

# Cognitive enrichments to lift the pod spirit!

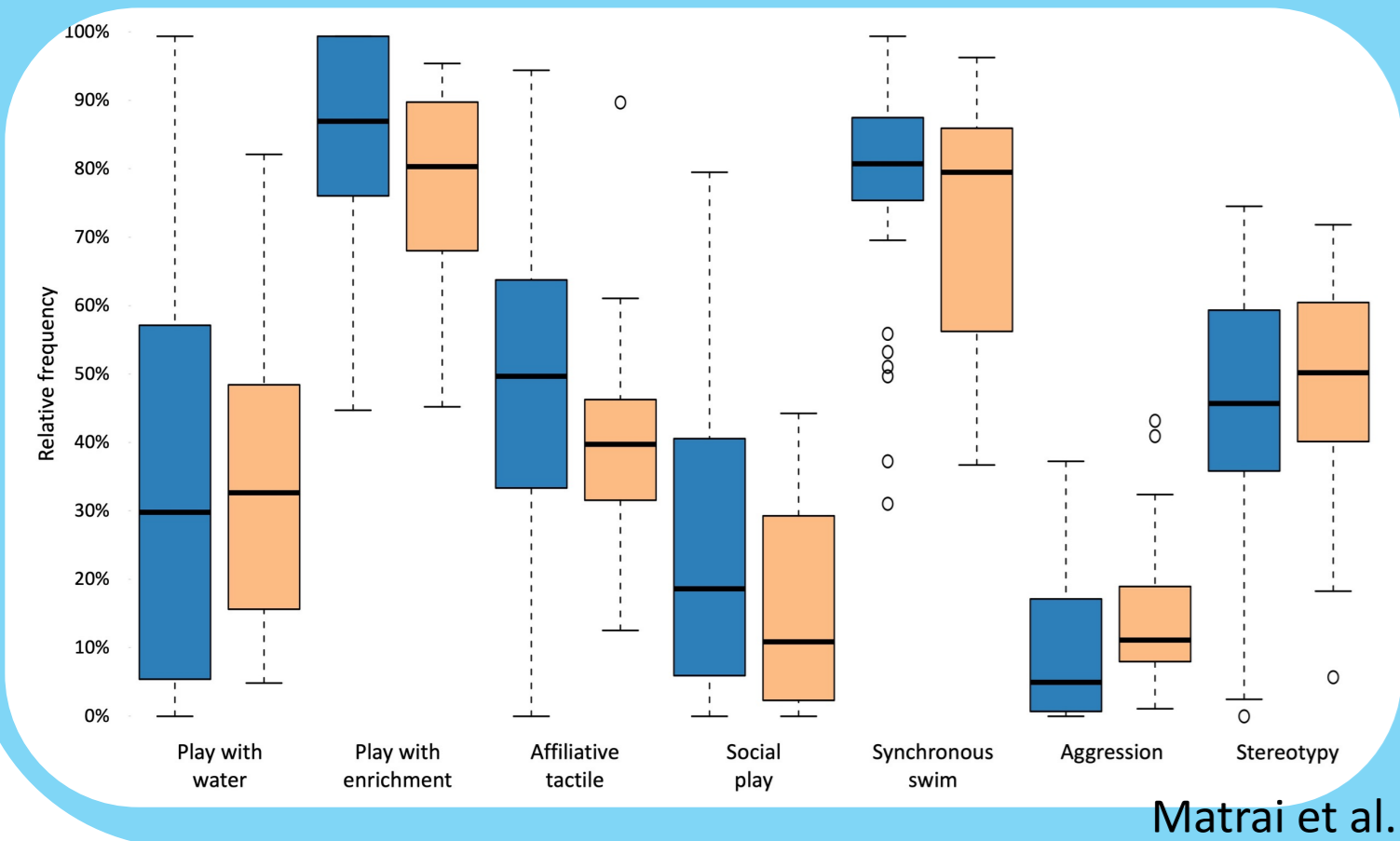


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## Introduction

Cognitive enrichment improves long-term welfare (Matrai et al. 2022)



What about short-term, welfare impact?

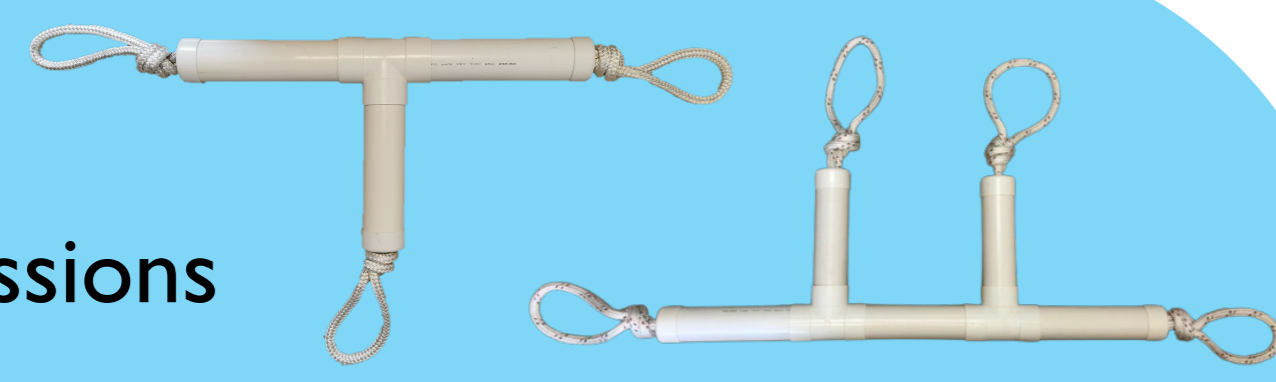


Male dolphins are more successful in cooperative problem-solving

Post-session, the males engaged in affiliative interactions more frequently, longer and with multiple partners

## Methods

24 cognitive enrichment sessions



Pre-session 2 min vs Post-session with regular enrichments 2 min

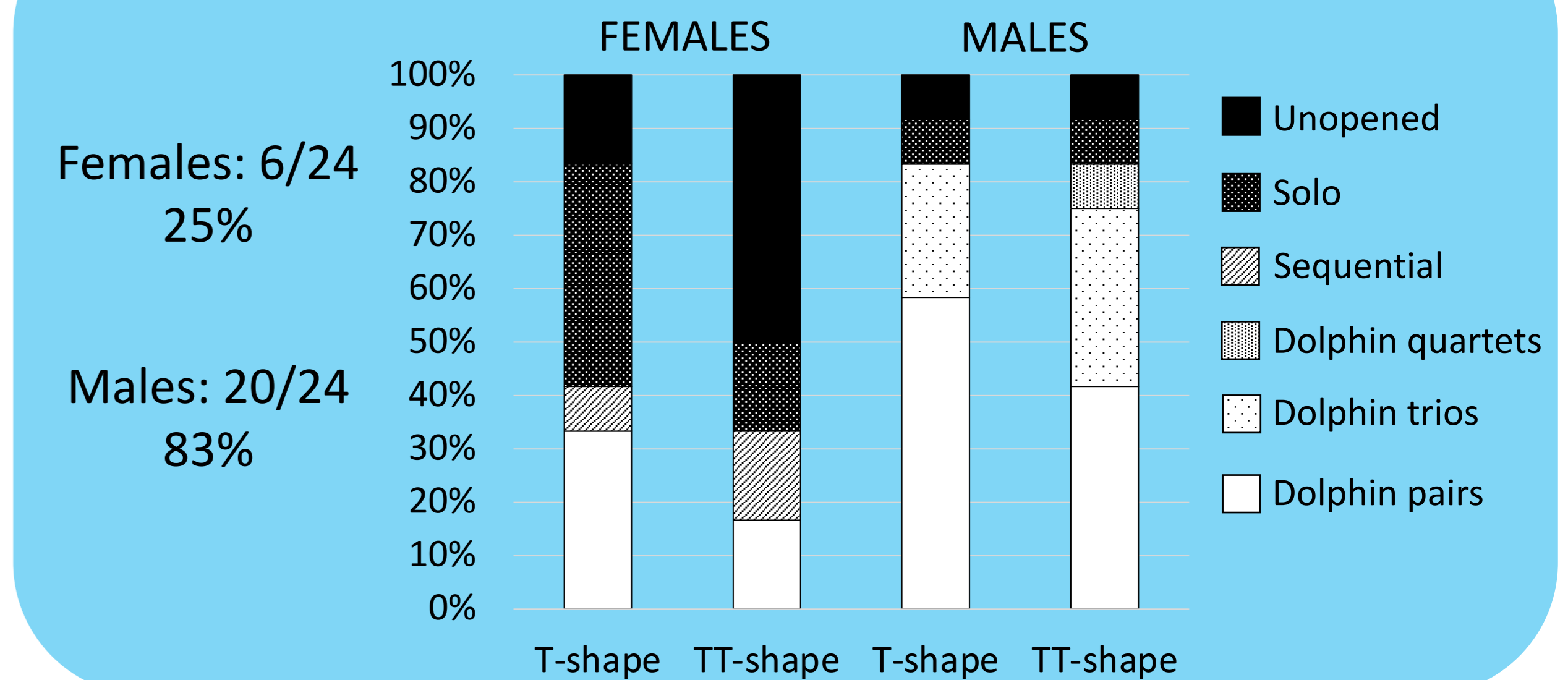


## Conclusion

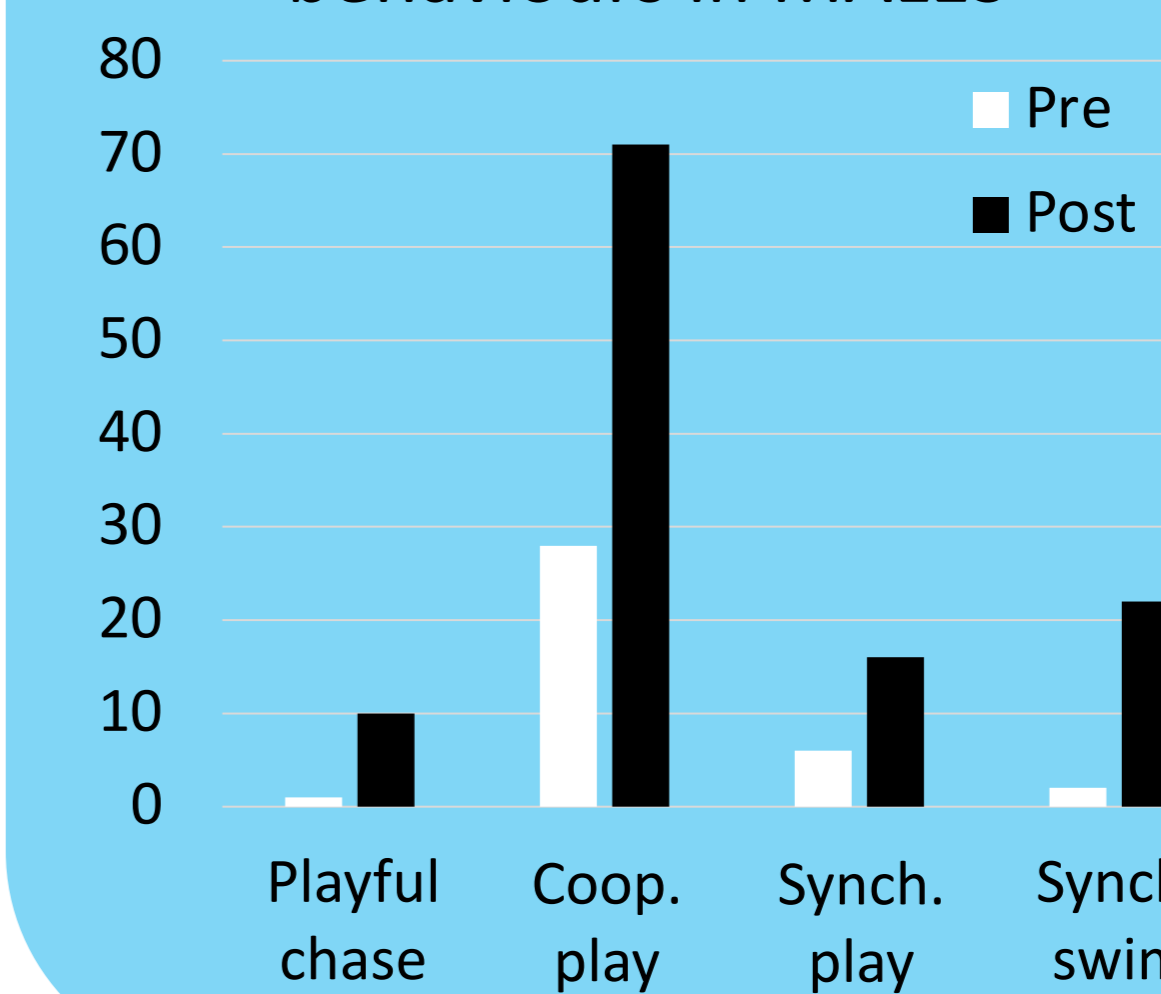
Our results further support the welfare value of the cooperative enrichments with an emphasis on the species and sex appropriate design for maximising welfare impact.

## Results

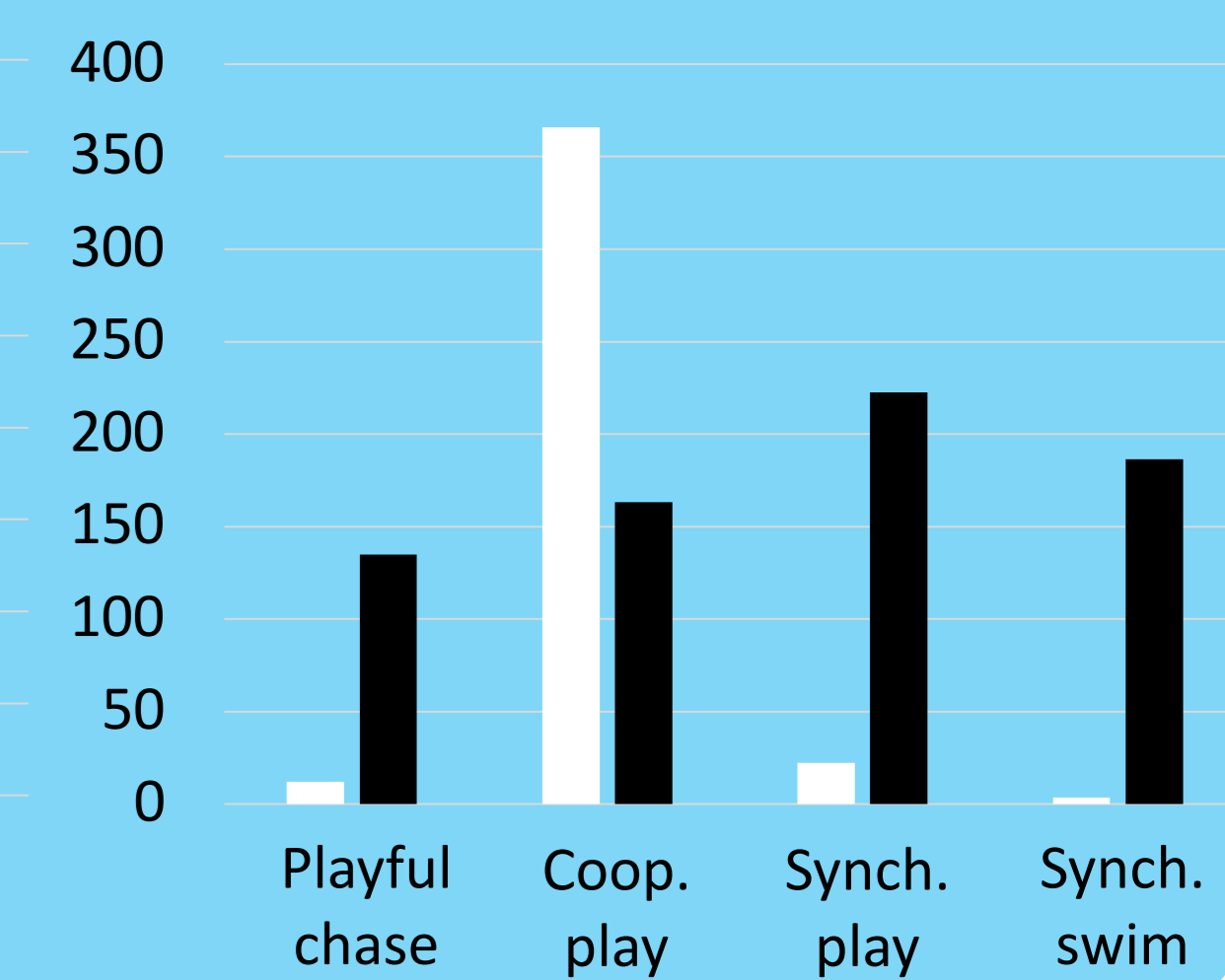
### Cooperative opening



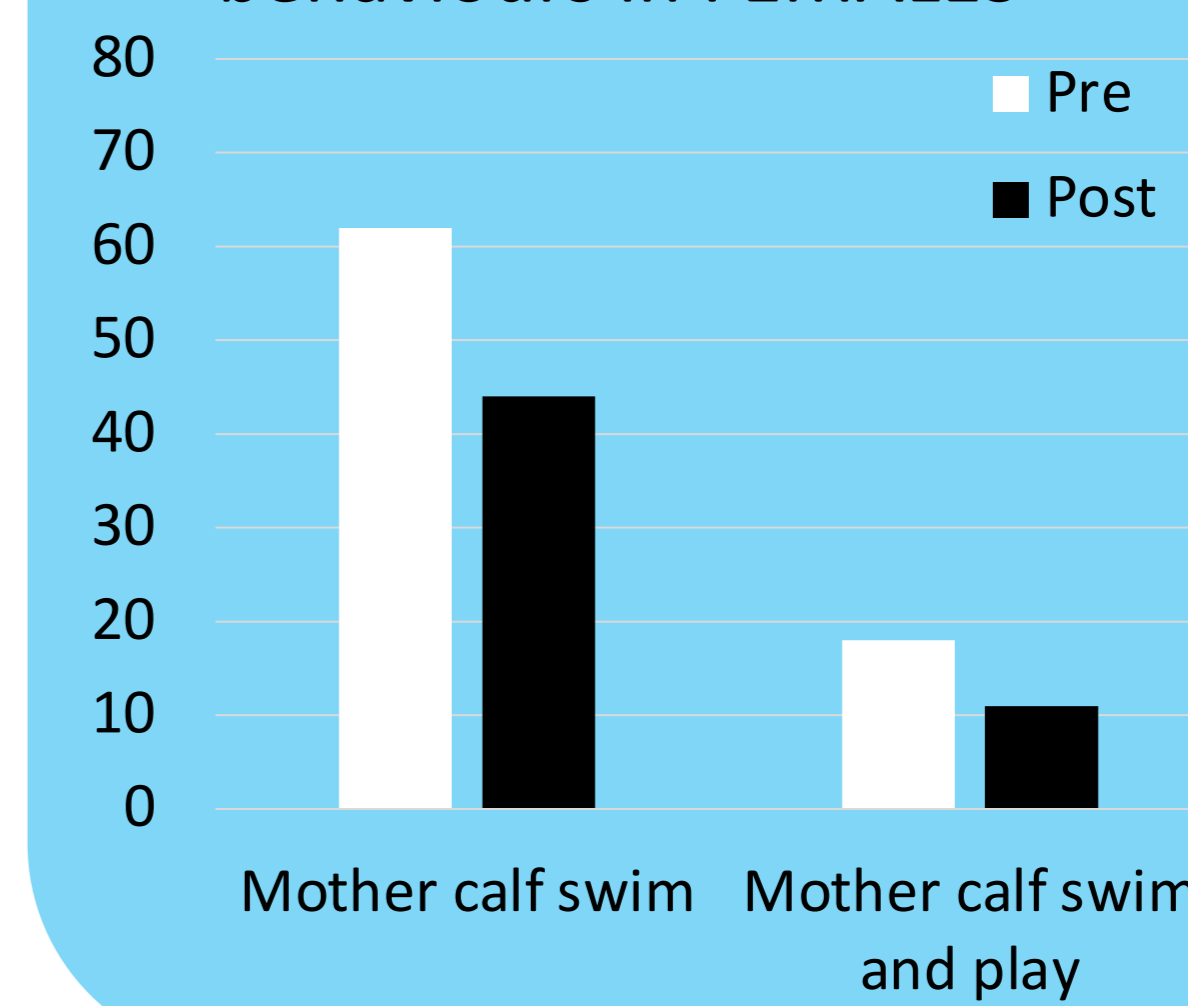
### Frequency of social behaviours in MALES



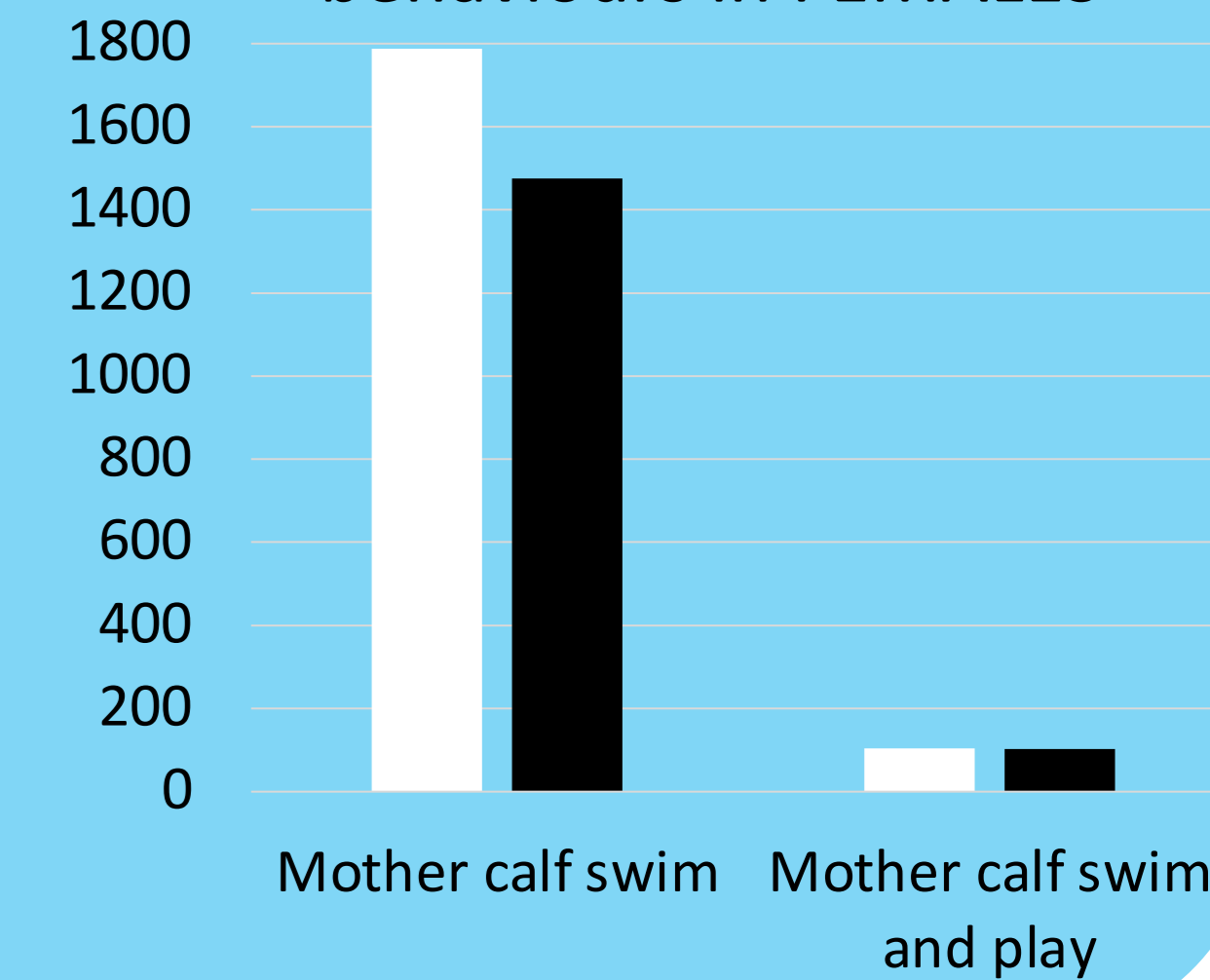
### Duration (s) of social behaviours in MALES



### Frequency of social behaviours in FEMALES



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