

Multiscale Simulations of the Primary Stage of Thrombus Formation

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We have developed a multiscale simulator for the primary stage of thrombus formation as a result of a platelet adhesion to an injured vessel wall. To capture continuum scale blood flows including a large number of red blood cells (RBCs) and platelets, the simulator numerically solves fluid-structure/membrane interaction problems ^{[1]-[3]}. It also treats a molecular scale ligand-receptor interaction between the von Willebrand factor on the injured vessel wall and the GPIIb/IIIa on the platelet by means of the stochastic Monte-Carlo method ^[4]. From the simulated results obtained using massively parallel computing, we discuss the effect of the RBC, which induces the fluctuating motion of the surrounding liquid and causes the dispersed motion of the platelet, on the enhancement of the thrombus formation in view of the particulate flow dynamics.

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