*Dear colleagues,*

*In cases of severe necrotising enterocolitis (NEC) in a prematurely born infant, the dilemma sometimes arises if laparotomy is still in the best interest of the child, or if comfort care would be more appropriate. To address this complex dilemma, the University Medical Center Groningen (the Netherlands) has devised a novel choice experiment, presenting various hypothetical scenarios where the decision between laparotomy and comfort care must be made. By analysing the choices made within this experiment, we gain insight into the factors influencing this critical decision-making process. This analysis not only fosters transparency but also lays the groundwork for potentially integrating valuable insights into a forthcoming decision support tool, enhancing our ability to navigate similar clinical scenarios in the future.*

*If you consider yourself experienced with the decision of laparotomy or comfort care in NEC, please participate in our choice experiment (± 20 min) here:* [*https://bit.ly/nec-experiment*](https://bit.ly/nec-experiment/)

*Thank you for your cooperation.*