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# Corrigendum: Information guided adaptation of complex biological systems

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## A Corrigendum on

### Information guided adaptation of complex biological systems

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In the published article, the Supplementary Appendix was mistakenly not included in the publication. The missing material appears below:

Information guided adaptation of complex systems is extensible to quantum gravity. The analytic framework provided by the application of functional information to complex biological systems has direct application to the problem of uniting general relativity (GR) and quantum theory (QT). Functional information,  $I_f$ , provides an exchange mechanism between these two highly complex, successful, and currently incompatible models by creating a GR-QT information loop based on the assumption that there exists a mathematical connection between these two complex models that will serve as an information conduit, i.e., the models are describing the same property or thing (Supplementary Appendix Figure A1). This means the functional information change in a QT scenario can be used to quantify the corresponding change in GR information, which in turn can be used to quantify changes in a specific parameter(s)-of-interest.

Example Scenario: An investigator wants to know how a change in their QT model affects a parameter-of-interest in their corresponding GR model. Functional information is calculated from baseline GR (step I) and QT (step II) model data,  $I_{GR}$  and  $I_{QT}$  respectively. The blue arrows of Figure A1 convey the assumption that these two information data sets correspond to the same property or thing, thus permitting inter-model comparison. The investigator implements the QT model change-of-interest and determines the updated functional information,  $I_{QT'}$  (step III). To quantify a parameter-of-interest in the GR model that corresponds to a specific QT model change, the investigator defines the change in GR information as equivalent to the change in QT information, i.e., intra-model information change is  $I_{GR'}/I_{GR} = I_{QT'}/I_{QT}$  (Figure A1 yellow arrows). The updated GR functional information,  $I_{GR'}$ , is calculated (step IV) using the baseline information,  $I_{GR}$  and  $I_{QT}$ , and the updated QT model information,  $I_{QT'}$ . The updated GR functional information,  $I_{GR'}$ ,

is then used to determine the GR parameter-of-interest. The cycle is repeated if additional dynamic data is needed.

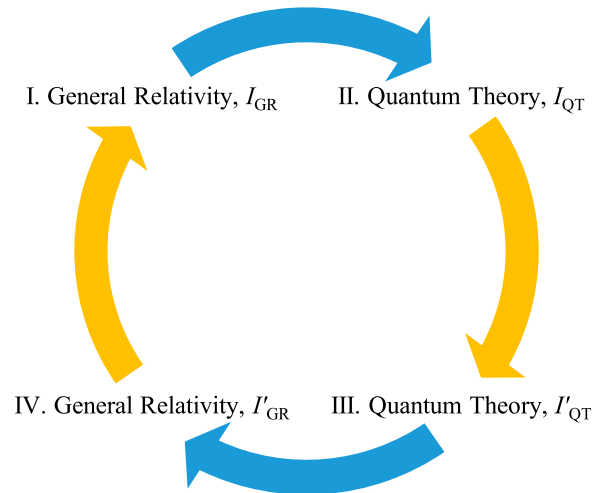
This example illustrates how functional information may offer an analytic tool applicable to scenarios where GR and QT theories overlap and contend.

The author apologizes for this error and states that this does not change the scientific conclusions of the article in any way. The original article has been updated.

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## Supplementary Appendix



**FIGURE A1**

The functional information cycle, steps I–IV, provides a mechanism to analyze changes in a general relativity (GR) model data set that correspond to changes in a quantum theory (QT) model data set. Functional information can cross the knowledge chasm between compatible GR and QT models (blue arrows). Comparable GR and QT intra-model information change (yellow arrows) completes the cycle loop and permits analysis of the general relativity model, GR, using quantum theory, QT, model data or vice versa.