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This is an important well-conducted validation study of MAES scale. It has very good psychometric properties as per the study findings.

1) Conclusion -

   a) In 1793, Philippe Pinel advocated to free people with mental disorder from their chains and to give them back their dignity. Despite his desire to make psychiatric treatment more human, he could not get rid of coercion and, ten years later, he recommended the use of strait jacket as a new form of treatment. Since then, politicians, jurists and mental health professionals have been caught between the duty to respect patients’ fundamental rights and autonomy and the necessity to protect them and the others from themselves.

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