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Hemostasis & disorders

Coagulation = Love !!!!

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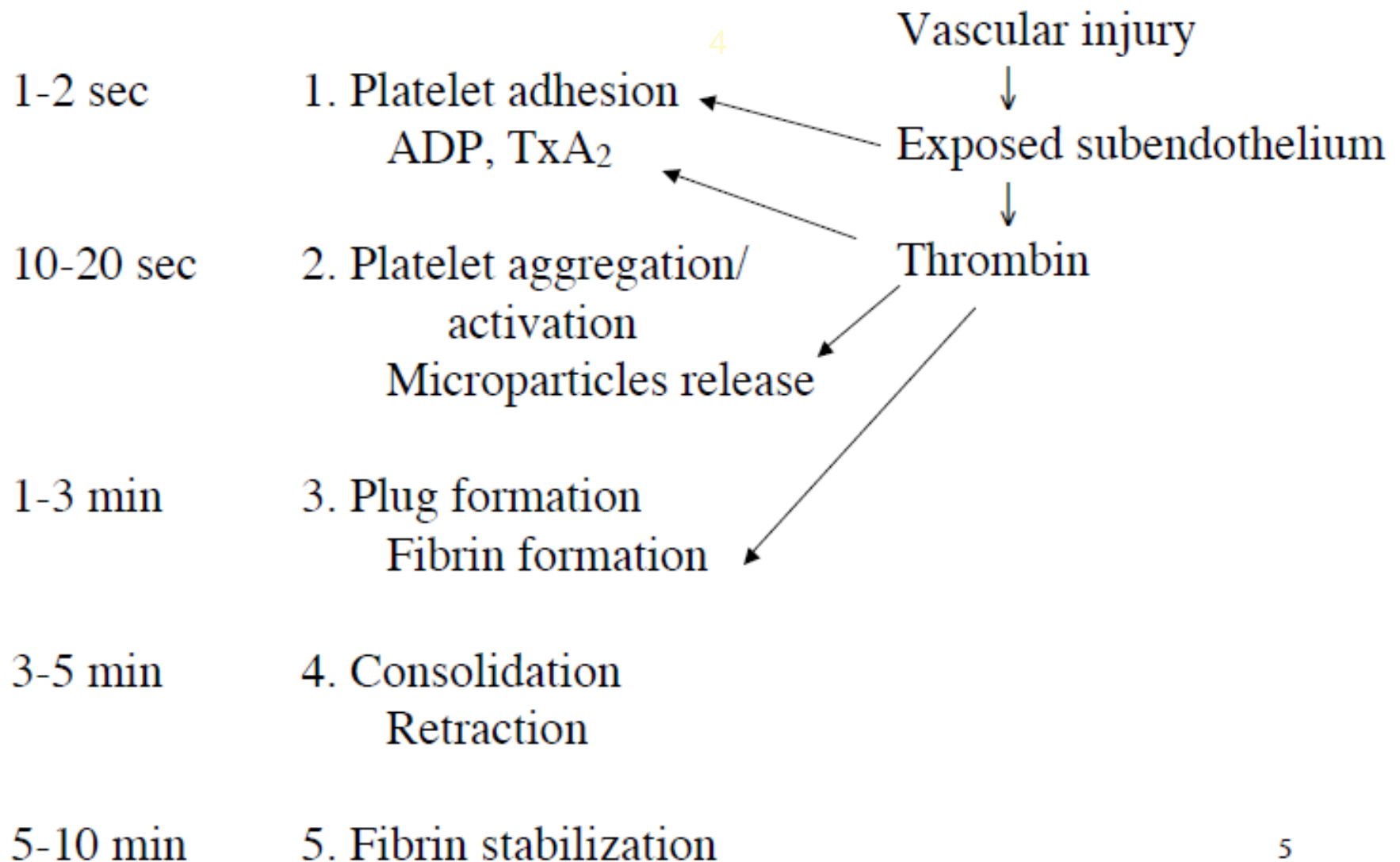
But

Just a few people understand it

Hemostasis

- *Heme*= blood
- *stasis*= to halt
- Process of retaining blood within the vascular system
- Repairs injury to blood vessels
- Stops or prevents blood loss

Overview of Hemostasis



Hemostasis

- **Components**

- **Vascular System**
 - Controls rate of blood flow
- **Platelet System**
 - Interaction of vasculature and platelets form a **temporary** plug
- **Coagulation System**
 - (i.e) fibrin forming
- **Fibrinolytic System**
 - Fibrin lysing
- **Coagulation Inhibition System**
 - Natural inhibitors
 - Control fibrin formation and fibrin lysis

Failure or deficiencies in any of these five systems can lead to varying degrees of uncontrolled hemorrhaging or clotting

Following injury, each component must function optimally.

Hemostasis Consists of three stages

- Primary Hemostasis

- Process of blood clotting in response to injury where **blood vessels** (vasculature) and **platelets** and **vWF** are the main "players."
- **Primary Hemostatic plug** is formed

- Secondary Hemostasis

- Actions of the **coagulation factors** in response to injury
- At this time, blood has changed into a solid state

- Fibrinolysis

- **Clot is removed** following healing of wound

Vascular System: Blood Vessels

Endothelium

- Single layer of endothelial cells, lining vessels
- Coated by glycocalyx
- Produces Von Willebrand's factor (vWF)
- Secretes prostaglandins, plasminogen activators
- Negatively charged, repels circulating proteins and platelets

Subendothelium

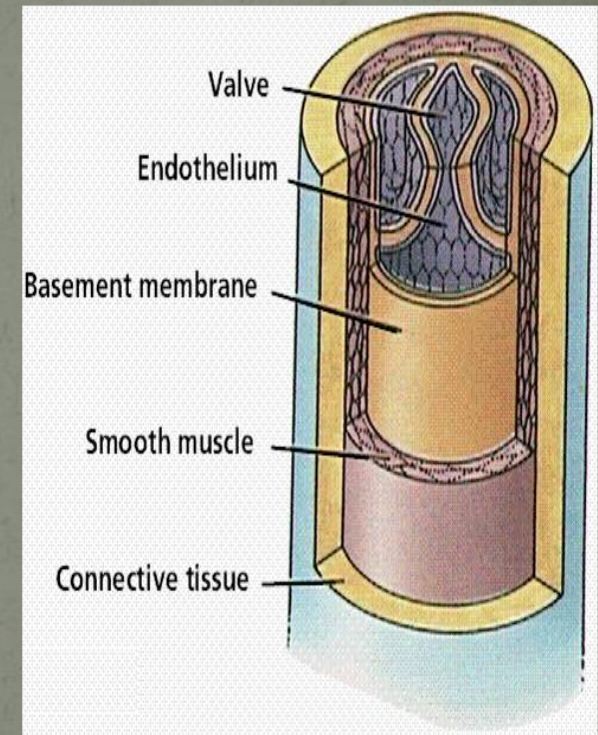
- Smooth muscle and connective tissue with collagen fibers

Basement membrane

- Collagen material - stimulates platelets

Connective tissue

- Elastic fibers- provide support around vessels



Vascular System: Function Following Injury

- Initiate hemostasis
 - Vasoconstriction of the arterioles
 - Minimizes blood flow to injured area
 - Prevents blood loss
 - Immediate
 - Short-lived

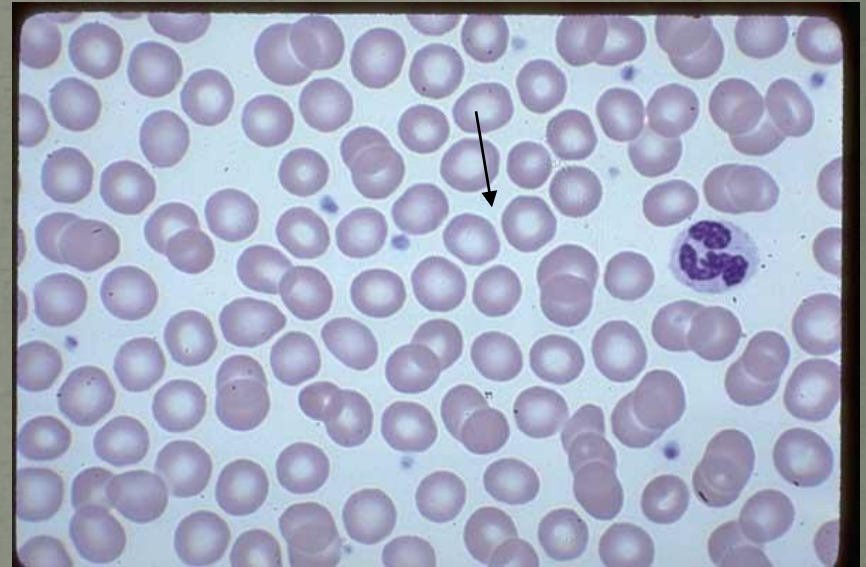
Platelets:

Second major component of the hemostatic system

- Small 2-3 μm
- Anuclear
- Fragments of megakaryocyte cytoplasm
- Life span
 - 9-10 days
- Normal Range
 - $150-450 \times 10^9 /\text{L}$

Growth factors:

TPO and IL-11

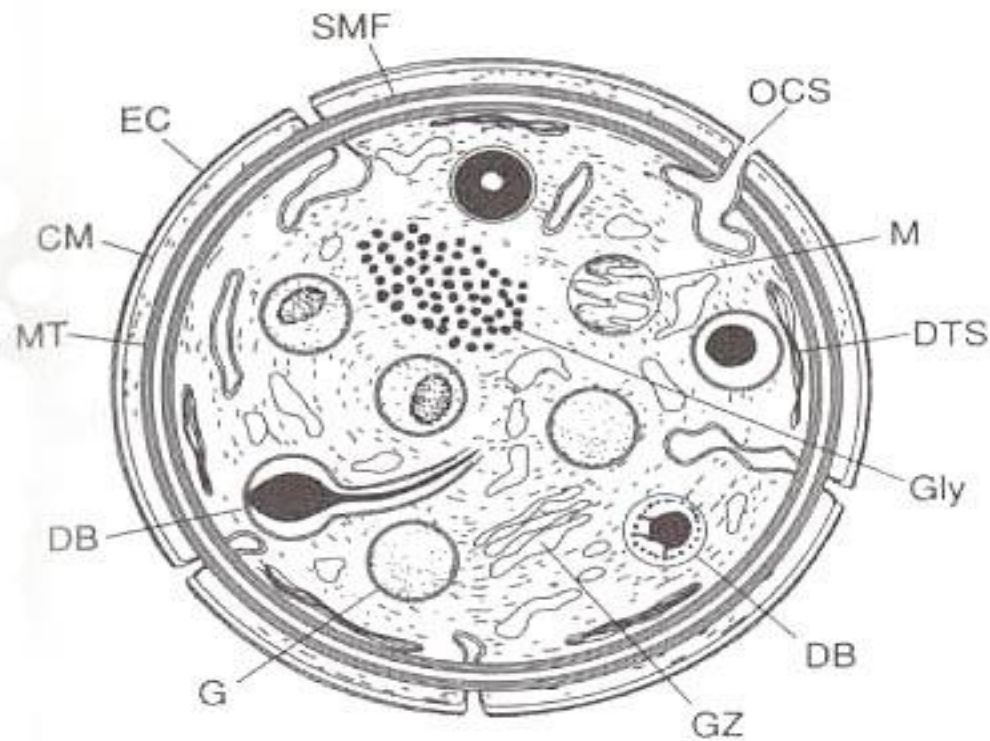


Anatomy of a Platelet

- **Peripheral zone:** Responsible for platelet adhesion and aggregation
 - **Glycocalyx:**
 - Contains glycoprotein receptors:
 - GPIb binds von Willebrand's factor needed for platelet adhesion to collagen
 - GPIIb/IIIa bind fibrinogen needed for aggregation
 - **Plasma membrane:**
 - Exposed on platelet activation
 - Layer called PF_3 (platelet factor) surface for interaction of plasma coagulation factors
 - Initiation of **formation of thromboxane A_2 ($TX A_2$)**. **that** stimulates aggregation and vasoconstriction

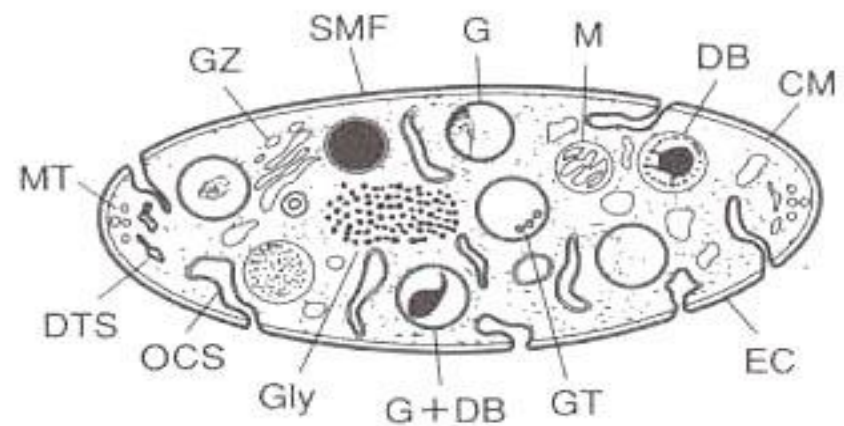
Anatomy of a Platelet

- **Structural or Sol-Gel zone:** Responsible for platelet retraction/contraction functions and platelet shape
 - Microtubules
 - Cytoskeleton
 - Binding protein
- **Organelle zone:** Responsible for storage and platelet release functions
 - Granules
 - Dense bodies, alpha granules, lysosomal granules and microperoxisomes
 - Mitochondria
 - Glycogen



Schematic figure for electron microscopic picture of equatorial section of platelet
(White, 1971)

EC : external coat (surface coat)
 CM : cell membrane (unit membrane)
 SMF : submembrane filaments
 MT : microtubules
 DB : dense body
 G : α -granules (specific granules)



Electron microscopic picture of longitudinal section of platelet

M : mitochondria
 OCS : open canalicular system
 DTS : dense tubular system
 GZ : Golgi zone (Golgi apparatus)
 Gly : Glycogen

Platelet Receptors

- GPIb/IX – vWF
 - Required for PLT adhesion
- GPIIb/IIIa – Fibrinogen
 - Required for PLT aggregation
- Phospholipid (PI)
 - Bind vitamin K dependent proteins , Ca^{++} dependent
 - Bind Va and VIIIa (called “PF₃” in this context)

Stage 1: Platelet Adhesion

stages of platelet activation

Stage 2: Platelet Aggregation
and plug formation

Stage 3: Platelet Secretion

Stage 1: Platelet Adhesion

- Platelets attach to non-platelet surfaces, such as collagen fibers in the subendothelium
- Exposure to surfaces in the tissues causes them to bind to collagen with the presence of von Willebrand factor (vWF) and Glycoprotein IbIX, making a bridge formation, which triggers a shape change
- Reversible

Stage 2: Platelet aggregation

- Chemical changes cause platelets to aggregate and stick to one another
- Newly arriving platelets become activated by agonists
- Exposure of GPIIb/IIIa sites bind fibrinogen
- Fibrinogen + activated platelets serves as a bridge between two platelets
- Calcium must be present
- Activated platelet membrane generates TXA_2
- TXA_2 stimulates release

Arachidonic acid

Cyclo-oxygenase

Cyclic Endoperoxides

ENDOTHELIAL CELL

Prostacyclin
synthetase

Prostacyclin
(PGI_2)

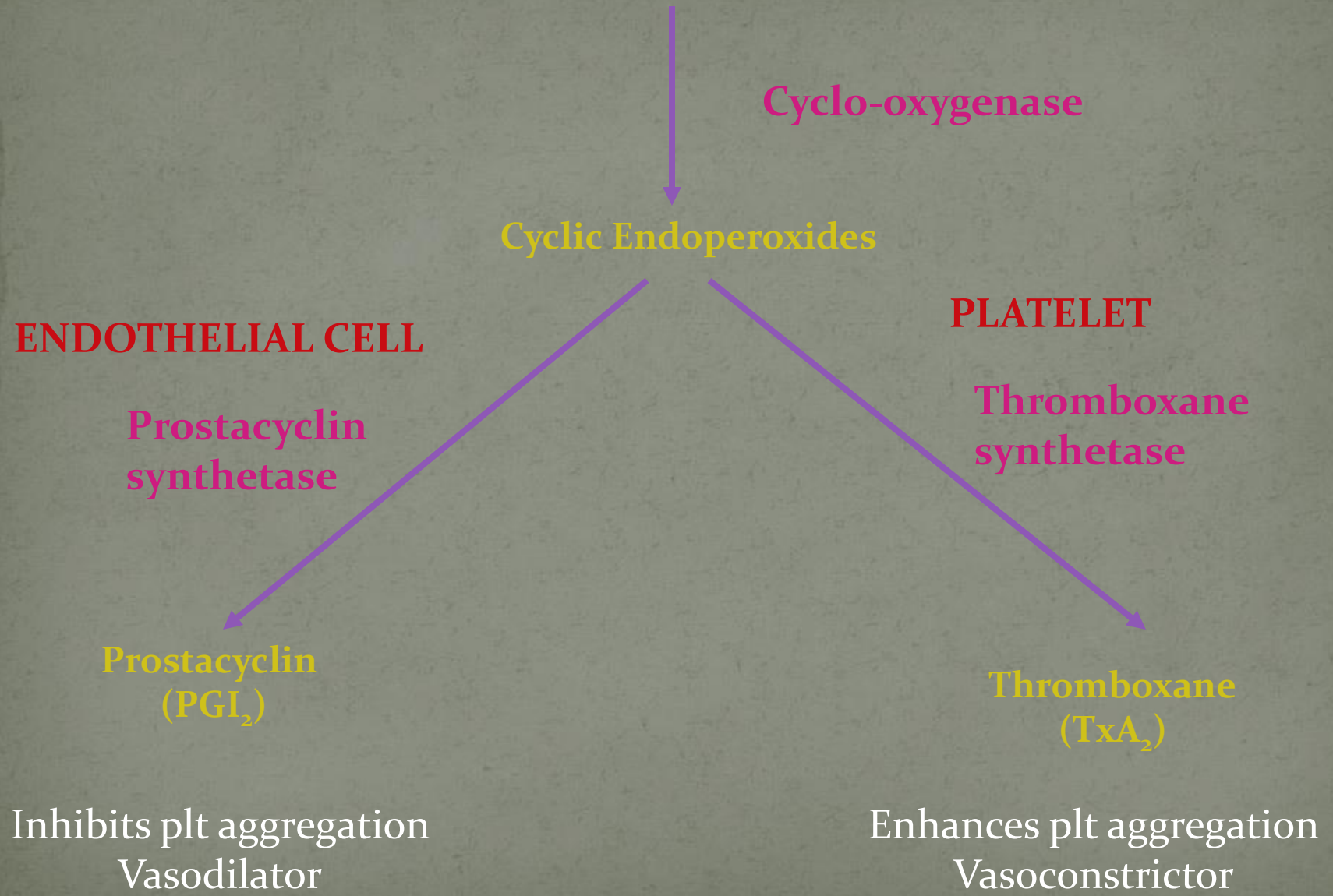
Inhibits plt aggregation
Vasodilator

PLATELET

Thromboxane
synthetase

Thromboxane
(TxA_2)

Enhances plt aggregation
Vasoconstrictor

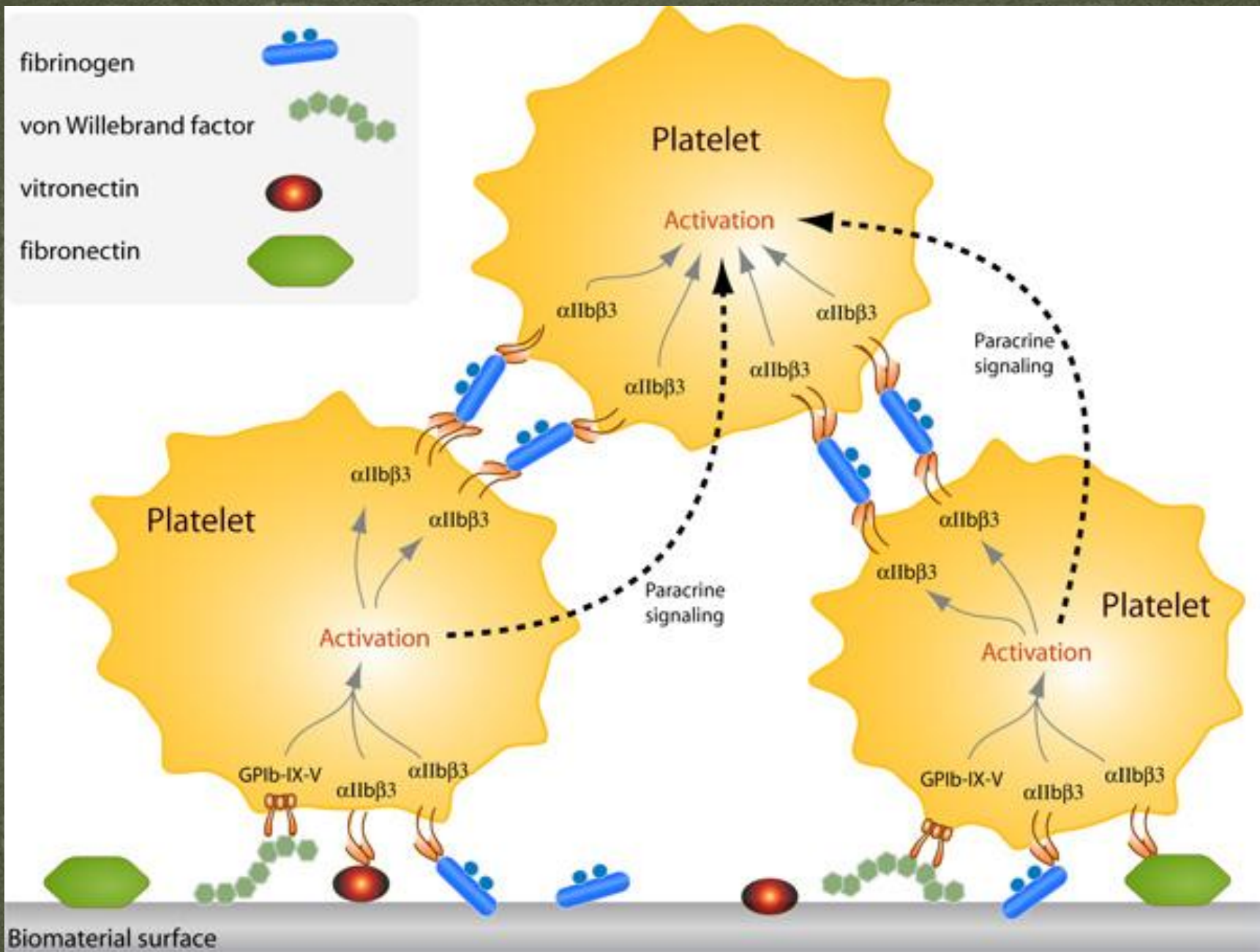


fibrinogen

von Willebrand factor

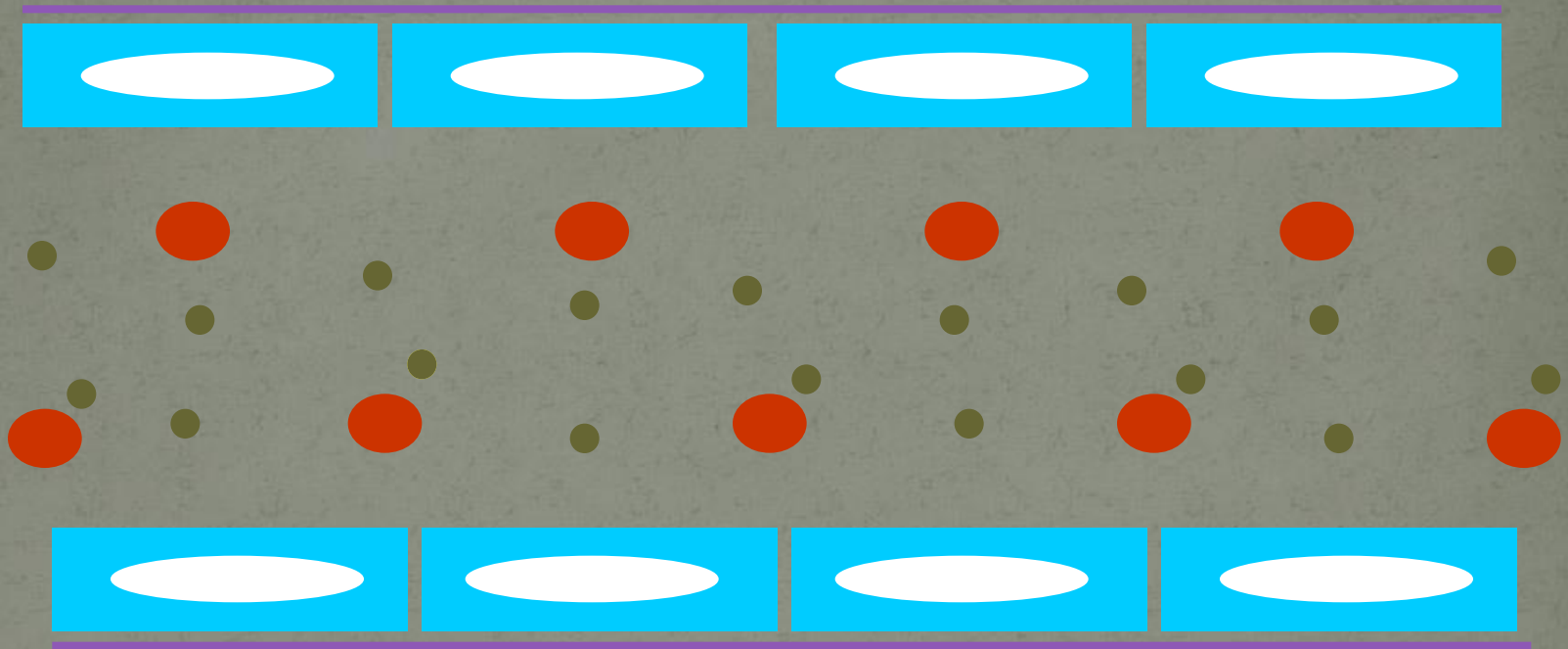
vitronectin

fibronectin



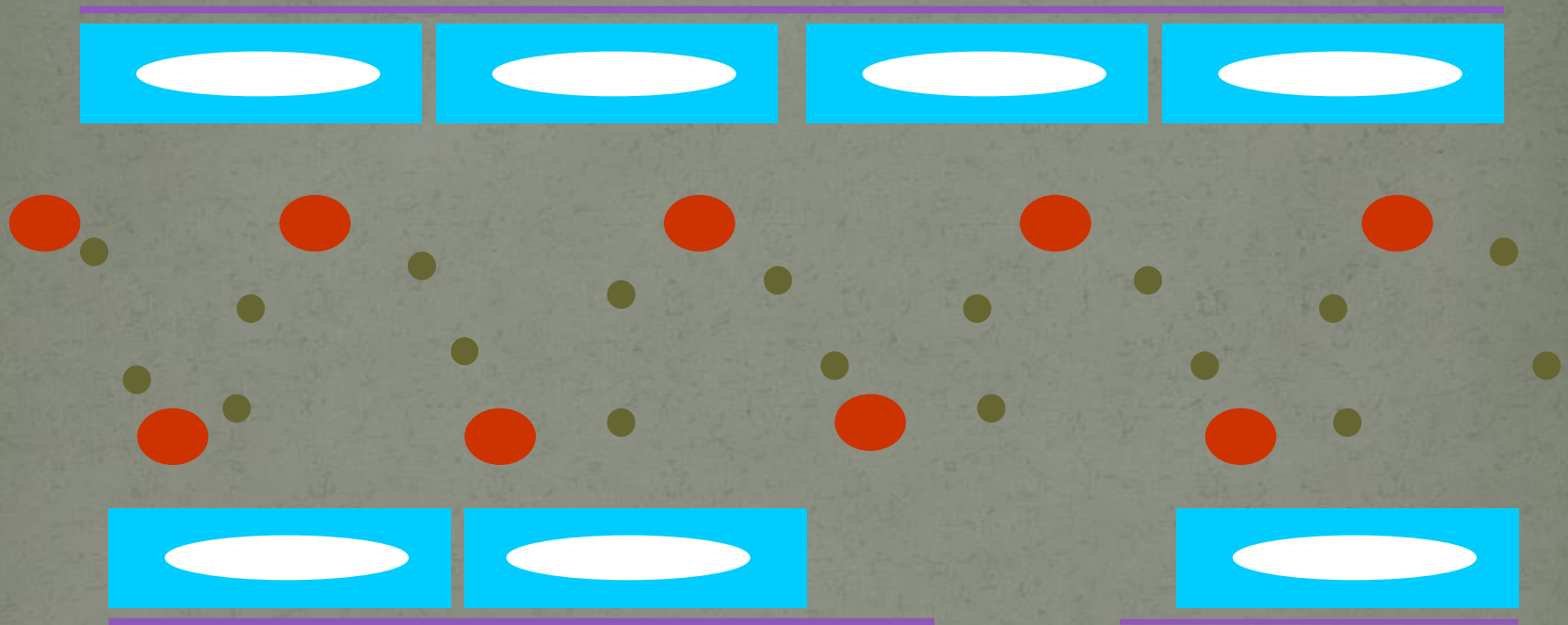
Stage 3: Platelet Secretion & Release

- Requires ATP
- Platelets release contents of their granules, causing vasoconstriction
- Granules trigger a secondary aggregation which is irreversible
- Granules consist of
 - Alpha granules: Factor V, Factor VIII:vWF, Fibrinogen, α 2-antiplasmin, platelet factor 4
 - Dense bodies: ATP, ADP, serotonin, Ca



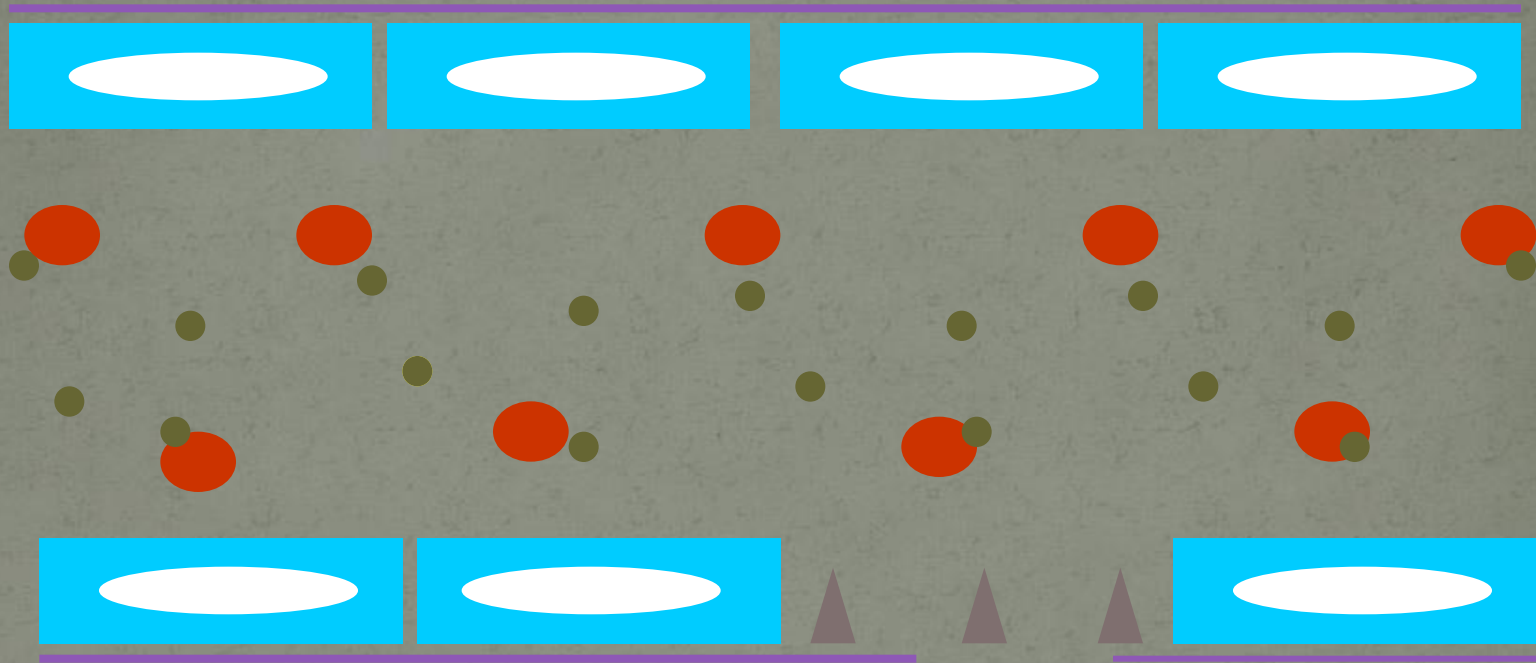
collagene

● Red blood cell
● Platelet



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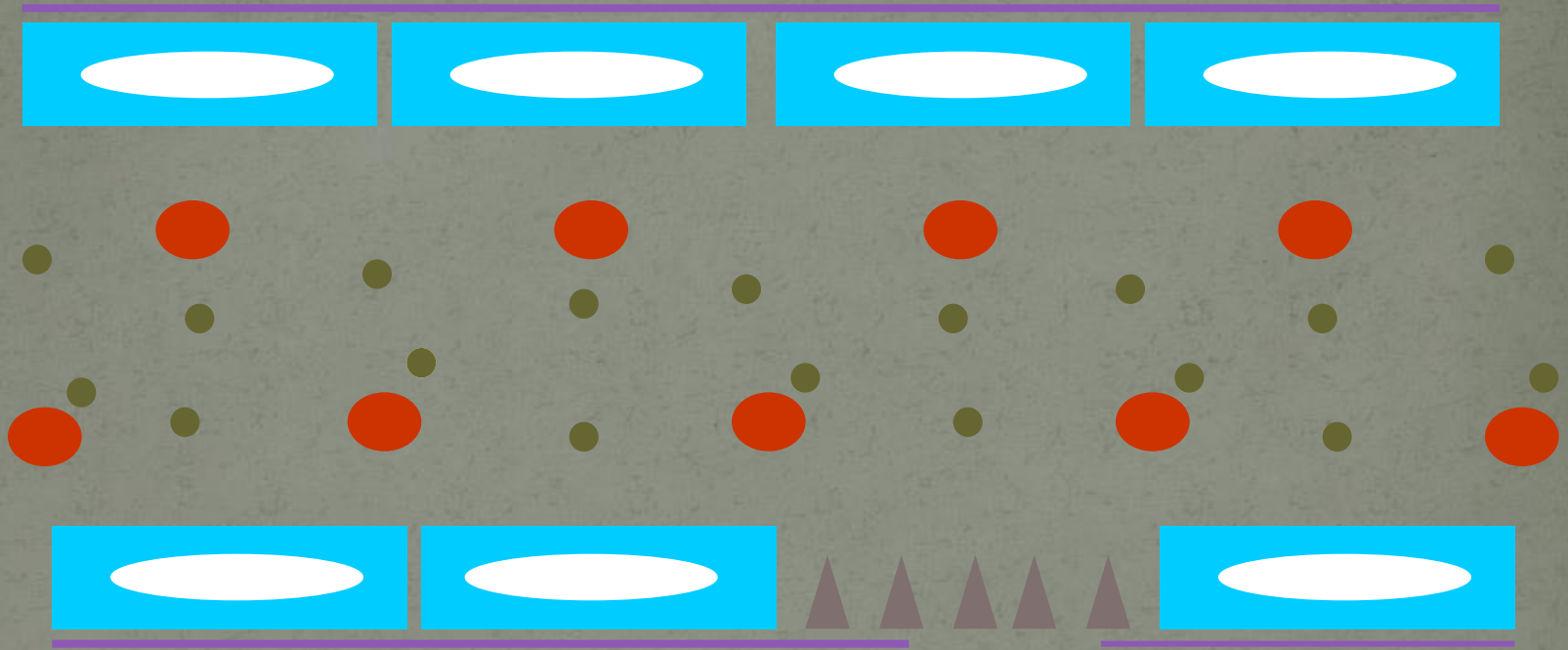


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Red blood cell

Platelet

Von Willebrand factor

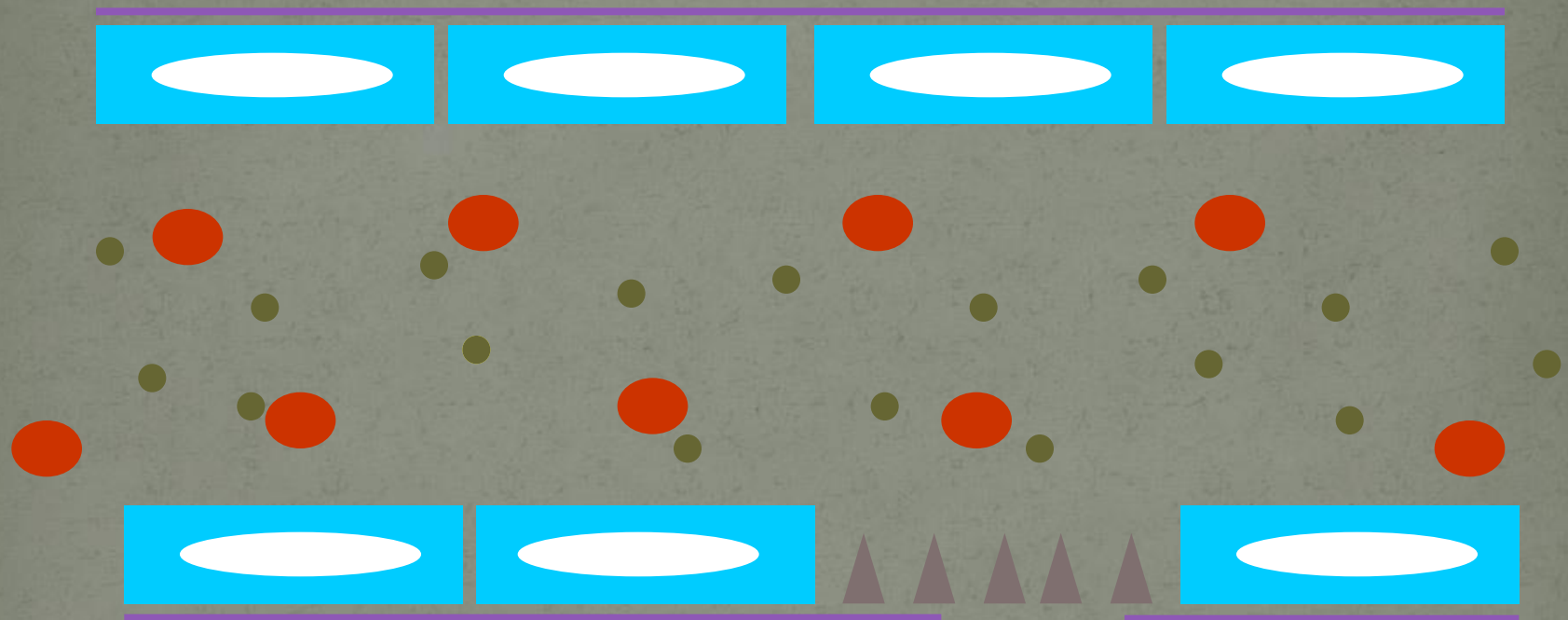


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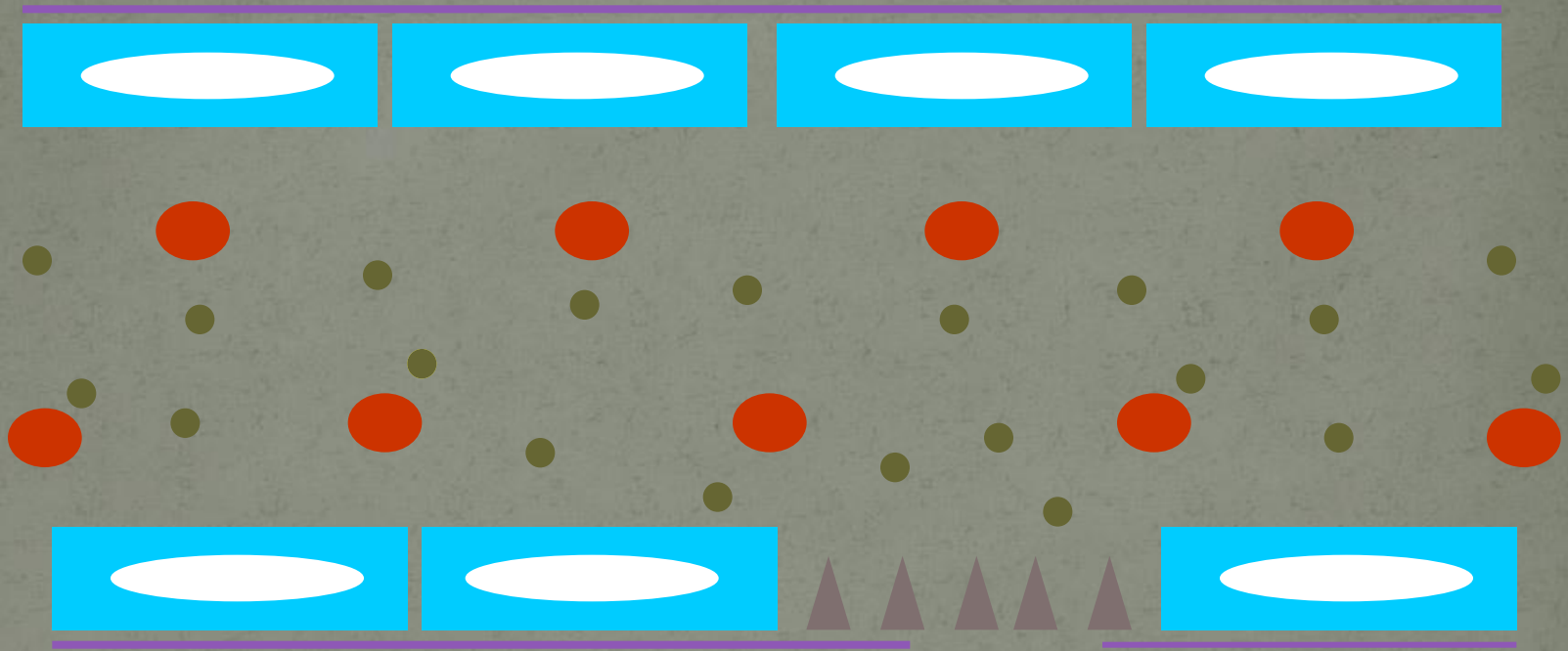
Von Willebrand factor



Red blood cell

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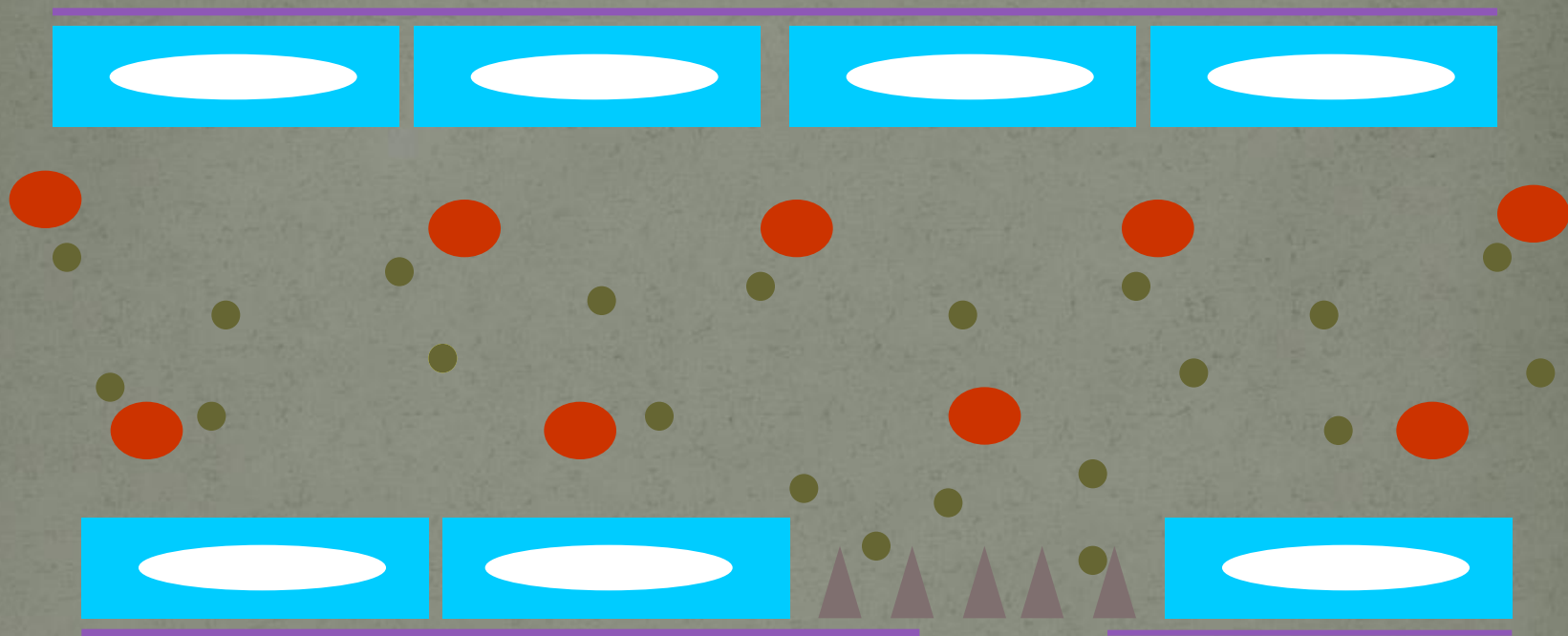


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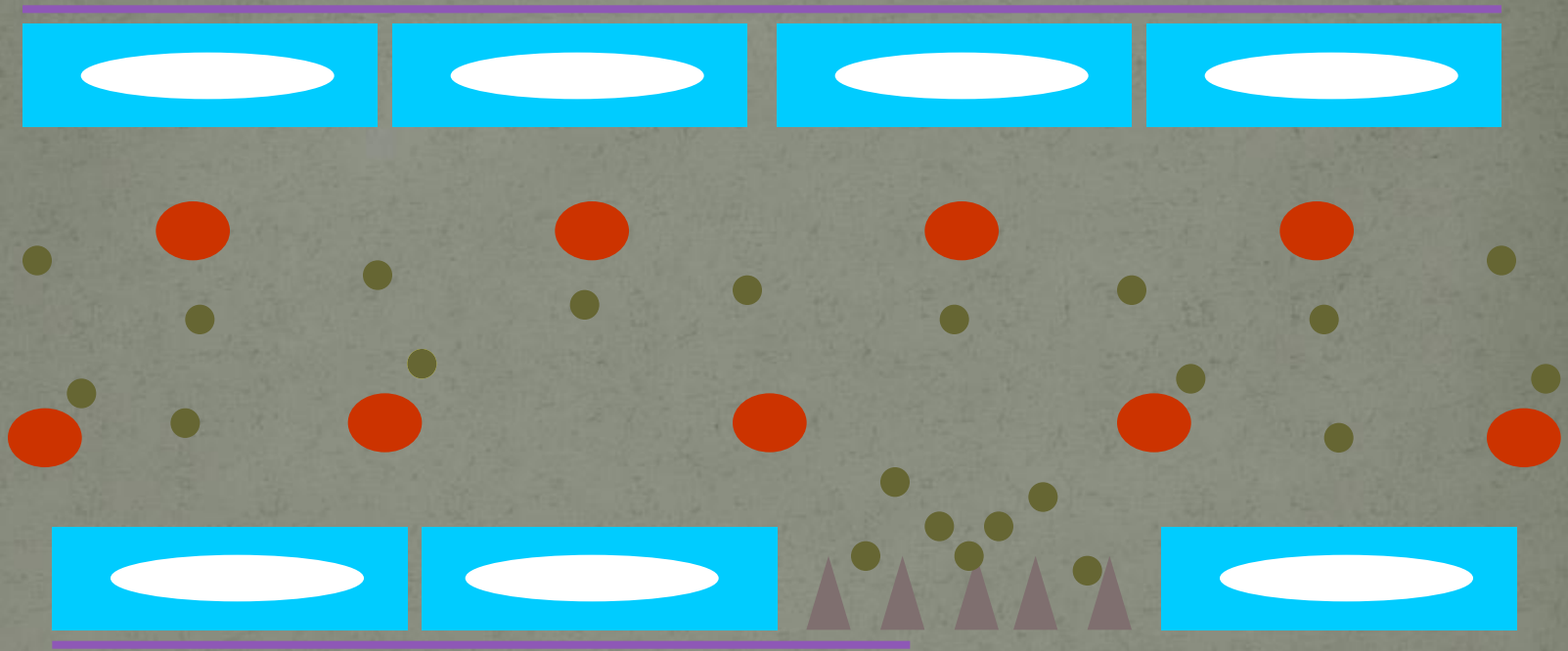


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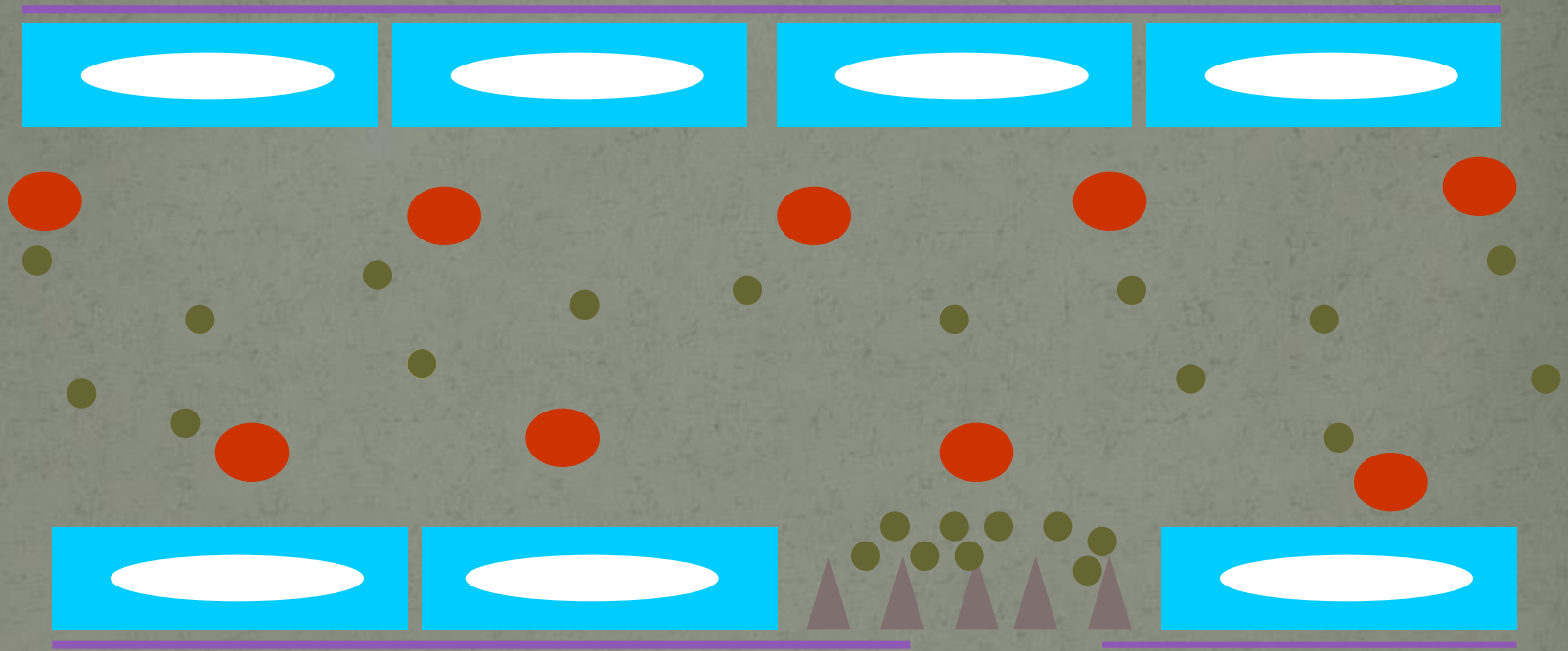


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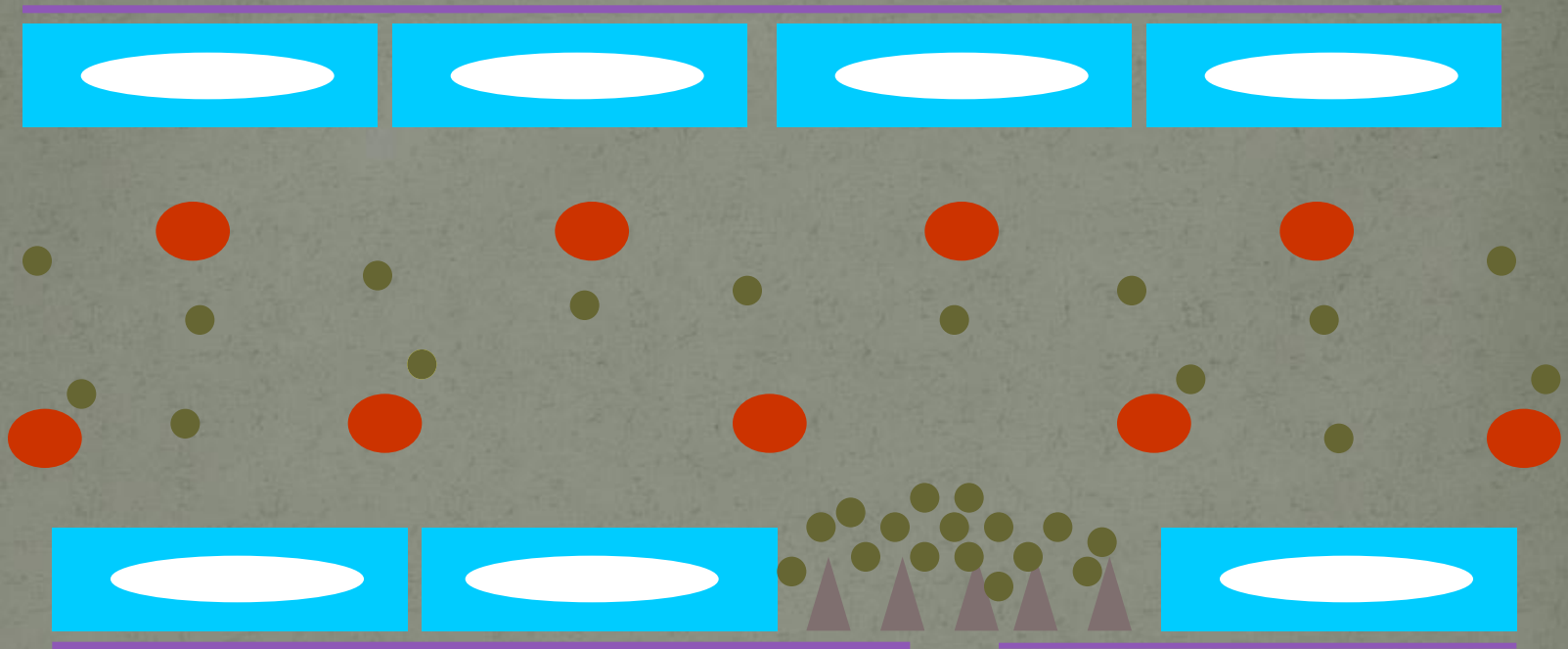


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Platelet

Von Willebrand factor

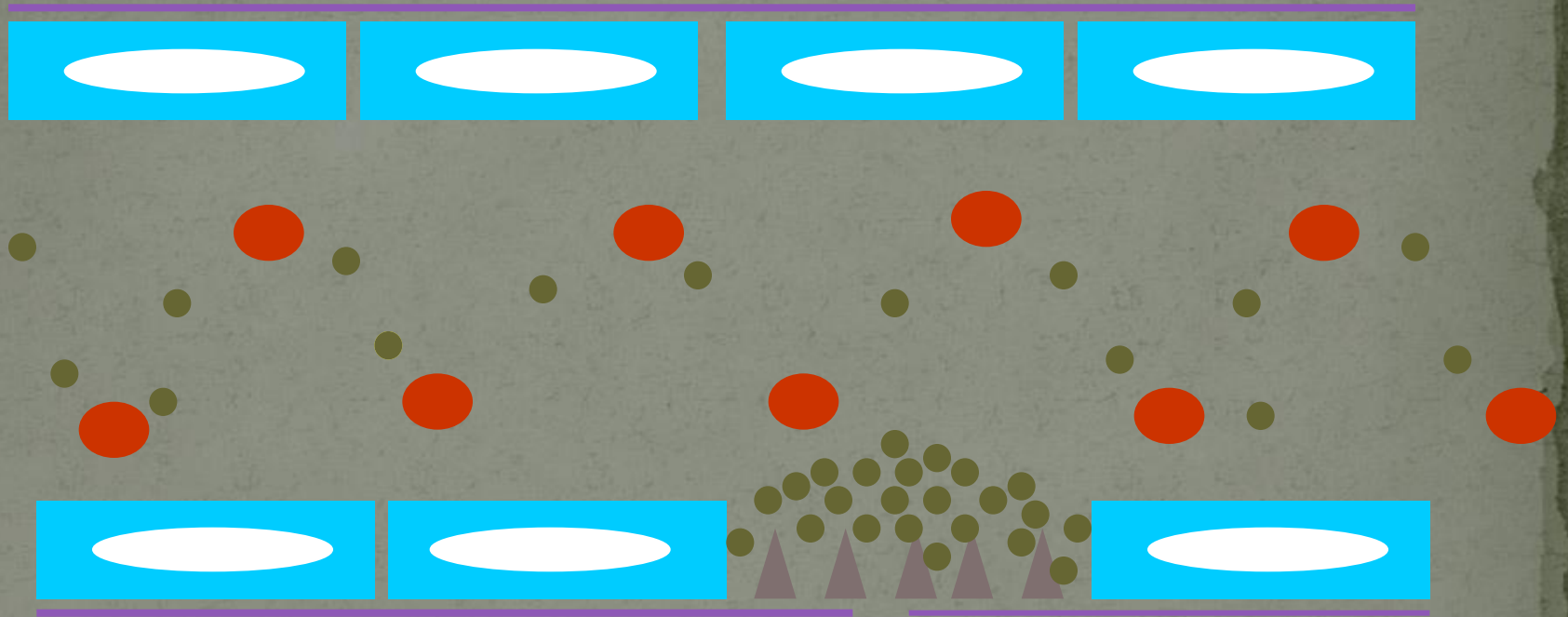


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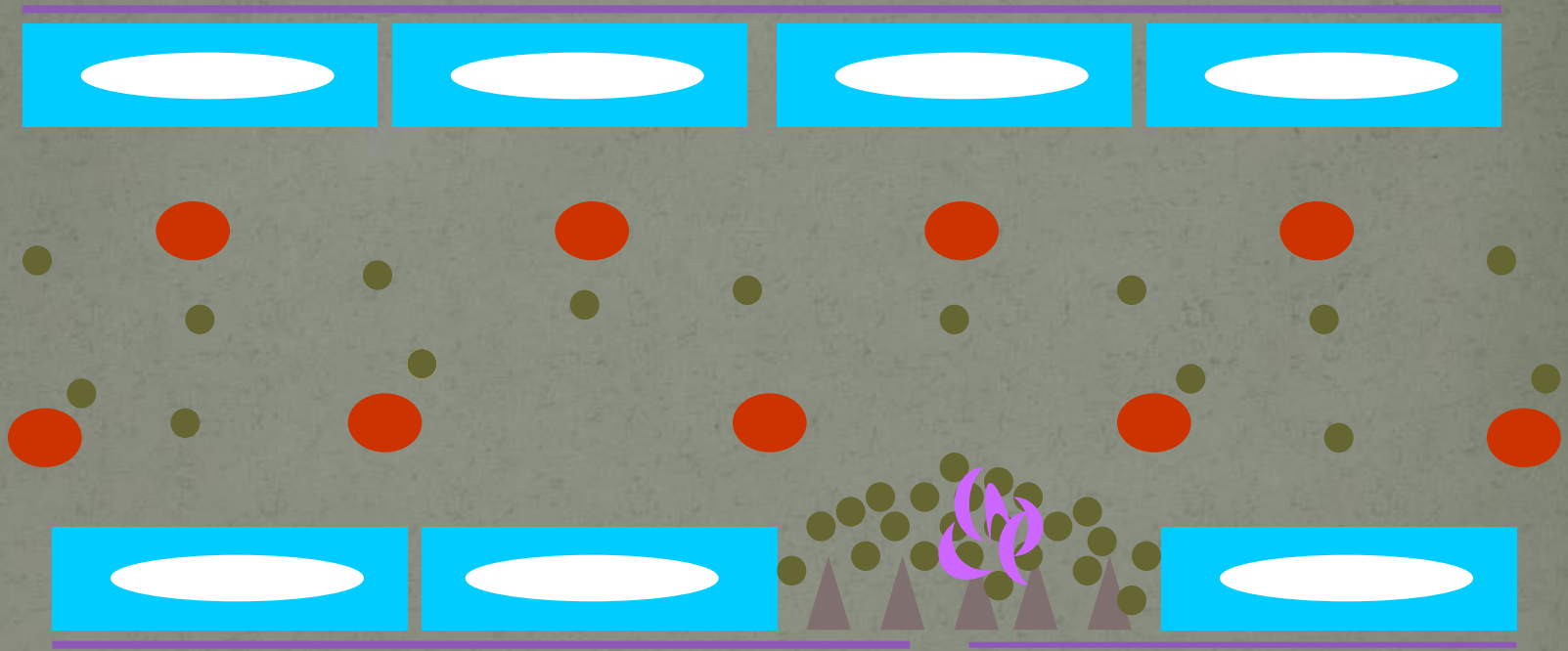


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Red blood cell

Platelet

Von Willebrand factor



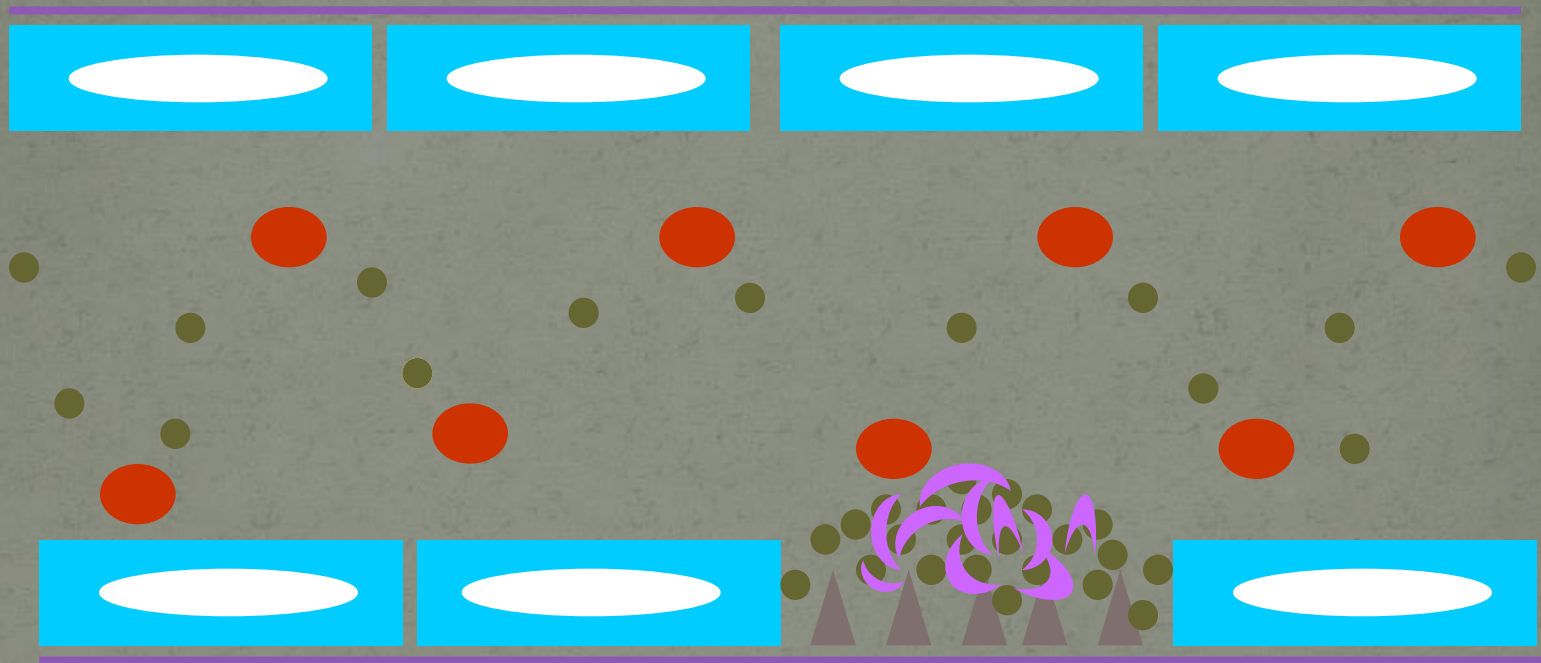
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Red blood cell

Platelet

Von Willebrand factor

Fibrin polymer



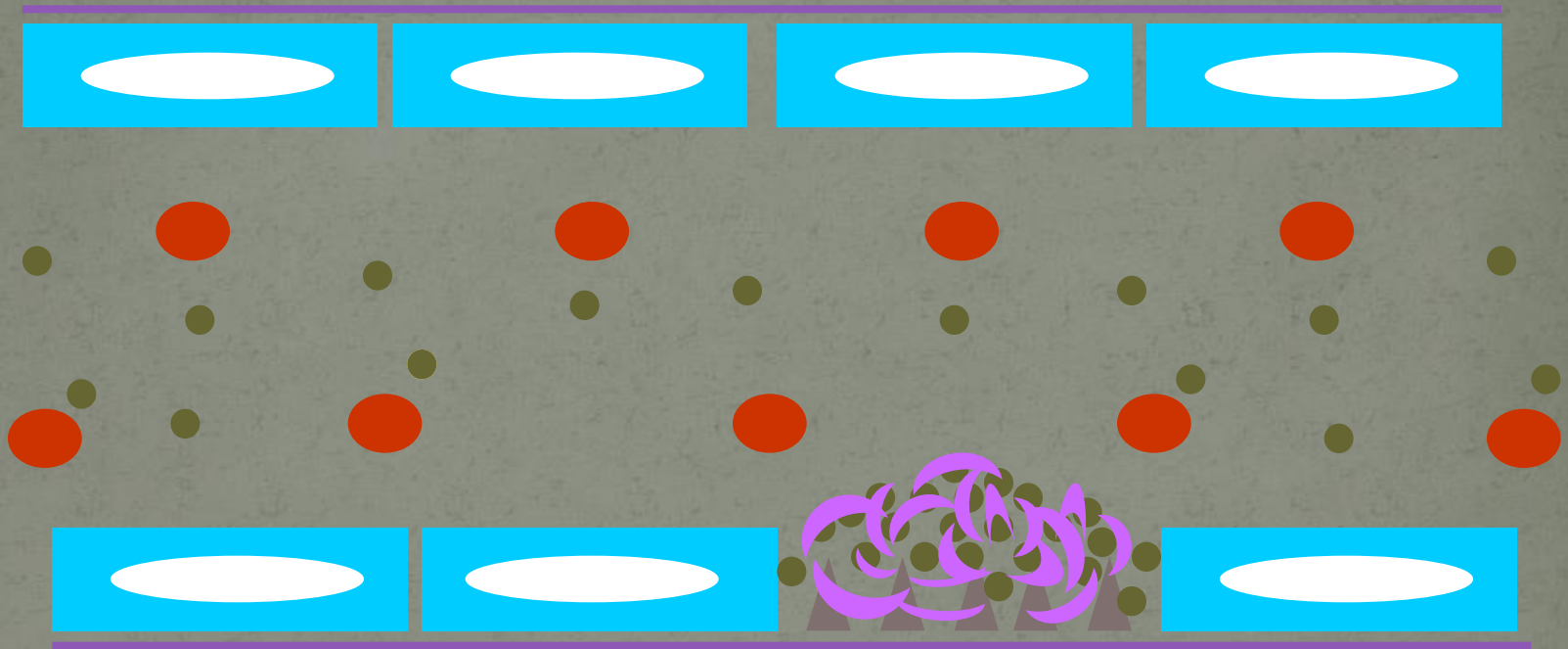
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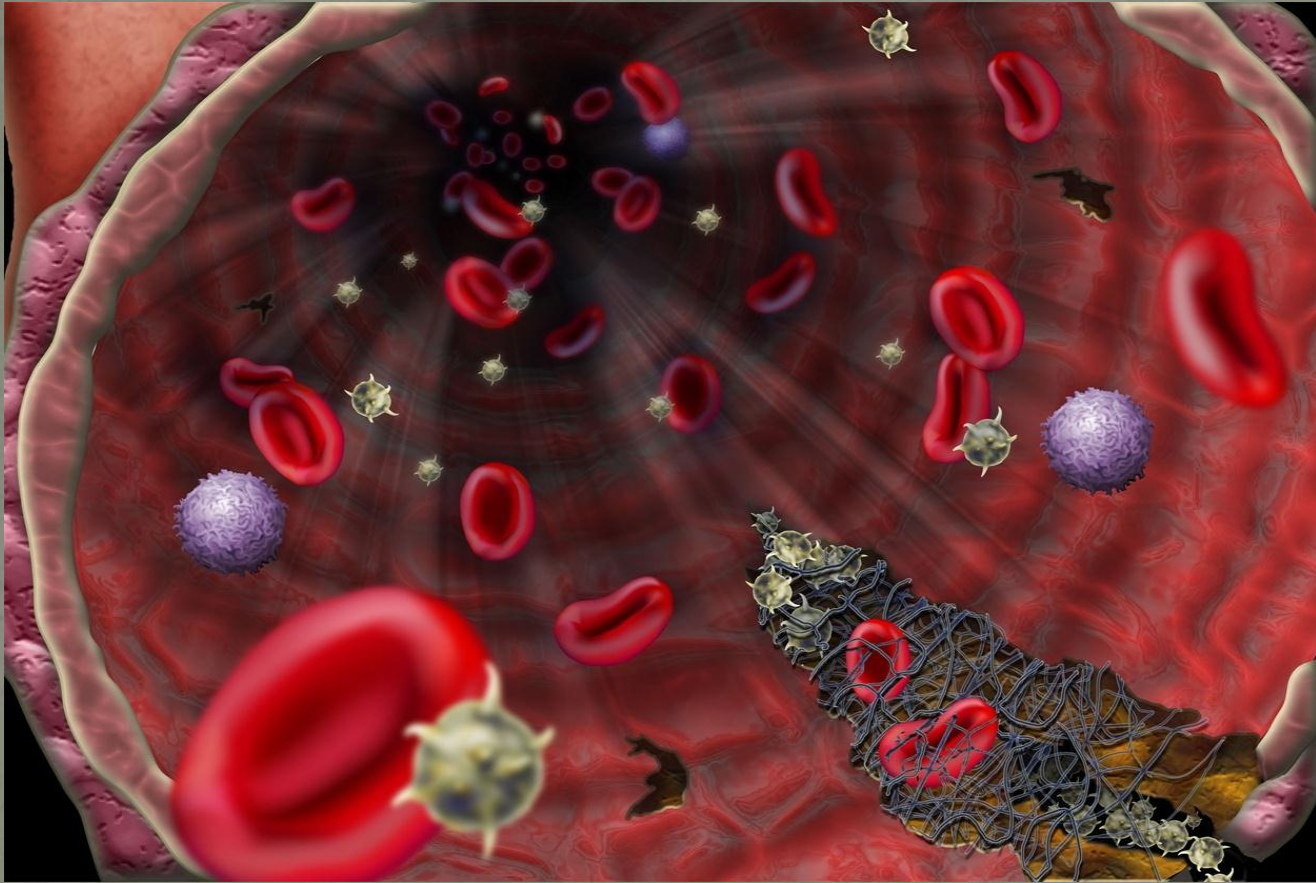
Red blood cell

Platelet

Von Willebrand factor

Fibrin polymer

Blood clot



Secondary Hemostasis

- During **aggregation**, phospholipid (PL) becomes available on the platelet membrane surface, **providing a site for fibrin formation and thrombo-genesis** (formation of blood clots).
- Secondary Hemostasis

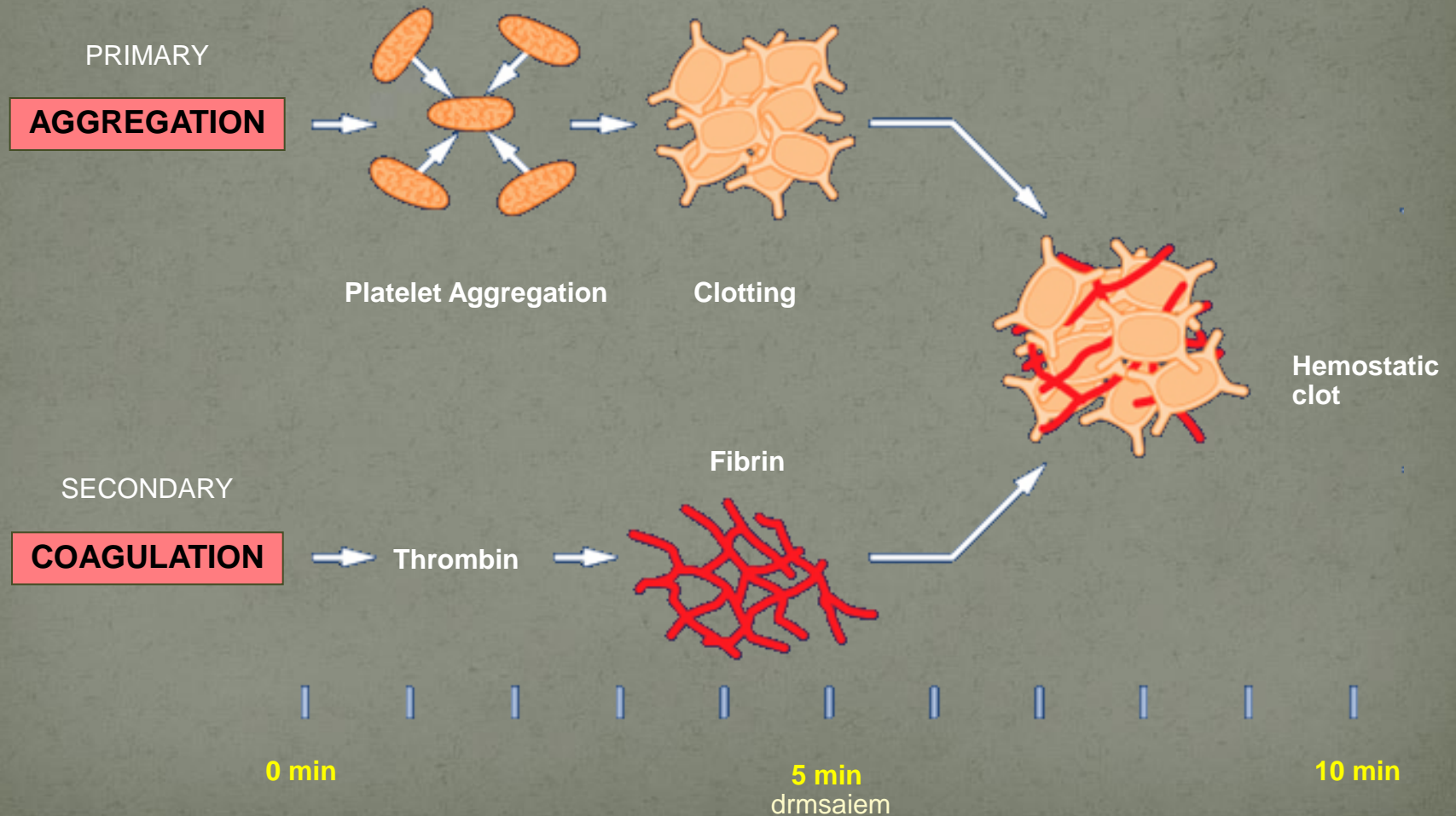
The **Intrinsic and Extrinsic** Coagulation Pathways

The **intrinsic system** is activated in vivo by the contact of certain coagulation proteins with subendothelial connective tissue, which sets the secondary hemostatic mechanism into motion.

- The **extrinsic coagulation** pathway, in contrast, is initiated with the release of **tissue factor** from injured vessel endothelial cells and sub-endothelium into the vessel lumen.
- **Tissue factor**, a high-molecular-weight **lipoprotein**, is found in most organs, including the lungs, kidneys, liver, brain, placenta, and spleen, as well as in large blood vessels

- Both the **intrinsic and the extrinsic coagulation pathways** lead to secondary hemostasis, namely, the formation of the **stable fibrin clot**.
- The **clot** thus includes both **fibrin** formed in secondary hemostasis and the **platelet plug** formed in primary hemostasis.

Hemostatic Plug Formation



COAGULATION PROTEINS

- The **intrinsic and extrinsic** coagulation pathways are a series of reactions involve coagulation factors known as
 - 1- enzyme precursors (**zymogens**)
 - 2- non-enzymatic (**cofactors**)
 - 3- calcium (Ca^{++})
 - 4- phospholipids (**PL**).
- All coagulation factors normally are present in the plasma, with **PL** being provided by **platelets**.

- The zymogens are factors II, VII, IX, X, XI, XII, and prekallikrein
- The **cofactors** are factors **V, VIII, tissue factor**, and high-molecular-weight kininogen (**HMWK**).
- **Zymogens** are substrates that have NO biologic activity until converted by enzymes to active enzymes called serine proteases, which have exposed, **serine-rich**, active enzyme sites.
- **Serine proteases** selectively hydrolyzed **arginine or lysine-containing** peptide bonds of other zymogens, thus converting them to serine proteases.

COAGULATION GROUPS

- ❑ The properties of the coagulation and kinin factors have similarities that can divide these factors easily into three groups:

1- Contact group;

2- Prothrombin or vitamin K-dependent group;

3- Fibrinogen group.

❖ Contact Group

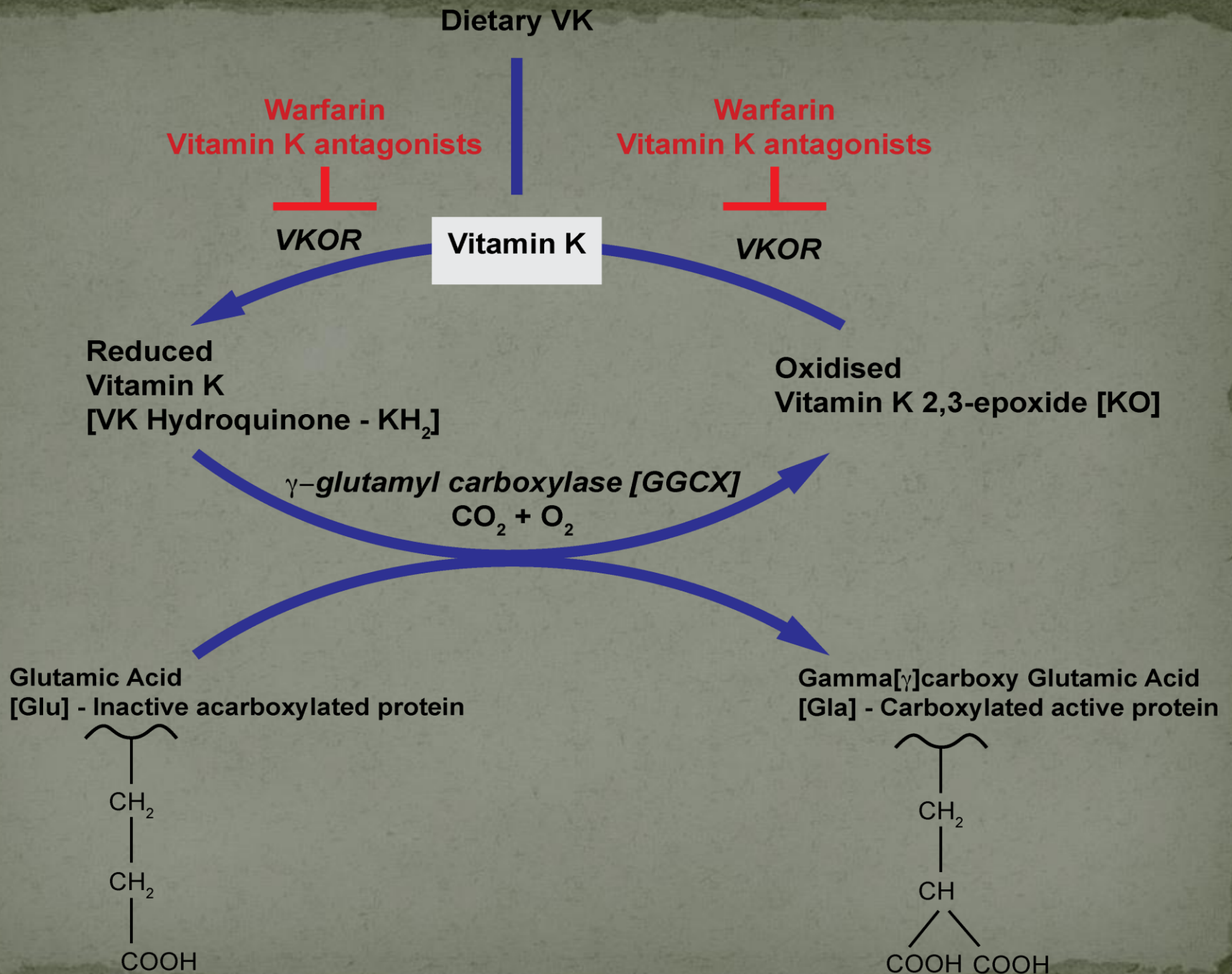
- Prekallikrein
- HMWK (high molecular Weight kallikrein) of the kinin group
- XII
- XI

The contact group is adsorbed by contact with a **negatively charged** surface such as collagen or the subendothelium *in vivo* and glass *in vitro*.

- ❖ This contact causes slow conversion of factor XII to XIIa, which initiates both intrinsic system coagulation and fibrinolysis.
- ❖ Factor XIIa, and HMWK together activate factor XI to XIa, and convert prekallikrein to kallikrein.
- ❖ Kallikrein and HMWK together play a role in intrinsic coagulation activation, activation of fibrinolysis, kinin formation, and activation of the complement system.

Prothrombin (Vitamin K-Dependent) Group

- Contains the vitamin **K-dependent coagulation** factors II, VII, IX, and X.
- These factors are synthesized in the **liver** in the presence of **vitamin K**, which acts as **a cofactor**.
- **Vitamin K** is fat soluble. It is normally ingested in the diet and also is manufactured by the gut flora. There is no substantial storage of vitamin K in the body.
- Vitamin K is necessary to gamma-carboxylate the **pre-formed enzyme** precursors of factors (II, VII, IX, and X)



- Many mechanisms can cause the formation of non-functional vitamin K-dependent coagulation factors.
- When such factors are released to the circulation, they cannot bind to the platelet **PL** surface and ultimately prevent Prothrombin activation, causing a deficiency in the coagulation pathway.

Fibrinogen Group

The fibrinogen group includes

- fibrinogen (factor I)
- V
- VIII
- XIII.

These have:

the highest molecular weights of all factors

are the most labile

are consumed in coagulation,

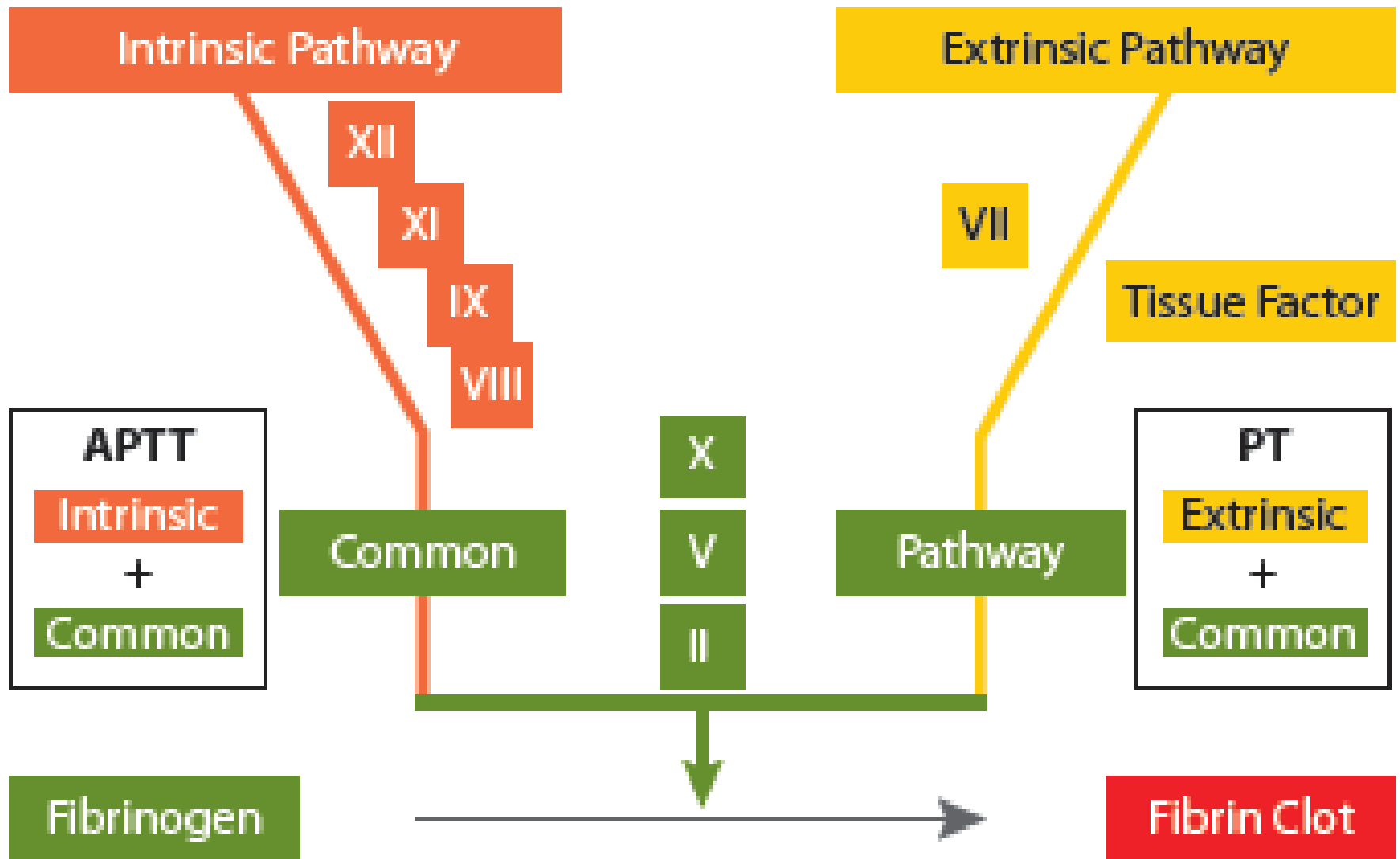
are the only group that act as substrates for the fibrinolytic enzyme plasmin.

- Only the factors found in the **fibrinogen group** are found in the **platelets**, specifically in the **alpha granules** with two exceptions:
- (1) factor XIII is found in the general platelet cytoplasm not in alpha granules
- (2) factor VIII:C, the coagulant portion of factor VIII, is not found in platelets.

PHOSPHOLIPIDS CONTRIBUTING TO COAGULATION

- ❖ Tissue Factor
- ❖ The existence of a lipoprotein called Thromboplastin (a complex of two parts, a PL and a protein).
- ❖ This substance initiates the extrinsic coagulation pathway by binding its PL portion to factor VII, converting factor VII to VIIa.

- ❖ The term **extrinsic** was applied to this pathway because of the necessity of adding a tissue extract (PL) to plasma samples in *vitro* to initiate and evaluate this coagulation pathway in the laboratory.
- ❖ The **Prothrombin Time (PT)** test which evaluates the **extrinsic** system, is performed using a reagent contained (**rabbit brain**) or lung tissue **Thromboplastin** as well as **Ca⁺⁺** to activate factor **VII** and initiate the extrinsic pathway.



NATURAL INHIBITORS OF THE COAGULATION CASCADE

Role: to limit clotting to the area where it is needed

Blood flow and hepatic degradation of clotting factors:

- Normal blood flow dilutes the activated clotting factors below the level required to propagate the cascade.
- Hepatocytes in the liver digest and destroy the activated clotting factors washed away from the site of clot formation.

Antithrombin III:

- is the **most important** physiologic inhibitor of activated coagulation factors.
- synthesized in the liver and endothelial cells.
- irreversibly binds to and inhibits **thrombin**, factor **Xa**, and other activated clotting factors.
- **Heparin** (or heparan sulfate on endothelial cells) binds to and activates AT.
- By itself, AT has a low affinity for thrombin; however, complexing with heparin increases the activity of AT approximately 2,000-fold.

Protein C and protein S:

- are vitamin K-dependent
- inhibitors of the coagulation cascade that control coagulation by inactivating factors **Va** and **VIIIa**.
- **Protein C** is activated by the binding of thrombin to **thrombomodulin** on endothelial cell surfaces;
- therefore, *thrombin*, a key mediator of the coagulation cascade, also initiates a key anticoagulant system

Protein C and protein S: cont.

- When thrombin binds to thrombomodulin, it enzymatically cleaves and activates protein C.
- Activated protein C (APC), in combination with protein S, inactivates factors Va and VIIIa.
- Protein S circulates in two forms: free protein S and protein S complexed with a protein involved in the complement system, the C4b binding protein.
- Free protein S is active, whereas the bound form is not.

FIBRINOLYTIC SYSTEM

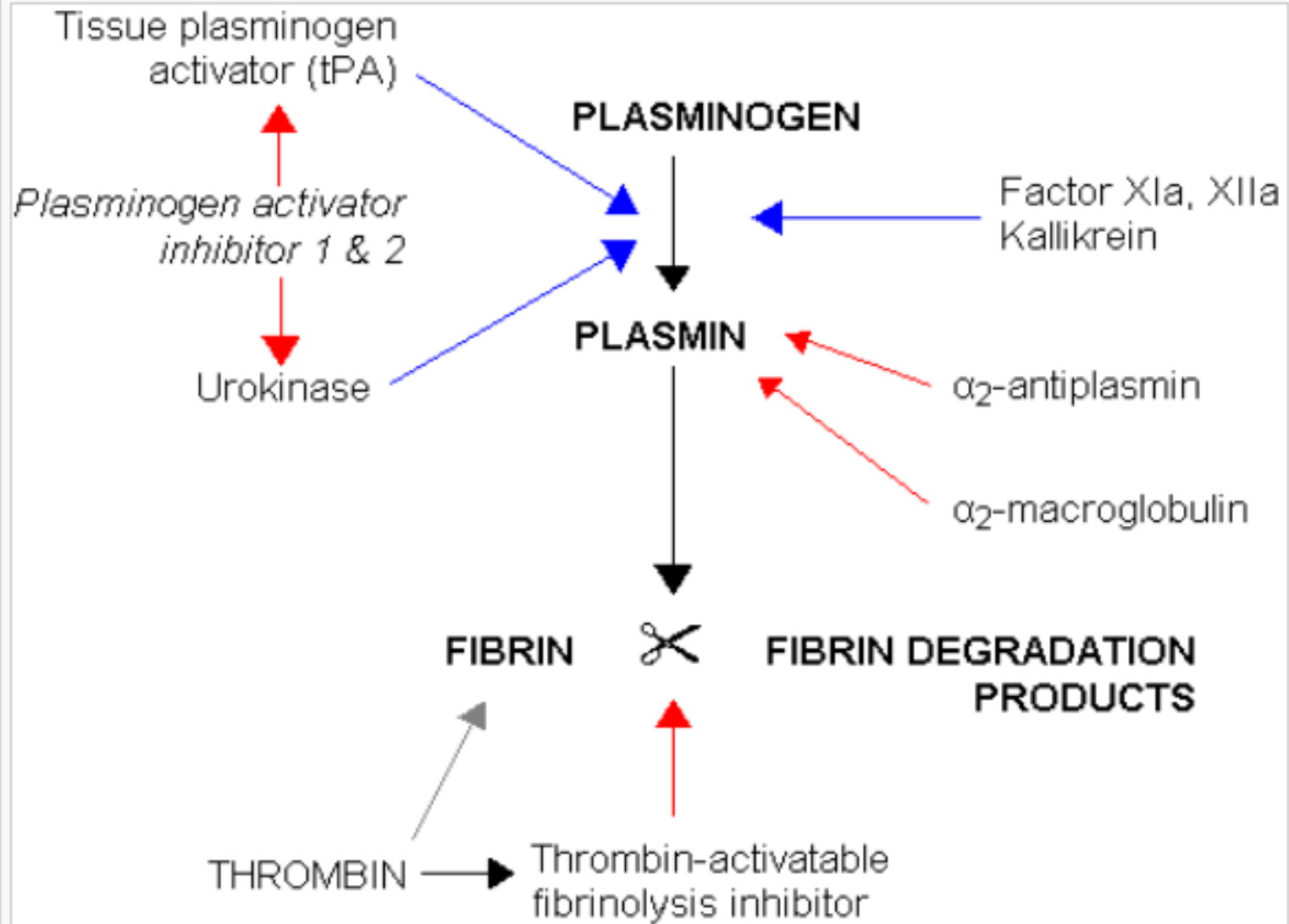
The important players in fibrinolysis are:

- ❖ plasminogen/plasmin
- ❖ t-PA (tissue- Plasminogen Activator).

• inhibitors of plasminogen activation:

- ✓ Alpha 2-antiplasmin
- ✓ PAI S (plasminogen activator inhibitor)

Fibrinolysis.



Fibrinolysis (simplified). Blue arrows denote stimulation, and red arrows inhibition.

Plasminogen/Plasmin

- *Plasmin is the enzyme that digests fibrin and thus dissolves clots.*

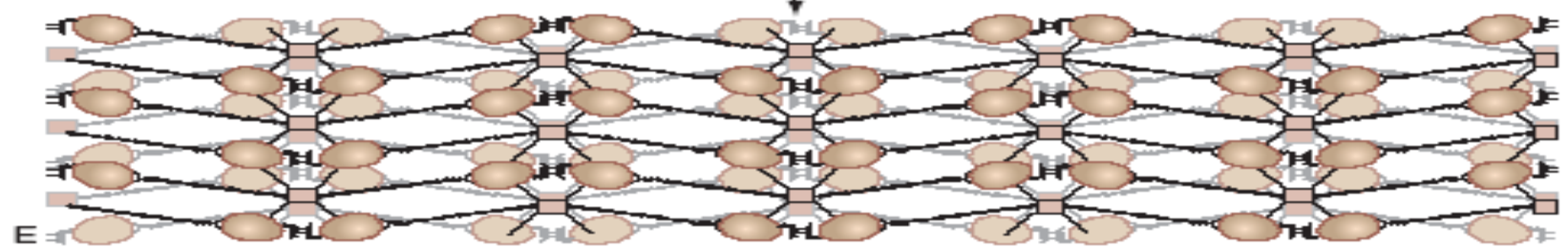
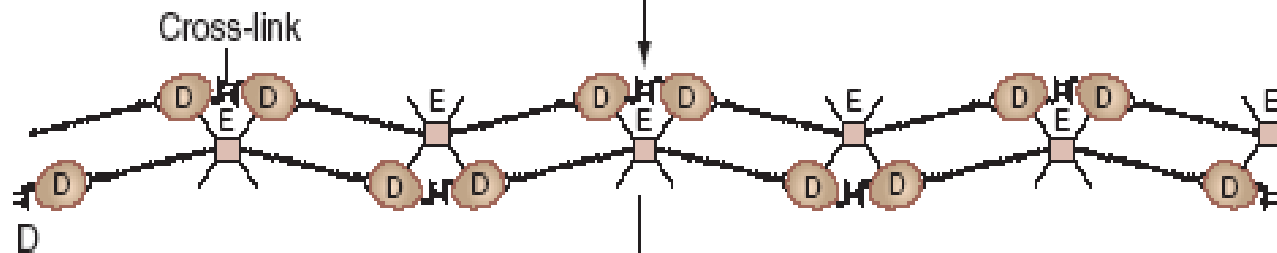
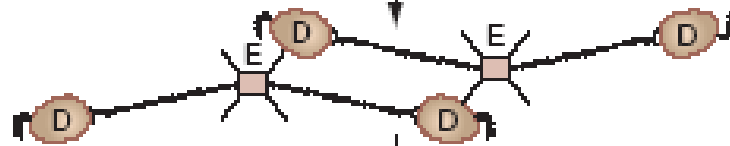
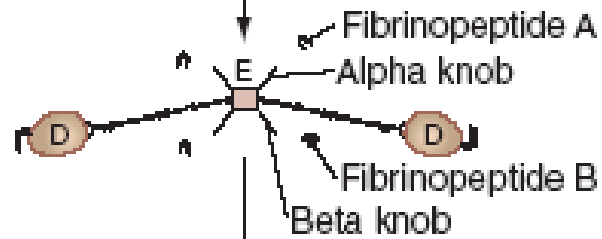
Plasminogen is activated to plasmin by

- t-PA, which is secreted by endothelial cells
- the contact factor (XII, HMWK, and PK). This appears to be a **minor** activator in vivo.
- **The results of fibrin degradation by plasmin are:**
- FDP (fibrin degradation products)
- D-Dimer

fibrinogen



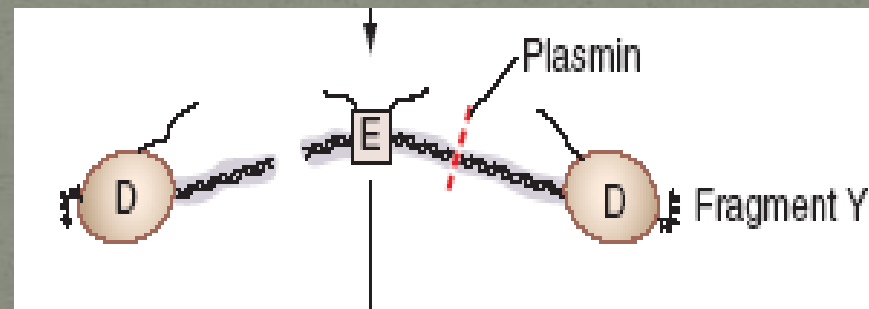
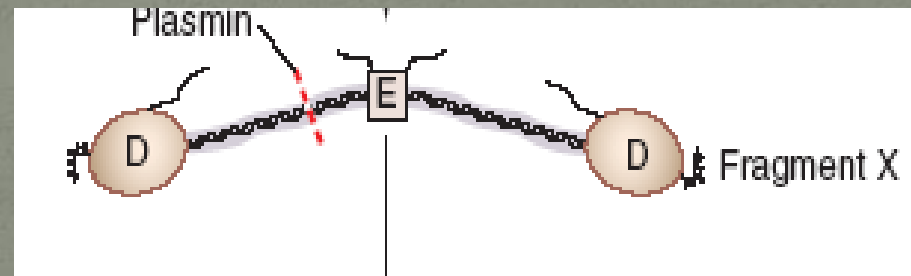
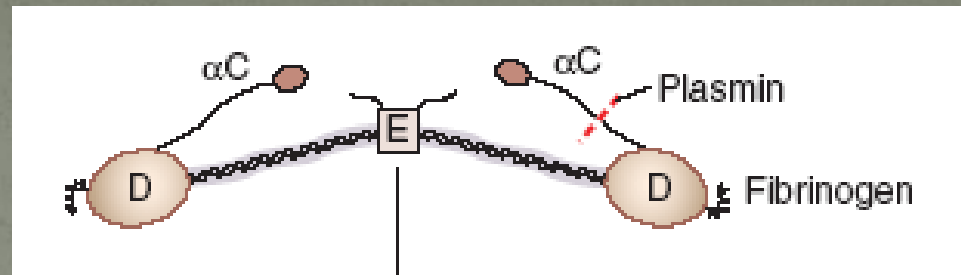
Thrombin



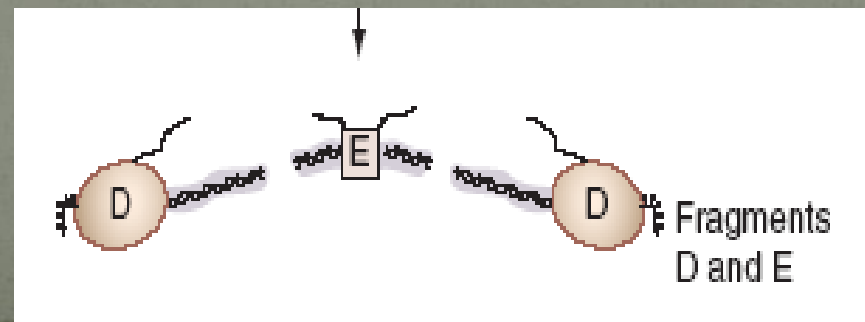
FDP

- Plasmin can digest fibrinogen in thrombotic events
- plasmin can also digest fibrinogen in non-thrombotic events (structural defect in fibrinogen) and result in a positive test for FDPs
- inhibit coagulation by inserting into the fibrin clot in place of fibrinogen
- They also inhibit platelet aggregation.

FDPs are not actually specific for *fibrin degradation*;



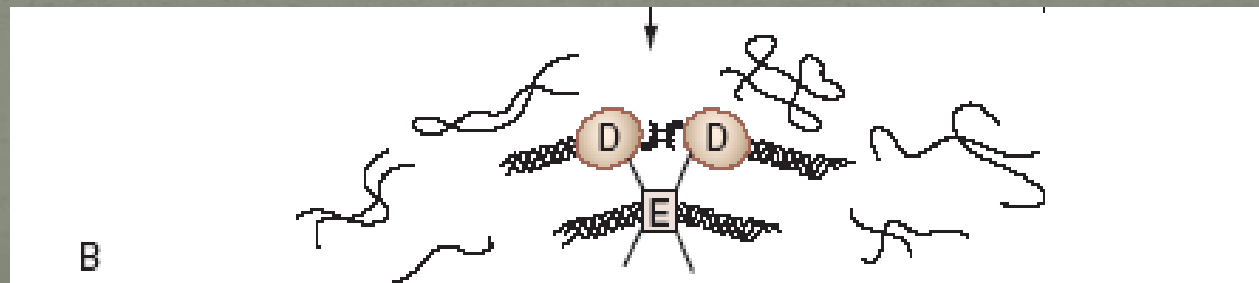
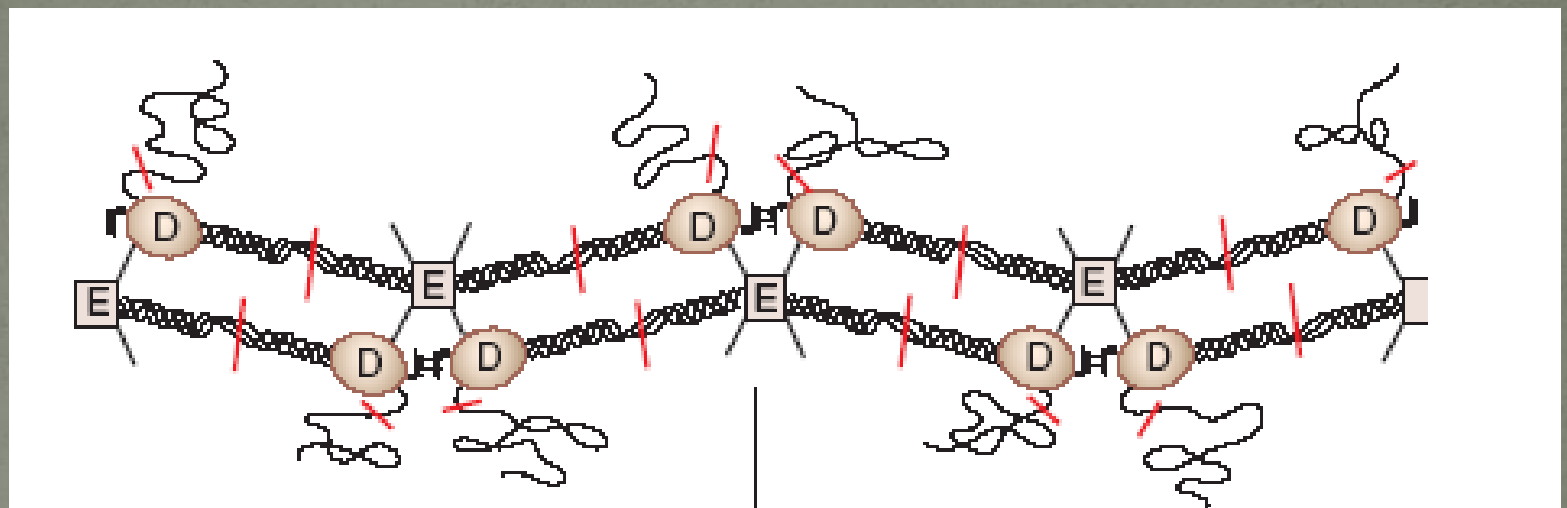
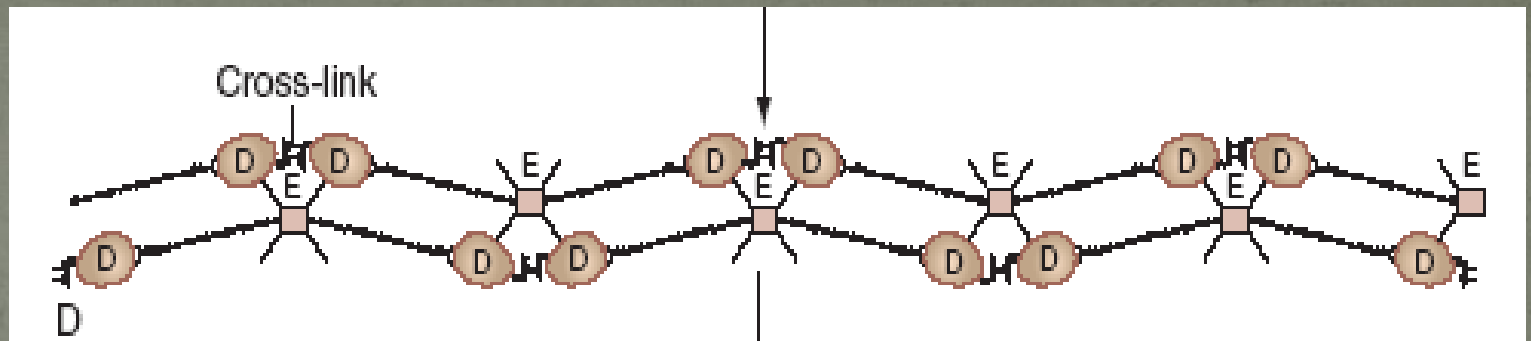
FDP →



D-Dimer

**A negative test for D-dimer
is evidence against a significant thrombus**

- A specific fibrin degradation product
- results from the digestion of fibrin that has been crosslinked
- by factor XIIIa.
- **Thus, the presence of D-dimer in circulation indicates that:**
 - ✓ thrombin has been activated and has resulted in both **fibrin clotting**
 - ✓ activation of factor XIII to XIIIa,
 - ✓ plasminogen has been activated to plasmin with subsequent digestion of the cross-linked fibrin clot.



D-Dimer

B

its cleaved soluble fibrinogen or fibrin. When plasmin cleaves fibrinogen, initially small portions from the ends

Control of fibrinolytic system

- excessive activity of the fibrinolytic system can result in severe bleeding
- One important control mechanism is **localization of plasmin activity to the surface of fibrin clots.**
- **t.PA**
 - ✓ has a much higher affinity for plasminogen that is localized on the surface of a fibrin clot than it does for free plasminogen,
 - ✓ this helps to specifically localize fibrinolysis to the clot.
- **Alpha 2-antiplasmin**
 - which inactivates any plasmin that is free in circulation
 - Plasmin bound to fibrin is protected from inhibition by it
- **PAI**
 - ❖ inhibitors of plasmin activation

Disorders of Hemostasis

Vascular disorders – •

Scurvy, easy bruising, Henoch-Schonlein purpura. •

Platelet disorders •

Quantitative - Thrombocytopenia •

Qualitative - Platelet function disorders – Glanzmans •

Coagulation disorders •

Congenital - Haemophilia (A, B), Von-Willebrands •

Acquired - Vitamin-K deficiency, Liver disease •

Mixed/Consumption: DIC •

Disorders of Primary
hemostasis

QUANTITATIVE PLATELET DISORDERS

- Thrombocytopenia
 - <100,000/ μ l BT prolonged
 - \approx 10,000 Bleeding in trauma or OR
 - <10,000 Spontaneous, CNS bleeding
- Thrombocytopenia due to destruction
 - ITP (acute in children, chronic in young women) with anti-glycoprotein
 - Drug reaction
 - Heparin induced thrombocytopenia
 - DIC and TTP


ABOUT THROMBOTIC THROMBOCYTOPENIC PURPURA (TTP)

- Disorder of systemic platelet aggregation in microvasculature
- Stimulus: unusually large vWf
- In children: likely to be deficiency in vWf metalloproteinase to break down vWf
- In adults: vWf metalloproteinase inhibited by autoantibodies
- Low PLT count, intravascular hemolysis, RBC fragmentation, high LDH

IDIOPATHIC THROMBOCYTOPENIC PURPURA (ITP)

- Caused by an autoreactive antibody to the patient's platelets
 - Young children – acute and usually transient for 1-2 weeks with spontaneous remission
 - Adults – chronic and occurs more often in women
 - Treatment
 - Corticosteroids
 - Splenectomy
 - Rituximab

QUANTITATIVE PLATELET DISORDERS

- Thrombocytopenia due to decreased production
 - Aplastic anemia (e.g., Fanconi's)
 - Fibrosis
 - Acute leukemia
 - Megaloblastic anemia
 - Hereditary (e.g., May-Hegglin, Wiscott-Aldrich, Bernard-Soulier)
 - Splenic sequestration
 - HELLP syndrome (hemolysis, elevated liver enzyme, low PLT) in pre-eclampsia
 - Dilution (massive transfusion)
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Disorders of secondary hemostasis

Disorders of plasma clotting factors

Disorders of Secondary Hemostasis

Disorders of the proteins of fibrin formation ○

Disorders of proteins associated with fibrinolysis ○

Symptoms of secondary hemostatic disorders ○

Delayed bleeding •

Deep muscular bleeding •

Spontaneous joint bleeding •

Symptoms common to primary and secondary
hemostatic disorders •

Ecchymoses ○

GI bleeding ○

Hematuria ○

Hypermenorrhea ○

Gingival bleeding ○

Increased bleeding after tooth extraction ○

Intracranial bleeding ○

Epistaxis ○

Disorders of Proteins of Fibrin Formation

- Hereditary vs acquired
- Quantitative vs qualitative deficiencies
 - Laboratory screening tests (PT, APTT)
 - Does not differentiate quantitative vs qualitative disorders
 - Qualitative abnormal proteins will
 - Prolong clotting test
 - Be recognized by immunologically-based procedures
- Activity assays
 - Essential when screening for deficiencies

von Willebrand Disease

- Inherited hemorrhagic disorder
 - Genetically and clinically heterogeneous
 - Caused by a deficiency/dysfunction of VWF
 - Most common hereditary bleeding disorder
- VWF
 - Multimeric blood protein
 - Performs two major roles in hemostasis
 - Mediates adhesion of platelets to sites of vascular injury
 - Is a carrier protein for F-VIII
- Inherited defects in VWF may
 - Interfere with biosynthetic processing or disrupt specific ligand binding sites
 - Cause bleeding by impairing either platelet adhesion or blood clotting
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VWD

- Three major categories of VWD
 - Type 1 VWD – partial quantitative deficiency of VWF
 - Type 2 VWD – qualitative deficiency of VWF
 - Divided into 4 variants
 - Type 2A – ↓ platelet-dependent function
 - Absence of high-molecular weight VWF multimers
 - Type 2B – ↑ affinity for platelet GPIb
 - Type 2M – ↓ platelet-dependent function
 - Not caused by the absence of HMW multimers
 - Type 2N – Markedly ↓ affinity for F-VIII
 - Type 3 VWD – total deficiency of VWF
 - Types 1 and 2 – autosomal dominant inheritance
 - Type 3 – autosomal recessive inheritance
- Diagnosis
 - Specific tests
 - Quantify VWF and F-VIII activity

VWD – Clinical Manifestations

- Hemorrhagic tendency is highly variable
 - Depends on the type and severity of disease
 - Patients with Type 1 and 2 disease
 - May have mild bleeding symptoms
 - Characterized by hemorrhage from delicate mucocutaneous tissues
 - Epistaxis, easy bruising, GI bleeding, menorrhagia
 - Hematoma and hemarthroses, characteristic of hemophilia A, are not prominent
 - Patients with severe type 3 VWD
 - Severe hemorrhagic tendency
 - Spontaneous hemorrhage
 - Mucous membranes, GI tract
 - Can be frequent and may be life threatening
 - Low F-VIII level
 - Deep hematomas
 - Joint hemorrhages – similar to hemophilia

Hemophilias

○ Hemophilia A

- Factor VIII Deficiency
 - Antihemophilic Factor
 - X-linked recessive disorder
 - Most common type of hemophilia

○ Hemophilia B

- Factor IX Deficiency
 - Christmas Factor (from family of first patients diagnosed with the disorder)
 - X-linked recessive disorder

○ Hemophilia C

- Factor XI Deficiency
- Autosomal recessive disorder seen primarily in the Ashkenazi Jewish population
- Symptoms range from mild to severe

Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation

- Normal balance of hemostasis is altered
- Results in the uncontrolled inappropriate formation and lysis of fibrin within the blood vessels
- Activation of coagulation occurs systemically
 - Rather than locally at site of injury
- Fibrin is deposited diffusely within capillaries, arterioles and venules
- Clotting proteins, inhibitors and platelets are consumed faster than they are synthesized
 - Acquired deficiency of multiple hemostatic components
 - Fibrinolysis follows fibrin formation
 - Patient generally bleeds spontaneously at the same time that disseminated clotting is occurring

DIC – Laboratory Diagnosis

- Laboratory diagnosis is difficult
 - Available tests are nonspecific
 - No single test can establish the definitive diagnosis of DIC
 - PT, APTT, TT prolonged
 - Fibrin degradation products are (+)
 - Platelet count ↓; platelet function tests abnormal
 - Schistocytes, thrombocytopenia on peripheral blood smear