

Supplementary Information

Title of Original Article: Understanding Parental Decision-Making in the Selection of Cochlear Implant

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Supplementary File 1: Survey Questionnaire

Name of Patient/ Cochlear Implantee:

Age: Sex:

Name of Parent/Caregiver/Guardian/:

Relation:

Age of parent at the time of surgery: Sex:

Educational Qualification: Annual Income Status:

Date of Implant:

Q.1. Which of the following sources helped you decide which cochlear implant manufacturer to choose? (Please select all that apply)

- Audiologist
- Habilitationist
- Manufacturer's information booklets
- Web/social media/ YouTube
- ENT surgeon
- Friends/Family with a cochlear implant
- Cochlear Implant Communities
- Camps

Q.2. Please rank the following factors in order of importance when selecting a cochlear implant manufacturer. (1 = most important, 14 = least important):

- Technology (Sound quality, MRI compatibility, Battery life)
- Cosmetic design/structure
- Recommendation by an audiologist
- Reliability of the Manufacturer
- Recommendation by a ENT surgeon
- Recommendation from family/friends
- Preservation of residual hearing

- Manufacturer's nationality
- Popularity of the Manufacturer
- Availability of after-sales services
- Cost of Accessories
- Cost of repairs
- Availability of Accessories/Connectivity
- Forward and Backward Compatibility

Q.3. Did you compare multiple CI brands before choosing one?

Yes/No

Q.4. If given a chance again, will you go back to the same manufacture?

Yes/No