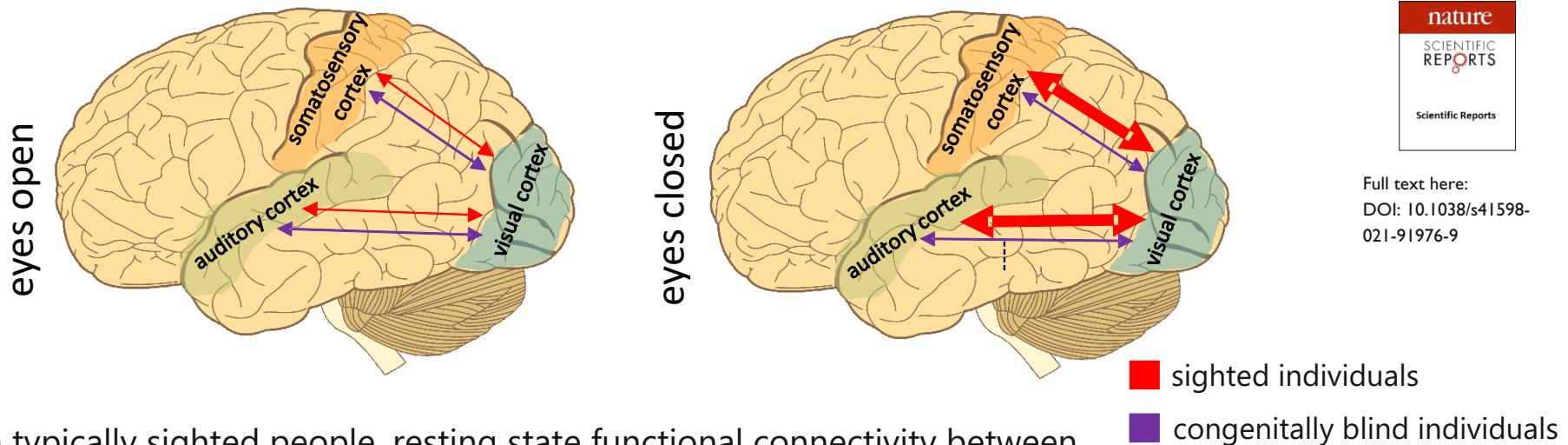


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The (functional) connectivity between brain areas are altered by congenital blindness

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In typically sighted people, resting state functional connectivity between visual and non-visual areas increased if they close their eyes resulting in a higher multisensory connectivity compared to congenitally blind humans. These results indicate that visual experience is necessary for the development of the interactions between different sensory brain areas.