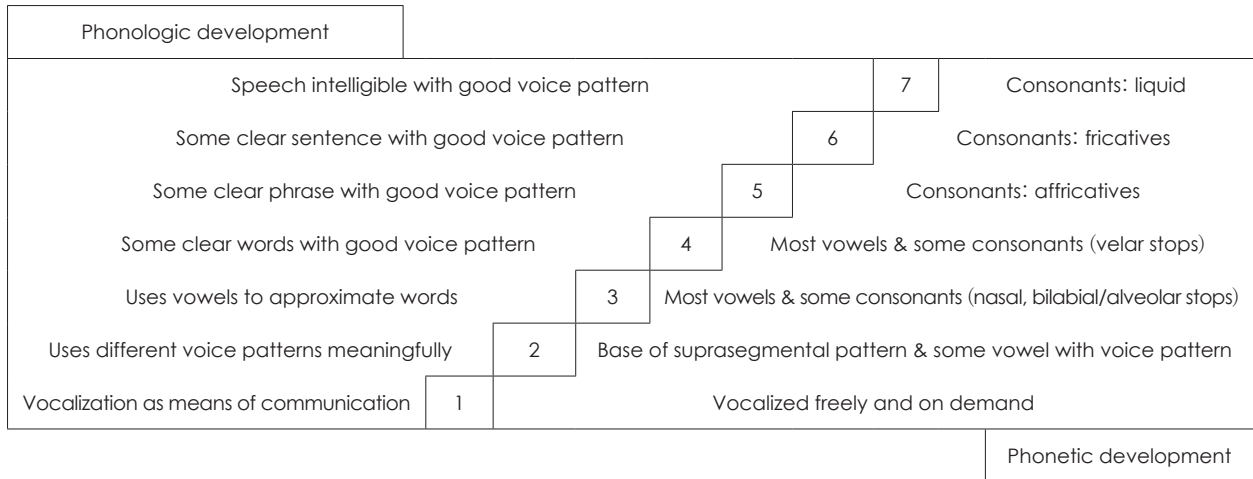


# Supplementary Material 1

Staircase Diagram of the SPC



The SPC, which includes a modification of Ling's 7 distinct stages, assesses phonetic (articulation) and phonologic (meaningful speech) levels of acquisition at each stage in young children who have undergone cochlear implantation. SPC: speech production scale