# Females Are More Likely To Undergo Revision Surgery After Proximal Hamstring Avulsion Repair

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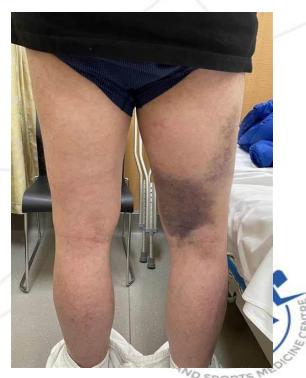
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## Background

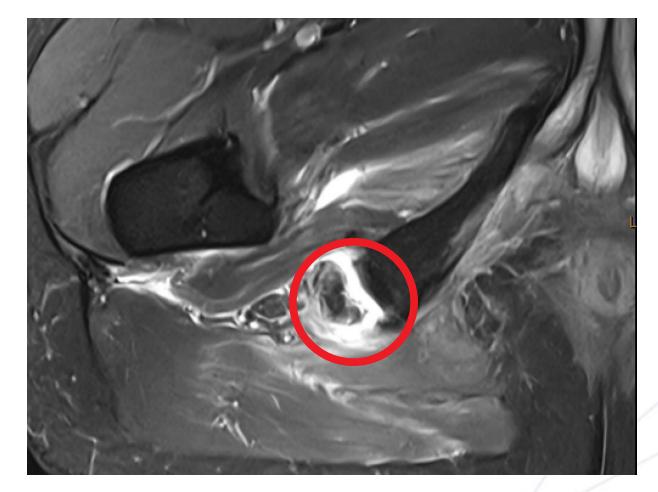
- 12% of hamstring injuries reported to be proximal avulsion/ruptures<sup>1</sup>
- Surgical repair of acute tears improve patient satisfaction, muscle strength and return to sports rate<sup>2,3</sup>
- 1.2 2.7% re-rupture rate <sup>2,4</sup>
- Remaining ambiguity of associative patient-related factors and re-rupture





## Aim

 Identification of associative patient-related factors in acute and chronic repair settings leading to revision surgery two years postoperatively





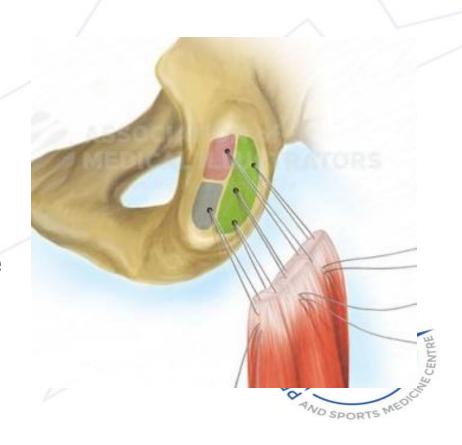


## **Materials & Methods**

• MRI-approved tears, patients demographics

- Open primary repairs (n = 206, 2/2014 6/2022)
  - Acute rupture (n = 139), chronic tear (minimum 6 weeks post trauma, n = 67)
- Anchor (n = 5)/suture fixation
- Rehab
  - full weight bearing as tolerated, 2 weeks knee brace (30° flexion), unrestricted strengthening after 3 months





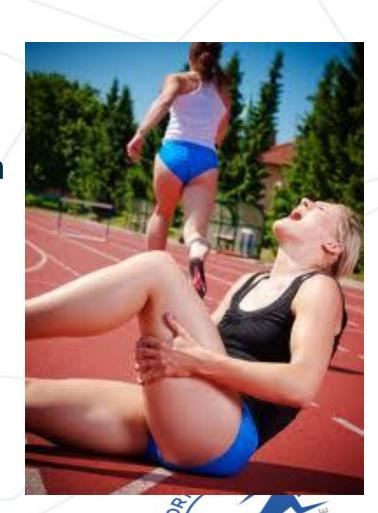
## Results

#### Acute repair

	Full Cohort (n=139)	
	No Revision	Revision
n (%)	124 (89.2)	15 (10.8)
Age (years), mean ± SD	48.7 ± 15.5	52.5 ±14.8
BMI, mean ± SD	26.5 ± 4.9	26.9 ± 5.8
Sex, n (%)		
Female	43 (34.7)	10 (66.7)
Male	81 (65.3)	5 (33.3)
Hypertension, n (%)		
No	103 (83.1)	10 (66.7)
Yes	21 (16.9)	5 (33.3)
Hypercholesterolaemia, n (%)		
No	115 (92.7)	14 (93.3)
Yes	9 (7.3)	1 (6.7)

 Mean time to repair 56.4 ± 65.5 days

- Multivariable logistic regression
  - Female gender predictive for revision (OR 4.1,p = 0.026)
  - No further difference in investigated variables



## Results

### • Chronic repair

	Full cohort (n=67)	
	No Revision	Revision
n (%)	56 (83.6)	11 (16.4)
Age (years), mean ± SD	61.2 ± 9.6	56.3 ± 7.6
BMI, mean ± SD	26.3 ± 4.4	24.1 ± 4.1
	n	% re-injury
Sex, n (%)		
Female	45 (80.4)	9 (81.8)
Male	11 (19.6)	2 (18.2)
Hypertension, n (%)		
No	41 (73.2)	8 (72.7)
Yes	15 (26.8)	3 (27.3)
Hypercholesterolaemia, n (%)		
No	48 (85.7)	11 (100.0)
Yes	8 (14.3)	0 (0.0)
Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, n (%)		
No	51 (91.1)	11 (100.0)
Yes	5 (8.9)	0 (0.0)
Smoker, n (%)		
No	56 (100.0)	10 (90.9)
Yes	0 (0.0)	1 (9.1)

No difference between cohorts

 No predictive factor for revision surgery



## **Discussion & Limitations**

 Female gender quadruples likelihood for re-tear after acute repair

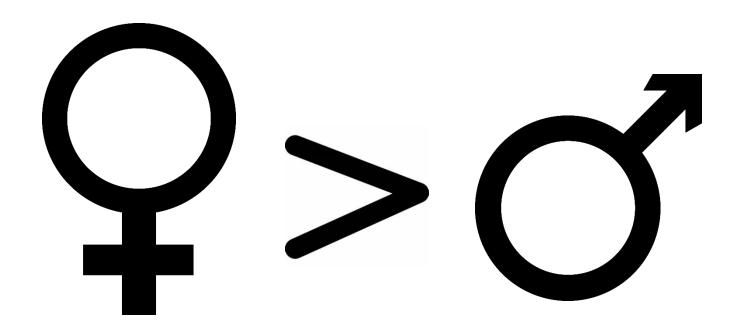
 Overall higher re-rupture rate compared to pooled data of literature<sup>4,5</sup>

• Retrospective design (predictive variables not collected)



## Conclusion

• Beside female gender in acute hamstring ruptures, no further variable was predictive for revision surgery





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