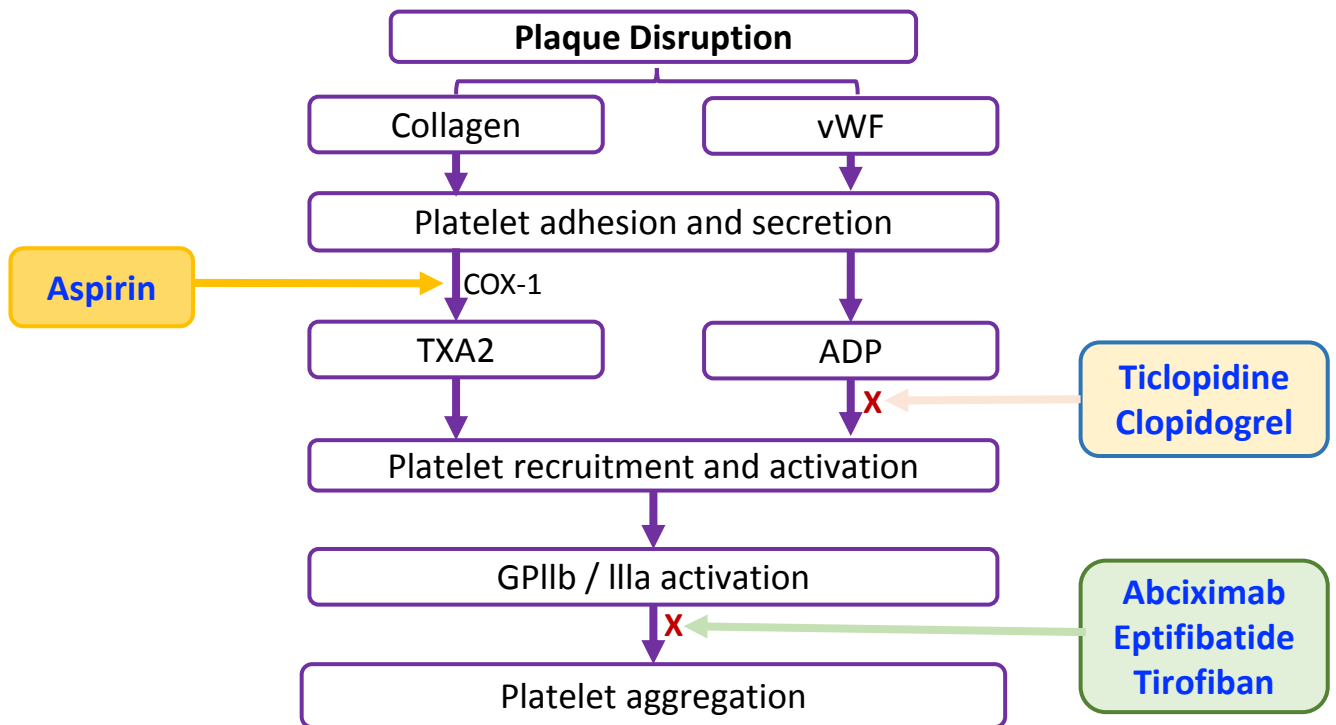
Anticoagulants	Antiplatelets	Thrombolytics or Fibrinolytics
<p>drugs which prevent clotting by inhibiting clotting factors (coagulation process)</p> <p>(used in prevention and treatment of thrombosis).</p>	<p>drugs which prevent and inhibit platelet activation and aggression</p> <p>(used as prophylactic therapy in high risk patients).</p>	<p>act by dissolving existing or already formed thrombi or emboli</p> <p>(used in the acute treatment of thrombosis).</p>

Classification of Antiplatelet Drugs

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Mechanisms of action of antiplatelet drugs



Arachidonic acid pathway inhibitors

Drug	Aspirin (Acetylsalicylic Acid)
M.O.A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irreversible inhibition of cyclooxygenase enzyme (COX-1) via acetylation. Small dose inhibits thromboxane (TXA2) synthesis in platelets <u>But</u> not prostacyclin (PGI₂) synthesis in endothelium (larger dose).
Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prophylaxis of thromboembolism e.g. prevention of transient ischemic attack, ischemic stroke and myocardial infarction. الذبحة الصدرية التي تجي وقت الراحة Prevention of ischemic events in patients with <u>unstable angina pectoris</u>. can be combined with other antiplatelet drugs (clopidogrel) or anticoagulants (heparin).
Dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-dose aspirin (81 mg enteric coated tablet/day) is the most common dose used to prevent a heart attack or a stroke. Given as prophylaxis
ADRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk of peptic ulcer. Because it inhibits prostaglandin synthesis Increased incidence of GIT bleeding (aspirin prolongs bleeding time)

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(ADP= dine)
(ADP= Grel/Girl)

ADP pathway inhibitors

Drug	<p>Ticlopidine اتكلوا بالدين</p>	<p>Clopidogrel صار كلو بدو قيرل Better!</p>
M.O.A	<p>These drugs specifically and irreversibly inhibit ADP receptor of subtype P2Y12*, which is required for platelets activation thus prevent platelet aggregation. * P2Y12 is purinergic receptor and is a chemoreceptor for adenosine diphosphate (ADP).</p>	
P.K	<p>are given orally. have slow onset of action (3 - 5 days). pro-drugs, they have to be activated in the liver. bound to plasma proteins</p>	
Use	<p>Secondary prevention of ischemic complications after myocardial infarction, ischemic stroke and unstable angina.</p>	
ADRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sever neutropenia, CBC should be done monthly during treatment. Bleeding (prolong bleeding time). G.I.T : nausea, dyspepsia, diarrhea. Allergic reactions. 	<p>Worse with ticlopidine</p> <p>اتكلوا بالدين، لأن ديننا وسطى (neutralize = neutropenia) (ticlopidine)</p>
Drug Interactions	<p>inhibit CYT P450 causing increased plasma levels of drugs such as phenytoin and carbamazepine.</p>	
Notes	<p>can't be taken with food</p> <p>Why clopidogril had replaced ticlopidine?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> is more potent than ticlopidine Longer duration of action than ticlopidine Less frequency of administration (given once daily). Less side effects (less neutropenia). Bioavailability is unaffected by food. Clopidogrel has replaced ticlopidine
Indication	<p>كلها زي بعض الا الاسبيرين بروفيلاكسس</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For patients with a history of recent myocardial infarction (MI), recent stroke, or established peripheral arterial disease. For patients with acute coronary syndrome (unstable angina/ MI): either those managed medically or with percutaneous coronary intervention* (PCI) with or without stent.

*Coronary angioplasty (percutaneous coronary intervention, PCI) is a procedure used to open clogged heart arteries. Angioplasty involves temporarily inserting and inflating a tiny balloon to help widen the artery.



New ADP Pathway Inhibitors

Drug	Prasugrel	البنت حلاها بالأدب (ADP= Grel/Girl) More preferred than the old ones	Ticagrelor
M.O.A	Irreversible inhibitor of the P2Y12 receptor		Reversible inhibitor of the P2Y12 receptor يرتبط معه تكا ويروح ما يطول
P.K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> both have more rapid onset of action than clopidogrel both drugs do not need hepatic activation. not prodrug 		
Use	to reduce the rate of thrombotic cardiovascular events (including stent thrombosis) in patients with acute coronary syndrome who are to be managed by PCI.		
ADRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> both increase bleeding risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> both increase bleeding risk dyspnea باقي تكا يا بنتي ويروح نفسي 	

Glycoprotein IIb/ IIIa receptor inhibitors

Strongest pathway		من شافوه طاروا فيه باين	إيدي فيه بالتايد ويروح
Drug	Abciximab عيسى زيي راح بخرايطها	شفت أي بي سي زيها أبيتك تحفظ الخريطة Tirofiban (Non peptide drug)	Eptifibatide (peptide drug)
M.O.A	inhibits platelet aggregation by preventing the binding of fibronigen, von Willebrand factor, and other adhesive molecules to GPIIb/IIIa receptor sites on activated platelets prevent the activation and final step of aggregation	Act by occupying the site on glycoprotein IIb/ IIIa receptor that is required to bind the platelet to fibrinogen (act as fibrinogen-mimetic agents).	
P.K	Given I.V. infusion	They are given intravenously	
Use	Used with heparin and aspirin as adjunct to PCI for the prevention of cardiac ischemic complications.	Used for the reduction of incidence of thrombotic complications during coronary angioplasty (PCI)	
Notes	Glycoprotein IIb/ IIIa receptor is required for platelet aggregation with each others and with fibrinogen and von Willbrand factor.		

Phosphodiesterase Inhibiter

Drug	<div style="border: 1px dashed cyan; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Two <u>mole</u> of <u>phosphate</u> Dipyridamole = Phosphodiesterase </div> Dipyridamole
M.O.A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a vasodilator. Inhibits phosphodiesterase (an enzyme that normally break down cAMP) thus increases cAMP and decreased synthesis of thromboxane A2 and other platelet aggregating factors.
Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given orally. Adjunctive therapy for prophylaxis of thromboembolism in cardiac valve replacement (with warfarin). Secondary prevention of stroke and transient ischemic attack (with aspirin). used in combination with other drugs due to its Weakness
ADRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Headache Postural hypotension <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px;"> ← Because it's a vasodialator </div>

Summary

Mechanism of action	Drug	ROA
Inhibition of thromboxane A2 synthesis via inhibiting COX-1	Aspirin	Oral
ADP receptor antagonists	Clopidogrel	Oral
	Ticlopidine	
GP IIb / IIIa receptor antagonists	Abciximab Tirofiban Eptifibatide	I.V. Given in surgeries
Phosphodiesterase (PDE) inhibitor	Dipyridamole	Oral

Summary

1-Arachidonic acid pathway inhibitors: Aspirin

-M.O.A:

Irreversible inhibition of COX-1 via acetylation

-Use:

Prophylaxis of thromboembolism and Prevention of ischemic events

-Dose: Low-dose aspirin

-ADRs:

Risk of peptic ulcer

Increased incidence of GIT bleeding

2-Phosphodiesterase inhibitors: Dipyridamole

-M.O.A:

Inhibits phosphodiesterase & It is a vasodilator

-Use:

Adjunctive therapy for prophylaxis of thromboembolism (with warfarin) & Secondary prevention of stroke and transient ischemic attack (with aspirin)

-ADRs:

Headache & **Postural hypotension**

4-New ADP Pathway Inhibitors:

Prasugrel: Irreversible inhibitor of the P2Y12 receptor

Ticagrelor: Reversible inhibitor of the P2Y12 receptor & cause **dyspnea**

-Use:

reduce the rate of thrombotic cardiovascular events

-ADRs:

increase bleeding risk

No risk of Neutropenia.

5-Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibitors:

Abciximab:

-M.O.A:

inhibits the binding to GPIIb/IIIa receptor

-P.K: I.V. infusion → acute case / during surgery (such as coronary angioplasty)

-Use:

with heparin and aspirin as adjunct to PCI for the prevention of cardiac ischemic complications

Eptifibatide –Tirofiban:

-M.O.A:

act as fibrinogen- mimetic agents

-P.K: I.V. infusion

3-ADP pathway inhibitors: Ticlopidine & Clopidogrel

-M.O.A:

Irreversibly inhibit ADP receptor of subtype P2Y12

-P.K: orally, pro-drugs,

have slow onset of action

-Use: Secondary prevention

For patients **with acute coronary syndrome** (unstable angina/ MI) → clopidogrel

-ADRs:

Sever neutropenia → Ticlopidine

-interactions:

inhibit CYT P450

MCQs

Q1: Which of the P2Y12 ADP receptor antagonists reversibly binds the receptor
A. Tirofiban. B. Ticagrelor. C. Ticlopidine.

Q2: A 56-year-old man came to the emergency room with complaints of swelling, redness, and pain in his right leg. The patient is diagnosed with acute DVT and requires treatment with an antiplatelet immediately. Which one of the following can be used in his case ?

A. Tirofiban. B. Ticagrelor. C. Ticlopidine.

Q3: A 59-year-old female presents to the emergency room and she is diagnosed with valvular atrial fibrillation. She requires valve replacement surgery immediately. Which one of the following Antiplatelet can be used in her case during surgery ?

A. Tirofiban. B. Ticagrelor. C. Ticlopidine.

Q4: All of the following Antiplatelet drugs act as ADP inhibitors except :

A. Tirofiban. B. Ticagrelor. C. Ticlopidine.

Q5: All of the following Antiplatelet drugs act by blocking the adhesion or activation of platelet except* :

A. Aspirin. B. Tirofiban. C. Ticlopidine.

Q6: Which one of the following Antiplatelet drugs act as fibrinogen mimetic agent and block GP IIb / IIIa receptors in platelet ?

A. Aspirin. B. Eptafibatide. C. Prasugrel.

Q7: Which one of the following Antiplatelet drugs can be used in patient with liver diseases ?**

A. Clopidogrel. B. Ticlopidine. C. Ticagrelor.

*Q5: Tirofiban act mainly on aggregation phase of platelet.

** Q7: the new ADP such as Ticagrelor do not need hepatic activation. because they are not prodrug



MCQs

Q8: Which of the following is a common serious side effect of ticlopidine ?

- A. Prolong Bleeding. B. Postural hypotension. C. Neutropenia.

Q9: Which one of the following Antiplatelet drugs should be monitored by complete blood count for the patient every month ?

- A. Clopidogrel. B. Ticlopidine. C. Ticagrelor.

Q10: Which one of the following Antiplatelet drugs is not recommended to be used in patient who is on phenytoin as anti-epileptic drug ?

- A. Tirofiban. B. Ticlopidine. C. Abciximab.

Q11: Which one of the following Antiplatelet drugs can cause dyspnea as adverse effect ?

- A. Tirofiban. B. Ticagrelor. C. Ticlopidine.

Q12: Which one of the following Antiplatelet drugs can cause postural hypotension as adverse effect ?

- A. Prasugrel. B. Clopidogrel. C. Dipyridamole.

Q13: Which one of the following drugs is the most potent as Antiplatelet ?

- A. Abciximab. B. Aspirin.. C. Clopidogrel.

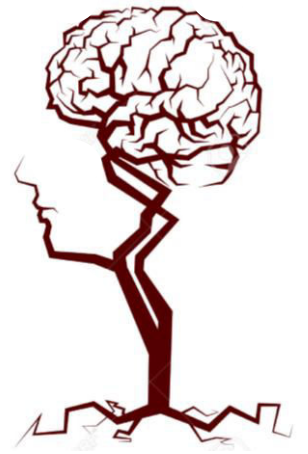
Q14: Which one of the following Antiplatelet drugs act by blocking GP IIb/IIIa and inhibit platelet aggregation ?

- A. Abciximab. B. Ticagrelor. C. Prasugrel.

Q15: Which one of the following Antiplatelet drugs is given intravenously and can be used during operation and acute emergency case ?

- A. Abciximab. B. Aspirin. C. Clopidogrel.





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