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## 2 Abелacimab for Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism

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### 19 Abstract

#### 20 Background

21 The role of factor XI in the pathogenesis of postoperative venous  
22 thromboembolism is uncertain. Abелacimab is a monoclonal antibody that binds  
23 to factor XI and locks it in the zymogen (inactive precursor) conformation.

#### 24 Methods

25 In this open-label, parallel-group trial, we randomly assigned 412 patients who  
26 were undergoing total knee arthroplasty to receive one of three regimens of  
27 abелacimab (30 mg, 75 mg, or 150 mg) administered postoperatively in a single  
28 intravenous dose or to receive 40 mg of enoxaparin administered subcutaneously  
29 once daily. The primary efficacy outcome was the incidence of venous  
30 thromboembolism, detected by mandatory venography of the leg involved in the  
31 operation or objective confirmation of symptomatic events. The principal safety  
32 outcome was a composite of major or clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding up to  
33 30 days after surgery.

#### 34 Results

35 Venous thromboembolism occurred in 13 of 102 patients (13%) in the 30-mg  
36 abелacimab group, 5 of 99 patients (5%) in the 75-mg abелacimab group, and  
37 4 of 98 patients (4%) in the 150-mg abелacimab group, as compared with 22  
38 of 101 patients (22%) in the enoxaparin group. The 30-mg abелacimab regimen  
39 was noninferior to enoxaparin, and the 75-mg and 150-mg abелacimab regimens  
40 were superior to enoxaparin ( $P < 0.001$ ). Bleeding occurred in 2%, 2%, and  
41 none of the patients in the 30-mg, 75-mg, and 150-mg abелacimab groups,  
42 respectively, and in none of the patients in the enoxaparin group.

## 1 **Conclusions**

2 This trial showed that factor XI is important for the development of  
3 postoperative venous thromboembolism. Factor XI inhibition with a single  
4 intravenous dose of abelacimab after total knee arthroplasty was effective for the  
5 prevention of venous thromboembolism and was associated with a low risk of  
6 bleeding. (Funded by Anthos Therapeutics; ANT-005 TKA EudraCT number, [2019](#)  
7 [-003756-37](#)).

8 Patients undergoing total knee arthroplasty are at high risk for postoperative  
9 venous thromboembolism. Enoxaparin, an inhibitor of factor Xa and thrombin,  
10 is often administered postoperatively to reduce this risk. Although reasonably  
11 effective, enoxaparin can be associated with bleeding. A search for safer and  
12 more effective anticoagulants is under way.

13 Tissue factor exposed at the surgical site is considered to be the main driver  
14 of postoperative venous thromboembolism through the extrinsic pathway of  
15 coagulation.<sup>1</sup> The importance of the intrinsic pathway in the pathogenesis of  
16 postoperative venous thrombosis is uncertain. Emerging evidence suggests  
17 that targeting factor XI, a key component of the intrinsic pathway, attenuates  
18 thrombosis with little disruption of hemostasis. Patients with congenital factor  
19 XI deficiency are at lower risk for venous thromboembolism than patients with  
20 normal factor XI levels, and they rarely have spontaneous bleeding.<sup>2,3</sup>

21 When administered preoperatively (starting 35 days before total knee  
22 arthroplasty), an antisense oligonucleotide that induces knockdown of factor  
23 XI was associated with a significantly lower risk of postoperative venous  
24 thromboembolism than enoxaparin, without increasing the risk of bleeding.<sup>4</sup> In  
25 contrast, when administered postoperatively, osocimab (a monoclonal antibody  
26 that inhibits factor XIa) was noninferior to enoxaparin for the prevention of  
27 venous thromboembolism after total knee arthroplasty; osocimab was superior  
28 to enoxaparin only when administered preoperatively.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, whether  
29 postoperative factor XI inhibition is as effective as preoperative inhibition  
30 remains unknown.

31 Abelacimab (MAA868) is a fully human monoclonal antibody that binds to  
32 the catalytic domain of factor XI and locks it in the zymogen (inactive precursor)  
33 conformation, thereby preventing its activation by factor XIIa or thrombin.<sup>6</sup> The  
34 intravenous infusion of abelacimab almost immediately reduces the functional  
35 factor XI level in a dose-dependent manner. We compared the efficacy and  
36 safety of abelacimab administered postoperatively with the efficacy and safety of  
37 enoxaparin in patients undergoing total knee arthroplasty.

## 38 **Methods**

### 39 **Trial Design and Oversight**

40 In this phase 2, prospective, randomized, parallel-group trial, we compared  
41 three regimens of abelacimab (30 mg, 75 mg, or 150 mg) with enoxaparin.  
42 Assignment to enoxaparin or abelacimab was conducted in an open-label

1 manner; assignment to an abelacimab regimen was conducted in a blinded  
2 manner. A steering and safety committee in collaboration with the sponsor  
3 (Anthos Therapeutics) was responsible for the design and oversight of the trial.  
4 The institutional review board at each participating center approved the protocol.  
5 All the patients provided written informed consent. The sponsor was responsible  
6 for the collection and maintenance of the data. An independent committee,  
7 whose members were unaware of the trial-group assignments, adjudicated all  
8 venograms for the presence and extent of venous thrombosis and adjudicated  
9 all suspected episodes of symptomatic venous thromboembolism or bleeding.  
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13 the analyses, and the fidelity of the trial to the protocol. No one who is not an  
14 author contributed to writing the manuscript. The protocol and accompanying  
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## 16 **Patients**

17 Patients 18 to 80 years of age who were undergoing elective primary unilateral  
18 total knee arthroplasty, had a body weight of 50 to 130 kg, and were willing  
19 to adhere to the trial procedures were eligible for participation in the trial. The  
20 main exclusion criteria were active bleeding or a high risk of bleeding, a history  
21 of venous thromboembolism, an estimated glomerular filtration rate below 60  
22 ml per minute per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup> of body-surface area (amended to a rate below 45 ml  
23 per minute per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>), and clinically significant liver disease. The full list of  
24 inclusion and exclusion criteria is provided in the protocol.

## 25 **Randomization and Trial Interventions**

26 Before surgery, patients were randomly assigned in a 1:1:1:1 ratio to receive  
27 one of three regimens of abelacimab (30 mg, 75 mg, or 150 mg) or enoxaparin  
28 (Fig. 1). Randomization was stratified according to trial center. Abelacimab,  
29 administered in a single intravenous infusion over a period of 30 to 60  
30 minutes, was started 4 to 8 hours after surgery. Enoxaparin, at a dose of 40 mg  
31 administered subcutaneously once daily, was started either the evening before or  
32 approximately 12 hours after surgery and was to be continued until venography  
33 was performed. The dosage for enoxaparin was based on the standard of care in  
34 the countries in which the trial was conducted.

## 35 **Trial Outcomes**

36 The primary efficacy outcome was the incidence of adjudicated venous  
37 thromboembolism, defined as a composite of asymptomatic deep-vein  
38 thrombosis (detected by mandatory unilateral ascending venography performed  
39 after surgery, between day 8 and day 12), confirmed symptomatic venous  
40 thromboembolism (symptomatic deep-vein thrombosis of the leg or nonfatal  
41 pulmonary embolism), fatal pulmonary embolism, or unexplained death for  
42 which pulmonary embolism could not be ruled out. Unilateral venography,  
performed only on the leg involved in the operation, detects more than 90%

1 of cases of deep-vein thrombosis in patients undergoing unilateral knee  
2 arthroplasty<sup>4,7</sup> while avoiding the risks associated with bilateral venography.  
3 An exploratory efficacy outcome was the extent of venous thrombosis on  
4 venography, which was assessed by the adjudication committee according to  
5 prespecified categories.

6 The principal safety outcome was the incidence of adjudicated clinically  
7 relevant bleeding, defined as a composite of major or clinically relevant  
8 nonmajor bleeding, from randomization until venography was completed and  
9 from randomization through day 30. An exploratory safety outcome was the  
10 incidence of adjudicated clinically relevant bleeding from randomization through  
11 day 110. Major bleeding was defined as overt bleeding that was associated with  
12 a decrease in the hemoglobin level of 2 g per deciliter or more or necessitated  
13 transfusion of 2 units of blood or more within 48 hours, occurred in a critical  
14 area or organ, or was fatal. Bleeding at the surgical site was classified as major  
15 only if it resulted in an intervention, caused hemodynamic instability, or caused  
16 hemarthrosis that delayed mobilization or wound healing and resulted in  
17 prolonged hospitalization or deep wound infection.<sup>8</sup> Clinically relevant nonmajor  
18 bleeding was defined as overt bleeding that did not meet the criteria for major  
19 bleeding but resulted in a medical examination or an intervention or had clinical  
20 consequences (details are provided in the Supplementary Appendix, available at  
21 NEJM.org).

22 Monitoring for adverse events included assessment for hypersensitivity  
23 and infusion-related reactions. Hemoglobin levels and the frequency of blood  
24 transfusions were evaluated as exploratory safety variables.

25 The activated partial-thromboplastin time and plasma concentration of  
26 abelacimab were determined before surgery and after surgery on days 3, 10, 30,  
27 50, and 110; Covid-19 restrictions precluded collection of samples from some  
28 patients on day 50. The activated partial-thromboplastin time was determined  
29 at a central laboratory with the use of Actin FSL (Covance Central Laboratory  
30 Services, Indianapolis); ratios were calculated by dividing postoperative values by  
31 preoperative values. Factor XI activity and the free factor XI level, which indicates  
32 the concentration of factor XI without bound abelacimab, were quantified before  
33 surgery and after surgery on days 3, 10, and 30, as described previously.<sup>6</sup>

#### 34 **Surveillance and Follow-up**

35 Patients were evaluated the day before surgery and after surgery on days 1, 3, 6,  
36 and 10 and were contacted on days 30, 50, and 110. Patients were instructed to  
37 report symptoms that were suggestive of venous thromboembolism or bleeding.

#### 38 **Statistical Analysis**

39 The primary efficacy analysis tested the hypothesis that abelacimab would  
40 be noninferior to enoxaparin for the prevention of venous thromboembolism  
41 after surgery (with venography performed between day 8 and day 12). We  
42 prespecified that noninferiority would be shown if the upper limit of the  
43 95% confidence interval for the between-group difference in the incidence of

1 postoperative venous thromboembolism was less than 14 percentage points. This  
2 noninferiority margin was chosen to preserve approximately 50% of the placebo-  
3 adjusted benefit of enoxaparin.<sup>9</sup>

4 We calculated that with 150 patients in each trial group, the trial would have  
5 80% power to show noninferiority, with a one-sided alpha level of 2.5% for each  
6 comparison. This calculation assumed an incidence of 25% for the primary  
7 efficacy outcome in all trial groups and a hierarchical approach to testing.  
8 Therefore, the planned sample size was 600 patients. However, the steering and  
9 safety committee and the sponsor elected to stop randomization on November  
10 24, 2020, anticipating that 100 patients per trial group would have undergone  
11 randomization at that time. This decision was driven by slowed recruitment  
12 because of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, with resultant impending  
13 expiration of trial drugs. No interim analyses or reassessments of sample size  
14 were undertaken.

15 The stratified Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel test was used to assess the  
16 null hypothesis that the upper limit of the 95% confidence interval for the  
17 between-group difference in the incidence would be equal to or greater than  
18 the noninferiority margin, as compared with the alternative hypothesis that  
19 the upper limit would be less than the noninferiority margin, with an overall  
20 one-sided alpha level of 2.5%. The 95% confidence interval for the between-  
21 group difference in the incidence was calculated with the use of weights that  
22 were based on the randomization strata. For noninferiority testing, multiplicity  
23 was controlled with the use of a hierarchical step-down procedure; the high,  
24 medium, and low doses of abelacimab were compared with enoxaparin in that  
25 order. Subsequent superiority testing was conducted for doses that showed  
26 noninferiority, with the use of a one-sided alpha level of 2.5% for the null  
27 hypothesis. Superiority testing had no effect on the family-wise type I error rate  
28 because the noninferiority and superiority assessments were part of the same  
29 closed test.<sup>10</sup>

30 The primary efficacy analysis was performed in the modified intention-to-  
31 treat population, which consisted of all patients who received at least one dose  
32 of trial medication and could be evaluated for the primary efficacy outcome.  
33 Secondary efficacy analyses were based on events that occurred through day  
34 30 and through day 110 in the modified intention-to-treat population and in  
35 the per-protocol population, which consisted of all patients in the modified  
36 intention-to-treat population who had no major deviations from the protocol  
37 (details are provided in the Supplementary Appendix). The analysis of the  
38 principal safety outcome and its components was performed in the safety  
39 population, which consisted of all patients who received at least one dose of trial  
40 medication.

## 1 Results

### 2 Patient Characteristics

3 From June 2020 through November 2020, a total of 412 patients at 16 centers  
4 in five countries underwent randomization. The analysis populations are shown  
5 in Figure 1. The baseline characteristics were similar across the trial groups  
6 (Table 1).

### 7 Efficacy

8 Venograms that could be evaluated were obtained in 400 of the 409 patients  
9 (98%) who received trial medication (Fig. 1). In 3 of the patients whose  
10 venograms could be evaluated, venography was performed outside days 8 to 12;  
11 none of these patients had deep-vein thrombosis.

12 Venous thromboembolism occurred in 13 of 102 patients (13%) in the 30-mg  
13 abelacimab group, 5 of 99 patients (5%) in the 75-mg abelacimab group, and  
14 4 of 98 patients (4%) in the 150-mg abelacimab group, as compared with 22  
15 of 101 patients (22%) in the enoxaparin group (Table 2). All three abelacimab  
16 regimens met the criterion for noninferiority to enoxaparin. The difference in  
17 risk (abelacimab minus enoxaparin) with the 30-mg abelacimab regimen was  
18  $-9.2$  percentage points (95% confidence interval [CI],  $-19.4$  to  $1.1$ ;  $P=0.08$  for  
19 superiority), whereas the difference with the 75-mg abelacimab regimen was  
20  $-16.8$  percentage points (95% CI,  $-26.0$  to  $-7.6$ ;  $P<0.001$  for superiority) and the  
21 difference with the 150-mg abelacimab regimen was  $-17.8$  percentage points  
22 (95% CI,  $-26.7$  to  $-8.8$ ;  $P<0.001$  for superiority). The per-protocol analysis yielded  
23 similar results (Table S1 in the Supplementary Appendix).

24 No patients had symptomatic pulmonary embolism. One patient had  
25 symptoms of deep-vein thrombosis at the time of venography. There were no  
26 deaths or cases of symptomatic venous thromboembolism after venography  
27 through day 110.

### 28 Bleeding

29 Clinically relevant bleeding through day 30 occurred in 2 of 102 patients (2%) in  
30 the 30-mg abelacimab group, in 2 of 104 patients (2%) in the 75-mg abelacimab  
31 group, in none of 99 patients in the 150-mg abelacimab group, and in none  
32 of 104 patients in the enoxaparin group (Table 2). The 2 patients in the 30-mg  
33 abelacimab group had clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding. One patient in the  
34 75-mg abelacimab group had clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding; the other  
35 had clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding on day 6 and had a joint infection and  
36 hemarthrosis on day 12 that led to surgical drainage and was classified as major  
37 bleeding. The preoperative and postoperative hemoglobin levels (Fig. S2) and the  
38 frequency of blood transfusions (Table 2) were similar across the trial groups.

### 39 Other Safety Outcomes

40 The rates of adverse events are shown in Table 2. Serious adverse events occurred  
41 during the trial intervention in 1%, 3%, and 1% of the patients in the 30-mg, 75-  
42 mg, and 150-mg abelacimab groups, respectively, and in none of the patients in

1 the enoxaparin group (Table S2). None of the abelacimab infusions were stopped  
2 early because of hypersensitivity reactions, and no antidrug antibodies were  
3 detected with abelacimab infusion.

#### 4 **Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Data**

5 Abelacimab increased the activated partial-thromboplastin time ratios in a dose-  
6 dependent manner, whereas enoxaparin did not increase the ratios (Fig. 2A).  
7 Factor XI activity and free factor XI levels were inversely correlated with plasma  
8 concentrations of abelacimab (Fig. 2B, 2C, and 2D). The levels were low on day 3  
9 with all three abelacimab regimens and remained low on day 10 with the 75-mg  
10 and 150-mg regimens but not with the 30-mg regimen.

## 11 **Discussion**

12 This trial showed that the single 30-mg dose of abelacimab was noninferior to  
13 enoxaparin for the prevention of postoperative venous thromboembolism, and  
14 the single 75-mg and 150-mg doses of abelacimab were superior to enoxaparin,  
15 with incidences of venous thromboembolism of 22% in the enoxaparin group,  
16 13% in the 30-mg abelacimab group, 5% in the 75-mg abelacimab group, and  
17 4% in the 150-mg abelacimab group. The rate of major or clinically relevant  
18 nonmajor bleeding was low in all the trial groups. The frequency of blood  
19 transfusions and postoperative hemoglobin levels with abelacimab were similar  
20 to those with enoxaparin. Therefore, this trial showed that the postoperative  
21 initiation of factor XI inhibition was an effective method for reducing the risk of  
22 venous thromboembolism after total knee arthroplasty and was associated with  
23 a low risk of bleeding.

24 Abelacimab has a unique mechanism of action. When administered  
25 intravenously, abelacimab rapidly binds to factor XI and prevents its activation  
26 by locking it in the inactive precursor conformation. By lowering the functional  
27 factor XI level, abelacimab has an effect similar to that of factor XI knockdown.  
28 This concept is supported by the observation that both abelacimab and a factor  
29 XI antisense oligonucleotide were shown to be superior to enoxaparin for the  
30 prevention of postoperative venous thromboembolism.<sup>4</sup> However, the antisense  
31 oligonucleotide must be administered for 4 weeks before surgery to induce  
32 knockdown of factor XI to therapeutic levels, whereas the intravenous infusion  
33 of abelacimab reduces the functional factor XI level within minutes, thereby  
34 enabling postoperative dosing.

35 The lower incidences of thrombosis and the less extensive thrombosis  
36 observed with the higher doses of abelacimab than with enoxaparin highlight  
37 the role of factor XI in the pathogenesis of venous thrombosis after surgery.  
38 Factor XI can be activated by factor XIIa or by thrombin and is important for  
39 thrombus growth and stabilization.<sup>11</sup> Abelacimab inhibits the activation of  
40 factor XI by either activator; the findings in this trial suggest that factor XI  
41 is at least as important as tissue factor in the pathogenesis of postoperative  
42 venous thromboembolism. Therefore, factor XI is an attractive target for

1 thromboprophylaxis. Additional studies are needed to determine the efficacy of  
 2 this mechanism of factor XI inhibition for the treatment of established venous or  
 3 arterial thrombosis.

4 Some methodologic aspects of our trial require comment. First, the strength  
 5 of our conclusion regarding the low rate of bleeding observed with abelacimab  
 6 is limited by the modest sample size. Therefore, further studies are needed to  
 7 confirm the safety of abelacimab. Second, the trial was open-label with respect  
 8 to assignment to abelacimab or enoxaparin. However, to minimize bias, the  
 9 trial was blinded with respect to assignment to an abelacimab regimen, and all  
 10 outcomes were adjudicated by a committee whose members were unaware of the  
 11 trial-group assignments. Third, 98% of the patients had a venogram that could  
 12 be evaluated for efficacy, and the small number of patients who did not have a  
 13 venogram that could be evaluated were spread across the trial groups. Finally,  
 14 although patient recruitment was stopped early for administrative reasons, this  
 15 change did not affect the assessment of the efficacy of abelacimab.

16 In summary, abelacimab reduced the risk of postoperative thromboembolism  
 17 to a greater extent than conventional anticoagulants such as enoxaparin, without  
 18 increasing the risk of bleeding. Further studies are needed to determine whether  
 19 anticoagulant strategies targeting factor XI can dissociate thrombosis from  
 20 hemostasis.

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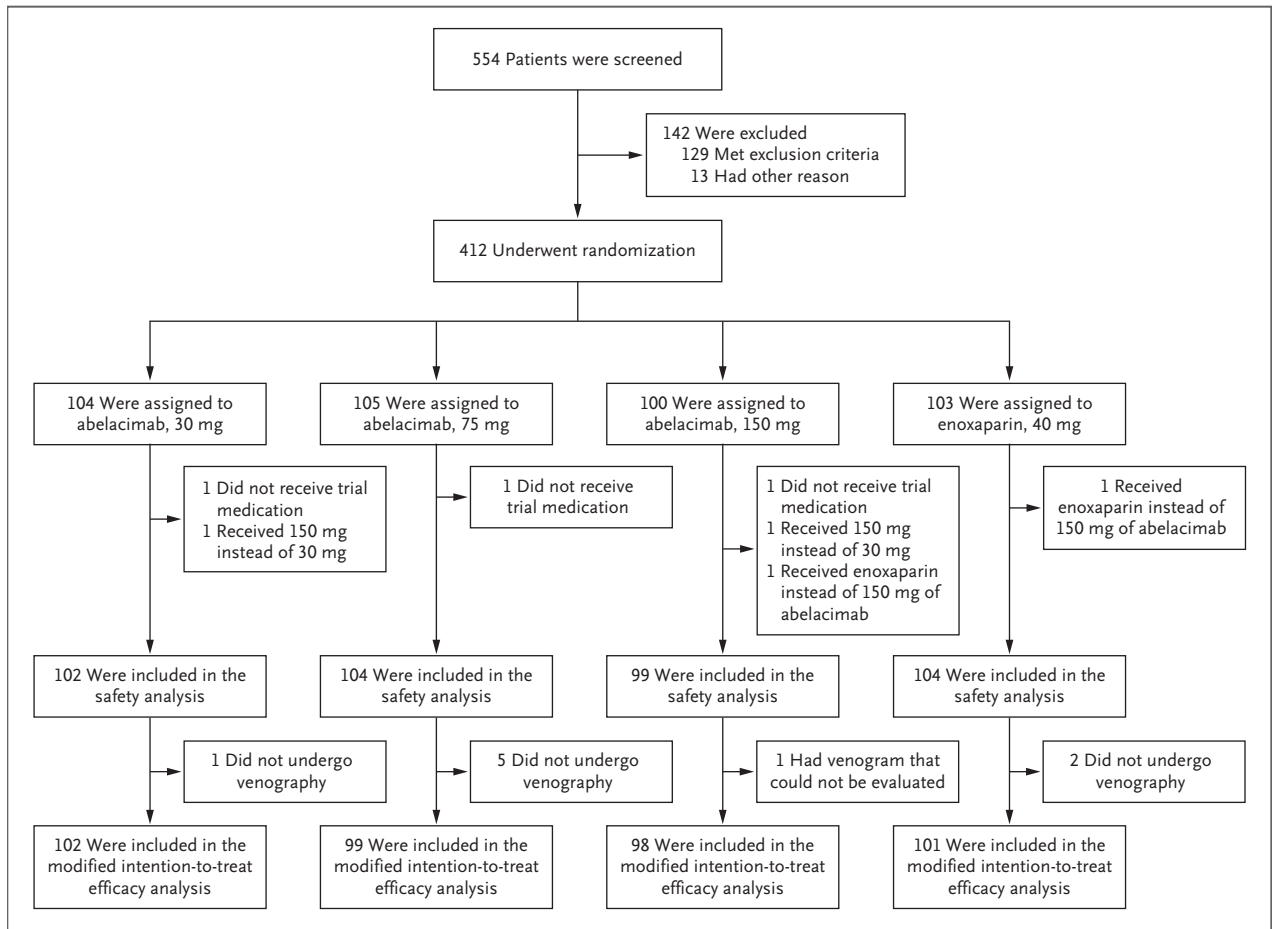
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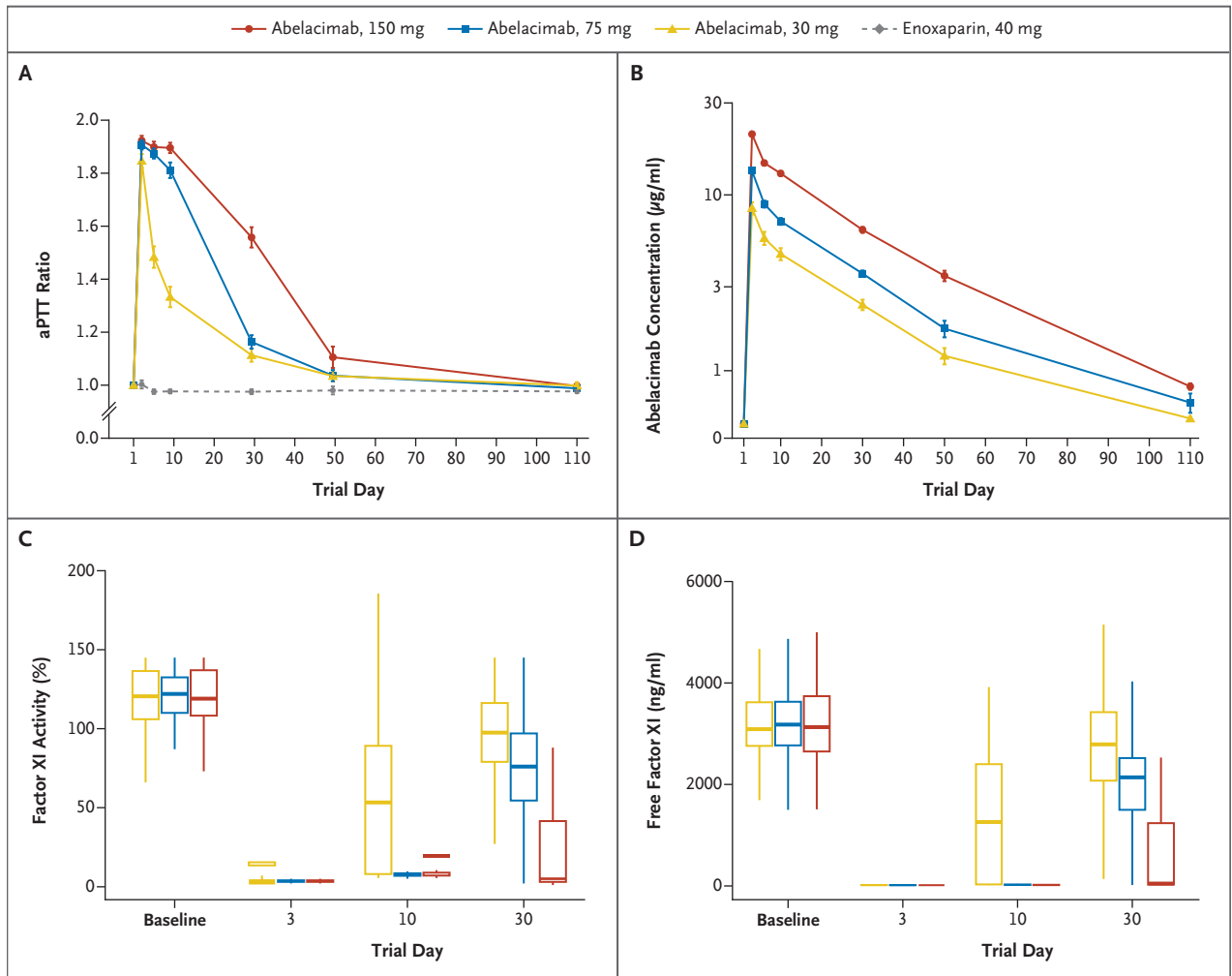
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**Figure 1. Enrollment, Randomization, and Populations for Analysis.**

One patient who was randomly assigned to the 30-mg abelacimab group received 150 mg of abelacimab; that patient was included in the 150-mg abelacimab group for the safety analysis and in the 30-mg abelacimab group for the modified intention-to-treat efficacy analysis. One patient who was randomly assigned to the 150-mg abelacimab group received enoxaparin; that patient was included in the enoxaparin group for the safety analysis and in the 150-mg abelacimab group for the modified intention-to-treat efficacy analysis.



**Figure 2. Activated Partial-Thromboplastin Time Ratios, Abelaclimab Concentrations, Factor XI Activity, and Free Factor XI Levels.**

Panel A shows mean activated partial-thromboplastin time (aPTT) ratios and Panel B mean plasma concentrations of abelaclimab. For these outcomes, baseline samples were collected just before surgery on day 1. I bars indicate standard errors. Panel C shows median factor XI activity and Panel D median free factor XI levels (which indicate the concentration of factor XI without bound abelaclimab). For these outcomes, baseline samples were collected during screening or just before surgery on day 1. In the plots, the middle line indicates the median; the top and bottom of the box indicate the upper and lower limits, respectively, of the interquartile range; and the vertical lines above and below the box indicate the upper and lower limits, respectively, of the range.

**Table 1. Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of the Patients.\***

Characteristic	Abelacimab, 30 mg	Abelacimab, 75 mg	Abelacimab, 150 mg	Enoxaparin, 40 mg
<b>Modified intention-to-treat population</b>				
No. of patients	102	99	98	101
Age — yr				
Median	67	67	68	67
Range	49–81	41–80	49–80	45–79
Female sex — no. (%)	89 (87)	80 (81)	77 (79)	81 (80)
Weight — kg				
Median	90	86	89	94
Range	51–129	50–130	57–126	62–127
Estimated glomerular filtration rate — ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>				
Median	78	78	77	76
Range	40–123	48–125	36–161	46–120
Type of anesthesia — no. (%)				
General	0	1 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)
Spinal	88 (86)	90 (91)	86 (88)	88 (87)
Epidural	10 (10)	6 (6)	6 (6)	9 (9)
Duration of surgery — hr				
Median	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Range	0.7–2.5	0.7–3.0	0.6–2.9	0.6–2.9
Tourniquet use — no. (%)	56 (55)	57 (58)	54 (55)	58 (57)
Duration of tourniquet use — min				
Median	53	50	50	60
Range	7–125	8–125	8–120	8–130
Time after surgery to ambulation — days				
Median	1	1	1	1
Range	0.5–5.0	0.5–1.0	0.5–2.0	0.5–2.0
Length of hospital stay — days				
Median	10	10	10	10
Range	7–15	3–18	6–17	4–16
Baseline factor XI activity — %†				
Median	118	121	117	120
Range	66–145	66–144	64–144	90–145
Baseline activated partial-thromboplastin time — sec‡				
Median	26	26	26	26
Range	22–32	21–35	22–40	20–38
<b>Safety population</b>				
No. of patients	102	104	99	104
Duration of enoxaparin administration — days§				
Median	NA	NA	NA	9
Range	NA	NA	NA	6–12
Time after surgery to abelacimab initiation — hr				
Median	5	5	5	NA
Range	4–7	4–7	3–8	NA

\* The modified intention-to-treat population consisted of all patients who received at least one dose of trial medication and could be evaluated for the primary efficacy outcome. The safety population consisted of all patients who received at least one dose of trial medication. There were no clinically important differences among the trial groups in any of the listed characteristics. NA denotes not applicable.

† The normal range for factor XI activity is 60 to 150%.

‡ The normal range for the activated partial-thromboplastin time is 22 to 29 seconds.

§ In the enoxaparin group, 17 of 104 patients (16%) received their first dose before surgery.

**Table 2. Efficacy and Safety Outcomes.\***

Outcome	Abelacimab, 30 mg	Abelacimab, 75 mg	Abelacimab, 150 mg	Enoxaparin, 40 mg
<b>Efficacy</b>				
No. of patients evaluated	102	99	98	101
Primary efficacy outcome: venous thromboembolism†				
Any event — no. of patients (%)	13 (13)	5 (5)	4 (4)	22 (22)
Risk difference, abelacimab vs. enoxaparin — percentage points (95% CI)	-9.2 (-19.4 to 1.1)	-16.8 (-26.0 to -7.6)	-17.8 (-26.7 to -8.8)	NA
P value for superiority of abelacimab to enoxaparin	0.08	<0.001	<0.001	NA
Components of the primary efficacy outcome — no. (%)				
Symptomatic venous thromboembolism	0	0	0	1 (1)‡
Asymptomatic deep-vein thrombosis	13 (13)	5 (5)	4 (4)	21 (21)
Proximal deep-vein thrombosis	1 (1)	0	0	2 (2)
Distal deep-vein thrombosis	12 (12)	5 (5)	4 (4)	20 (20)‡
Extent of deep-vein thrombosis on venography — no.				
Confluent distal into proximal	1	0	0	2
Isolated proximal				
Large: ≥10 cm	0	0	0	0
Small: <10 cm	0	0	0	0
Isolated distal				
Extensive: ≥2 veins	2	0	2	8
Limited: <2 veins	10	5	2	12‡
<b>Safety</b>				
No. of patients evaluated	102	104§	99	104
Major or clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding				
From randomization until venography was completed				
Any event — no. of patients (%)	2 (2)	2 (2)	0	0
Risk difference, abelacimab vs. enoxaparin — percentage points (95% CI)	1.9 (-0.7 to 4.6)	1.9 (-0.7 to 4.5)	0	NA
Major bleeding — no. (%)	0	0	0	0
Clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding — no. (%)	2 (2)	2 (2)	0	0
From randomization through day 30 — no. (%)				
Any event	2 (2)	2 (2)¶	0	0
Major bleeding	0	1 (1)	0	0
Clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding	2 (2)	2 (2)	0	0
Receipt of blood transfusion through day 30 — no. (%)	6 (6)	8 (8)	9 (9)	7 (7)
Adverse events — no. of patients (%)				
Serious adverse event	1 (1)∥	3 (3)	1 (1)	0
≥1 Adverse event	15 (15)	16 (15)	15 (15)	13 (13)

\* Efficacy outcomes were assessed in the modified intention-to-treat population and safety outcomes in the safety population. CI denotes confidence interval and NA not applicable.

† Venous thromboembolism is a composite of asymptomatic deep-vein thrombosis (detected by mandatory unilateral ascending venography), confirmed symptomatic venous thromboembolism (symptomatic deep-vein thrombosis of the leg or nonfatal pulmonary embolism), fatal pulmonary embolism, or unexplained death for which pulmonary embolism could not be ruled out.

‡ One patient in the enoxaparin group had calf pain on the day of venography; the venogram showed isolated distal deep-vein thrombosis.

§ Two patients in the 75-mg abelacimab group withdrew early from the trial (on day 6 and on day 30).

¶ One patient in the 75-mg abelacimab group had two bleeding events: clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding on day 6 and a joint infection and hemarthrosis on day 12 that led to surgical drainage and was classified as major bleeding.

∥ One patient in the 30-mg abelacimab group had two serious adverse events.