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*Dissolution of the fibrin net (yellow fibres) of a thrombus blocking a blood vessel (red: trapped erythrocytes). Thrombus formation can occur in the late stages of atherosclerosis, causing myocardial infarction and stroke.*

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