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Economies of scope in the health sector: The case of Portuguese hospitals

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Highlights

- We propose a generalized linearization procedure for the order-α method.
- We search for economies of scope in Portuguese public hospitals, 2002-2009.
- Obstetrics, gynaecology, and paediatrics, and psychiatric services are analyzed.
- Considerable economies and diseconomies of scope were found.
- Diseconomies of scope are more likely in larger hospitals.

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