Definitive Meta-Analysis of Developmental Tools: Week 2, Node 2 (External World Interaction)

1.0 Executive Summary

This report presents a definitive meta-analysis of six independent research documents [1], all tasked with identifying the pinnacle developmental tool for a 2-week-old infant (experiencing days 15-21) for the curriculum node "External World (Interaction)". A significant conflict emerged across the reports regarding the definition of "interaction" at this age, with recommendations diverging into three categories: (1) Passive Electronic Soothers, (2) Passive Visual Mobiles, and (3) Active Contingent-Feedback Systems.

Our synthesis resolves this conflict. By consolidating the First Principles from all reports, we establish that "interaction" is a multi-modal process. It begins with (a) optimal visual/tactile mapping and (b) the discovery of contingent feedback—the pre-cognitive realization that a reflexive action can produce a perceivable effect.[1] Passive-only tools, while valuable, address only part (a). Electronic soothers, as demonstrated in this analysis, are instruments of passive distraction, not interaction.[2]

Therefore, this analysis concludes that the absolute highest-leverage recommendation (Tier 1) is a *system* that satisfies all developmental principles simultaneously. The definitive recommendation is a dual-item shelf comprising **(A) the Etta Loves x Keith Haring Reversible Sensory Playmat** [1] as the optimal visual/tactile environment and **(B) the Grimm's Spiel & Holz Design Grasping Cube with Bell** [1] as the optimal contingent-feedback tool. This system provides an orthoptist-designed, non-glare visual field [4], a rich tactile experience (GOTS cotton and EN 71-certified wood) [4], and a direct link between the infant's reflexive palmar grasp and immediate, non-overwhelming auditory feedback.[1] This synthesis supersedes passive-only recommendations, which are re-classified as high-quality Tier 2 alternatives.

2.0 Consolidated First Principles for Week 2: External World (Interaction)

The "Precursor Principle" mandated by the original prompt was correctly applied by all reports.[1] The abstract node "Interaction" was deconstructed into its earliest sensory-motor foundations. This synthesis consolidates the frameworks from all reports into five non-negotiable principles used for the final tool evaluation.

Principle 2.1: The Precursor Mandate (Deconstructing "Interaction" from Social to Sensory-Motor)

There is unanimous consensus that "interaction" for a 2-week-old is not social, emotional, or intentional.[1] It is the "nascent, reflexive, sensory-motor process of differentiating 'self' from 'not-self'".[1] This process aligns with Piaget's (1952) first sensorimotor substage, where infants form "initial schemas" by learning about the world through innate reflexes.[1] The developmental objective is therefore to identify the "absolute earliest, most fundamental skill" [1] that serves as the precursor to intentional, social interaction.

Principle 2.2: The Neonatal Visual System (Acuity, Contrast, and the Anti-Glare Imperative)

All reports converge on the precise limitations of the 2-week-old's visual system.

- **Acuity:** Visual acuity is extremely poor, estimated across reports at $20/400$ to $20/800$.[1]
- **Focal Distance:** The optimal focal distance is fixed at approximately 8-15 inches (20-38 cm).[1]
- **Contrast:** Color perception is not yet developed; the world is perceived in grayscale.[1] Maximal visual engagement requires simple, bold, high-contrast black-and-white patterns.[1]

A critical, second-order specification derived from this data is the **anti-glare imperative**.

Report [1] correctly identifies that not all high-contrast tools are equal, explicitly excluding "Glossy-Finish Visual Cards".[1] A glossy finish creates "significant glare" under standard lighting, which acts as "visual 'noise'".[1] This glare forces the infant's "weak visual system" to work harder, leading to "faster fatigue and disengagement".[1] Therefore, a *matte-finish or non-reflective fabric surface* is a non-negotiable technical specification for any Tier 1 visual tool. This specification is verifiably met by tools such as Etta Loves (fabric) [1], Wee Gallery (matte lamination) [1], Hahaland (matte sub-gloss film) [1], and Beiens (anti-glare matte surface).[1]

Principle 2.3: The Contingency Loop (The Emergence of Cause-and-Effect)

This principle is the central point of conflict across the reports and the key to resolving the Tier 1 recommendation. "Interaction" is fundamentally a "back-and-forth" exchange.[1] The absolute precursor to this exchange is the discovery of contingency: "My action can produce a perceivable effect in the world".[1] One set of reports [1] argues that a tool *must* facilitate this discovery, linking a reflexive motor action (like a palmar grasp or a random arm movement) to a sensory effect (like a jingle or a batted object moving).[1] This perspective disqualifies purely passive tools. Conversely, another set of reports [1] champions *passive* visual tools (the Munari and Wimmer-Ferguson mobiles) whose sole function is to "encourage sustained visual tracking".[1] This analysis resolves the conflict by concluding that the contingent-feedback model [1] represents a *higher-leverage* form of interaction, as it incorporates the visual tracking component *and* adds the foundational cognitive link between self and world.

Principle 2.4: Tactile, Proprioceptive, and Auditory Mapping (The Materiality Mandate)

The world is also mapped through non-visual senses. Report [1] establishes a "Sensory Discrimination Mandate," asserting that the material composition of a tool is a primary driver of its developmental leverage.[1] Natural materials like wood or organic cotton provide a "rich sensory experience" that is distinct from "homogenous, temperature-neutral plastic".[1] Synthesized research confirms that natural wood offers a grounding, complex tactile experience.[15] The auditory feedback from Principle 2.3 (e.g., a "gentle jingle" [1] or "clacking sound" [1]) must be immediate, contingent, and calibrated to avoid overstimulation, per

Principle 2.5.

Principle 2.5: The Neuro-Regulatory Mandate (Calibrated Input vs. Overstimulation)

There is a strong consensus that the 2-week-old's "attentional subsystems" are "fragile".[1] All sensory input must be carefully calibrated to support self-regulation and prevent "disorganization".[1] This is also referred to as the "External Womb" or "4th Trimester Concept".[1] This principle provides the primary evidence *against* electronic, battery-operated tools. Such devices are "instruments of passivity" [1] that provide "chaotic, non-calibrated sensory input" [1] and present a clear "risk of overstimulation".[1]

3.0 Cross-Model Analysis and Conflict Resolution

This section synthesizes the tool-specific findings and resolves the significant discrepancies in the Tier 1 recommendations.

3.1 Consensus: Identification of Developmentally Mismatched Tools (Exclusions)

There is overwhelming consensus across all research reports [1] on tools that are inappropriate and must be excluded.

- **Exclusion 1: Colorful/Pastel/Complex Mobiles & Toys (e.g., Fisher-Price Rainbow Mobile)**
    - **Rationale (Consensus):** These items are "developmentally invisible".[1] They violate Principle 2.2; the 2-week-old lacks the cone cell maturity and visual acuity to perceive low-contrast or complex color patterns.[1] They are "toys for the parent, not tools for the infant".[1]
- **Exclusion 2: Electronic/Motorized Mobiles & Soothers (e.g., Baby Einstein Glow & Discover)**
    - **Rationale (Consensus):** These are the "antithesis" of Principle 2.3 (Contingent

Feedback).[1] They are "instruments of passivity" [1] that provide "chaotic, non-calibrated" input [1] and risk "overstimulation" [1], violating Principle 2.5.

- **Exclusion 3: Standard Pacifiers (Dummies)**
  - **Rationale (Consensus):** As a tool for "interaction," they are "actively detrimental".[1] A pacifier is a "tool for disengagement" [1] that "physically blocks one of the infant's primary methods of expression".[1]
- **Exclusion 4: Glossy-Finish Visual Tools**
  - **Rationale (Synthesized):** This specific exclusion from [1] is adopted as a meta-analytic finding. Glossy surfaces create "significant glare," which acts as "visual 'noise'" [1], violating the anti-glare specification of Principle 2.2.

3.2 Primary Conflict Resolution: The Tier 1 Recommendation

The reports presented four distinct Tier 1 candidates. This analysis evaluates each against the Consolidated First Principles (Section 2.0).

- **Candidate 1: Nurture Smart Advanced Crib Mobile (Model: NS-100)**
  - **Source:** [1]
  - Argument [1]: "Unmatched multi-sensory leverage," "hospital-validated," "high-contrast black/white images," "adjustable height," "safe sounds".[1]
  - **Counter-Evidence & Resolution:** This recommendation is in direct conflict with the consensus.
    1. **Violation of Principle 2.3 (Contingency):** Independent investigation confirms the tool is *passive* and *non-contingent*. It operates on a *timer* [2] and provides *pre-programmed* sounds and motion.[2] It is not "reactive".[1]
    2. **Violation of Principle 2.5 (Regulation):** The tool is electronic, automated, and multi-modal (lights, sounds, motion). This directly contradicts the consensus exclusion of such toys [1] and violates the neuro-regulatory principle.[1]
    3. **Use Case Mismatch:** Its hospital validation [1] is for a different use case: "distraction during treatments" [3] and "infection control" [18], not developmental *interaction*.
  - **Verdict: Candidate 1 is disqualified.** It is an "instrument of passivity" [1] and a "digital pacifier" [1], a "toy" as defined by the original prompt, not a "tool."
- **Candidate 2: Montessori Munari Mobile (Handmade/Premium Kit)**
  - **Source:** [1]
  - Argument [1]: "Engineered for this exact developmental moment".[1] Its high-contrast, mathematically-precise geometric shapes are perfectly optimized for Principle 2.2 (Visual System).[1] It is passive, which respects Principle 2.5 (Regulation).[1]

    - **Counter-Evidence & Resolution:** The tool is *only* a passive visual tool. It provides high leverage for Principle 2.2 but *zero* leverage for Principle 2.3 (Contingency) and *zero* leverage for Principle 2.4 (Tactile). "Interaction" is limited to visual tracking.
    - **Verdict:** A strong tool, but developmentally incomplete. It is surpassed by systems that incorporate contingency and tactile feedback. Re-classified to Tier 2.
- **Candidate 3: Manhattan Toy Wimmer-Ferguson Infant Stim-Mobile for Cribs (Model: 00W89SX2S)**
    - **Source:** [1]
    - Argument [1]: Superior to the Munari mobile for a club model. It features 10 interchangeable, durable polypropylene cards [1] that are "labeled by age" [21], allowing progression. Critically, it has an "adjustable cord" [1] to be set at the precise 8-12 inch focal distance (Principle 2.2).
    - **Counter-Evidence & Resolution:** Same as the Munari. It is a high-quality *passive visual* tool but fails to satisfy Principles 2.3 (Contingency) and 2.4 (Tactile).
    - **Verdict:** A strong tool, arguably superior to the Munari in practicality and precision, but developmentally incomplete. Re-classified to Tier 2.
- **Candidate 4: The Contingent-Feedback System**
    - **Source:** [1] (System) and [1] (Integrated Tool)
    - Argument [1]: This approach is the *only* one that satisfies all key principles.
        1. [1] proposes a *system*: An "Environment Tool" (Etta Loves Mat) for Principles 2.2 (Visual) and 2.4 (Tactile), and an "Interaction Tool" (Grimm's Rattle) for Principles 2.3 (Contingency) and 2.4 (Tactile).
        2. [1] proposes an *integrated tool*: The PlanToys Play Gym (Model 5288) [1], which has high-contrast hanging toys (P2.2) [12] that provide contingent feedback when reflexively batted (P2.3).[12]
    - **Resolution:** The system-based approach [1] provides the highest possible leverage. It allows for the *best-in-class* tool for each principle to be selected, rather than compromising. The Etta Loves Mat is a superior visual/tactile environment (orthoptist-designed, GOTS cotton, non-glare fabric) [1] than the limited scope of a play gym. The Grimm's Rattle is a superior tactile/contingent tool (EN 71-certified alder wood) [1] than the simpler hanging toys of the gym.
    - **Verdict: Candidate 4 (The System Approach) is the definitive Tier 1 winner.** It is the only recommendation that fully addresses the multi-modal nature of "interaction" as defined by the consolidated First Principles.

4.0 Final Synthesized Tool Recommendations (Tiered Analysis)

This analysis consolidates all six reports into a single, definitive tiered list. The placement of expired data from [1] (Munari Mobile, High-Contrast Cards) has been re-evaluated and integrated.

Tier 1: Absolute Best (Developmental Leverage Maximized)

This system represents the global pinnacle, satisfying all five First Principles by providing a best-in-class visual/tactile environment (P2.2, P2.4, P2.5) and a best-in-class contingent-feedback tool (P2.3, P2.4, P2.5).

- **Tool System 1: The Orthoptist-Designed Environment & Mastercraft Feedback System** [1]
- **Primary Item A (The Environment Tool):**
  - **Tool Name:** Etta Loves x Keith Haring Reversible Sensory Playmat
  - **SKU:** ELKHPM01
  - **Recommended Configuration:** 100 cm diameter. Side 1 ('Baby' print, black & white) for Week 2. Material: 100% GOTS-certified organic cotton outer, 100% polyester padding.[1]
  - **Price (EUR):** €88.00
  - **Lifespan (Primary Item):** 104 weeks. (Justification: GOTS cotton is machine-washable and highly durable).[1]
- **Primary Item B (The Interaction Tool):**
  - **Tool Name:** Grimm's Spiel & Holz Design Grasping Cube with Bell
  - **SKU:** 08070
  - **Recommended Configuration:** 5x5x5 cm. Material: Alder wood, finished with non-toxic, plant-based oil. Internal metal bell.[1]
  - **Price (EUR):** €18.00
  - **Lifespan (Primary Item):** 208 weeks. (Justification: Solid hardwood construction is extremely durable).[1]
- **Total System Price (EUR):** €106.00
- **Sourcing Viability:** Standard Retail / Specialty Retail (Available from official brand sites and EU boutiques).[1]
- **Tier 1 Justification & Fit Analysis:**
  - **Week-2 Specificity:** This system is optimal for Week 2. It provides the *only* non-glare, fabric-based, large-scale visual environment (Principle 2.2) [1] and pairs it with an object perfectly sized for the 2-week-old's reflexive palmar grasp, linking it to contingent auditory feedback (Principle 2.3).[1]
  - **Brand Justification (Objective):**

        - **Etta Loves:** The patterns are not arbitrary. They are "specifically scaled and designed in consultation with an orthoptist (pediatric vision expert)".[1] This is a verifiable, evidence-based design process. The GOTS-certified organic cotton [4] is a superior, non-glare, non-toxic tactile material (Principle 2.4).
        - **Grimm's:** A global leader in professional-grade natural materials. The tool is explicitly certified non-toxic under European (EN 71) and US (CPSIA) standards.[5] The use of sustainable alder wood and non-toxic plant-based oils [5] provides a complex, natural tactile experience (Principle 2.4) that is vastly superior to plastic and safer for mouthing.
    - **Sustainability:** The mat is machine-washable.[1] The wood rattle's only challenge is its wipe-only sanitization.[1] This is a required "responsible handling" protocol (Original Prompt) justified by the tool's superior material and developmental leverage.
    - **Pros vs. Cons Analysis:**
        - **Pros:** Satisfies all five First Principles at the highest level. Utilizes premium, evidence-based, certified materials (GOTS, EN 71). Provides both visual and contingent-feedback leverage.
        - **Cons:** High total system cost. The wooden rattle (Grimm's) requires a specific wipe-only sanitization protocol and cannot be boiled or chemically disinfected.[1]

Tier 2: High-End (Premium but More Accessible)

These alternatives offer very high leverage but represent a trade-off. Option 2.1 is the best *integrated* system (visual + contingency). Option 2.2 is the best *passive* system (visual only).

- **Tool System 2.1: The Integrated Contingency System** [1]
    - **Tool Name:** PlanToys Play Gym - High Contrast
    - **SKU / Model:** 5288
    - **Recommended Configuration:** A-frame gym. Material: FSC®-certified rubberwood, non-toxic water-based pigment.[1] Includes 2 suspended high-contrast toys.
    - **Price (EUR):** €75.00
    - **Lifespan (Primary Item):** 104 weeks. (Justification: Solid rubberwood construction).[1]
    - **Sourcing Viability:** Standard Retail.[1]
    - **Justification & Trade-off:** This is the best *single-item* tool that satisfies both Principle 2.2 (Visual) and 2.3 (Contingency), as the infant's reflexive batting will move the suspended toys.[12] **Trade-off vs. Tier 1:** The visual environment is less immersive than the 100 cm Etta Loves mat, and the tactile experience of the hanging toys is less rich than the Grimm's cube.
- **Tool System 2.2: The Passive Visual System (Clinical Standard)** [1]
    - **Tool Name:** Manhattan Toy Wimmer-Ferguson Infant Stim-Mobile for Cribs

- **SKU / Model:** 00W89SX2S / 165240 [1]
- **Recommended Configuration:** Mobile arm with 10 interchangeable, double-sided polypropylene graphic cards.
- **Price (EUR):** €35.00 - €45.00
- **Lifespan (Primary Item):** 104+ weeks. (Justification: Durable, non-porous, wipeable polypropylene cards).[1]
- **Sourcing Viability:** Standard Retail.[1]
- **Justification & Trade-off:** This is the best-in-class *passive visual* tool, superseding the Munari Mobile [1] in practicality. Its "adjustable cord" [1] allows for precise 8-12 inch focal distance, and its "labeled by age" card progression [1] is ideal for a curriculum. **Trade-off vs. Tier 1:** This system is developmentally incomplete. It provides 100% leverage for Principle 2.2 (Visual) but 0% for Principle 2.3 (Contingency) and 0% for Principle 2.4 (Tactile).

Tier 3: Mid-Range (Strong Value Proposition)

This system offers the most sustainable, logistically-sound solution for a club model, balancing high leverage with indestructible, fully sterilizable materials.

- **Tool System 3: The Indestructible & Sanitizable System** [1]
- **Primary Item A (The Environment Tool):**
  - **Tool Name:** Wee Gallery Art Cards for Baby - Original Collection (Black & White)
  - **SKU:** WG1001
  - **Recommended Configuration:** 6 cards, 12.7 cm x 17.8 cm. Material: 100% recycled cardstock with "food-grade matte lamination".[1]
  - **Price (EUR):** €14.95
  - **Lifespan (Primary Item):** 52 weeks. (Justification: Durable lamination, but cardstock core will eventually wear at edges).[1]
- **Primary Item B (The Interaction Tool):**
  - **Tool Name:** Mushie Silicone Baby Rattle Toy
  - **SKU:** SRBT-1006 (Natural)
  - **Recommended Configuration:** 100% Food-grade silicone. Color: 'Natural' or 'Shifting Sands' (muted tones).[1]
  - **Price (EUR):** €14.99
  - **Lifespan (Primary Item):** 520+ weeks. (Justification: 100% food-grade silicone is non-porous and indestructible).[1]
- **Total System Price (EUR):** €29.94
- **Sourcing Viability:** Standard Retail.[1]
- **Justification & Trade-off:** This system provides excellent leverage. The Wee Gallery

cards are a consensus pick [1] due to their critical *matte-laminated finish* [1], satisfying the anti-glare rule of Principle 2.2. The Mushie rattle provides contingent feedback (Principle 2.3) in a format that is 100% boil-safe and sterilizable [1], making it logistically superior to the Tier 1 wood rattle. **Trade-off vs. Tier 1:** The tactile experience of silicone is less "natural" and complex than alder wood.[1] The visual "environment" is a set of cards, not an immersive mat.

Tier 4: Minimal Viable (Budget-Friendly Foundation)

This recommendation identifies the single, best-value tool that executes the most critical principle (Visual, P2.2) with the correct technical specifications.

- **Tool System 4: The Foundational Visual Tool** [1]
  - **Tool Name:** Hahaland High Contrast Baby Flashcards (20 pcs)
  - **SKU:** N/A
  - **Recommended Configuration:** 20 cards (40 images), 15.2 cm x 15.2 cm. Set 1 (0-3 months) is pure black & white. Material: Thick board with "matte sub-gloss film coating (waterproof, anti-glare, wipeable)".[1]
  - **Price (EUR):** €10.99 - €15.99
  - **Lifespan (Primary Item):** 130 weeks. (Justification: Thick board with waterproof, anti-glare film is highly durable and sanitizable).[1]
  - **Sourcing Viability:** Standard Retail (Amazon EU).[1]
  - **Justification & Trade-off:** This is the highest leverage-per-euro. It perfectly executes Principle 2.2 (Visual). It is superior to the Tana Hoban book [1] because its "sturdy coated board" [36] is not explicitly anti-glare and is less durable than Hahaland's waterproof film.[8] It is a better value proposition than Wee Gallery (Tier 3) (20 cards for $\sim$€12 vs. 6 cards for $\sim$€15). **Trade-off vs. Higher Tiers:** This item completely omits Principle 2.3 (Contingency) and 2.4 (Tactile). It is a passive visual stimulus only.

5.0 Detailed Tool Analysis and Justification (Specification Matrix)

The following tables provide consolidated, actionable data for procurement, derived from all

six research reports and subsequent verification.

Table 5.1: Tier 1 Recommendation Specification Matrix

Attribute	Primary Item A (Environment)	Primary Item B (Interaction)
Tool Name	Etta Loves x Keith Haring Reversible Sensory Playmat	Grimm's Spiel & Holz Design Grasping Cube with Bell
Model / SKU	ELKHPM01 [1]	08070 [1, 25, 38]
Material Specs	**Outer:** 100% GOTS-certified organic cotton.[1] **Inner:** 100% polyester padding.[1]	**Body:** Alder wood from sustainable forestry.[1, 5, 26] **Finish:** Non-toxic, plant-based oil.[1] **Internal:** Metal bell.[1]
Dimensions	100 cm diameter.[1]	5 cm x 5 cm x 5 cm.[1, 25, 38]
Color / Finish	Side 1: 'Baby' print (Black & White). **Finish:** Matte-finish, non-glare fabric.[1]	Natural wood finish.[1]
Safety Certs	GOTS-certified.[1] OEKO-TEX certified.[1]	EN 71 (European Toy Safety).[1] CPSIA (US Toy Safety).[5]
Est. Lifespan	104 weeks.[1]	208 weeks.[1]
Price (EUR)	€88.00.[1]	€18.00.[1]

Sourcing	Standard Retail (ettaloves.com, EU boutiques).[1]	Standard Retail (grimms.eu, specialized EU retailers).[1]

Table 5.2: Tier 2-4 Alternatives Specification & Trade-Off Matrix

Tier	Tool Name	Key Specs (Material, Finish)	Leverage (P2.2 Visual)	Leverage (P2.3 Contingency)	Leverage (P2.4 Tactile)	Sanitization Protocol	Trade-Off vs. Tier 1
T2	**PlanToys Play Gym (5288)**	FSC-certified rubberwood [1, 31]; Water-based dyes.[31]	**High** (High-contrast hanging toys).[1]	**High** (Reflexive batting moves toys).[12]	**Medium** (Wood toys).	Wipe-only.[1]	**Less immersive** visual/tactile environment than the Tier 1 mat + cube system.
T2	**Wimmer-Ferguson Stim-Mobile**	Polypropylene cards [1]; Plastic arm.	**Pinnacle** (Adjustable height for 8-12" focus; 10-card progression).[1, 21, 22]	**None** (Passive visual tool).	**None** (Not a tactile tool).	Wipeable.[1]	**Developmentally incomplete.** Fails to provide any contingent or tactile feedback.
T3	**Wee**	Recycle	**High**	**None.**	**Low**	Wipeabl	System

	Gallery Art Cards (WG1001)	d cardstock; **Food-grade matte lamination**.[1, 6, 32]	(Matte finish, high-contrast).[1]		(Cardstock).	e.[1]	is less immersive. Tactile experience of paired silicone rattle is less rich than wood.
T3	**Mushie Silicone Rattle (SRBT-1006)**	100% food-grade silicone.[1]	**Low** (Muted colors by design).[1]	**High** (Contingent sound).[1]	**Medium** (Silicone).	**Pinnacle** (Boil-safe / Dishwasher-safe).[1]	
T4	**Hahaland High Contrast Cards**	Thick board; **Matte sub-gloss film (anti-glare)**.[1]	**High** (Anti-glare, large format).[1]	**None.**	**Low** (Cardstock).	Wipeable (Waterproof film).[1, 8]	**Minimal Viable Tool.** Fails Principles 2.3 and 2.4. Provides visual stimulus only.

6.0 Consolidated Sourcing & Acquisition Strategy

A key finding of this meta-analysis is that the tools providing the highest developmental leverage are readily accessible via standard retail, negating the need for complex sourcing.

- **Standard Retail / Specialty Retail:** All components of the Tier 1 (Etta Loves, Grimm's), Tier 2 (PlanToys, Wimmer-Ferguson), Tier 3 (Wee Gallery, Mushie), and Tier 4 (Hahaland) recommendations are available through official brand websites, major online retailers (Amazon EU), or specialized EU-based boutiques.[1]
- **Rejection of Complex Sourcing:** The Tier 1 candidate from report [1] (Nurture Smart) was classified as "Import/Custom".[1] The Tier 1 candidate from [1] (Munari Mobile) was classified as "Specialty-Professional" [1] and is a delicate, often handmade "art object".[1] This synthesis *rejects* both recommendations, as their developmental leverage is *inferior* to the Tier 1 system (which satisfies all principles) and their acquisition is *more complex*. This adheres to the prompt's mandate: "Do NOT favor hard-to-source products over equivalent standard retail options" and "Accessibility Preference."

7.0 Definitive Implementation Protocol (7-Day Window: Tier 1 System)

This protocol is synthesized from [1] for the Tier 1 System (Etta Loves Mat + Grimm's Cube) and is optimized for the 2-week-old's 7-day window.

- **Core Goal:** To facilitate the first pre-cognitive link between the infant's reflexive motor output (cause) and a perceivable sensory effect (effect), all within an optimally-calibrated visual environment.
- **Day 1-3 (Familiarization & Visual/Tactile Mapping):**
  - Place the Etta Loves mat (Side 1, black & white) flat on the floor or a safe surface.
  - During a brief (1-3 minute) "quiet alert" period [1], place the infant on the mat for "tummy time" or "chest time" (on a parent's chest).[1]
  - **Objective:** Allow the infant to visually map the high-contrast, non-glare environment (Principle 2.2) and feel the GOTS cotton texture (Principle 2.4). Do not introduce the rattle yet.
- **Day 4-7 (Integration & Contingent Feedback):**
  - During a separate, alert play-time (e.g., lying on their back on the mat, or supported on a caregiver's lap), gently place the Grimm's Grasping Cube into the infant's palm.
  - **Objective:** This will trigger the innate palmar grasp reflex.[1] The infant's own reflexive, random arm movements will shake the cube, producing a gentle, immediate, contingent auditory feedback (the jingle).[1] This is the "Aha!" moment—the firing of the neural connection between action (cause) and sound (effect) (Principle 2.3).
- **Community Handover:** The handover to the younger "neighbor" is an opportunity to demonstrate this simple "grasp-and-jingle" interaction.

8.0 Consolidated Supporting Evidence (Reference List)

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