Current Concepts of the Coagulation System

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- Charter member and first Executive Director of ISTH [Roberts Medal]
- First plasma-derived FVIII concentrate (glycine precipitation)
- First description of a FIX molecular mutation
- Cell-based model of coagulation
- Recipient of:
 - French International Prize for Research in Hemophilia,
 - Kenneth Brinkhous Award (National Hemophilia Foundation),
 - Stratton Medal and Clinical Mentor Award (American Society of Hematology),
 - Distinguished Career Award and Grant Medal (ISTH)





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Primary Hemostasis



FIGURE 3–12. Scanning electron micrograph of human coronary artery plaque. This photograph shows a denuded area of intima where, apparently, a single endothelial cell has been lost. The raw surface is covered by a small mass of adherent and aggregated platelets which have clearly undergone shape change (\times 3,570).

Sub-endothelial von Willebrand Factor Provides Initial Tethering of Platelets under Shear





And....Other Mechanisms Consolidate Platelet Adhesion to Collagen



Platelet Aggregation is Mediated by GPIIb-IIIa in its Activated Conformation





Secondary Hemostasis





Morawitz's Four-Factor Model of Coagulation



Paul Morawitz (1879-1936)





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Morawitz P. Die Chemie der Blugerinnung. *Ergebnisse der Physiologie* 1905;4:307-423

Tissue Factor

("Thrombokinase"; "Thromboplastin"; "Factor III")

- Cell-bound glycoprotein
- Principal initiator of coagulation *in vivo*
- Mostly in extravascular location where it is not normally in contact with blood/clotting factors
- Exposed to blood when the endothelial barrier is breached



Blood Contacts Peri-Vascular TF Following Vascular Injury.







Macfarlane RG. An enzyme cascade in the blood clotting mechanism, and its function as a biochemical amplifier. *Nature* 202: 498-9, 1964.



Davie EW, Ratnoff OD: Waterfall sequence for intrinsic blood clotting. *Science* 145:1310-11, 1964





Coagulation Cascade



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The Coagulation Cascade

- Consistent with the identification of each clotting factor being a zymogen, converted to an enzyme in the sequence observed by in vitro experiments
- Nicely accounted for the roles of the clotting factors in the aPTT (factors XII, XI, IX, VIII) and PT (factor VII), and in both tests (factors V, X, prothrombin and fibrinogen)



However, the Cascade Model Failed to....

- Account for the fact that inherited deficiency of any contact factor (FXII, prekallikrein or high molecular weight kininogen) is not associated with bleeding, although deficiency of other factors in the intrinsic pathway (factors XI, IX, VIII) is associated with bleeding
- Identify the biologic molecules analogous to the inorganic negatively charged contact activators



The First Evidence Refuting The Cascade Model

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA Vol. 74, No. 12, pp. 5260–5264, December 1977 Biochemistry

Activation of Factor IX by the reaction product of tissue factor and Factor VII: Additional pathway for initiating blood coagulation

(bypass of activated Factor XI/assay for activated Factor IX)

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TF-Initiated Coagulation Leads to Both Direct and Indirect Activation of Factor X





Tissue Factor Pathway Inhibitor (TFPI): Inhibits Coagulation in a FXa-Dependent Mechanism

Crawley, J. et al. ATVB 2008;28:233-242





How Can the Hemostatic Role of Factor XI be Explained?



Activation of FXI by Thrombin

Factor XI Activation in a Revised Model of Blood Coagulation

DAVID GAILANI AND GEORGE J. BROZE, JR.*

Coagulation factor XI is activated in vitro by factor XIIa in the presence of high molecular weight kininogen (HMWK) and a negatively charged surface. Factor XII deficiency is not associated with bleeding, which suggests that another mechanism for factor XI activation exists in vivo. A revised model of coagulation is proposed in which factor XI is activated by thrombin. In the absence of cofactors, thrombin is more effective $(k_{cat}/K_m = 1.6 \times 10^5)$ than factor XIIa (1.7×10^4) in activating factor XI. Dextran sulfate enhances activation of factor XI by thrombin 2000-fold; part of this effect is due to autoactivation of factor XI by activated factor XI.









FXIIa Stabilizes Clot Structure Independently of Thrombin Generation



Konings, J. Blood 2011:118(14);3942







The Majority of Thrombin is Generated After Whole Blood Clots



Focusing on the Early Events in Blood Clotting...



Brummel KE. Blood 2002;100:148

Early Coagulation Activation Events Mediated By Thrombin



Brummel KE. Blood 2002;100:148

Revised Coagulation Schematic



Anticoagulant Function of Thrombin



Accounting for the Role of Blood Cells in Coagulation

























Hoffman et al. Blood Coagul Fibrinolysis 1998;9(suppl 1):S61.

Formation of Cross-Linked Fibrin

















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Principal Inhibitors of Fibrinolysis

1. Plasminogen activator inhibitor-1 (PAI-1)inhibits t-Pa and urokinase

- 2. Alpha₂-antiplasmin.....inhibits plasmin
- 3. Thrombin-Activatable Fibrinolysis Inhibitor (TAFI).....inhibits binding of plasminogen and tPa



Fibrinolysis



Activated TAFI (TAFIa) Inhibits Fibrinolysis by Cleaving Essential Lysine Residues on Fibrin



Anti-fibrinolytic Lysine Analogs



Procoagulant and Antifibrinolytic Roles of FXI





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Meijers, JC. New Engl. J. Med. 2000:342;696

High Concentrations of Thrombin Needed to Activate Thrombin-Activatable Fibrinolysis Inhibitor (TAFI)



Bouma et al. Thromb Res 101:329, 2001

Conclusions

Thrombin generation is tightly regulated; it is both the product of and regulator of coagulation activation

