


EDITORIAL***Pediatric Neurology Briefs: Year in Review***John J. Millichap, MD¹ *¹Division of Neurology, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Chicago, IL; and Departments of Pediatrics and Neurology, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL*Correspondence: Dr. John J. Millichap, E-mail: j-millichap@northwestern.edu**Keywords:** Neurology; Pediatrics; Child Development; Nervous System Diseases; Brain Diseases

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