Non-invasive fetal electroencephalography (EEG)

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Every year, over 35,000 babies suffer from brain injury at birth in the U.S. alone

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Fetal brain injury occurs during 9 of every 1,000 births & is a **leading** cause of worldwide lifelong disability due to low oxygen states at birth

Children with brain injury during birth have **26 times** the cost of lifetime medical care

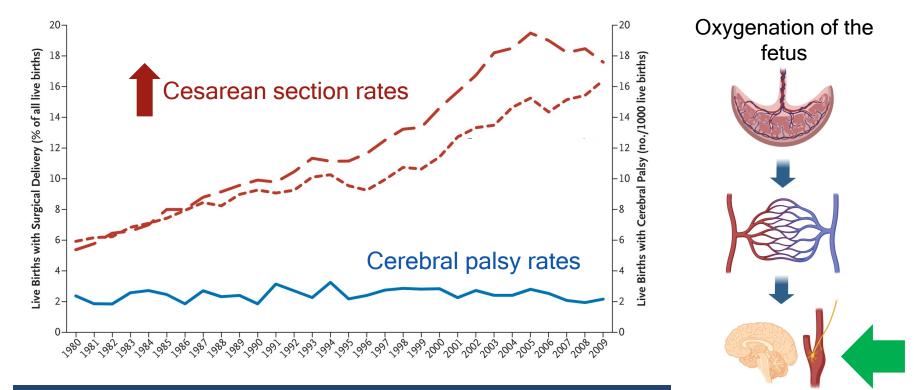


Brain injury from birth is the **leading** cause of childhood death and it caused by low oxygen (hypoxia)



How can we prevent fetal brain injury at birth?

Fetal heart rate monitoring is used in over 90% of births but has NOT decreased the rate of brain injury



Heart rate changes can be **misleading** because they reflect **downstream effects** low oxygen status which causes brain injury

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But what if we could directly monitor the baby's brain?



THE SCIENCE

Fetal **neurologic activity** can be evaluated by **electroencephalography** (**EEG**), providing information on sleep, conscious states, hypoxia & acidemia.

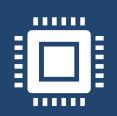
EEG provides an **earlier detector of fetal low oxygen states** before the heart rate changes.



THE BARRIER

However, prior fetal EEG required **invasive** monitoring, limited fetal positions & active labor.

This prior approach is **not feasible** for large-scale clinical use and as a result is **not used anywhere**.



THE INNOVATION

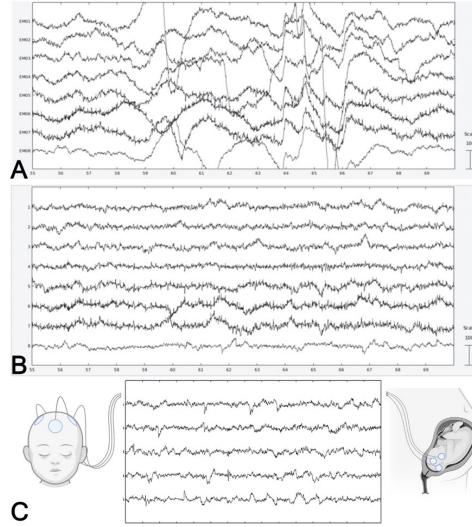
Advances in artificial intelligence & signal processing makes noninvasive fetal EEG possible.

We have developed a proprietary non-invasive method & algorithm to measure fetal EEG.

Non-invasive fetal EEG can directly measure the baby's brain activity

- Our non-invasive fetal EEG uses AI to reconstruct the baby's brain activity
- We can measure a **direct marker** of brain health
- Non-invasive, clinically feasible
- Earlier detector of brain injury compared to current methods

We have validated our method in a population of pregnant patients



Our solution has strong potential market



4,600 clinic devices

1 per 10 obstetricians







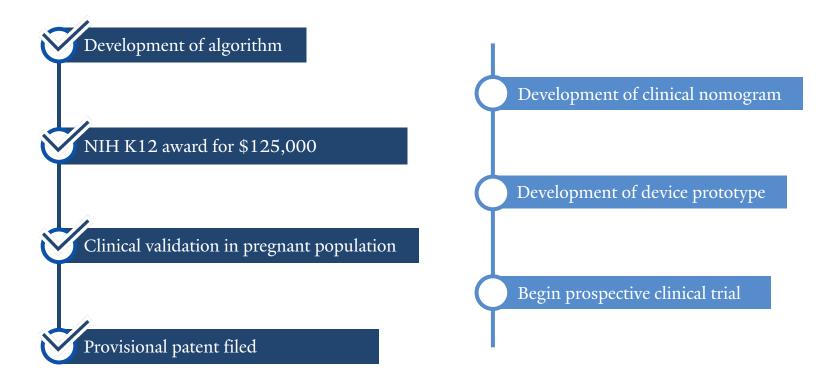
for use in labor

Recurring sales

- Device maintenance
- Annual software subscription
- Replaceable EEG electrodes



Our goals & milestones





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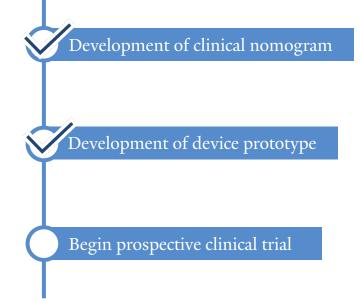
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Use of funds

- Formal validation study and publication of results
- EEG machines and ancillary materials
- Research team and staff
- Subject recruitment compensation
- Development and manufacturing of device prototype
- Ultimate goal for funding of a large, multi-center clinical trial





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