

# **Platelet-Inhibiting Drugs: A Hematologist's Perspective**

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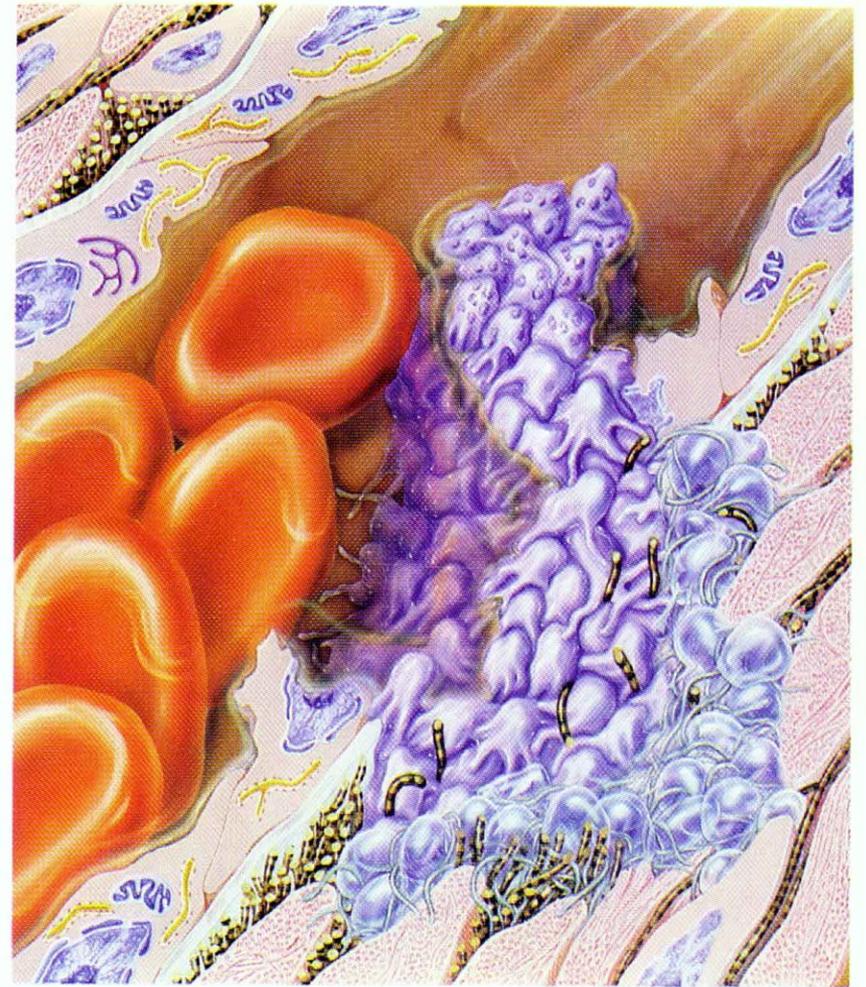
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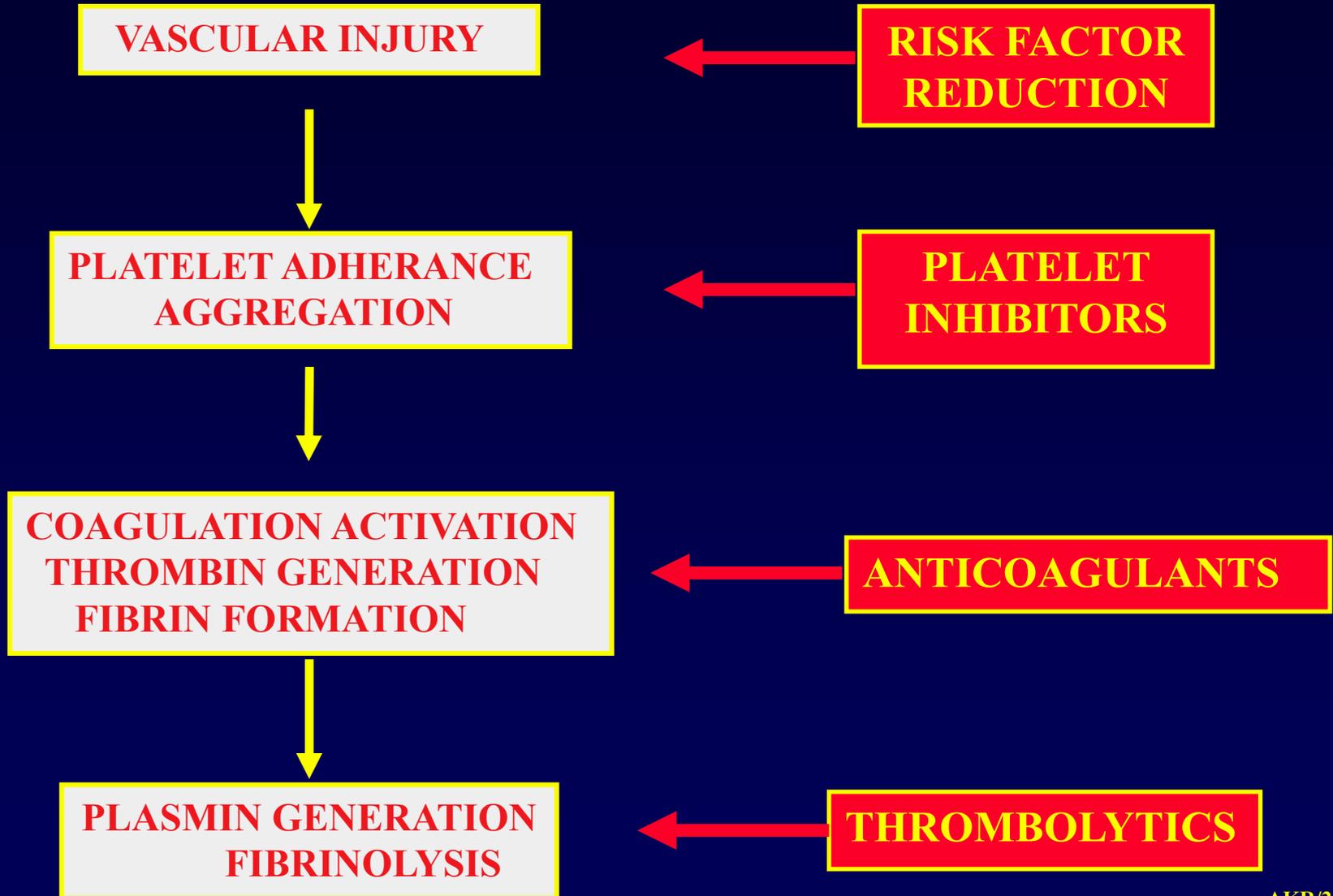
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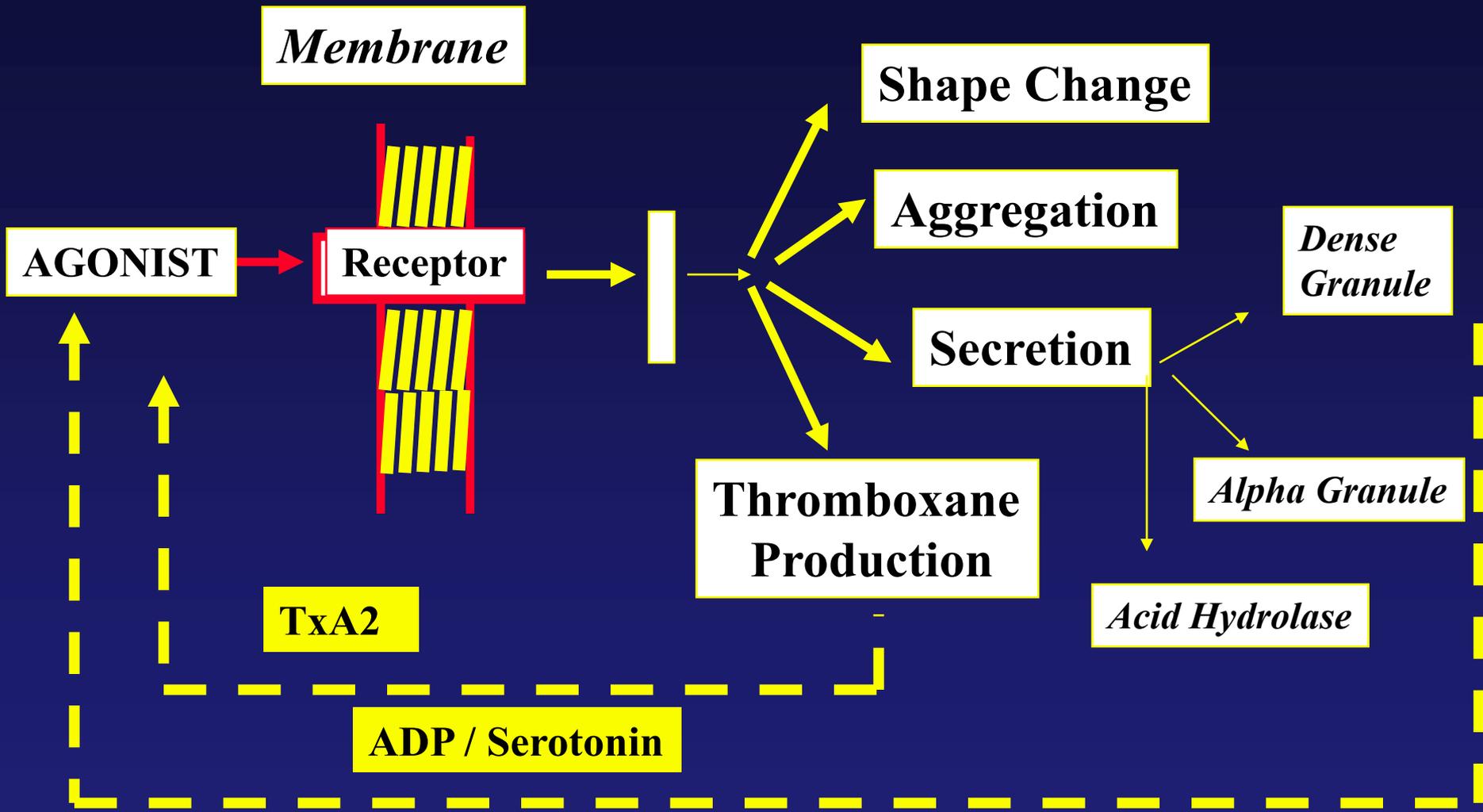


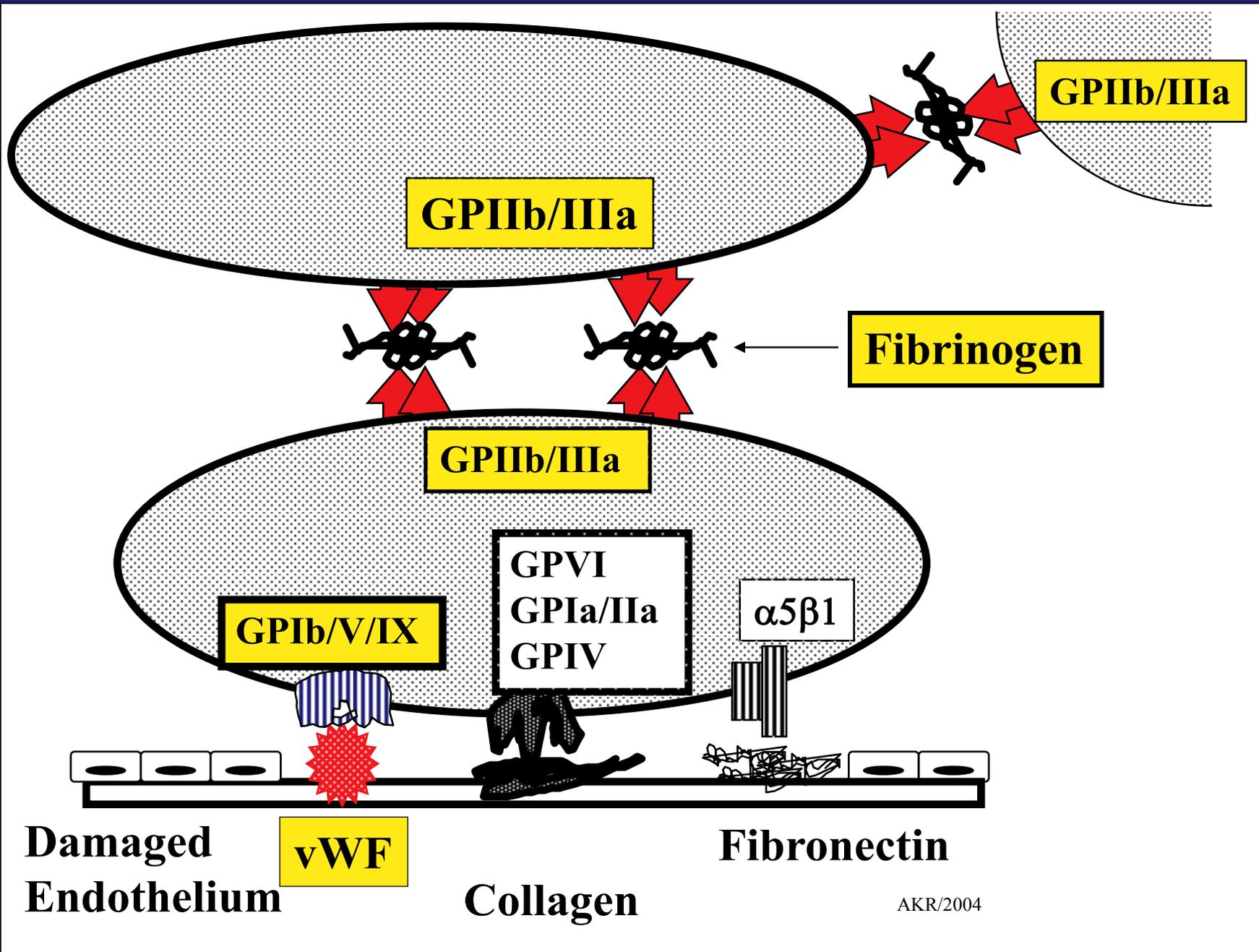
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# STRATEGIES FOR ANTITHROMBOTIC THERAPY



# Platelet Responses to Activation





**GPIIb/IIIa**

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**Fibrinogen**

**GPIIb/IIIa**

**GPIb/V/IX**

**GPVI  
GPIa/IIa  
GPIV**

**$\alpha5\beta1$**

**Damaged Endothelium**

**vWF**

**Collagen**

**Fibronectin**

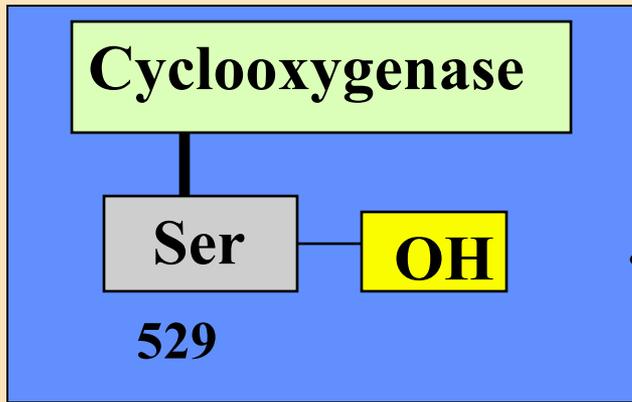
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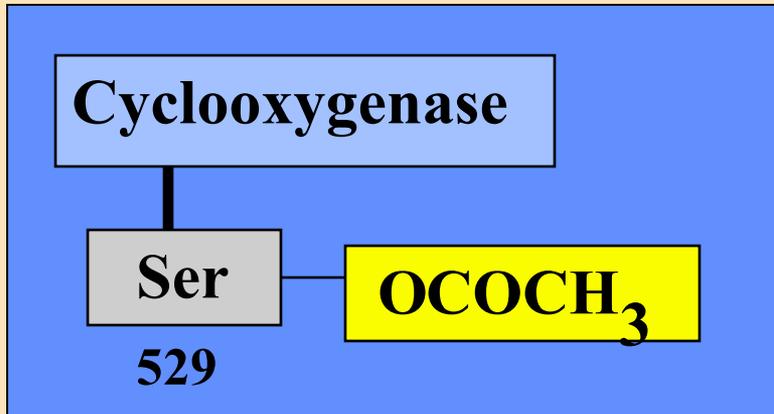
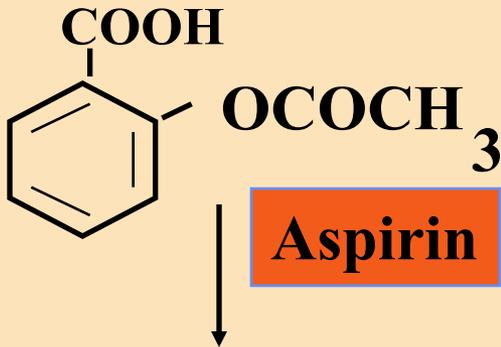
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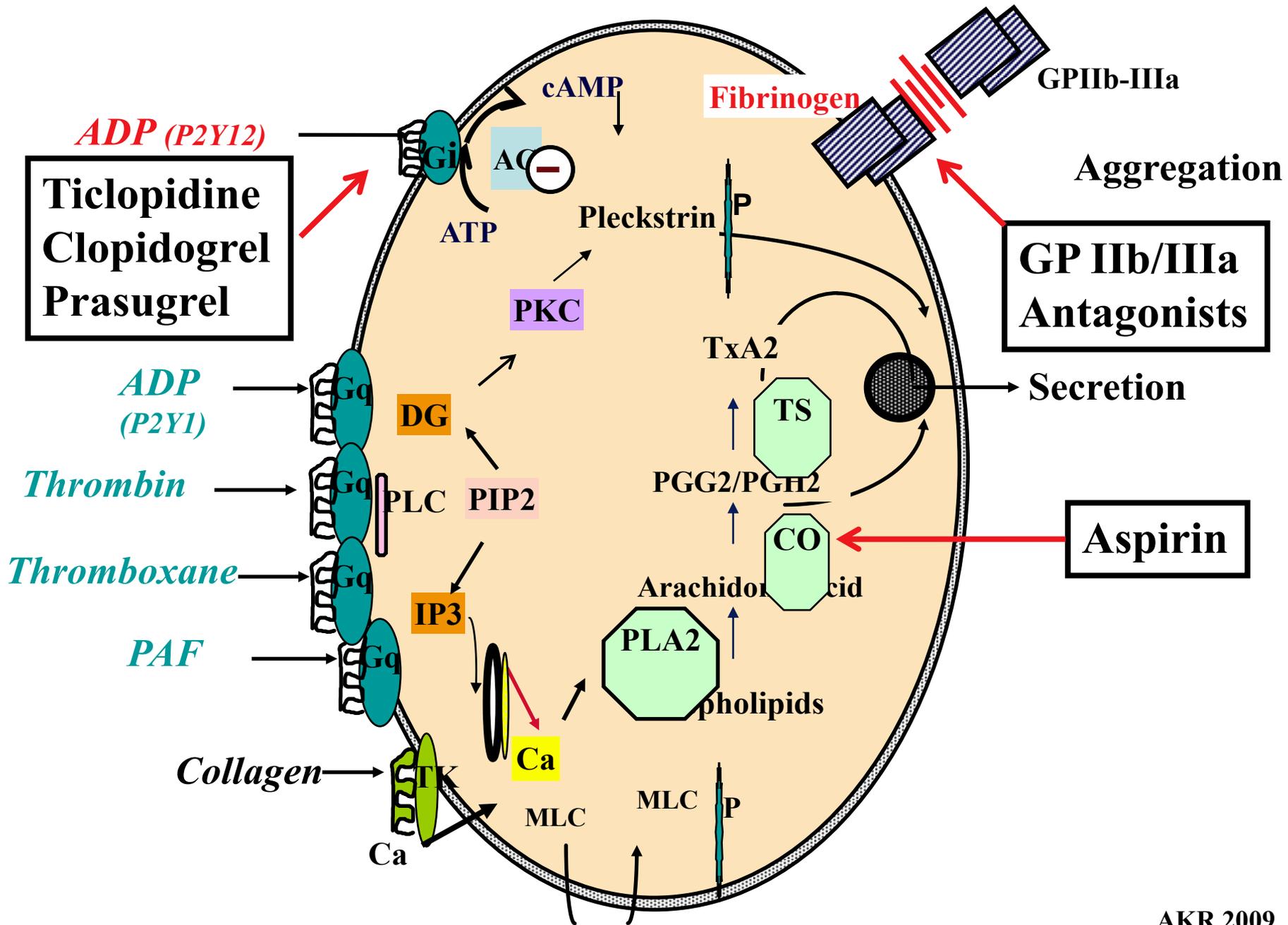
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Arachidonic Acid

PGG<sub>2</sub>, PGH<sub>2</sub>

Thromboxane A<sub>2</sub>



# Aspirin Pharmacokinetics

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- **Rapidly absorbed in stomach and small intestine**
- **Peak levels at 30-40 min after ingestion**
- **Plasma concentration decays: half-life of 15-20 min**
- **Inhibition of platelet function evident at 1 hour**
- **Irreversibly inactivates COX in platelets**
- **Acetylates the enzyme in megakaryocytes as well**

# Aspirin as Antithrombotic Agent

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- **Effective in a wide range of arterial disorders**
- **Reduces vascular deaths by 15% and vascular events by 30% in high risk patients**
- **Effective when used long-term in doses 50-100 mg/day**
- **No convincing evidence that higher doses are more effective**
- **Lower doses (300 mg) produce fewer GI side effects than higher doses (1200 mg)**
- **Bleeding risks increased with increasing aspirin dose (75-325 mg/d) with or without clopidogrel (CURE Trial)**

# Potential Cumulative Impact of Four Secondary-Prevention Treatments

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	<u>Relative Risk</u>	<u>2 Year Event Rate</u>
None	..	8%
<b>Aspirin</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>6%</b>
$\beta$ -blockers	25%	4.5%
Lipid lowering (by 1-5 mmol)	30%	3.5%
ACE inhibitors	25%	2-3%

Cumulative relative risk reduction if all 4 drugs used ~ 75%

Events = cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, or strokes

Yusuf, S. Lancet 360:3, 2002

# SECOND INTERNATIONAL STUDY OF INFARCT SURVIVAL (ISIS-2)

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- 17,187 patients with chest pain (up to 24 hrs) and suspected AMI
- Randomized: **SK** (1.5U, 60 min); **ASA** 160 mg/day; **both**; **neither**
- **Vascular mortality** at 5 wk was reduced

Placebo			(Deaths 13.2%)
SK	25%	p<0.00001	(Deaths 10.4%)
<b>ASA</b>	<b>23%</b>	p<0.00001	(Deaths 10.7%)
SK + ASA	42%	p<0.00001	(Deaths 8.0%)

- The ASA reduced nonfatal reinfarction and nonfatal stroke
- No increase in cerebral hemorrhage with ASA but some with SK
- Beneficial effects of ASA and SK highly significant at 15 mo

# Indirect Comparison of Aspirin Dosages in Reducing Vascular Events in High-Risk Patients

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Aspirin Dose (mg/day)	No of Trials	No of Patients	Odds Reduction %
500-1500	34	22,451	19±3
160-325	19	26,513	26±3
75-150	12	6,776	32±6
<75	3	3,655	13±8

Patrono et al, Chest 133; 2008:199S

# **Aspirin and Primary Prevention of Vascular Events: Meta-analysis**

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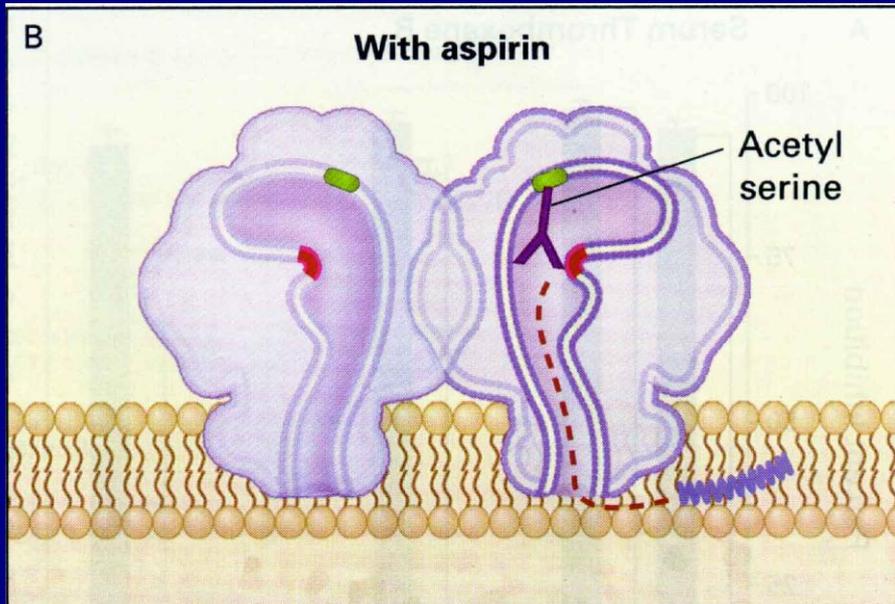
- **Six Primary Prevention trials (92,873 participants)**
- **Mean Follow-up 6 years**
- **15% reduction in odds of CV events**
- **23% in total coronary heart disease**
- **24% in nonfatal MI**
- **No overall effect on stroke**
- **No significant effect on vascular death or on overall mortality**

Bertolucci, Amer J Card 2006, 98:746

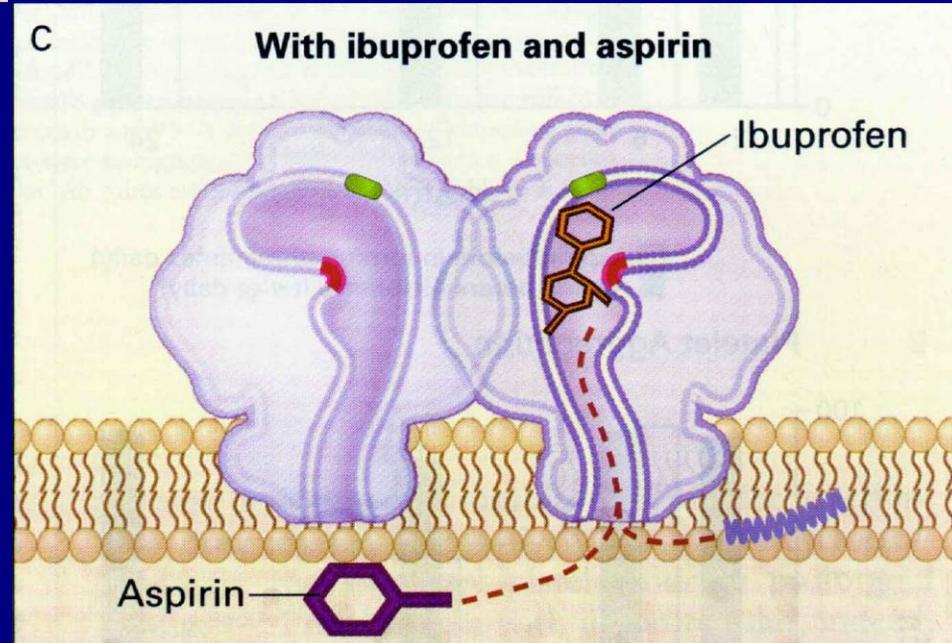
# **Interaction of NSAIDs with Antiplatelet Effect of Aspirin**

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- **Concomitant administration of Ibuprofen (but not diclofenac, tylenol or rofecoxib) antagonizes irreversible platelet inhibition by aspirin**
- **Aspirin is a irreversible inhibitor of Cox-1**
- **Cox-1 inhibition by ibuprofen is short lived**
- **Ibuprofen competitively inhibits aspirin access to acetylation site in Cox-1**
- **May limit cardioprotective effect of aspirin**



**Catella-Lawson et al.**  
**NEJM 2001;345:1809-17**



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# Dipyridamole/Aspirin Combination (Aggrenox)

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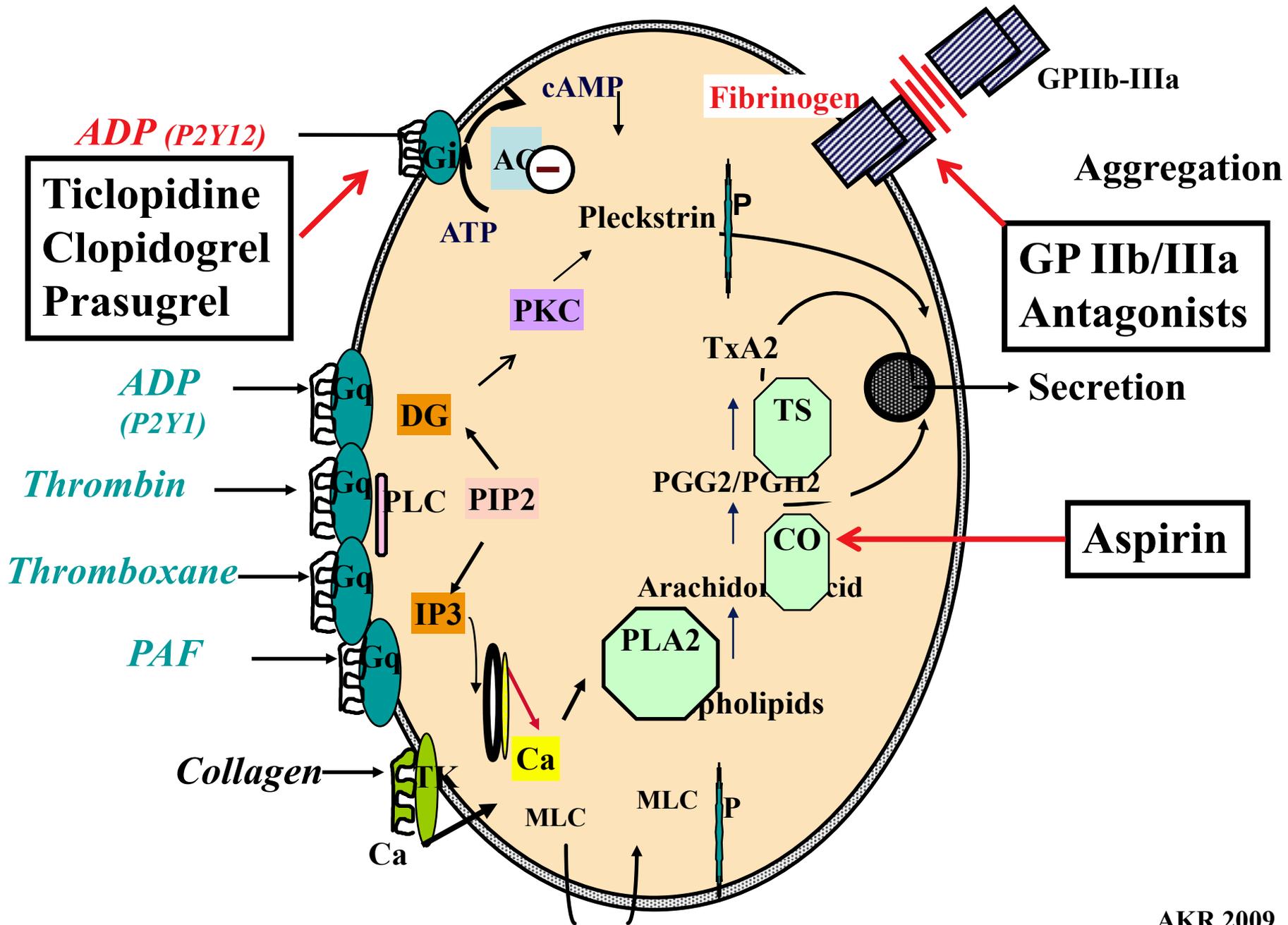
- Dipyrimidole is a pyrimido pyrimidine derivative
- Increases platelet cAMP
- Inhibits cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterase and blockade of adenosine uptake
- Formulation: Aspirin (25 mg); Extended release  
Dipyridamole (200 mg); twice daily
- **European Stroke Prevention Study 2:** 6602 patients;  
randomized to placebo, aspirin, Aggrenox
- In patients with prior stroke or TIA: 2 years stroke rates:

Placebo	15.2%		
Aspirin	12.5%	(Reduction 19%;	p = 0.0009)
Aggrenox	9.5%	(Reduction 37%;	p < 0.001)

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# **P2Y12 Antagonists: Thienopyridines Ticlopidine, Clopidogrel, Prasugrel**

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- **Thienopyridine derivatives**
- **Prodrugs: Converted to active metabolites by liver cytochrome P450 isozymes**
- **Irreversible Inhibitors**

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**Direct Inhibitors: *Ticagrelor, Cangrelor, Elinogrel (Not FDA Approved)***

# Ticlopidine

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- **Indication:** To reduce the risk of thrombotic stroke (fatal or nonfatal) in patients who have experienced stroke precursors, and in patients who have had a completed thrombotic stroke
- **Dosage:** 250 mg b.i.d

# Clopidogrel versus Aspirin in Patients at Risk of Ischaemic Events

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## CAPRIE Study: Design

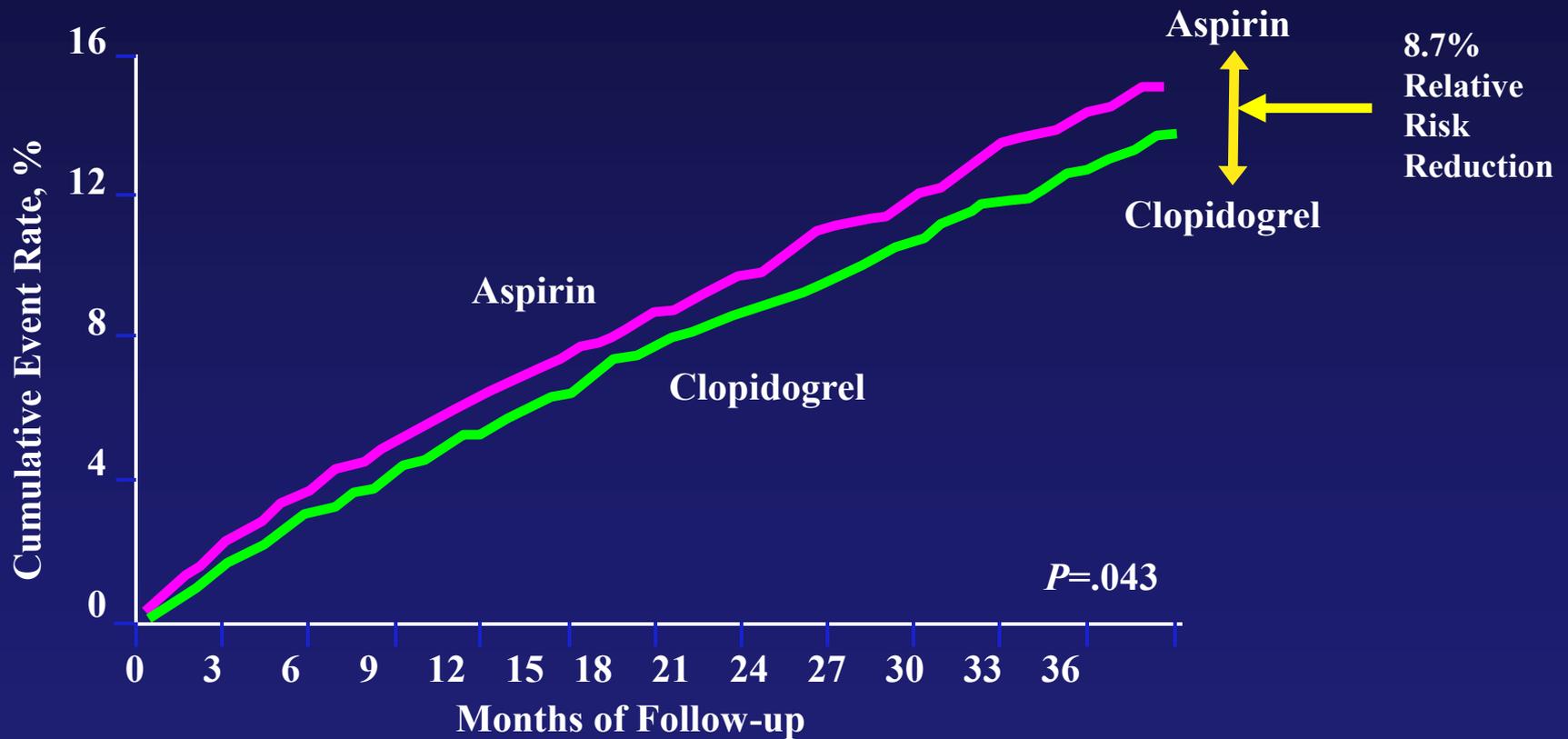
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<b>Study Design</b>	Prospective, randomized, blinded
<b>Number of Patients</b>	19,185 patients with atherosclerotic vascular disease
<b>Inclusion Criteria</b>	Recent ischemic stroke ( $\leq 6$ mo) Recent MI ( $\leq 35$ d) Established peripheral arterial disease
<b>Study Drugs</b>	Clopidogrel: 75 mg qd Aspirin: 325 mg qd
<b>Treatment Duration</b>	Up to 3 y (mean, 1.6 y)
<b>Investigational Centers</b>	304 in 16 countries, including the US

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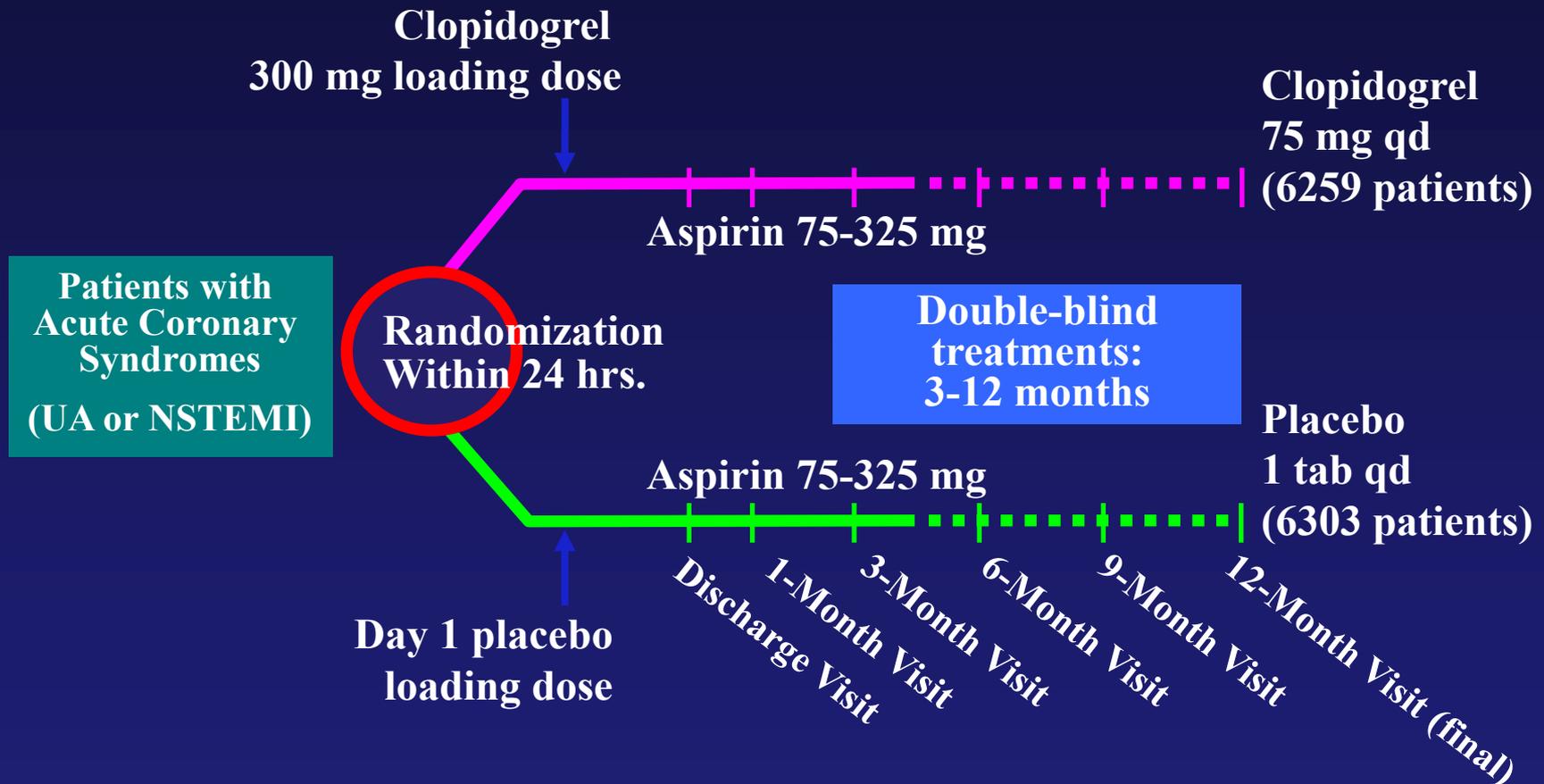
## Efficacy of Clopidogrel in Primary Analysis of MI, Ischemic Stroke, or Vascular Death



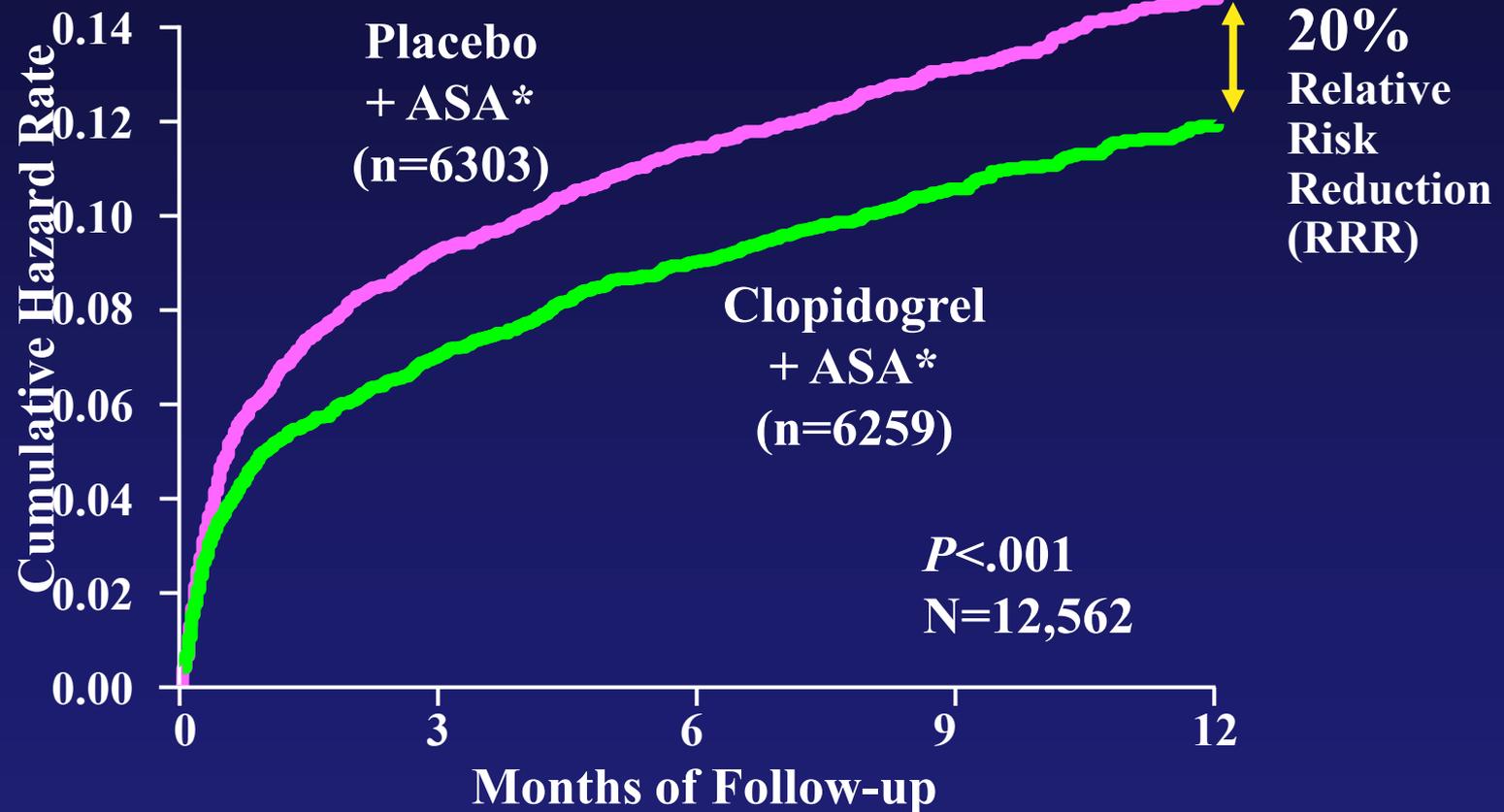
ITT analysis.

CAPRIE Steering Committee. *Lancet*. 1996;348:1329-1339.

# CURE Study: Patient Randomization



# CURE Study: Primary End Point —MI/Stroke/CV Death



\*In addition to other standard therapies.

Yusuf S, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2001;345:494-502.

# CURE TRIAL: CLOPIDOGREL IN ADDITION TO ASPIRIN IN ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES

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	Clopidogrel	Placebo	Relative Risk
Major Bleeds	3.7%	2.7%	1.38 (p < 0.001)
> 2 units Transfusion	2.8%	2.2%	1.30 (p = 0.02)
Life-Threatening Bleeds	2.2%	1.8%	1.21 (p = 0.03)

Yusuf S et al NEJM 345:494, 2001

# Clopidogrel

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**Clinical benefit of adding clopidogrel to aspirin therapy:**

- ACS, Unstable angina, NSTEMI: ***CURE***
- PCI: ***PCI-CURE, CREDO***
- STEMI: ***CLARITY-TIMI 28, COMMIT***

**But....**

**Stable cardiovascular disease or asymptomatic patients  
with multiple CV risk factors – *CHARISMA***

**Combination of Clopidogrel + ASA not more effective  
than aspirin alone (MI, stroke or death from CV  
causes)**

# Clopidogrel: Indications

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- **For reduction of atherosclerotic events (MI, stroke and vascular death) in patients with atherosclerosis documented by recent stroke, recent MI, or established peripheral arterial disease**
- **Acute coronary syndromes**
- **Dose: 75 mg once daily; ACS - loading dose 300 mg**

# Clopidogrel: Adverse Effects

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- **Bleeding events**
- **Thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura**

# Ticlopidine and TTP

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- 60 cases of ticlopidine associated TTP
- >60 years age, 50% male
- 72% received ticlopidine for stroke prevention
- 66% had normal platelet counts within 2 weeks of TTP
- Prescribed for: <1 month ~80% patients  
<2 weeks ~15% patients
- Overall survival 67%
- Plasmapheresis most important predictor of mortality (mortality: 50% - no plasmapheresis  
24% - with plasmapheresis)

# Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura Associated with Clopidogrel

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- **Duration 3/1998 through 3/2000**
- **11 patients - TTP developed during or soon after treatment**
- **10 patients received drug for  $\leq 14$  days**
- **10 responded to plasma exchange; one died**
- **2 required  $\geq 20$  exchanges before clinical improvement**
- **2 had relapses up to 7 months from onset, while not on drug**

# **Clopidogrel – Response Variability**

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- **Reveals interpatient response variability**
- **Hyporesponsiveness associated with major adverse clinical events (post-PCI)**

## **Mechanisms: Clinical, Genetic, Cellular Factors**

- **Noncompliance**
- **Drugs metabolized by cytochrome P450 in liver may reduce effectiveness (eg. Proton pump inhibitor (Omeprazole))**
- **Cigarette smoking increasing clopidogrel's effectiveness (induction of P450, CYP1A2)**
- **Common reduced-function isoform of CYP2C19 (30% European ancestry, 40% African ancestry, >50% Asian)**
- **Pre-clopidogrel response to ADP predicts post-clopidogrel response to ADP**

# Prasugrel (Effient)

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- **Metabolized by liver cytochrome P450**
- **Inhibits platelet P2Y12 receptor**
- **More efficiently metabolized to active metabolite than clopidogrel**
- **Metabolized by esterases, less dependent on P450**
- **Prasugrel loading (60 mg) more rapid, potent and consistent inhibition of platelet function than 300 mg and 600 mg clopidogrel**
- **10 mg Prasugrel: more potent and consistent inhibition than clopidogrel (75 mg or 150 mg daily)**

# Prasugrel

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## ***TRITON-TIMI 38***

- Phase III, 13,608 patients with ACS and scheduled PCI
- Prasugrel (60 mg loading, 10 mg maintenance) versus clopidogrel (300 mg; 75 mg maintenance)
- Prasugrel significantly reduced ischemic events, including stent thrombosis (primary efficacy end point: 9.9% vs 12.1%)
- Increased risk of major bleeding (2.4% vs 1.8%) including fatal bleeding
- Less clinical efficacy and greater bleeding: age >75 years; body weight <60 kg, history of stroke or TIA
- Greater benefit: Undergoing PCI; Diabetes

Michelson AD, Nature Reviews, Drug Discovery 2010;9:154-169  
Wiviott SD, New Eng J Med 2007;357:2001-2015  
Wiviott SD, Circulation 2008;118:1626-1636

# Novel P2Y12 Antagonists

## Direct Acting and Reversible

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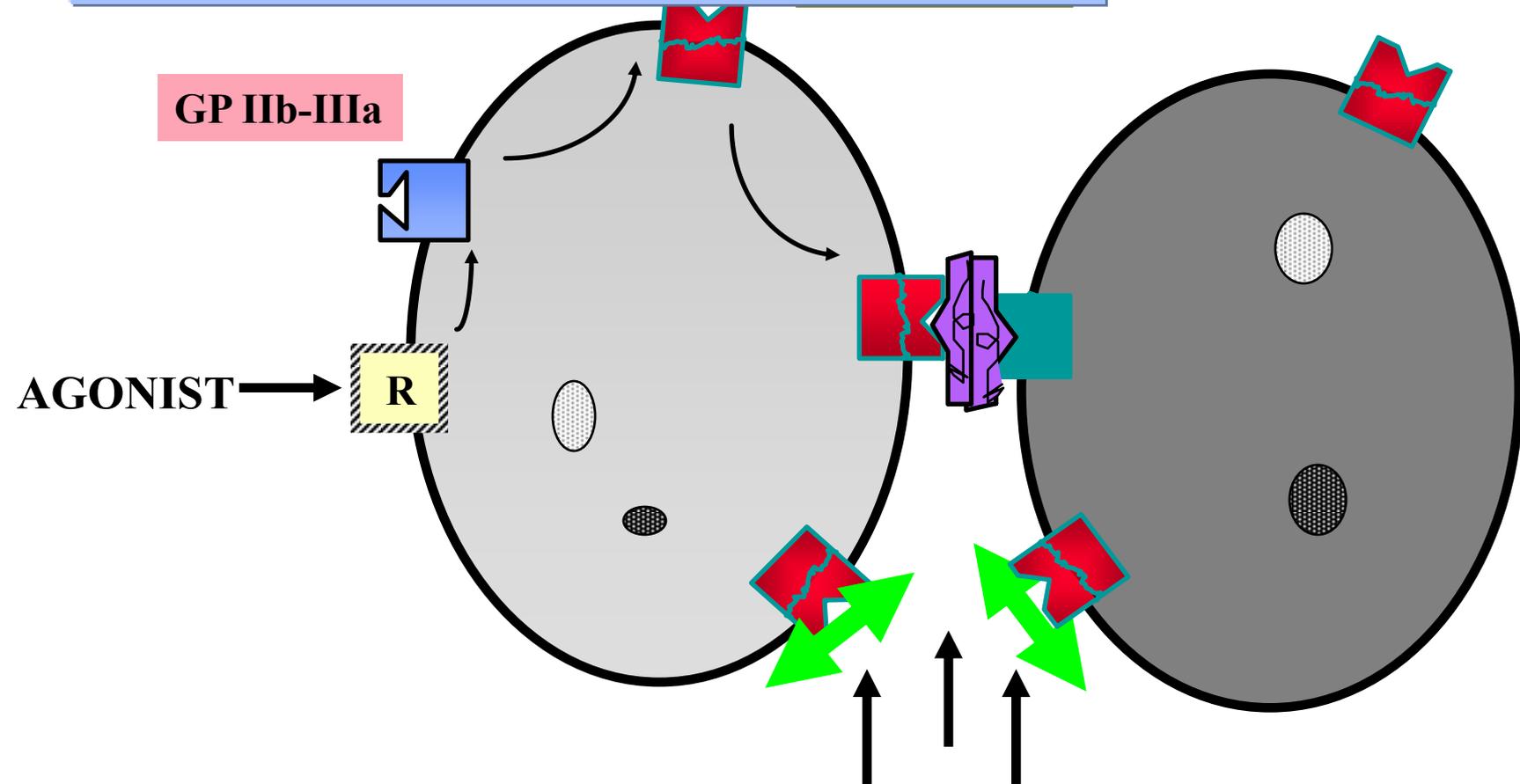
- **Ticagrelor** (*PLATO*)
- More potent and acts rapidly than clopidogrel
- Dyspnea and Ventricular pauses
- Oral, twice daily
- Superior to clopidogrel in ACS (*PLATO*)
  
- **Cangrelor** (*CHAMPION – PCI, CHAMPION-PLATFORM*)
- Intravenously
- Trials stopped
- “Bridge” for patients on clopidogrel
  
- **Elinogrel**
- Oral or IV

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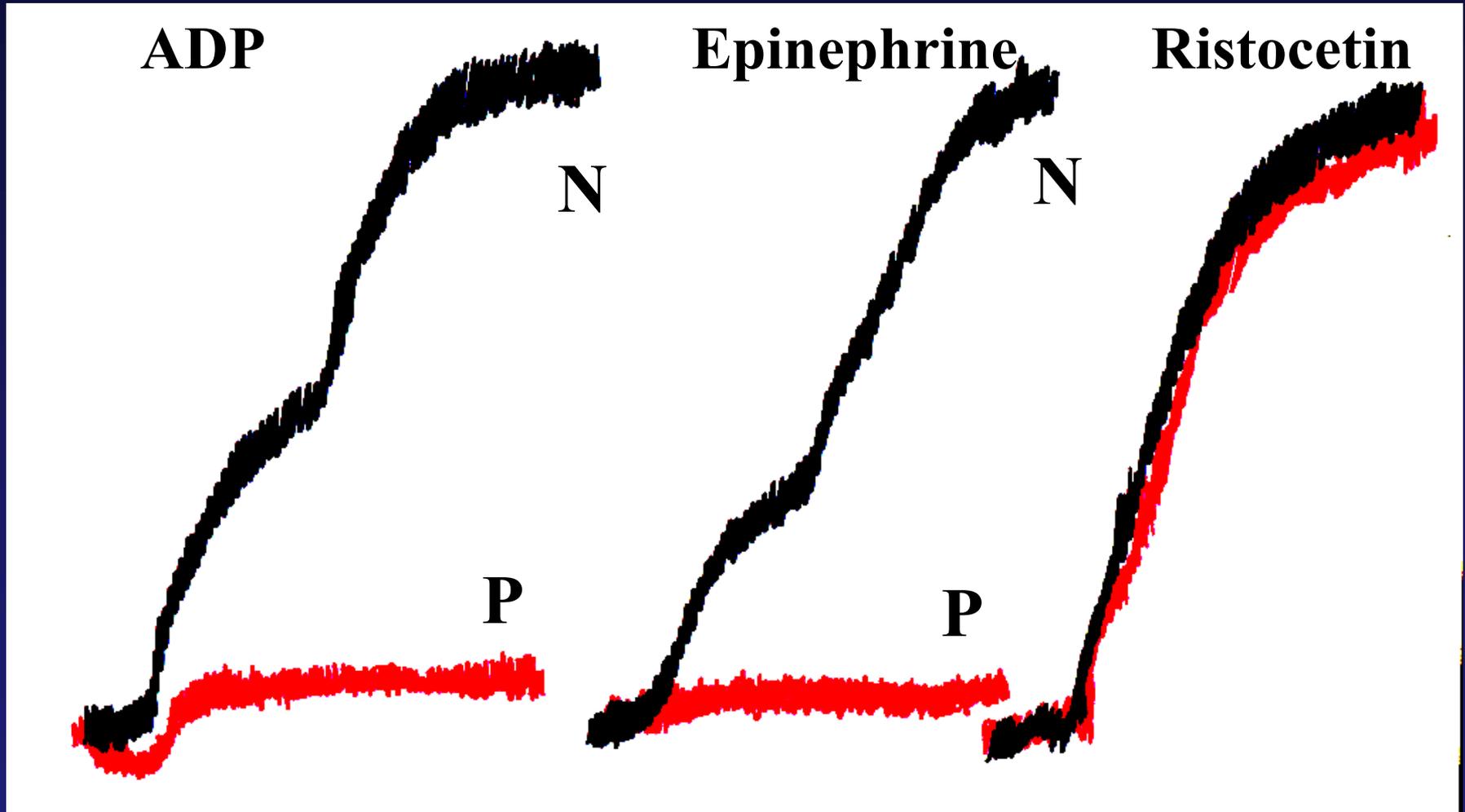
# GPIIb-IIIa Antagonists (Fibans)



**Abciximab (Reopro): *Chimeric Fab Fragment***  
**Eptifibatide (Integrilin)**  
**Tirofiban (Aggrastat)**



# GPIIb-IIIa Deficiency or Blockade



# GPIIb-IIIa Antagonists

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- **Indications: Acute coronary syndromes, and in conjunction with percutaneous coronary interventions**
- **Major side effects:**
  - Hemorrhage
  - Thrombocytopenia

# **GPIIb-IIIa Antagonists and Thrombocytopenia**

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- **Occurs with all GPIIb-IIIa Antagonists**
- **May occur in patients not previously exposed**
- **Incidence:**
  - **Abciximab (Reopro): 0.5 - 1.0%,  
(>10% with repeat exposure)**
  - **Tirofiban, Eptifibatide: 0.2 - 0.5%**
- **May be acute (within hours) or delayed**
- **Acute profound thrombocytopenia < 20,000/ul  
0.3% in some trials**

# Thrombocytopenia with Tirofiban and Eptifibatide: Mechanisms

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- **Antibody mediated and drug-dependent**
- **Drug binds to GPIIb-IIIa and induces neoepitope recognized by Ab**
- **“Naturally occurring” antibodies: present in persons not previously exposed**

# **Thrombocytopenia with Abciximab: Mechanisms**

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- **Abciximab is a chimeric human-mouse Fab specific for GPIIIa**
- **Antibodies causing thrombocytopenia recognize murine component of chimeric Abciximab**
- **“Naturally occurring” antibodies**
- **In some patients thrombocytopenia onset delayed over several days**

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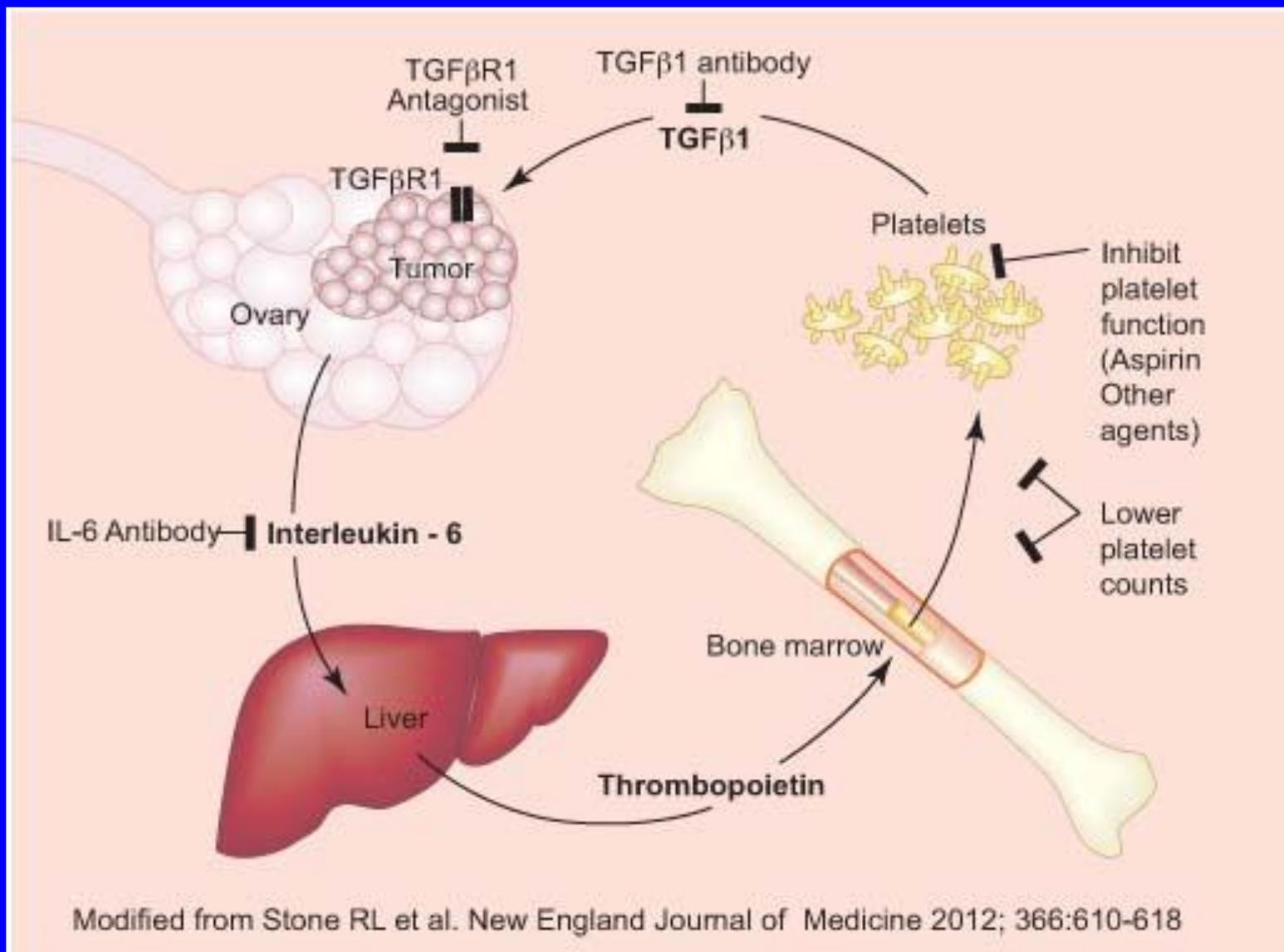
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# Cilostazol (Pletal)

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- **Cyclic nucleotide Phosphodiesterase 3 inhibitor**
- **Increases cAMP levels in platelets**
- **Inhibits platelet aggregation induced by a variety of stimuli, including thrombin, ADP, collagen, arachidonic acid, epinephrine, and shear stress**
- **Indicated for the reduction of symptoms of intermittent claudication (PAD)**

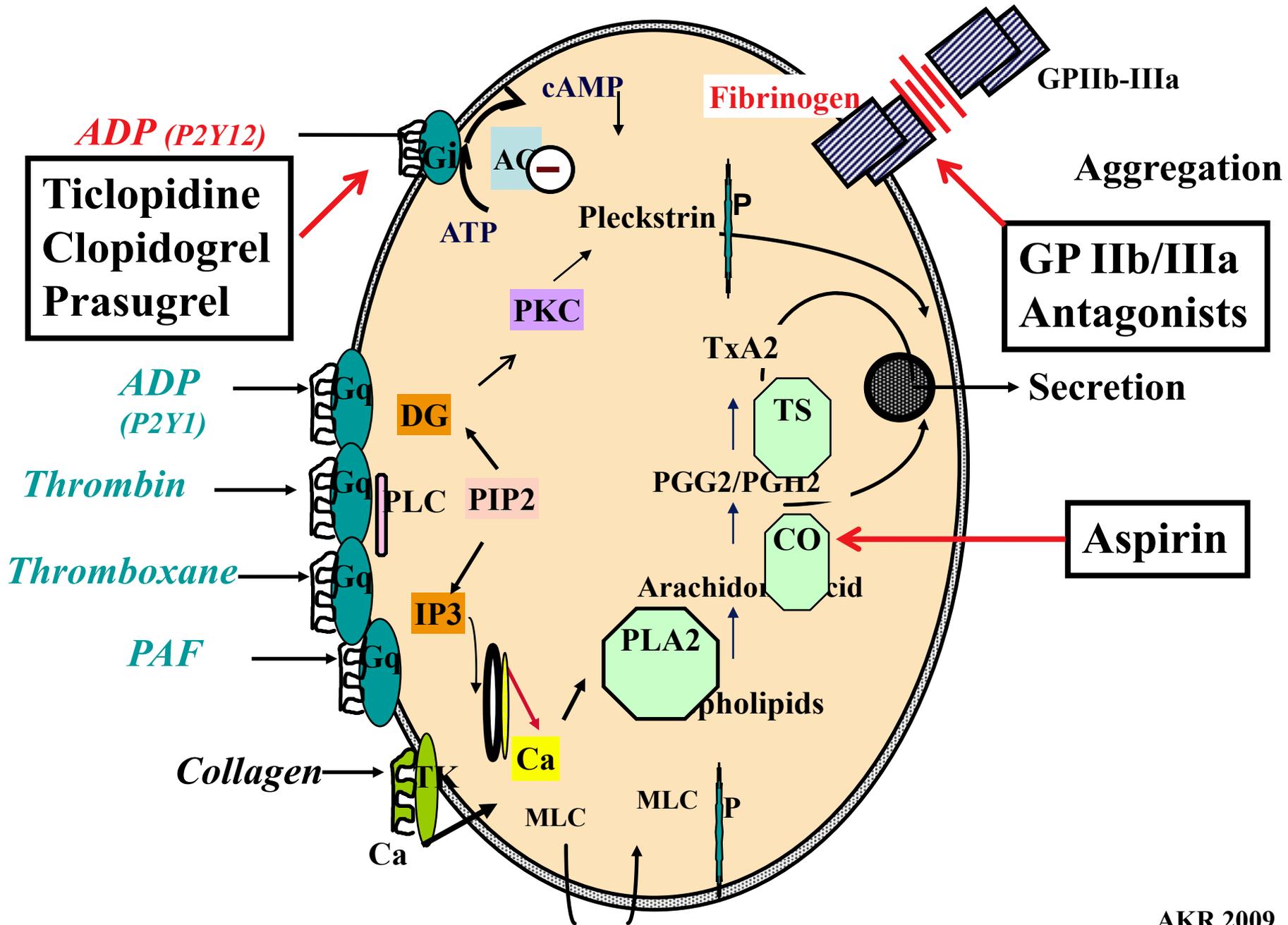
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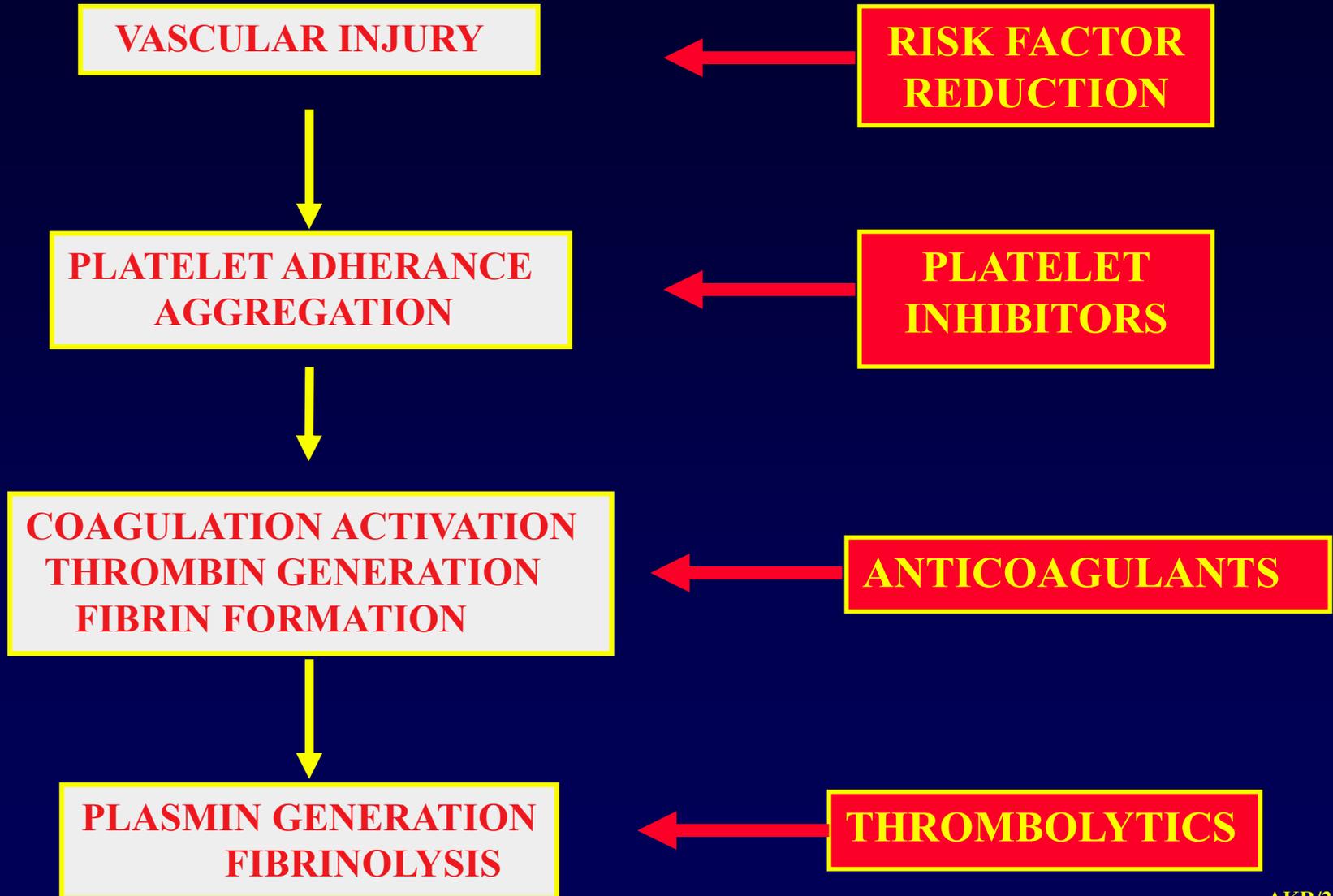
# Novel Anti-Platelet Drugs

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- **Combined P2Y1 and P2Y12 Antagonists**
- **Novel GPIIb-IIIa antagonists**
- **PAR1 Antagonists (Thrombin Receptor)**
- **Glycoprotein Ib Antagonists**
- **Glycoprotein VI Antagonists**
- **$\alpha2\beta1$  Antagonists**
- **Thromboxane Receptor Antagonists**
- **Serotonin Receptor (5HT-2A) Antagonists**
- **Prostaglandin E2 Receptor (EP3) Antagonists**
  
- **PI3K $\beta$  Antagonists**
- **P-selectin-P-selectin Ligand1 Signaling Antagonists**
- **NO-releasing variant of aspirin**



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A photograph of a marina at night. The sky is a deep, dark blue. A bright white lightning bolt strikes a flagpole on the right side of the frame. The flagpole has an American flag at the top. In the foreground, there are several boats docked at a pier. The water is dark, and the lights from the buildings and boats are visible. The overall scene is dramatic and atmospheric.

**Thank You**

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