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global fNIRS, neonatal and pediatric applications, data analysis, and neurocognition.

The following six papers are published as Part 1 of the special section. The second part, expected to appear in the October–December 2017 issue, will contain the rest of the papers and will be accompanied by a full editorial.