

Platelet

see also [Platelet lymphocyte ratio](#)

Platelets, also called “[thrombocytes](#)”, are blood cells whose function (along with the [coagulation factors](#)) is to stop bleeding.

Platelets have no nucleus: they are fragments of cytoplasm which are derived from the megakaryocytes of the bone marrow, and then enter the circulation. These unactivated platelets are biconvex discoid structures shaped like a lens, 2–3 μm in greatest diameter.

Platelets are found only in mammals, an adaptation that may have evolved to offset the risk of death from hemorrhage at childbirth – a risk unique to mammals.

see [platelet count](#).

see [thrombocytopenia](#).

Mean platelet volume

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Function

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