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Title: Important situations that capture moral distress in paediatric oncology

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Reviewer: Phyllis Whitehead

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Thank you for your work on this important topic.

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What year was the MDS-R translated?

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