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Knee Injury Detection Using Unsupervised Machine Learning Model

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Objectives

- Develop an unsupervised machine learning model for the automated diagnosis of knee injuries in MRI images.
- Evaluate accuracy, precision, and discrimination capabilities in detecting ACL and meniscus injuries.
- Identify model limitations and improvements opportunities



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Introduction

- AI: A key tool in medical diagnostics
- Opportunity to standardize and accelerate clinical decisions
- Machine learning: Algorithms that learn from large data base

Machine Learning Types

	Supervised Model	Unsupervised Model
Definition	Training with labeled data	Label-free training
Main Task	Classification, prediction	Identify patterns and group them
Advantages	High precision	Explore unknown data
Limitations	Expensive	Moderate precision
Examples	Detect meniscal injuries	Group injuries with similar patterns and classify them



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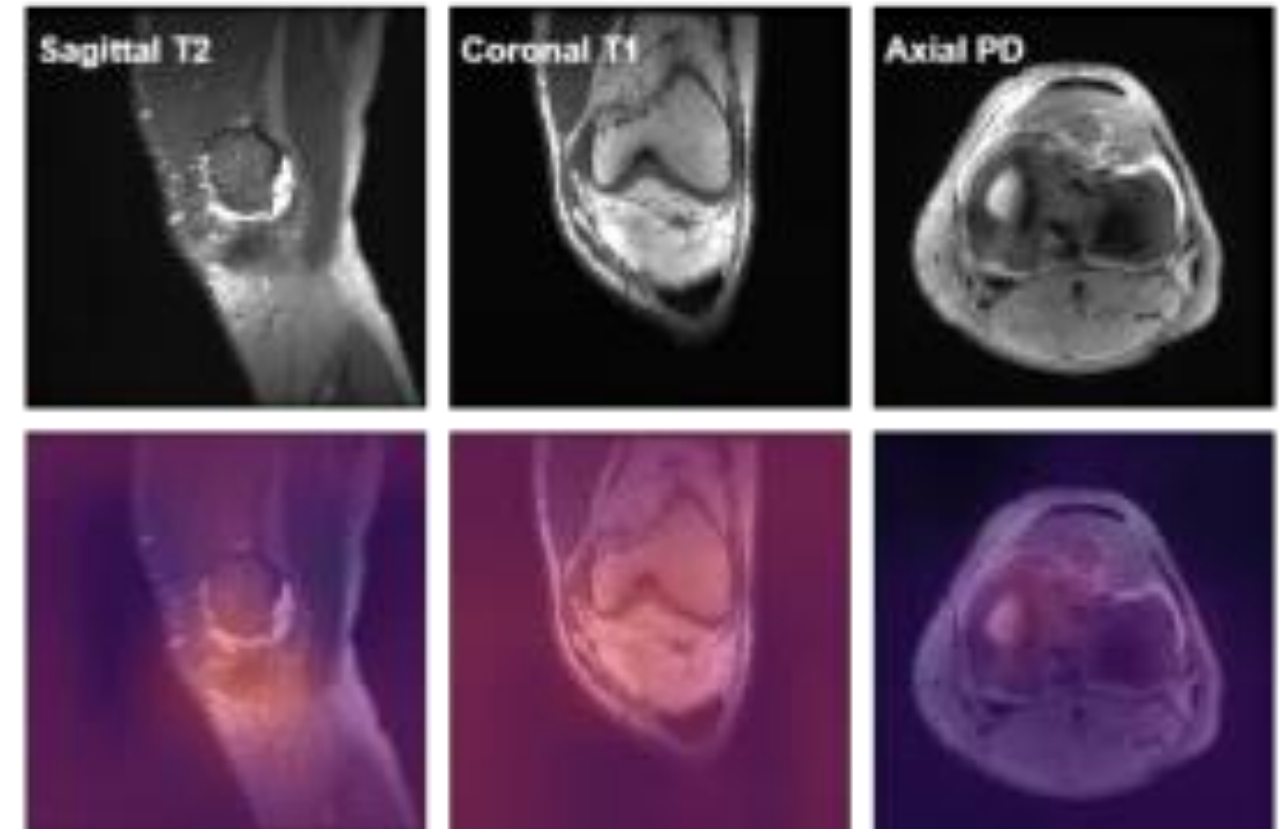
Methods

- Database
 - Stanford University Open Source
 - 1250 Knee MRI images
 - Healthy Knees
 - Isolated Lesions
 - Combined Lesions
- Data Tabulation
 - Knee surgeon in training
 - Senior Knee Surgeon

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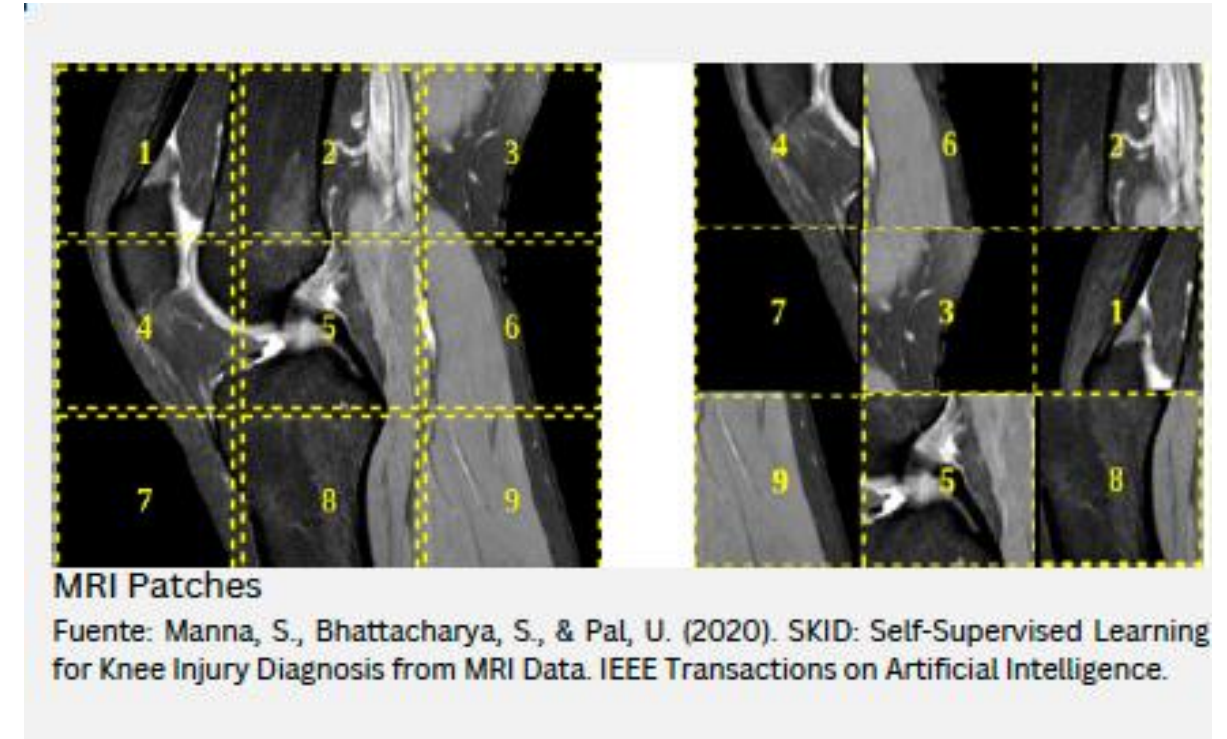
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Methods

- **SKID** (Self-Supervised Learning for Knee Injury Diagnosis from MRI Data)
- Stage 1 (**Upstream**): The model learns to identify normal vs abnormal patterns without labeled data
- Stage 2 (**Downstream**): Learned patterns are used to classify images based on similar features



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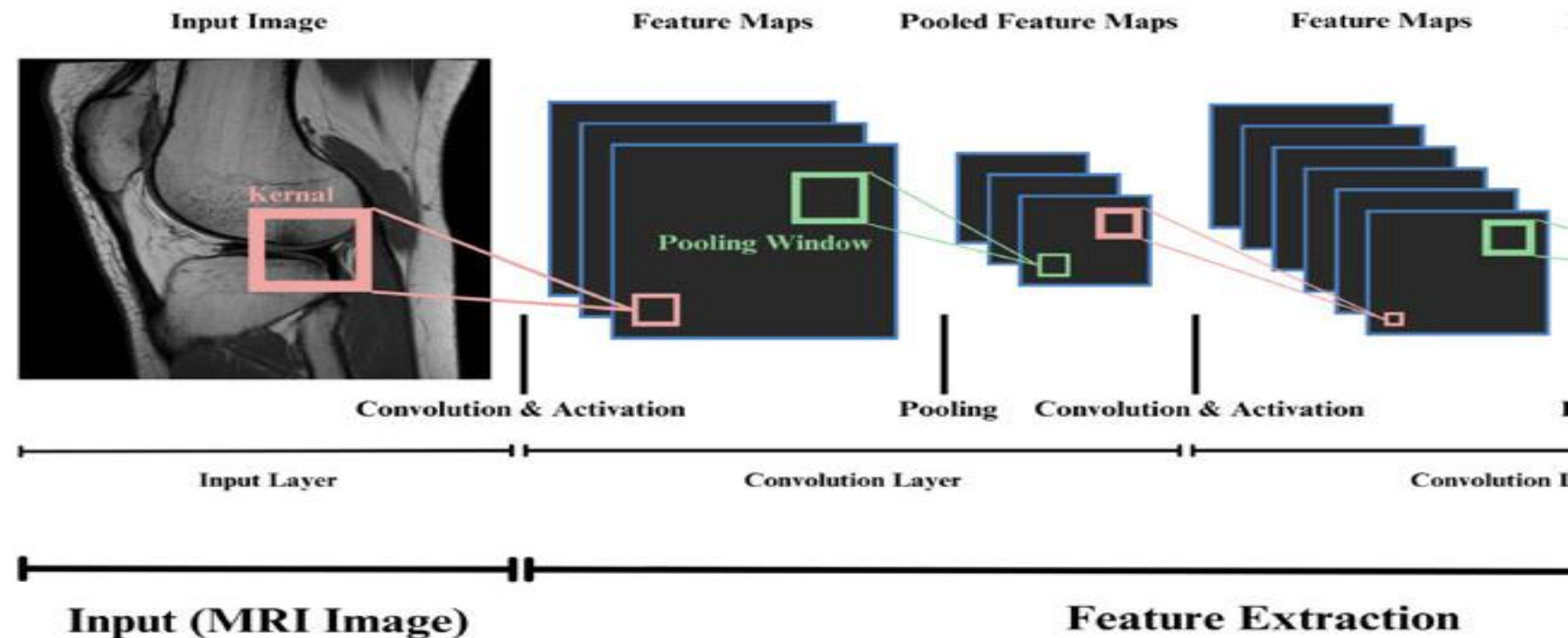


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Methods

CNNs: Convolutional Neural Networks

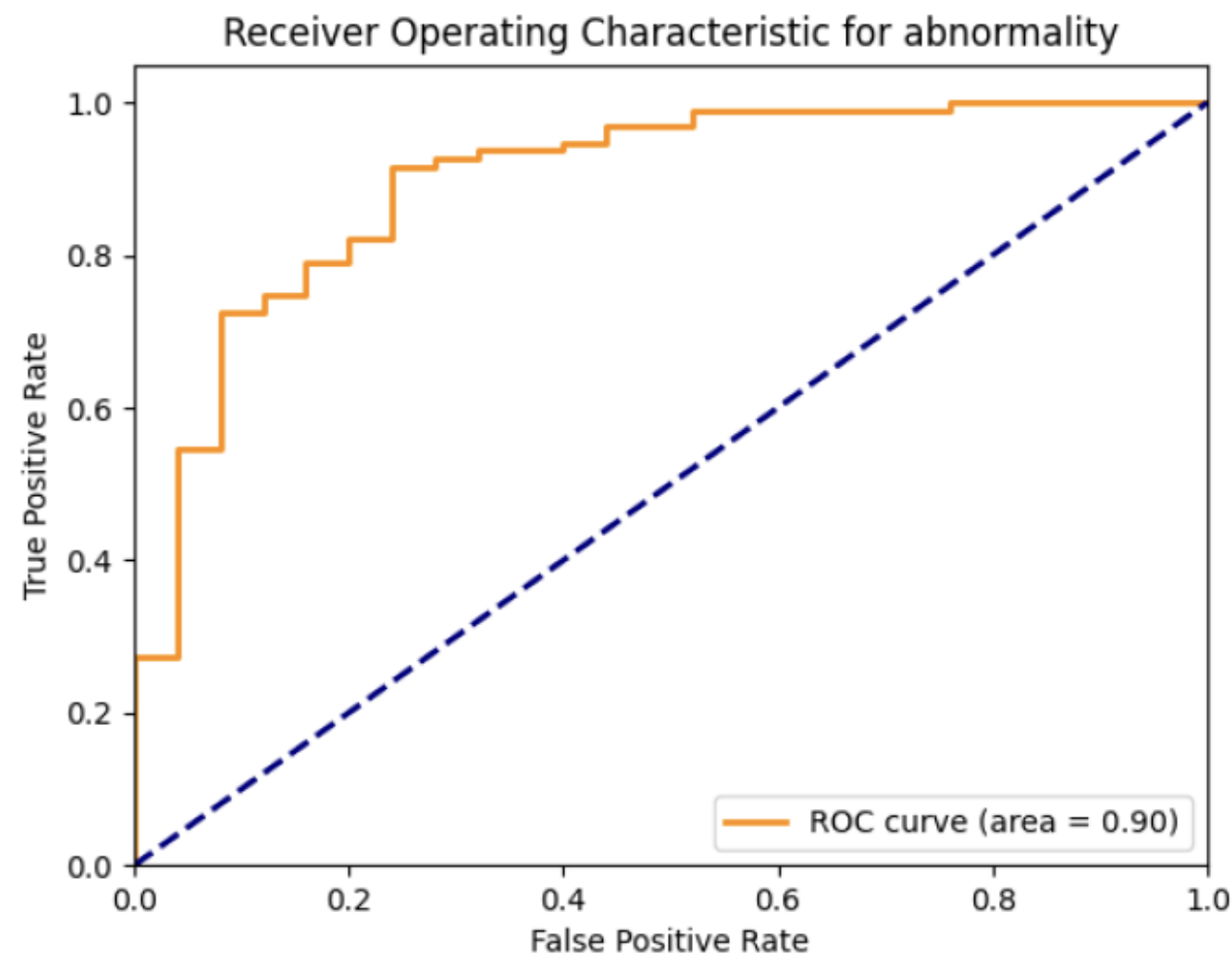
- Mathematical operation used to extract image features.
- Applies filters to pixel grids to detect relevant patterns.
- Performs calculations and assigns values to highlight features.
- Produces feature maps refined through iterative processing.



Results

- Anormal images

- Precision: 87,62%
- Sensitivity: 96,84%
- ROC Curve: 0.90



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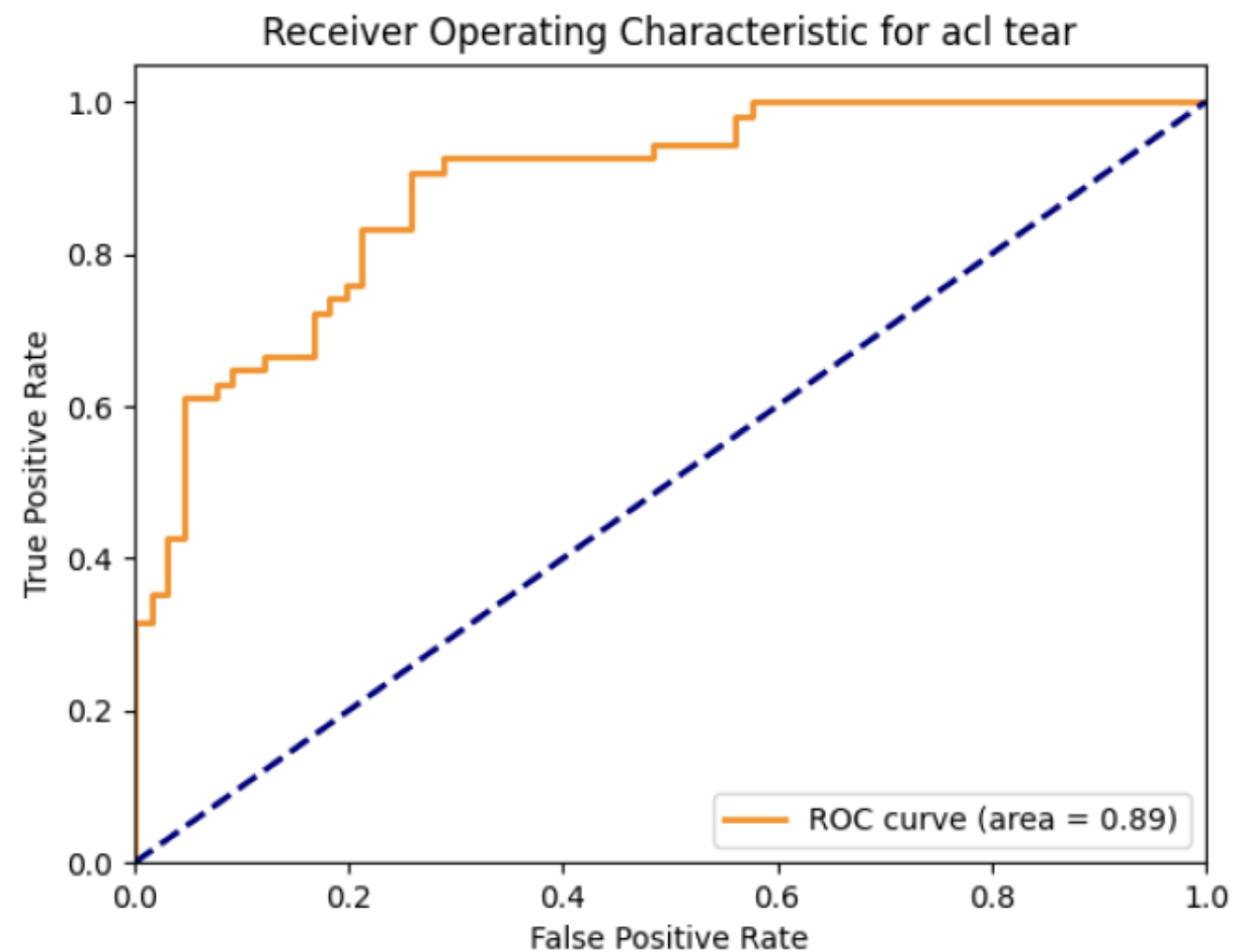


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Results

- **ACL Injuries**

- Precisión: 78%
- Sensibilidad: 84%
- ROC Curve: 0.89



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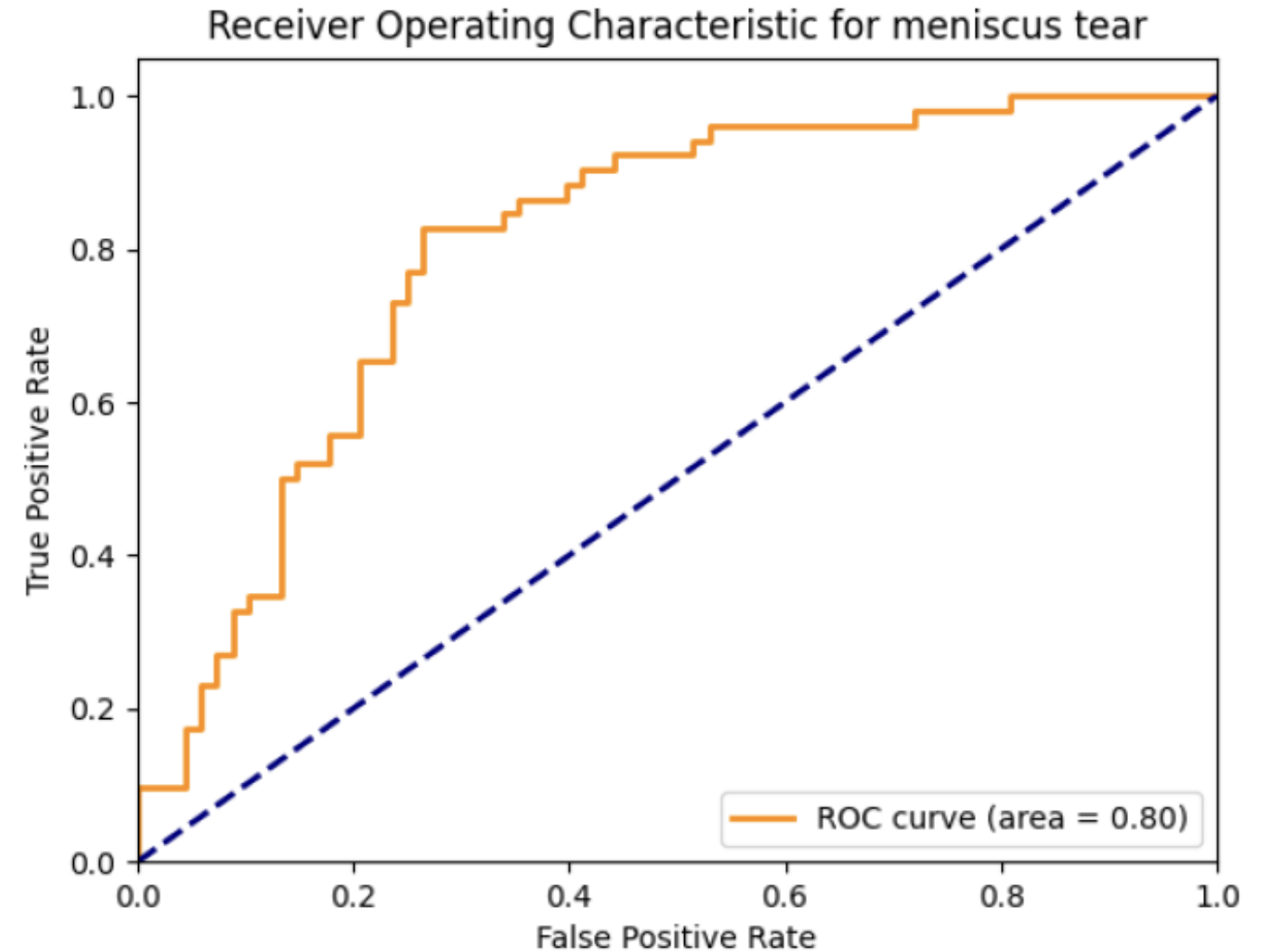


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Results

- **Meniscal injuries**

- Exactitud: 86.67%
- Precisión 78%
- Sensibilidad: 90%
- AUC: 0.80



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Discussion

- Strong performance in detecting abnormalities.
- High accuracy for ACL injuries.
- Slightly lower results for meniscal injuries due to pattern complexity.
- Findings align with existing literature.
- **Clinically promising:** may help reduce diagnostic time and standardize decisions.



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Conclusions

- The SKID model demonstrates high accuracy in detecting ACL and meniscal injuries.
- Effectively distinguishes between normal and pathological knees.
- Its unsupervised learning capability makes it a strong candidate for clinical deployment.
- Findings support developing a predictive model integrating clinical variables for real-world application.



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