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Cc "theodoremyatt" <theodore.myatt@tufts.edu>

Bcc "aostachuk" <aostachuk@gmail.com>

Dear Dr. Johnson,

Thank you for your response. I am writing to seek clarification on several points and to ensure that my position is clearly understood as your office begins its evaluation.

1. Status of This Matter

Your email states that my notification has been received and that you "will appropriately evaluate the issues". Could you please clarify whether this means that a formal complaint has been filed and that an investigation is now underway? Or does this language refer to a preliminary assessment to determine whether a formal complaint is warranted?

2. Timing and Scope of Evaluation

I understand that the "Platonic Space" framework has so far appeared only in preprint form and in YouTube lectures and podcasts, and that a book chapter is forthcoming. Can an investigation into this matter be initiated based on these materials, or must your office wait until the framework appears in a final, published work?

3. The Nature of the Violation

I want to be absolutely clear about what is at stake. This is not a case of a missing citation that can be corrected by adding a footnote. The "Platonic Space" framework, as presented, reproduces the core explanatory architecture of my 2020 Evolutio Unfolding Theory. A citation would not undo this appropriation; it would merely stamp it as a precedent.

The situation is further aggravated by the fact that, in numerous public interviews (available on YouTube), on his personal website, and in the preprint itself, Dr. Levin repeatedly describes the "Platonic Space" framework as a "novel" theory and an "original contribution" of which he is the "creator". He has made these claims despite having been made aware of the existence and content of my 2020 theory through our direct professional contact in 2021.

From my perspective, the only appropriate remedy is the retraction of all materials (preprint, videos) associated with the "Platonic Space" framework, and the withdrawal of the forthcoming book chapter and any future attempt of publication on the matter. Anything less would leave the violation intact and would not address the fundamental issue of conceptual appropriation.

I am prepared to provide any additional documentation that may assist your office, including evidence of my 2021 contact with Dr. Levin. Please let me know if such materials would be helpful at this stage.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your clarification.

Sincerely,

Dr. Agustín Ostachuk

Transdisciplinary Scientific Researcher

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From: Johnson, Kirby L. <Kirby.Johnson@tufts.edu>

To: "Agustin Ostachuk" <aostachuk@evolutio.ar>

Date: Mon, 23 Feb 2026 14:25:54 -0300

Subject: RE: [External] Notification Regarding Potential Research Integrity Matter Involving Dr. Michael Levin

Dear Dr. Ostachuk,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your concerns. Tufts University holds our entire research community to the highest of ethical standards, and we take all allegations of this kind very seriously. This response serves to confirm the notification you have provided, and we will appropriately evaluate the issues you have raised.

Thank you for providing the document that presents a comparison between your Evolutio Unfolding Theory and Dr. Levin's Platonic Space framework. Please get in touch if you have any additional information or documentation to share, if you have any additional concerns involving Dr. Levin's research that you want to include with this notification, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding Tufts University's approach to research ethics and integrity.

Sincerely,

Kirby L. Johnson, Ph.D.

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From: Agustin Ostachuk <aostachuk@evolutio.ar>

Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 2:45 PM

To: Myatt, Theodore Alan <Theodore.Myatt@tufts.edu>; Johnson, Kirby L. <Kirby.Johnson@tufts.edu>

Subject: [External] Notification Regarding Potential Research Integrity Matter Involving Dr. Michael Levin

To the Tufts University Research Integrity Office,

I am writing to notify the university of a situation involving Dr. Michael Levin, a faculty member at Tufts, that may merit attention under your research integrity policies.

On April 28, 2020, I published "A Theory of Evolution as a Process of Unfolding" in the peer-reviewed journal *Cosmos and History*. This article established a theoretical framework that has since been developed in subsequent publications, including empirical work in *Nature Scientific Reports*.

I had various email exchanges with Michael Levin in 2021 to propose his participation in a grant proposal specifically aimed at further developing this theory. Therefore, Michael Levin is well aware of the existence and content of this theory.

Since early 2025, Michael Levin has disseminated a framework he terms "Platonic Space" through a preprint and numerous public presentations, including on YouTube. This framework bears substantial structural similarity to the theory I published in 2020. I am aware that a book chapter presenting this framework is forthcoming.

I am not requesting an investigation at this time. However, I believe the university should be aware of these facts—my priority, his prior awareness, and the substantial overlap—prior to the final publication of this work, as they bear on the integrity of the scholarly record and Michael Levin's affiliation with Tufts.

I will provide no further documentation at this stage. This letter serves solely as a notification.

Sincerely,

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