Dear Colleague,

You may be familiar with the <u>Behavior Assessment Battery (BAB) for Children and Adolescents Who Stutter</u> known as the "BAB" (Brutten & Vanryckeghem, 2003). Twenty years after publication, a standardization of the updated BAB is occurring. I am currently conducting research with the four BAB questionnaires that examine the affective, behavioral and cognitive experiences related to stuttering in children and adolescents. The BAB allows the clinician to come to a multi-dimensional diagnostic determination, and to choose the most appropriate therapy approach based on the answers to the BAB test items and the input from the child/adolescent. The study has been approved by the IRB at the University of Central Florida.

Children and adolescents (6-16 years) **who stutter** and **do not stutter** will be recruited to obtain norms for the updated and abbreviated version of the BAB. My appeal to you is to help me recruit young people who stutter or do not stutter (age 6-16).

Filling out the four self-report questionnaires (via a Qualtrics online survey) can be done in two ways.

1) You ask a child/adolescent and the parent(s)/guardian(s) to participate in the study (i.e., you only recruit). I will guide the youngster during test-taking online via a Zoom meeting.

OR

2) You choose to administer the updated BAB yourself as part of your assessment. I give you the necessary information to do so (e.g. link to the questionnaires), provide you with the results immediately after the test administration, and information on how to interpret the total test and items' score.

Filling out the abbreviated BAB self-report questionnaires takes 30-50 minutes, depending on age.

If you like to participate in this research, or can help with recruitment, please contact me at martinev@ucf.edu.

Kind regards,

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