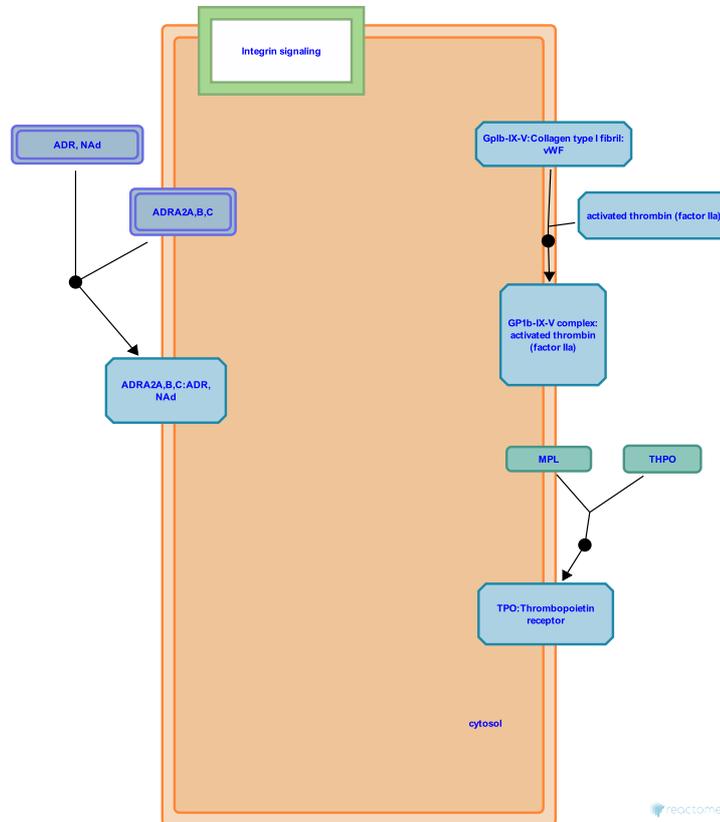


# Platelet Aggregation (Plug Formation)



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## Introduction

Reactome is open-source, open access, manually curated and peer-reviewed pathway database. Pathway annotations are authored by expert biologists, in collaboration with Reactome editorial staff and cross-referenced to many bioinformatics databases. A system of evidence tracking ensures that all assertions are backed up by the primary literature. Reactome is used by clinicians, geneticists, genomics researchers, and molecular biologists to interpret the results of high-throughput experimental studies, by bioinformaticians seeking to develop novel algorithms for mining knowledge from genomic studies, and by systems biologists building predictive models of normal and disease variant pathways.

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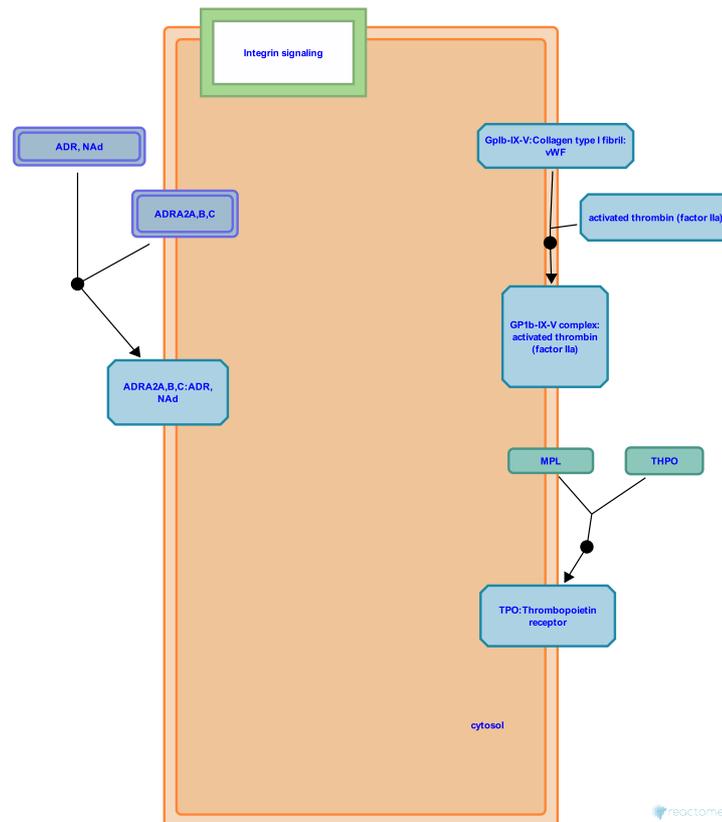
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## Platelet Aggregation (Plug Formation) ↗

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The tethering of platelets to the site of vascular injury is the first step in the formation of a platelet thrombus. Firm adhesion of these tethered platelets, as well as the additional recruitment of others onto their surface leads to the formation of large platelet aggregates. The formation of a thrombus is strictly dependent on the formation of interplatelet bonds.

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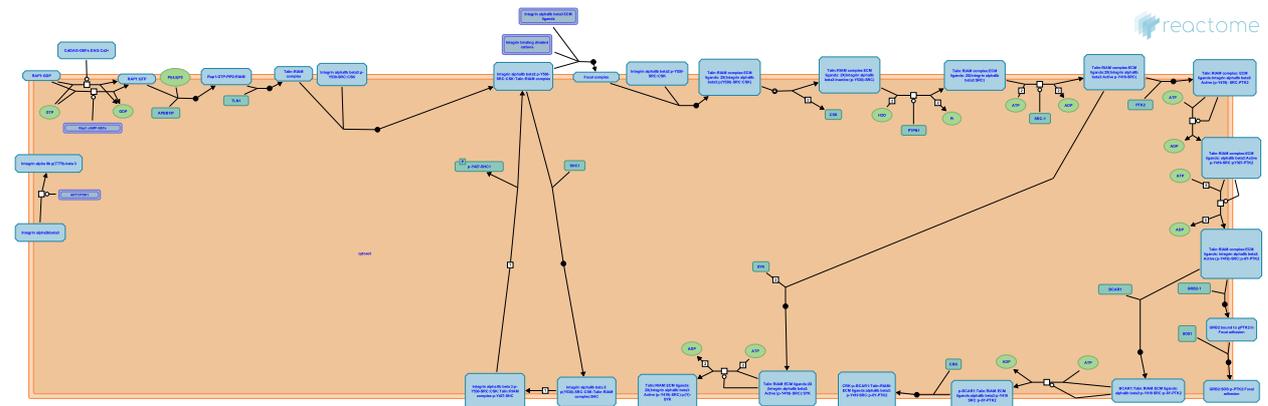
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## Integrin signaling ↗

**Location:** Platelet Aggregation (Plug Formation)

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Integrins are a major family of cell surface receptors that modulate cell adhesion, migration, proliferation and survival through interaction with the extracellular matrix (ECM) and the actin cytoskeleton. Integrins are type 1 transmembrane proteins that exist at the cell surface as heterodimers of alpha and beta subunits, of which there are 18 and 8 different isoforms, respectively, in human cells. In addition to their mechanical role in mediating contact between the ECM and the cytoskeleton, integrins also modulate intracellular signaling pathways governing cytoskeletal rearrangements and pro-survival and mitogenic signaling (reviewed in Hehlhans et al, 2007; Harburger and Calderwood, 2009; Ata and Antonescu, 2017).

In this pathway, we describe signaling through integrin alphaIIb beta3 as a representative example.

At the sites of vascular injury bioactive molecules such as thrombin, ADP, collagen, fibrinogen and thrombospondin are generated, secreted or exposed. These stimuli activate platelets, converting the major platelet integrin alphaIIb beta3 from a resting state to an active conformation, in a process termed integrin priming or 'inside-out signalling'. Integrin activation refers to the change required to enhance ligand-binding activity. The activated alphaIIb beta3 interacts with the fibrinogen and links platelets together in an aggregate to form a platelet plug. AlphaIIb beta3 bound to fibrin generates more intracellular signals (outside-in signalling), causing further platelet activation and platelet-plug retraction.

In the resting state the alpha and beta tails are close together. This interaction keeps the membrane proximal regions in a bent conformation that maintains alphaIIb beta3 in a low affinity state.

Integrin alphaIIb beta3 is released from its inactive state by interaction with the protein talin. Talin interacts with the beta3 cytoplasmic domain and disrupts the salt bridge between the alpha and beta chains. This separation in the cytoplasmic regions triggers the conformational change in the extracellular domain that increases its affinity to fibrinogen.

Much of talin exists in an inactive cytosolic pool, and the Rap1 interacting adaptor molecule (RIAM) is implicated in talin activation and translocation to beta3 integrin cytoplasmic domain.

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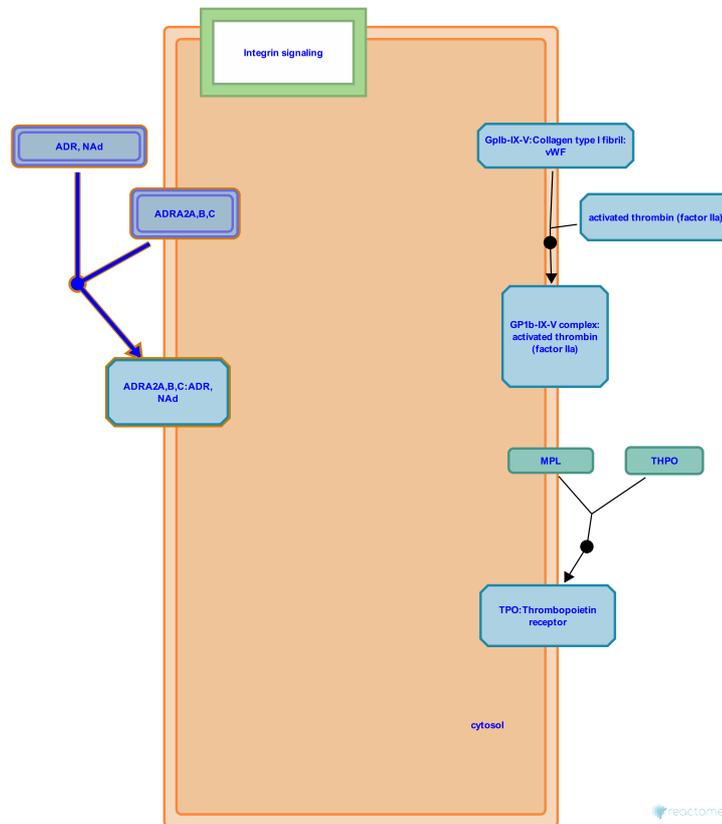
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## Adrenaline signalling through Alpha-2 adrenergic receptor ↗

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**Compartments:** plasma membrane



Adrenaline (epinephrine) signalling via the alpha-2 adrenergic receptor has many effects including inhibition of insulin release in pancreas, induction of glucagon release from pancreas, contraction of sphincters of the gastrointestinal tract, negative feedback processes in neuronal synapses and stimulation of platelet aggregation. This receptor preferentially couples to members of the Gi class of heterotrimeric G-proteins, leading to inhibition of adenylate cyclase and thereby decreased cAMP levels.

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## **Thrombin binding to GP1b:IX:V** ↗

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**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane