The Beck Hopelessness Scale (BHS) is a brief self-report measure designed to assess an individual's hopelessness. It was developed by Aaron T. Beck and colleagues in the 1960s. The BHS consists of 21 items, each item is scored on a scale from 0 to 3. The total score is calculated by summing the scores of all items, with higher scores indicating higher levels of hopelessness.

The BHS has been translated into various languages, including Spanish. In the context of this document, the Beck Hopelessness Scale has been validated in Spanish for suicidal risk. However, none of the validated scales have found predictive validity. The objective of this study was to determine the validity and reliability of the Beck Hopelessness Scale (BHS) in patients with suicidal risk attending a specialized operation in the city of Bucaramanga, Colombia.

Methods:
A test has been subjected to a validation test. The study was approved by the Ethics Committee of the Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga. All participants were asked to give their informed consent before starting the study.

Results:
Introduction: A number of risk factors are described in the literature and include hopelessness. Self-applied scales and instruments have been shown to be a good alternative to this assessment on emergency and non-specialist departments, as they are easy and quickly applied. They need to be validated in each community in order for healthcare personnel to have useful tools that allow them to be more effective in treating patients of this type. Although several scales are used, the oldest and one of those assessed for predictive validity is the Beck's Hopelessness Scale (BHS).

Conclusion: Beck's Scale of Hopelessness in Colombian patients with suicidality has a few dimensions in comparison to the original version, with adequate reliability and moderate concurrent validity as well as predictive validity. In Colombia, in 2014, the medical system reported a suicide rate of 11.4 per 100,000 inhabitants (15 for men and 8 for women). However, this figure is considered insufficient because suicide is a sensitive topic. It is even illegal in several countries, so do not apply; in addition, in countries where suicide has been reported, it has often been considered as accidents or other causes of death. But in Colombia, there are many people who attempt suicide every year. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people aged 15 to 29 years old. Suicide is a public health problem that can be prevented by suicide prevention tools. Evidence-based interventions are important to implement tools to prevent early patients at risk of suicide. These tools must assess risk factors. A number of risk factors are described in the literature and include hopelessness. Self-applied scales and instruments have been shown to be a good alternative to this assessment on emergency and non-specialist departments, as they are easy and quickly applied. They need to be validated in each community in order for healthcare personnel to have useful tools that allow them to be more effective in treating patients of this type. Although several scales are used, the oldest and one of those assessed for predictive validity is the Beck's Hopelessness Scale (BHS).
Authors have received informed consent from patients and/or subjects from this paper. This document is held by the... for the statement. We thank Dr. Maria Teresa López, Dr. Kelly Guzmán and Dr. Alexander Blanc for their assistance in... the first month after the detection of suicide risk, this is also the time when the highest number of suicide attempts... high level of negative predictive validity has been found, which makes this scale useful in outpatient and emergency... conclusions are also presented. A total of 258 patients were examined, 14 of whom were excluded from the study because... 12. At this point of reduction, the negative predictive value was 98.4% (CI 95%: 96.6–100). The positive... 0.23, P<.001). The correlation with RFL inventory was negative (Spearman −.52, P<.001). Predictive validity. The... 3 items) and f) moral objections (4 items).17 The study and sample study of the universe consisted of all patients who... characteristics, major risk factors such as alcohol consumption, family problems or partner problems, as well as... negative predictive value was 14.8% (CI 95%: 6.6–27.1). RR patients with suicidal tendencies with ≥12... of suicide risk assessed by the Beck Hopelessness Scale (BHS), it must be considered that it is the first time that a correlation of this scale has been documented.