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The aim of this study was to evaluate the predictive validity of the Braden Scale for Predicting Pressure Sore Risk® in elderly residents of long-term care facilities in Brazil. The determination of the cut-off score for the Brazilian population is very important for the comparison between Brazilian and international studies and establishment of guidelines for prevention of pressure ulcers in our health care facilities.

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