

Clinical trials of antithrombotics for thrombosis prevention in elective major knee surgery

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1 direct factor Xa inhibitors

Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
apixaban vs enoxaparin (europe regimen)			
ADVANCE 2 , 2010 [NCT00452530] n=1528/1529 follow-up: 12 days	apixaban 2.5mg twice daily during 12 days versus enoxaparin 40mg once daily 12 days	patients undergoing elective unilateral or bilateral total knee replacement	Parallel groups double blind 27 countries
rivaroxaban vs enoxaparin (europe regimen)			
RECORD 3 , 2008 [NCT00361894] n=1254/1277 follow-up: 13-17 days	rivaroxaban 10 mg once daily for 10- 14 days versus enoxaparin 40 mg subcutaneous once daily for 10-14 days	patients undergoing total knee arthroplasty	Parallel groups double blind 19 countries worldwide
apixaban vs enoxaparin (US regimen)			
APROPOS 2.5mg , 2007 [NCT00097357] n=153/152 follow-up: 12 days	apixaban 2.5mg BID for 12 days versus enoxaparin 30mg twice daily for 12 days	patients undergoing elective total knee replacement surgery	Parallel groups double blind
rivaroxaban vs enoxaparin (US regimen)			
ODIXa-KNEE , 2005 n=102/105 follow-up: 5-9 days	BAY 59-7939 5mg b.i.d. for 59 days versus enoxaparin 30 mg b.i.d. for 59 days	patients undergoing elective total knee replacement	Parallel groups double blind North America
RECORD 4 , 2009 [NCT00362232] n=1584/1564 follow-up: 40 days	rivaroxaban 10mg once daily for 10 to 14 days versus enoxaparin 30 mg twice daily by subcutaneous injection for 10-14 days	patients who had undergone total-knee-replacement surgery	Parallel groups double blind 12 countries

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2 Low molecular weight heparin

Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
ardeparin vs placebo			
Levine , 1996 n=122/124 follow-up: 14 days	ardeparin 50/kgx2 +elastic stockings versus Placebo+elastic stockings	Knee	double blind
enoxaparin vs placebo			
Leclerc , 1991 n=65/64 follow-up: 14 days	Enoxaparin 3000 x2 versus Placebo	Knee	double blind

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3 oral direct thrombin inhibitor

Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
ximelagatran vs Dalteparin			
METHRO I , 2002 n=103 follow-up: 69 days	Melagatran 14 mg s.c. immediately before surgery, melagatran at 20.00 hours, then ximelagatran 624 mg orally b.d. for 69 days versus Dalteparin 5000 IU o.d., started evening before surgery for 69 days	adults undergoing hip or knee replacement	parallel group open Swedish

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Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
ximelagatran vs Enoxaparin			
METHRO III , 2002 n=2788 follow-up: 811 days	Melagatran 3 mg s.c. 412h after surgery, then ximelagatran 24 mg orally b.d. for 710 days versus Enoxaparin 40 mg s.c. o.d. 12 h before surgery for 710 days	hip or knee replacement	double-blind Europe, South Africa
Phase II (Heit) , 2001 n=600 follow-up: 612 days	Ximelagatran 8, 12, 18 or 24 mg orally b.d., at least 12 h after surgery for 612 days versus Enoxaparin 30 mg s.c. b.d., starting at least 12 h after surgery for 612 days	adults (age > 18 years and weight at least 40 kg) undergoing knee replacements	parallel group double-blind North American
EXPRESS , 2003 n=2835 follow-up: 811 days	Melagatran 2 mg s.c. up to 30 min before surgery, then melagatran 3 mg at least 8 h after surgery, then ximelagatran 24 mg orally b.d. for 811 days versus Enoxaparin 40 mg s.c. o.d., starting 12 h before surgery for 811 days	hip or knee replacement	parallel group double-blind Europe
dabigatran 150mg vs enoxaparin (europe regimen)			
RE-MODEL (150mg) , 2007 n=708/699 follow-up: 6-10 days, mean 8 days	dabigatran etexilate 150 mg q.d. for 6-10 days versus Enoxaparin 40 mg q.d. for 6-10 days	Total knee replacement	Parallel groups double blind Europe, Australia, South Africa
dabigatran 220mg vs enoxaparin (europe regimen)			
RE-MODEL (220mg) , 2007 n=694/699 follow-up: 6-10 days, mean 8 days	dabigatran etexilate 220 mg q.d. 6-10 days versus Enoxaparin 40 mg q.d. for 6-10 days	patients undergoing total knee replacement	double blind Europe, Australia, South Africa
dabigatran 150mg vs enoxaparin (US regimen)			
RE-MOBILIZE (150mg) , 2008 n=877/876 follow-up: 12-15 days, median 14d	dabigatran etexilate 150 mg q.d. for 12-15 days versus enoxaparin 30 mg SC BID after surgery for 12-15 days	Total knee replacement	double blind US, Canada, Mexico, UK
dabigatran 220mg vs enoxaparin (US regimen)			
RE-MOBILIZE (220mg) , 2008 n=862/876 follow-up: 12-15 days, median 14d	dabigatran etexilate 220 mg for 12-15 days versus Enoxaparin 30mg SC BID after surgery for 12-15 days	Total knee replacement	Parallel groups double blind US, Canada, Mexico, UK

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4 platelet aggregation inhibitors

Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
Aspirin vs placebo			
McKenna-I , 1980 n=24/12 follow-up: 2 weeks	Aspirin 975mg or 3900mg daily versus placebo	total knee replacement	Parallel groups double-blind

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5 synthetic oligosaccharide

Trial	Treatments	Patients	Trials design and methods
fondaparinux vs enoxaparin			
L8635 n=28/23 follow-up: 10 days	Fondaparinux 2.5mg once daily subcutaneously for 7 days versus enoxaparin 40mg once daily SC for 7 days	Taiwanese patients undergoing elective knee replacement	Parallel groups open, blind assessment Taiwan
PENTAMAKS (Bauer) , 2001 n=517/517 follow-up: 11 days	fondaparinux 2.5-mg once-daily subcutaneous, starting 6 hours after surgery versus enoxaparin 30mg twice daily (North america recommendation)	elective major knee surgery	Parallel groups double blind North america

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