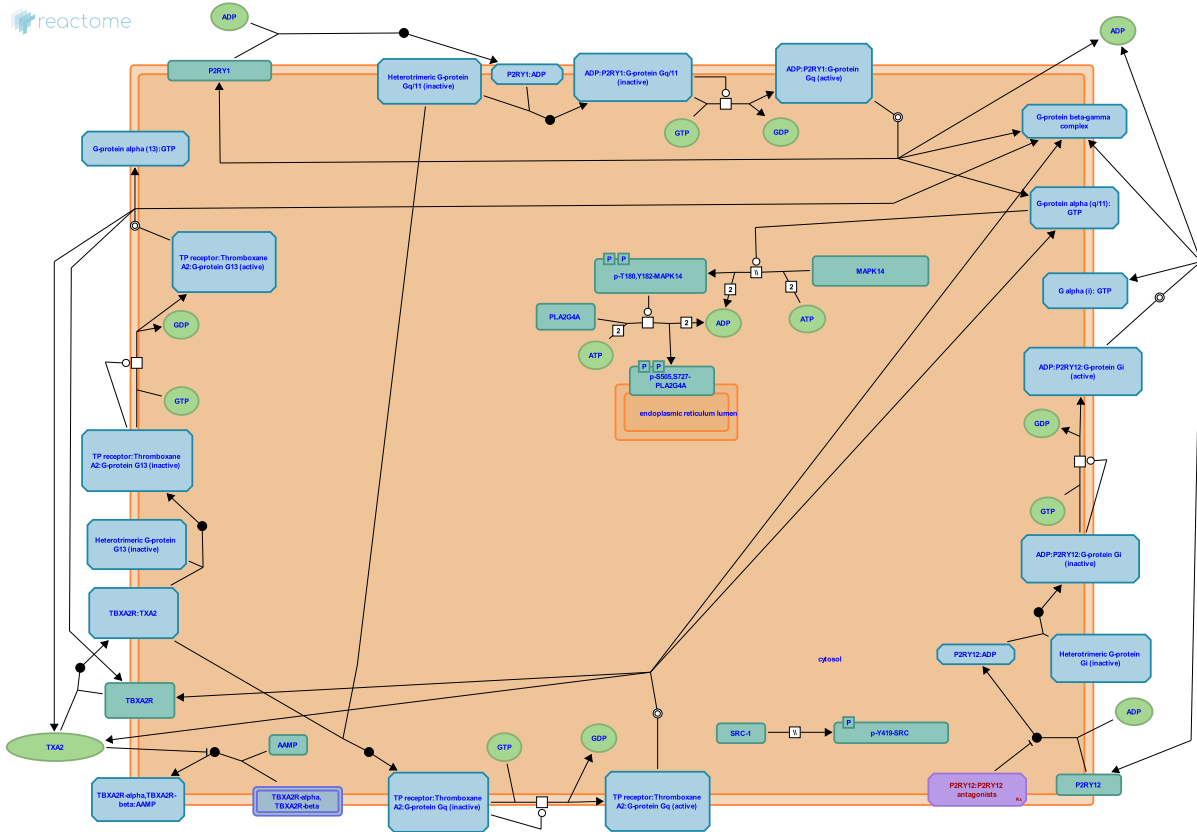


# Signal amplification



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## Introduction

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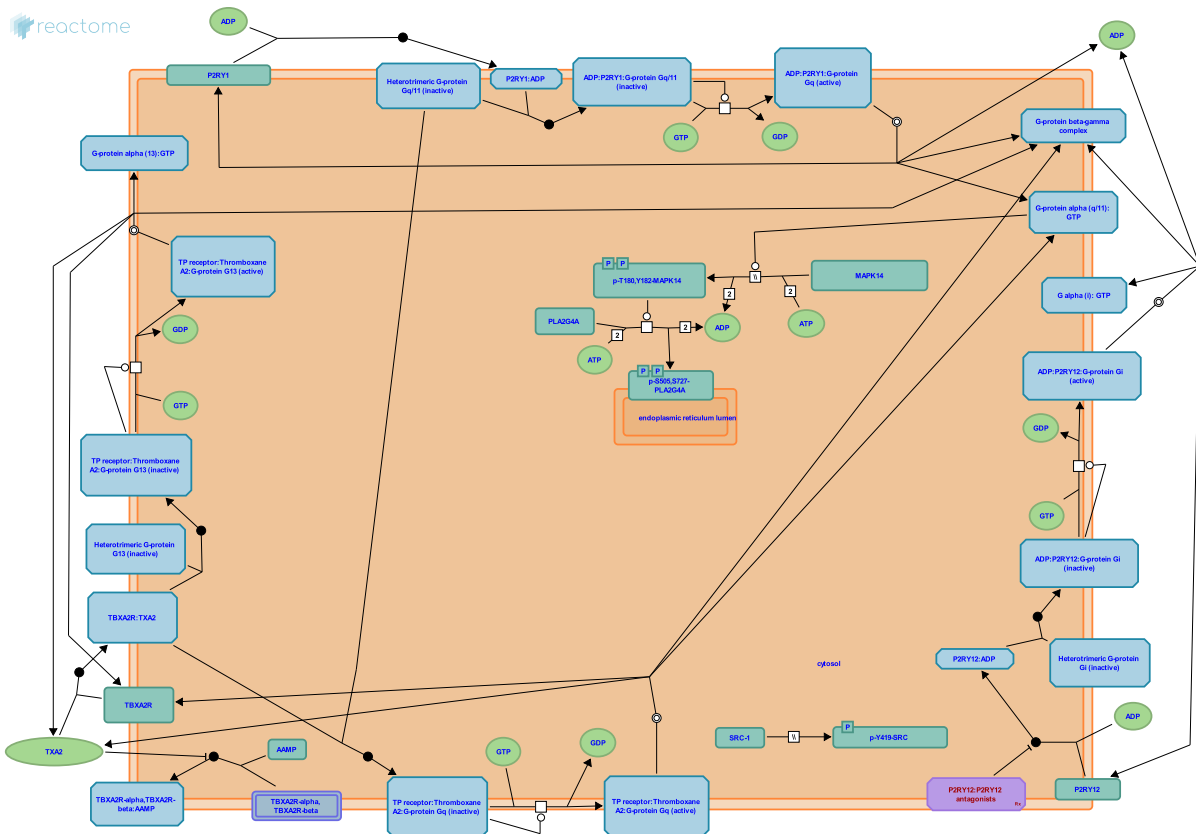
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In the initial response to injury, platelets adhere to damaged blood vessels, responding to the exposure of collagen from the vascular epithelium. Once adhered they degranulate, releasing stored secondary agents such as ADP and ATP, and synthesized thromboxane A2. These amplify the response, activating and recruiting further platelets to the area and promoting platelet aggregation. Adenosine nucleotides secreted following platelet activation signal through P2 purinergic receptors on the platelet membrane. ADP activates P2Y1 and P2Y12 while ATP activates the ionotropic P2X1 receptor (Kunapuli et al. 2003). Activation of these receptors initiates a complex signaling cascade that ultimately results in platelet activation and thrombus formation (Kahner et al. 2006). ADP stimulation of P2Y1 and P2Y12 involves signaling via both the alpha and gamma:beta components of the heterotrimeric G-protein (Hirsch et al. 2001, 2006).

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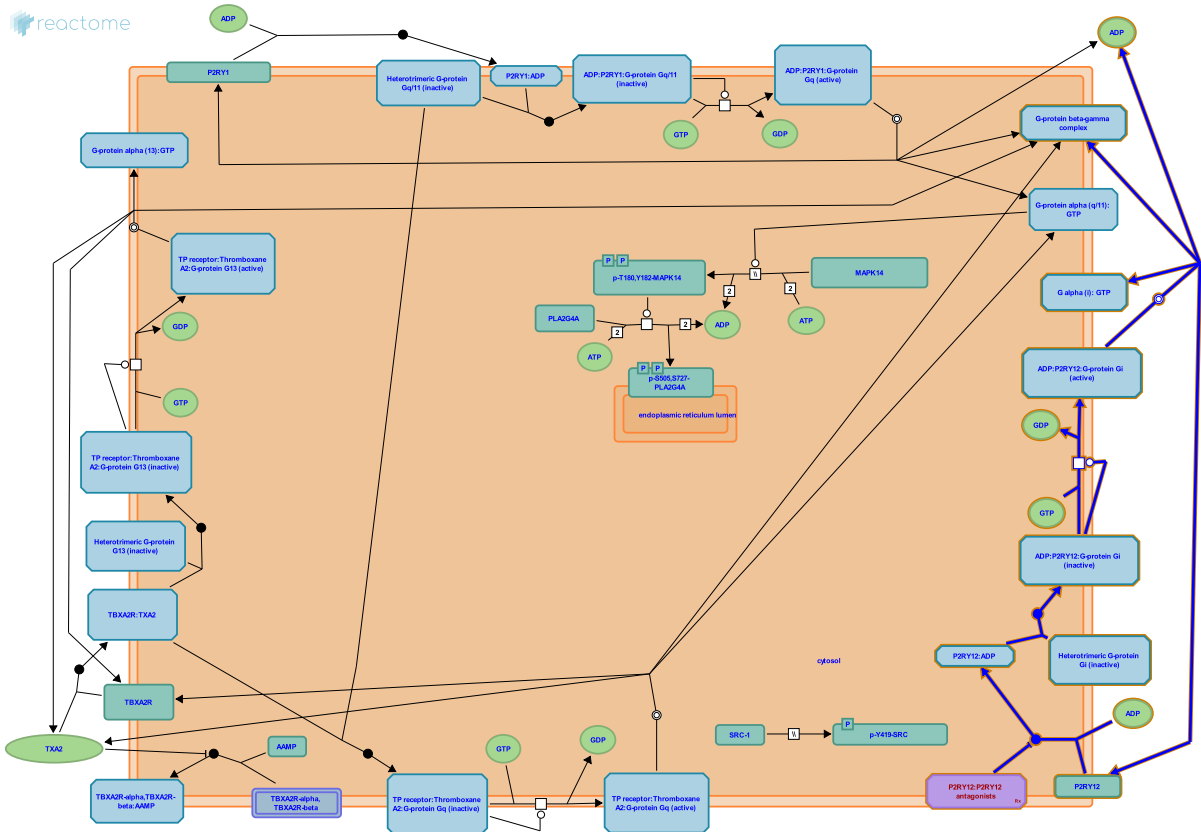
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# ADP signalling through P2Y purinoceptor 12 ↗

**Location:** Signal amplification

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-392170

**Compartments:** plasma membrane



Co-activation of P2Y1 and P2Y12 is necessary for complete platelet activation. P2Y1 is coupled to Gq and helps trigger the release of calcium from internal stores, leading to weak and reversible platelet aggregation. P2Y12 is Gi coupled, inhibiting adenylate cyclase, leading to decreased cAMP, a consequent decrease in cAMP-dependent protein kinase activity which increases cytoplasmic [Ca<sup>2+</sup>], necessary for activation (Woulfe et al. 2001). In activated platelets, P2Y12 signaling is required for the amplification of aggregation induced by all platelet agonists including collagen, thrombin, thromboxane, adrenaline and serotonin. P2Y12 activation causes potentiation of thromboxane generation, secretion leading to irreversible platelet aggregation and thrombus stabilization.

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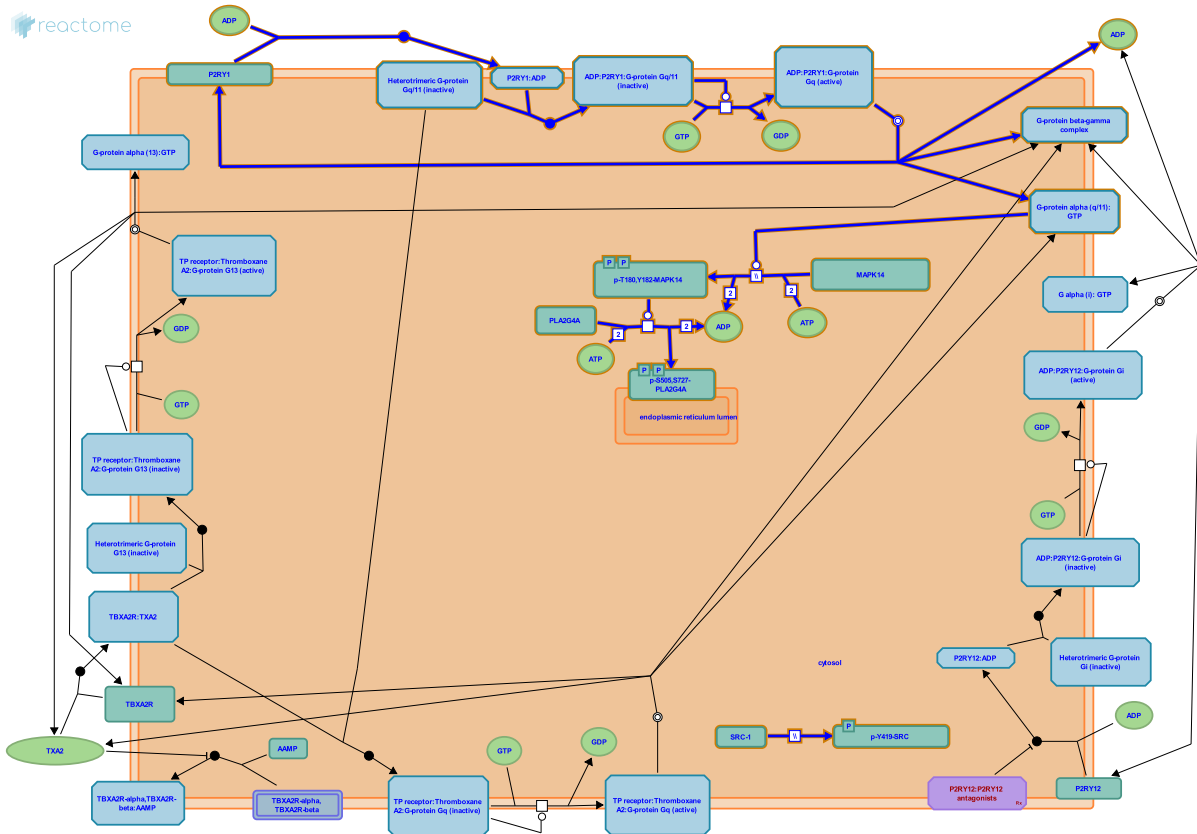
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**Location:** Signal amplification

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-418592

**Compartments:** plasma membrane



Co-activation of P2Y1 and P2Y12 is necessary for complete platelet activation. P2Y1 is coupled to Gq and helps trigger the release of calcium from internal stores, leading to weak and reversible platelet aggregation. P2Y12 is Gi coupled, inhibiting adenylate cyclase, leading to decreased cAMP, a consequent decrease in cAMP-dependent protein kinase activity which increases cytoplasmic [Ca<sup>2+</sup>], necessary for activation (Woulfe et al. 2001). In activated platelets, P2Y12 signaling is required for the amplification of aggregation induced by all platelet agonists including collagen, thrombin, thromboxane, adrenaline and serotonin. P2Y12 activation causes potentiation of thromboxane generation, secretion leading to irreversible platelet aggregation and thrombus stabilization.

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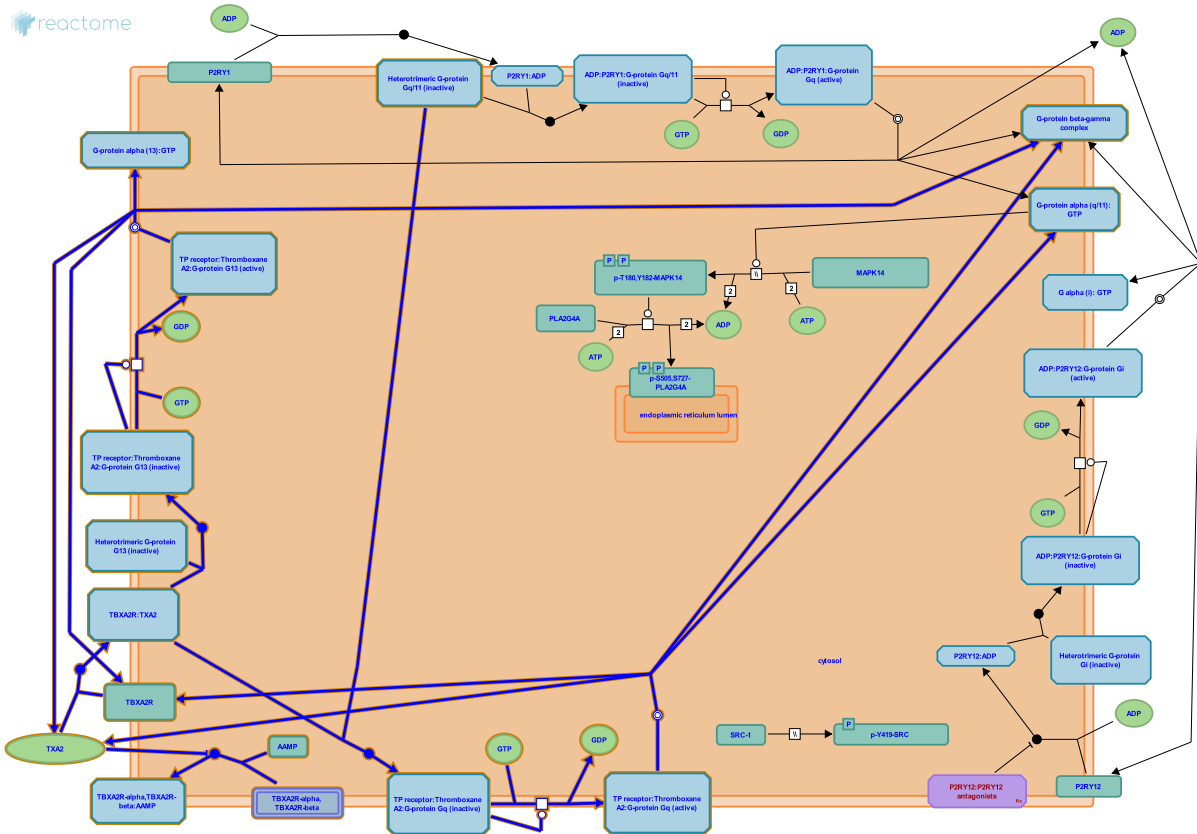
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# Thromboxane signalling through TP receptor ↗

**Location:** Signal amplification

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-428930

**Compartments:** plasma membrane



Thromboxane (TXA<sub>2</sub>) binds to the thromboxane receptor (TP). There are 2 splice variant forms of TP, differing in their cytoplasmic carboxyl terminal tails. TP beta was first identified in endothelial cells. TP alpha was identified in platelets and placenta. The major signalling route for TP is G<sub>q</sub>-mediated stimulation of PLC and consequent increase in cellular calcium. TP also couples to G<sub>13</sub>, leading to stimulation of Rho and Rac.

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