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Résumé en anglais: BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: To validate a Short Form of the Mini-Mental State Examination (SMMSE) as a screening test for dementia in older ambulatory individuals followed in a memory clinic for a memory complaint. METHODS: A total of 202 cognitively healthy individuals, 100 individuals with a mild cognitive impairment and 304 demented individuals sent for a memory complaint by their primary care physician to a memory clinic were prospectively included in this cross-sectional study. They were randomized into derivation (n = 303) and validation (n = 303) groups. The SMMSE score was built from six memory items of MMSE, with a score ranging from 0 to 6 (i.e. best performance). RESULTS: The receiver operating characteristic curve showed an area under the curve of 0.98 for the derivation group and 0.97 for the validation group without differences between curves (P = 0.254). The cut-off between the sensitivity and the specificity of the SMMSE score for clinically diagnosed dementia was

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