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PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL PLAYERS GOING TO THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WORLD CUPS AFTER AN ANTERIOR CRUCIATE LIGAMENT RECONSTRUCTION

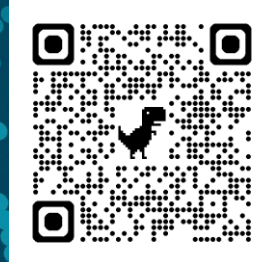
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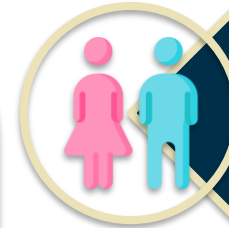
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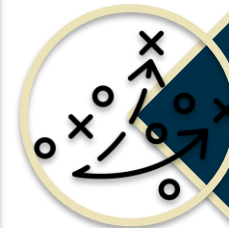
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Purpose

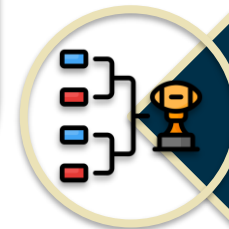
Compare the incidence of ACL reconstructions



Gender



Position



Stage reached
by the team



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Methods

- Data were collected from official club and FIFA® websites



Athletes who played
2022 and 2023
World Cups

Athletes who
already did ACL
reconstruction and
rehabilitation before
the competition

Stages from each
team during the
competition

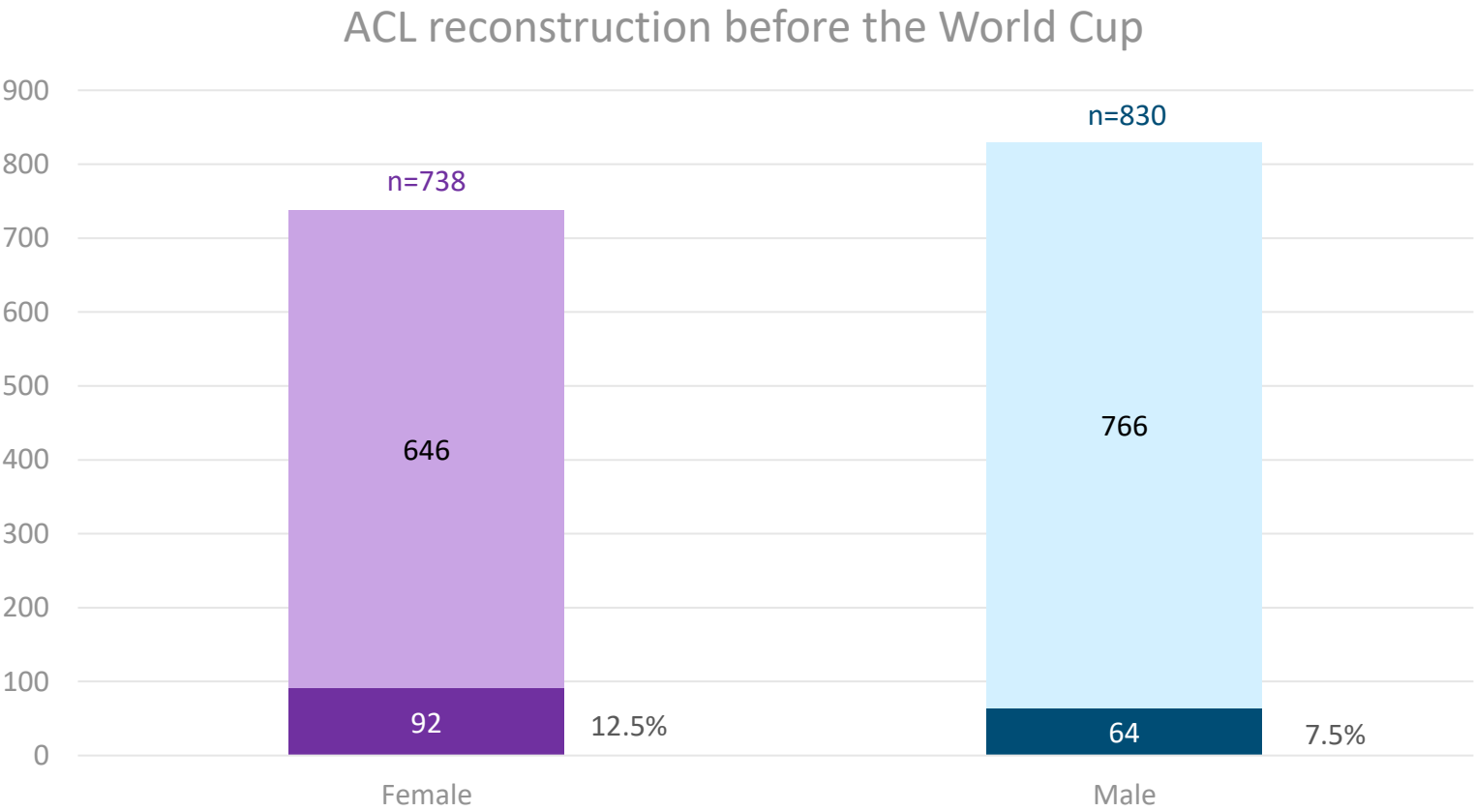


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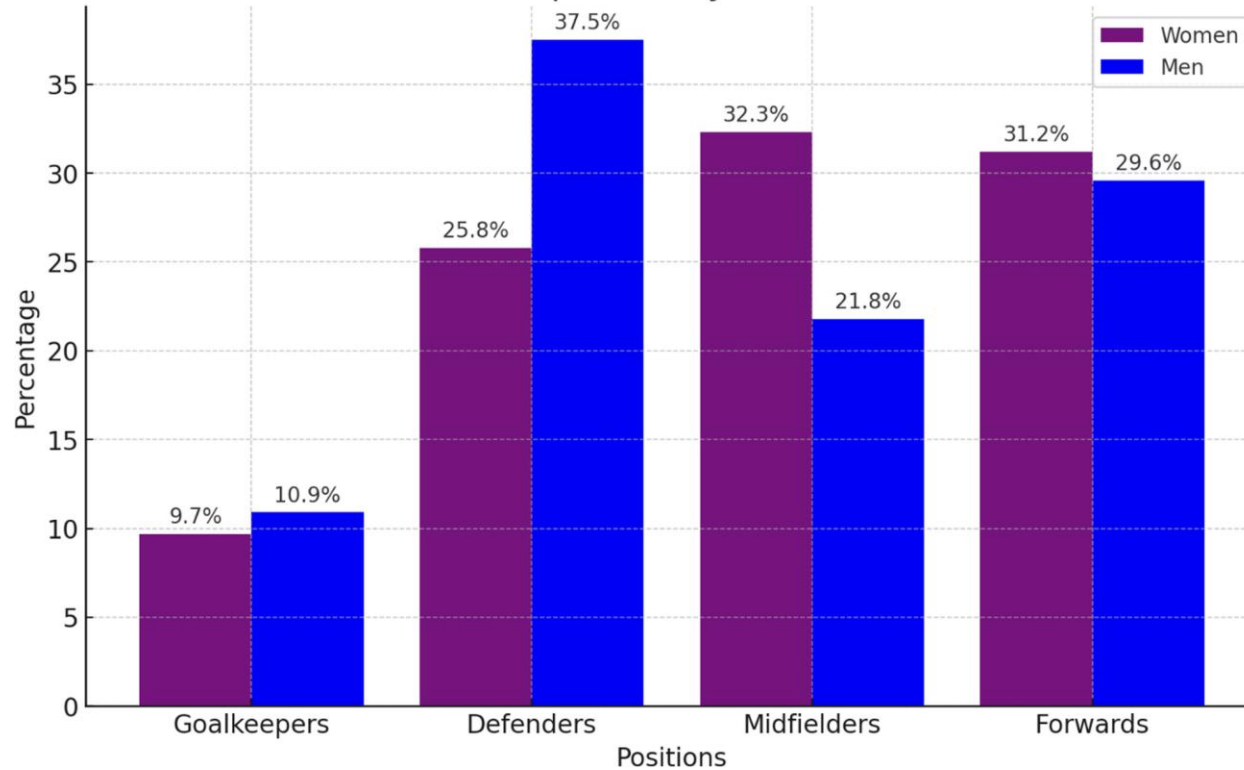
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Results



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Comparison by Position



Women
($p=0.26$)



Men
($p=0.97$)

No statistical differences between genders when comparing positions (goalkeeper, defense, midfield, and forwards)



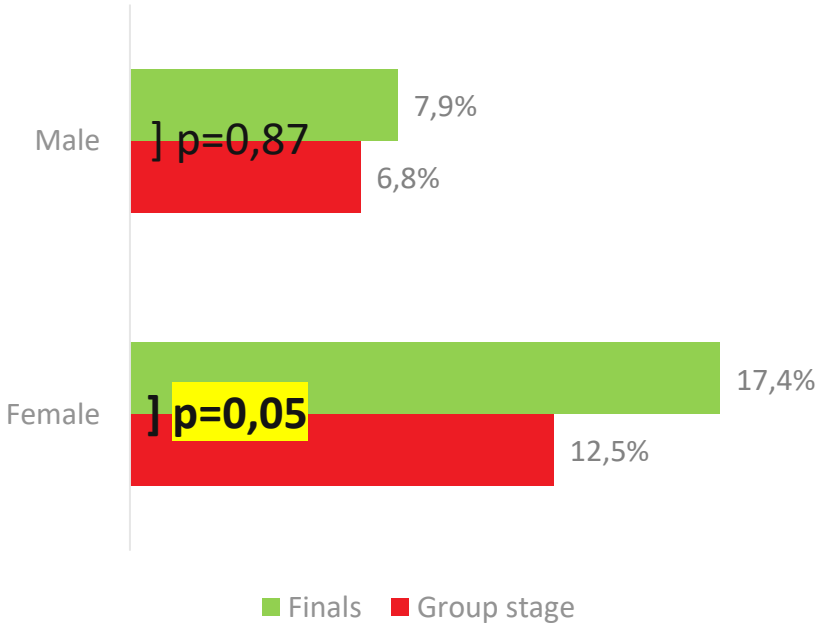
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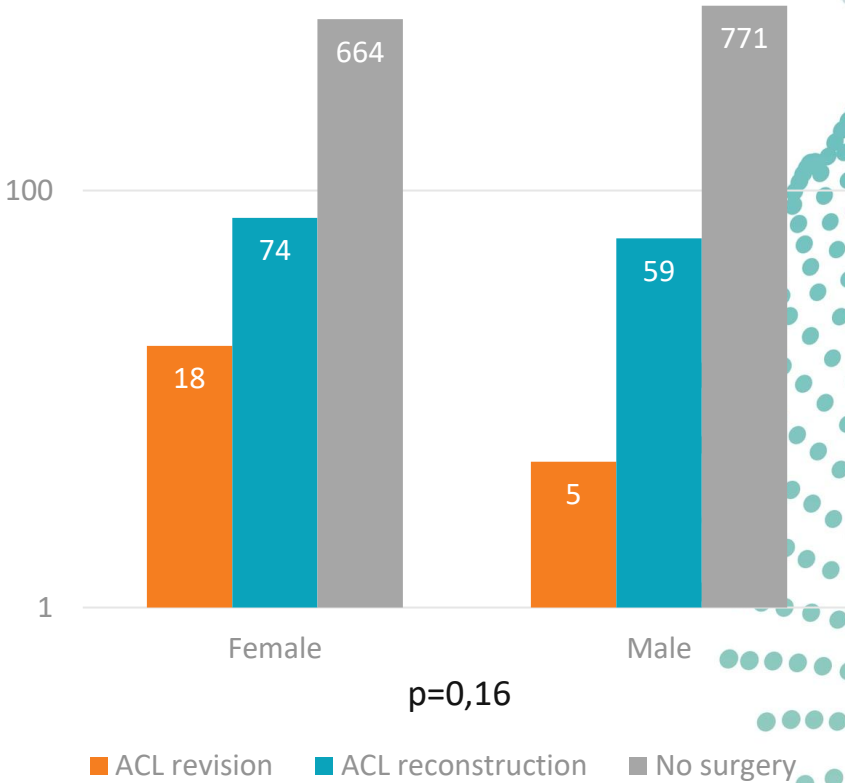
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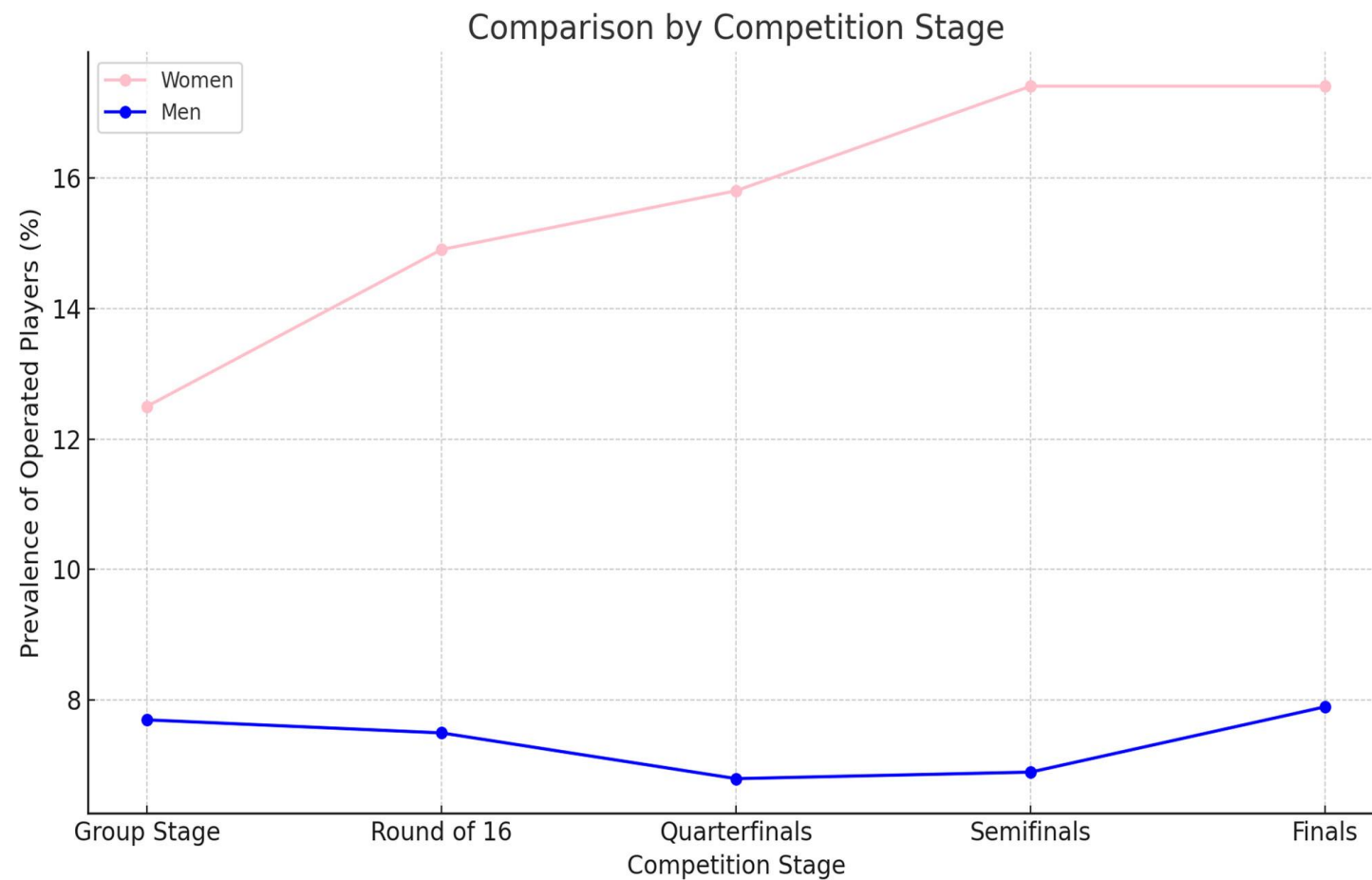
Prevalence of ACL reconstruction according to competition stage



ACL revision



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Conclusion



Competition context

- Data analyzed from the highest level of international soccer, FIFA World Cup
- Both genders



Return to play after ACL reconstruction

- No significant difference in the proportion of men (7.7%) and women (12.5%)
- $p > 0.05$



Stage-based incidence

- Women: incidence of ACL-operated players increased from the group stage to the finals ($p = 0.05$)
- Men: rate remained stable throughout the tournament ($p = 0.87$).



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