FIGURE e-1

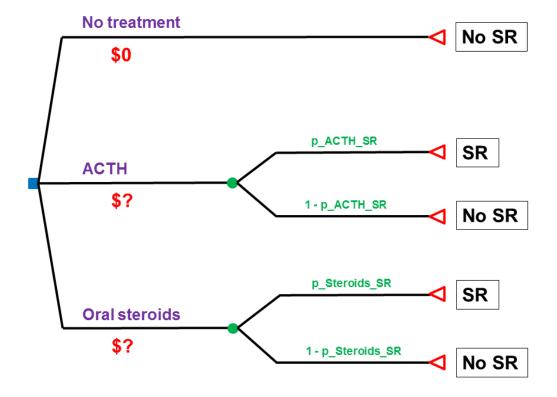


Figure e-1. Decision tree. Comparison of individual treatments. The caregivers of a patient with infantile spasms may consider intramuscular ACTH or oral steroids as initial treatments. The "No treatment" option is as a zero-cost point of comparison with assumed zero effectiveness. Legend:

ACTH: Adrenocorticotropic hormone. No SR: No spasms resolution. SR: Spasms resolution. \$: USA dollars. ?: While the cost of "No treatment" was assumed to be zero (in the short term), the cost of ACTH and steroids need to be estimated as we did in our meta-analysis.

Probabilities: p_ACTH_SR: Probability that ACTH achieves spasms resolution.p_Steroids_SR: Probability that steroids achieve spasms resolution.