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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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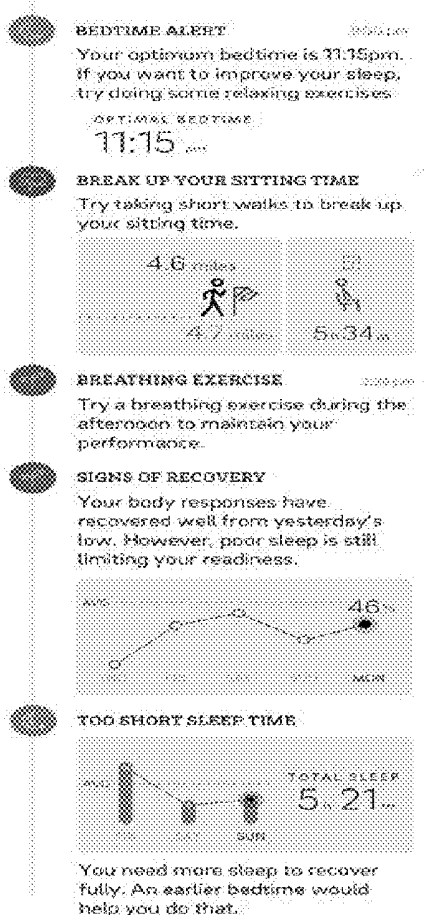
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Disclosed is a system for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management. The system includes a wearable electronic device with means for measuring circadian rhythm and duration of sleep; a mobile communication device configured to communicate with the wearable electronic device; and a server configured to communicate with the mobile communication device, and operable to collect a first set of information from the user, calibrate the first set of information based on a set of measurement data from the wearable electronic device, set a target level of performance of the user, compare the measured circadian rhythm, the measured duration of sleep and time information against each other and a set of rules to determine the performance level of the user, compare the determined performance level to the target level of performance, and provide an alert and feedback when the determined performance level is below the target level of performance.



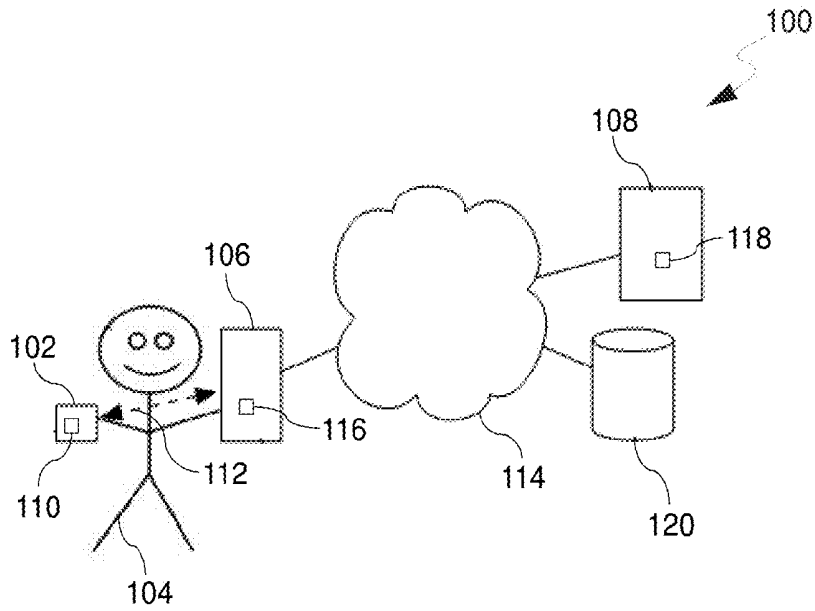


FIG. 1

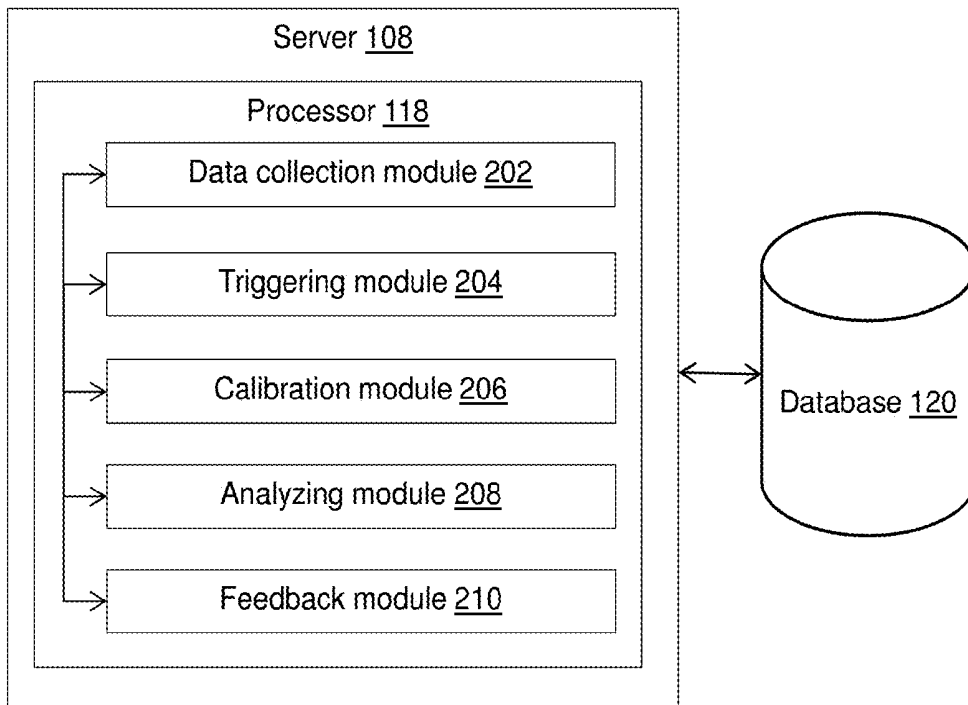


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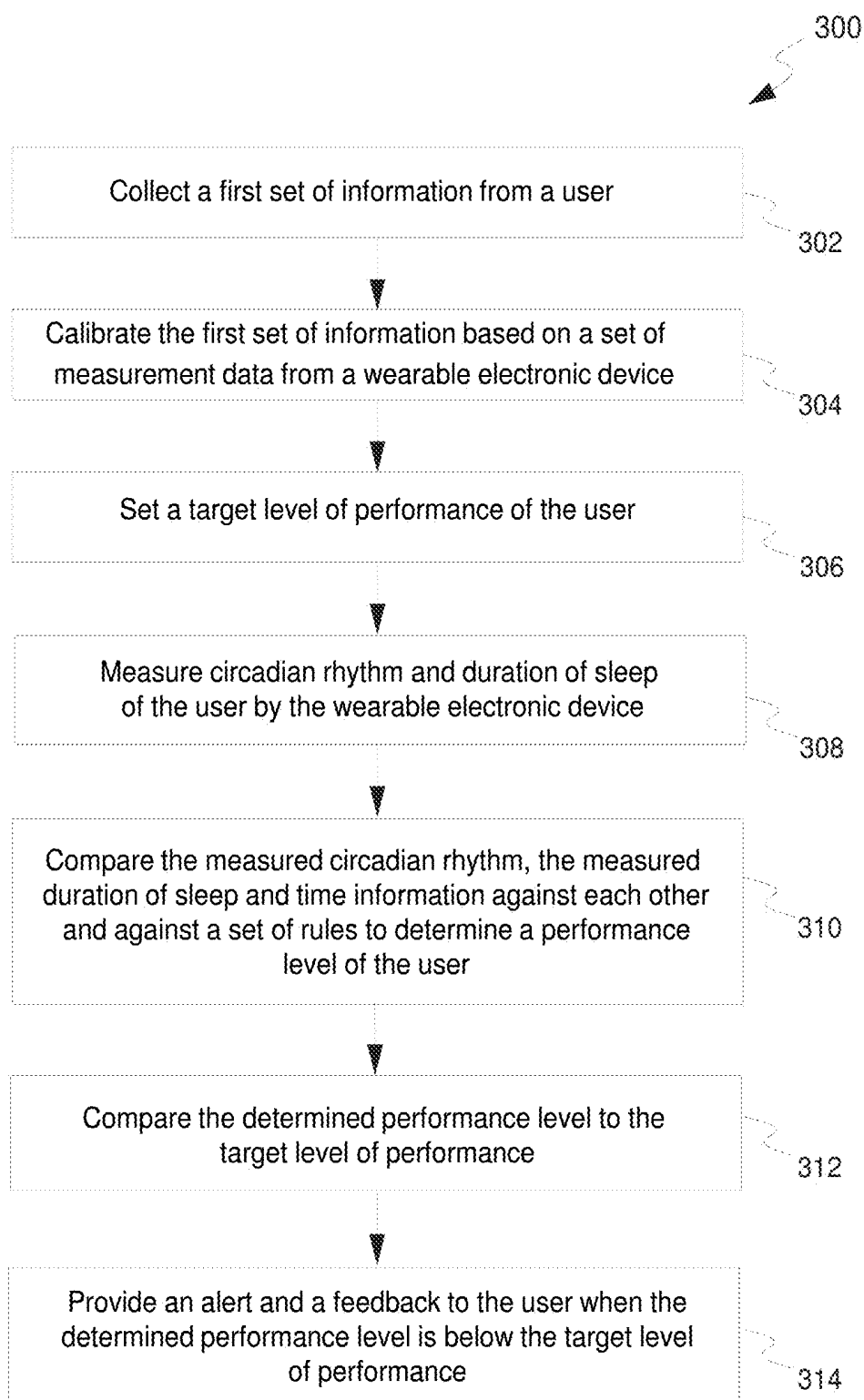


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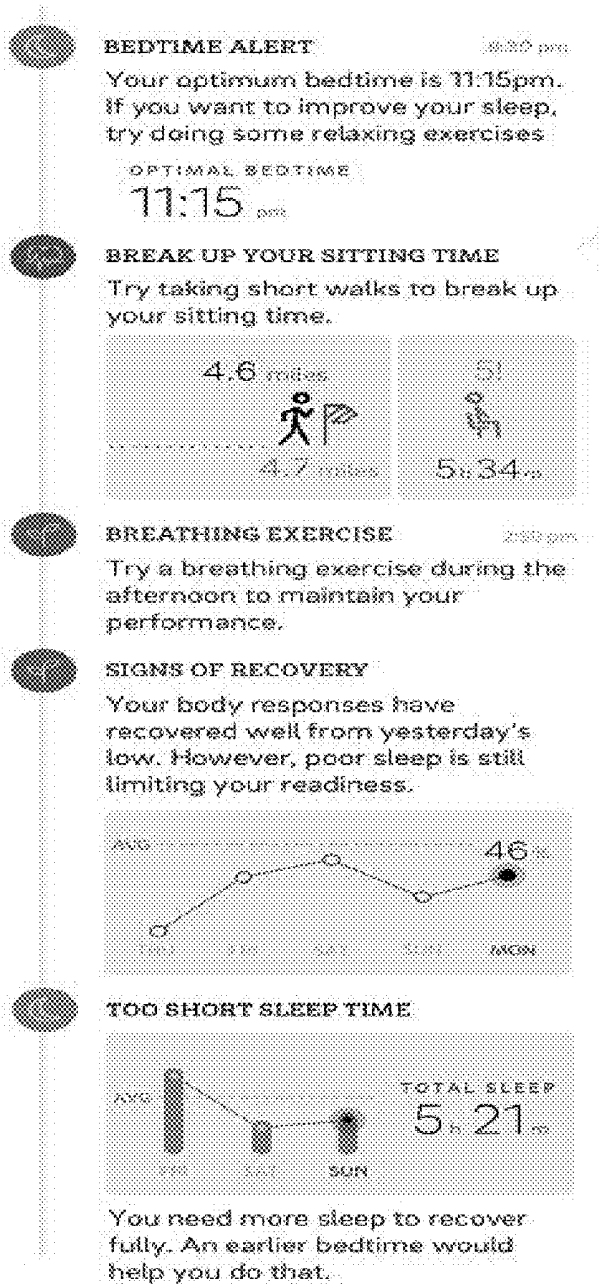


FIG. 4

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING  
FEEDBACK TO USER FOR IMPROVING  
PERFORMANCE LEVEL MANAGEMENT  
THEREOF**

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present disclosure relates generally to analyzing and processing data related to the physiological state of an individual, and, more specifically, to a method and a system for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management thereof.

BACKGROUND

[0002] An individual is subjected to various kinds of stresses in a day to day life. For example, an individual may be subjected to stress due to physical loads (such as travelling between places of different time zones, performing more physical activity and the like) and mental loads (such as inadequate sleep, stress and the like). Further, if such stresses are not managed or handled efficiently by the individual, he or she may be subjected to health issues. For example, it may cause health issues such as backache, spine problems and headache, hinder concentration and impair motivation, and affect appetite leading to weight gain. This in turn may affect the performance level of the individual in respect to ability to attain to a routine job or start a day. Therefore, it is important to analyse how an individual handles and/or recovers from such stresses for managing performance level thereof.

[0003] Conventionally, there are many electronically wearable devices that may help a user to guide for recovering from the stress and thereby improve his performance level. Generally, such devices calculate a score, depending on which it guides the individual to take appropriate actions. Typically, the score may be calculated based on a variety of physiological data (or parameters) associated with the user, such as Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS) for determining sleepiness, Holmes and Rahe Stress Scale for determining stress level and the like. Further, the calculation of the score may be based on the user input, for example, answers to question related to physiological aspects. Moreover, the question may be associated with permanent answers, such as gender; alternatively the question may be associated with temporary answers (changing with time) such as age, biological data and the like.

[0004] However, such devices do not take into account personal variances, targets and preferences of the individual which could impact the results. For example, such devices do not take into consideration travel information of the individual (i.e. non-physiological information), such as when the user is travelling between places having different time zones, which may cause change (or disturbance) in a biological clock of the user. Further, such devices do not analyse data, associated with physiological parameters of the individual, in detail. For example, such devices do not consider the individual's historical physiological data. Additionally, such devices are not capable of providing appropriate feedback and instruction (or guidance) that may help the individual to efficiently recover from physical and mental load (or stress) to improve his or her performance level. Additionally, such devices do not take into consideration the user's preferences, such as morningness, eveningness, having a baby, preference to adapt to time difference by delaying

or advancing their rhythm, and so on. Additionally, such devices do not follow if the user is following the guidance and how well the targets are reached and then modify and change such guides which do not work or strengthen such guides which work well.

[0005] Therefore, in light of the foregoing discussion, there exists a need to overcome the aforementioned drawbacks of the conventional devices for improving performance level management for a user. Especially the problem is to obtain a useful metrics to give useful feedback and to guide a user automatically by a device and program so that the recovering can be realistic, safe and adapted to personal preferences.

SUMMARY

[0006] The present disclosure seeks to provide a method for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management. The present disclosure also seeks to provide a system for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management. The present invention aims at at least partially solving the problems encountered in prior art, and to provide a method and system for providing feedback that are both easy and reliable to use.

[0007] In one aspect, an embodiment of present invention provides a method for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management, comprising steps of:

- [0008] collecting a first set of information from the user;
- [0009] determining current performance level of the user based on the first set of information and on a set of measurement data from a wearable electronic device;
- [0010] setting a target level of performance of the user;
- [0011] measuring at least one parameter that describes a circadian rhythm and at least one parameter that describes duration of sleep of the user, by the wearable electronic device;
- [0012] using the target level of performance, to determine at least one corresponding parameter that describes circadian rhythm;
- [0013] comparing the determined at least one parameter of circadian rhythm to the corresponding target based parameter; and
- [0014] providing an alert and feedback to the user related to the determined performance level and the target level of performance;

wherein the feedback comprises instructions to the user on how to achieve the target level of performance and the feedback is based on personal preference of the user.

[0015] In another aspect, an embodiment of the present disclosure provides a system for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management. The system comprises:

- [0016] a wearable electronic device configured to be worn by the user and comprising means for measuring circadian rhythm and duration of sleep;
- [0017] a mobile communication device configured to communicate with the wearable electronic device; and
- [0018] a server configured to communicate with the mobile communication device, the server being operable to:

- [0019] collect a first set of information from the user,
- [0020] determine a current performance level of the user based on the first set of information and on a set of measurement data from the wearable electronic device,
- [0021] set a target level of performance of the user,
- [0022] compare the measured circadian rhythm, the measured duration of sleep and the current performance level against each other and against a set of rules to determine the performance level of the user,
- [0023] compare the determined performance level to the target level of performance, and
- [0024] provide an alert and feedback, on the mobile communication device, to the user when the determined performance level is below the target level of performance, wherein the feedback comprises instructions to the user on how to achieve the target level of performance.
- [0025] Embodiments of the present disclosure substantially eliminate or at least partially address the aforementioned problems in the prior art, and enables improvement of performance level management for a user.
- [0026] Additional aspects, advantages, features and objects of the present disclosure would be made apparent from the drawings and the detailed description of the illustrative embodiments construed in conjunction with the appended claims that follow.
- [0027] It will be appreciated that features of the present disclosure are susceptible to being combined in various combinations without departing from the scope of the present disclosure as defined by the appended claims.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- [0028] The summary above, as well as the following detailed description of illustrative embodiments, is better understood when read in conjunction with the appended drawings. For the purpose of illustrating the present disclosure, exemplary constructions of the disclosure are shown in the drawings. However, the present disclosure is not limited to specific methods and instrumentalities disclosed herein. Moreover, those in the art will understand that the drawings are not to scale. Wherever possible, like elements have been indicated by identical numbers.
- [0029] Embodiments of the present disclosure will now be described, by way of example only, with reference to the following diagrams wherein:
- [0030] FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating a system for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management thereof, in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure;
- [0031] FIG. 2 is a block diagram illustrating various modules of a server of the system of FIG. 1, in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure; and
- [0032] FIG. 3 is an illustration of steps of a method for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management thereof, in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure.
- [0033] FIG. 4 is an illustration of an exemplary user interface for providing feedback to the user in a system and using a method incorporating aspects of the disclosed embodiments.
- [0034] In the accompanying drawings, an underlined number is employed to represent an item over which the underlined number is positioned or an item to which the under-

lined number is adjacent. A non-underlined number relates to an item identified by a line linking the non-underlined number to the item. When a number is non-underlined and accompanied by an associated arrow, the non-underlined number is used to identify a general item at which the arrow is pointing.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

[0035] The following detailed description illustrates embodiments of the present disclosure and ways in which they can be implemented. Although some modes of carrying out the present disclosure have been disclosed, those skilled in the art would recognize that other embodiments for carrying out or practicing the present disclosure are also possible.

[0036] In one aspect, an embodiment of present invention provides a method for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management, comprising steps of:

- [0037] collecting a first set of information from the user;
- [0038] determining current performance level of the user based on the first set of information and on a set of measurement data from a wearable electronic device;
- [0039] setting a target level of performance of the user;
- [0040] measuring at least one parameter that describes circadian rhythm and at least one parameter that describes duration of sleep of the user, by the wearable electronic device;
- [0041] using the target level of performance, to determine at least one corresponding parameter that describes circadian rhythm;
- [0042] comparing the determined at least one parameter of circadian rhythm to the corresponding target based parameter; and
- [0043] providing an alert and feedback to the user related to the determined performance level and the target level of performance;

wherein the feedback comprises instructions to the user on how to achieve the target level of performance and the feedback is based on personal preferences of the user.

[0044] In another aspect, an embodiment of the present disclosure provides a system for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management. The system comprises:

- [0045] a wearable electronic device configured to be worn by the user and comprising means for measuring circadian rhythm and duration of sleep;
- [0046] a mobile communication device configured to communicate with the wearable electronic device; and
- [0047] a server configured to communicate with the mobile communication device, the server being operable to
- [0048] collect a first set of information from the user,
- [0049] determine a current performance level of the user based on the first set of information and on a set of measurement data from the wearable electronic device,

- [0050] set a target level of performance of the user,
- [0051] compare the measured circadian rhythm, the measured duration of sleep and the current performance level against each other and against a set of rules to determine the performance level of the user,

**[0052]** compare the determined performance level to the target level of performance, and

**[0053]** provide an alert and feedback, on the mobile communication device, to the user when the determined performance level is below the target level of performance, wherein the feedback comprises instructions to the user on how to achieve the target level of performance.

**[0054]** The system of the present disclosure specifically provides feedback to the user for improving performance level management. The term “performance level” used herein is primarily associated with the physiological state of the user, i.e. readiness, capacity, wellness, preparedness or wellbeing of the user, for attending to regular routine jobs and tasks. In an example, the performance level may be the physiological state of the user, i.e. how well and fresh the user is feeling at the moment the user got up from the sleep to start a day. Further, the performance level may be primarily derived from the physiological data (or parameters) measured by the wearable electronic device, i.e. heart-rate-variability, a respiration rate, a sleeping pattern of the user, a hypnogram, user’s stress level and the like. Moreover, the performance level may also include external and internal factors (or aspects) associated with the user to derive (or calculate) the performance level of the user, which is explained herein later. Additionally the term performance can refer to night-time performance meaning good sleeping and recovery abilities, e.g. ability to get enough deep sleep that is associated with secretion of growth hormone, or good sleep efficiency, or feeling refreshed most of the mornings during the week, or day-time performance e.g. learning ability, cognitive and physiological performance.

**[0055]** In an embodiment, the wearable electronic device of the system is a ring configured to be suitably worn on a finger, such as an index finger, of the user. However, it may be evident to those skilled in the art that the system may be associated with other wearable electronic devices, such as a device adapted to be worn on wrist, chest and any suitable body part of the user, from where physiological data of the user can be measured. In such instance, the wearable electronic device may be configured to have a size to be suitably worn on such body parts. According to a further embodiment, the wearable electronic device is as described in PCT/FI2014/000043, which application is hereby incorporated by reference.

**[0056]** In an embodiment, the wearable electronic device is configured to measure user’s movements and a heart rate. For example, the wearable electronic device may comprise at least one sensor, selected from the group consisting of an accelerometer, a gyroscope and a magnetic field sensor, for measuring user’s movements. Further, the heart rate may be measured using a photon (for example infrared) source and a photon detector also arranged on an inner surface of the wearable electronic device. In another embodiment, the wearable electronic device further comprises a first electrode and a second electrode adapted to measure an electrocardiogram. Additionally, the wearable electronic device may comprise a light sensor arranged on an outer surface of the wearable electronic device for measuring ambient light and a temperature sensor for measuring the temperature of the user. The measured sensor data, such as the data of the motion sensor, the optical electronics, the light sensor and the temperature sensor, associated with the user and measured by the wearable electronic device may be considered

as raw sensor data. Further the wearable electronic device such as a ring may measure heart rate interbeat intervals and hand movements.

**[0057]** According to an embodiment, the wearable electronic device also typically includes other electronic components configured to collect and analyse sensor data (i.e. raw data). For example, the wearable electronic device may include other electronic components which may include but are not limited to a controller, a microprocessor, a memory and a communication module. The controller is operable to control operation of the sensors for generating data related to the user’s movement, heart rate, temperatures and ambient light (to which the user is subjected to). The microprocessor may be operable to process or analyse collected data generated by the sensors. Further, the memory is used for storing the analysed or processed data. Moreover, the communication module is typically configured to establish a communication between the wearable electronic device and the mobile communication device.

**[0058]** The mobile communication device is configured to communicate with the wearable electronic device, using the communication module. For example, the mobile communication device may be wirelessly connected to the wearable electronic device by a wireless connection such as a Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and the like. Further, the mobile communication device comprises a computing device which includes but is not limited to a smart phone, a tablet computer, a phablet and a laptop.

**[0059]** In an embodiment, the mobile communication device is configured to collect the analysed raw data from the wearable electronic device. Further, the mobile communication device is operable to perform deep data analysis of such raw data. It is to be understood that the mobile communication device typically includes required electronic elements, such as a processor and algorithms to perform such deep data analysis.

**[0060]** In an embodiment, the deep data analysis includes determining or deriving various aspects (associated with the user), including but not limited to heart-rate-variability, a respiration rate, a sleeping pattern of the user, a hypnogram, various physical provocations or non-provocations the user is subjected to and user’s stress level.

**[0061]** The server is configured to communicate with the mobile communication device. For example, the server is communicatively coupled to the mobile communication device through a communication network which can be wired, wireless or a combination thereof. For example, the communication network includes, but is not limited to, Local Area Networks (LANs), Wide Area Networks (WANs), Metropolitan Area Networks (MANs), Wireless LANs (WLANs), Wireless WANs (WWANs), Wireless MANs (WMANs), the Internet, second generation (2G) telecommunication networks, third generation (3G) telecommunication networks, fourth generation (4G) telecommunication networks, and Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access (WiMAX) networks.

**[0062]** In an embodiment, the mobile communication device and the server are configured to collect the raw data generated by the wearable electronic device. Further, the mobile communication device and the server are configured to perform the deep data analysis of the raw data in order to find heart rate variability, hypnogram, stress level, sleep duration, circadian rhythm and the like. For example, the deep data analysis may be performed partly by the mobile

communication device and partly by the server. Otherwise, entire analysis may be performed by the mobile communication device.

**[0063]** The server is operable to collect a first set of information from the user. According to an embodiment, the first set of information comprises physiological performance related information based on an external data input by the user. As mentioned above, the physiological performance related information is mainly derived from the physiological data (or parameters) of the user measured by the wearable electronic device, i.e. heart-rate-variability, a respiration rate, a sleeping pattern of the user, a hypnogram, user's stress level and the like. However, in the present embodiment, the physiological performance related information is biased or influenced by some external data (or factor), which are different from internal data, such as the biological signals or physiological data associated with the user.

**[0064]** In an embodiment, the external data comprises at least one of travel information, a target set by the user, time zone, calendar, working schedule and holidays. The external data may be received from the user as user input (or feedback) with the help of the mobile communication device. For example, the mobile communication device may be provided with various user interfaces associated with such external data allowing the user to make selection for the external data.

**[0065]** In an embodiment, the travel information comprises information on at least one of past travels, current travels, future travels, time zones, flight times. In one embodiment, the travel information is mainly associated with travel plans in which the user is required to move from one place to another for a substantial distance. In an embodiment, the mobile communication device may include sensors, such as location sensor (for example GPS) to determine the location of the user, i.e. if the user has traveled some distance and moved out of his city/country. Further, the travel may be of such nature that may influence sleep of the user. For example, a travel plan which requires travelling during the night, travelling to different time zones, or travelling in difficult conditions, such as rough terrain. Moreover, the travel plan may include bus journeys or journeys by a water vessel, i.e. for instances when the user travels by bus or ship for a substantial distance, and their times. Additionally, the information of the past travels and the future travels may be such that they may influence the physiological state (parameters or data) of the user when associated with the current travel. In an example, the information of the past travels and the future travels may be comparatively recent (for example few days, a week or a month), such that when the user takes the current travel (or a new travel) the information of the past travels and the future travels may influence the physiological state of the user.

**[0066]** In an embodiment, the target set by the user or automatically set target comprises at least one of target stress level, improved sleep, increased activity and definition of personal optimum stress level. For example, the target stress level is a stress level that the user wants to achieve or attain, which preferably includes lower values of stress level. Further, the improved sleep may include increased number of sleep hours or increased quality sleep time, such as time for deep sleep. Furthermore, the increased activity may be associated with physical activity, such as exercise. More-

over, the definition of personal optimum stress level may be a maximum level of stress the user may be subjected to (or may bear).

**[0067]** In an embodiment, the time zone (as the external data) includes information about current time zone where the user is present, for example, a time zone of a place from where the user would initiate the travel. In an embodiment, each region (place) has a different time zone and when a user moves to a different place, the change in the time zone (which is a measure of change in daylight hours) is detected by the light sensor embedded in the wearable electronic device. Further, the calendar includes information of time and dates for past, current and future days, months and years. Furthermore, the working schedule may include information about working hours (for example, day shift or night shift), nature of work (for example, desk job or field job), and the like. Moreover, the holidays include information about calendar holidays, planned and un-planned leaves, and the like.

**[0068]** The server is further operable to calibrate the first set of information based on a set of measurement data from the wearable electronic device. The term "set of measurement data" from the wearable electronic device is present (or real time) physiological data, such as heart-rate-variability, a respiration rate, a sleeping pattern of the user, a hypnogram, user's stress level and the like, measured by the wearable electronic device, particularly, without any influence of an external factor. Specifically, the first set of information is calibrated based on the set of measurement data to correlate and optimize the first set of information, such that the calibration yields correct and real time set of information based on the external data input. In other words, the calibration yields real time standardised physiological data of the user based on the external data input by the user. In an example, when the server collects the first set of information from the user, i.e. the physiological performance related information based on an external data (for example the user is travelling from a first place to a second place such as Europe to Japan, on a particular date). The server then calibrates the first set of information based on the set of measurement data (real time data measured by the wearable electronic device) from the user when the user has reached the second place. Term calibrating the information or calibrated information can refer also to determining a current performance level of the user based on the first set of information and on the set of measurement data from the wearable device.

**[0069]** The server is operable to set the target level of performance of the user. As mentioned above, the term "target level of performance" is associated with a target physiological state of the user (i.e. readiness, capacity, wellness, preparedness or wellbeing of the user) for attending to regular routine jobs or to start a day. For example, a value of the target level of performance should be optimum enough such that the user can efficiently attend to regular routine jobs (or start the day). In an embodiment, the target level of performance may be represented with a numerical value (such as 50% readiness or 80% readiness). Further, the mobile communication device may be provided with various user interfaces associated with such target level of performance allowing the user to make selection for (or set) the target level of performance.

**[0070]** In an embodiment, the target level of performance of the user may be associated with the target set by the user

(such as at least one of the target stress level, the improved sleep, the increased activity and the definition of personal optimum stress level). Specifically, the target level of performance depends on the target set by the user. For example, the target level of performance of the user, reaching the second place from the first place, depends on the target set by the user when the user was present in the first place. Further, the target set by the user (such as the target stress level, the improved sleep, the increased activity and the definition of personal optimum stress level) is also dependent on various factors associated with the user, such as circadian rhythm and duration of sleep of the user.

**[0071]** The server is operable to measure circadian rhythm and duration of sleep of the user by the wearable electronic device. In an embodiment, the deep data analysis includes measuring the circadian rhythm and the duration of sleep of the user. Specifically, the wearable electronic device comprises means for measuring the circadian rhythm and the duration of sleep of the user, or the wearable electronic device comprises means for measuring raw data from which circadian rhythm and the duration of sleep of the user can be determined.

**[0072]** In one embodiment, the body temperature of the user is measured by the wearable device (for example a ring) and the time point when the lowest body temperature during the night time, or certain part of the night time, is measured is used as a marking and reference point for a circadian rhythm. These marking points are used for comparing shift of circadian rhythm over days. As wearable devices are measuring distal body temperature, certain selections and signal processing steps can be needed before the body temperature related reference time point can be successfully determined. In the beginning of night, core body temperature drops while distal body temperature rises (for example skin temperature measured by the ring). In one embodiment, this time is excluded from analysis. During REM sleep, temperature regulation is altered. In one embodiment, the temperature data during REM sleep is excluded, or it has a different weight in calculation. Likewise it is inevitable that changes in environment affect skin temperature, for example temperature drops when subject places his/her hand above the blanket instead of keeping it under the blanket. It can be beneficial to exclude these times from analysis and only make the determination based on local maximums, or stable temperature data around them. An alternative is to use a low pass filter to treat these times. Another preferred alternative is to use heart rate data or breathing rate data to fill in the excluded times.

**[0073]** The individual model to correlate heart rate/breathing rate and temperature can be done based on the data measured around local maximums, or the values around them that are stable enough.

**[0074]** In an example, the duration of sleep is measured as a time between moment of falling to sleep and moment of waking up. Further, said moments are determined based on at least one of pre-defined changes in heart rate and pre-defined changes in body temperature. For example, the duration of sleep of the user may be derived from the hypnogram. Alternatively, the duration of sleep of the user may be measured with the data from the motion sensor (i.e. when the user went to bed and woke up), which should be static or include minute variations (due to no physical provocations). Therefore, based on the data from the motion sensor, how long the user slept can be determined. Other-

wise, the data from the motion sensor and the hypnogram may be correlated to measure the duration and quality of sleep.

**[0075]** In an embodiment, the circadian rhythm may be measured using various sensor data. As mentioned above, the wearable electronic device may include a light sensor capable of measuring illumination level as well as colour space. The colour space refers to visible frequencies of the light. For example, if the light sensor detects spectrum that resembles the spectrum of the sun then the light sensor considers the light to be day light. This can be used to determine if the ambient light is from artificial light or natural light. Further, the light sensor can be used to detect illumination conditions during the sleeping time and corrected therewith. Therefore, based on the data from the light sensor, the temperature sensor and the sleeping pattern measurements, a circadian rhythm of the user can be measured. The circadian rhythm may include information such as at around 2 AM the user gets deepest sleep, at 4:30 AM the user has lowest body temperature, at around 6:45 AM the user has sharpest blood pressure, and the like.

**[0076]** According to one embodiment, the target set by the user may also depend on factors, such as sun rhythm. The sun rhythm may include time for the sunrise or sunset that varies with calendar or climate.

**[0077]** The server is operable to compare the measured circadian rhythm, the measured duration of sleep and time information against each other and against a set of rules to determine the performance level of the user. The circadian rhythm is associated with various time bound physiological aspects of the user, such as sleep quality, body temperature and hormone secretion. Therefore, the measured circadian rhythm, the measured duration of sleep and the time information against each other may be suitably compared. Further, such comparison is performed based on the set of rules. In an example, the set of rules include correlation of the measured circadian rhythm, the measured duration of sleep and the time information against each other. Further, the correlated data for past days and a present day are considered to determine the performance level for the present day.

**[0078]** The server is operable to compare the determined performance level to the target level of performance. Specifically, the determined performance level is associated with the performance level determined by comparing the measured circadian rhythm, the measured duration of sleep and the time information against each other based on the set of rules, whereas the target level of performance is set by the user. In an embodiment, the comparison of the determined performance level to the target level of performance may include subtraction of values associated therewith. For example, if the determined performance level is about 70% readiness and the target level of performance is about 80% readiness, in such instance the comparison thereof may be represented as -10% readiness (as the target level of performance of 80% readiness is not reached). This could be a scenario when the user has reached the second place from the first place, and due to jet lag or sleep deprivation the target level of performance is not reached.

**[0079]** The server is operable to provide an alert and feedback, on the mobile communication device, to the user when the determined performance level is below the target level of performance. In an embodiment, the alert may be a text or a voice message provided on the mobile communication device regarding the determined performance level

being below the target level of performance. Further, the feedback comprises instructions to the user on how to achieve the target level of performance. As mentioned above, when the target level of performance is not reached, the user may be provided with feedback to achieve the target level of performance. In an example, if the compared performance level is -10% readiness (i.e. not meeting the target level of performance) the user may be provided with feedbacks, such as “You need three more hours of sleep”, “Please sleep by 9 PM”, “Please do mild exercise to improve your sleep quality”, and the like.

**[0080]** In an embodiment, the server is further operable to store the measured circadian rhythm and the measured duration of sleep. For example, the measured circadian rhythm and the measured duration of sleep may be stored in a database of the server. In an embodiment, the operation and working of the server and the database can be implemented with a dedicated computer system, a cluster of computers and a cloud service. Further, the stored information combined to an input by the user is used in a step of re-calibration of the wearable electronic device. As mentioned above, the input by the user may be associated with the external data, which comprises at least one of travel information, a target set by the user, time zone, calendar, working schedule and holidays. Additionally, the input by the user may be associated with the target set by the user, i.e. at least one of target stress level, improved sleep, increased activity, and definition of personal optimum stress level, presented as input.

**[0081]** According to an embodiment, the input by the user is based on at least one of answer to at least one question, biological data derived from a laboratory test and gender. In an example, the at least one question may include “How are you feeling”, “How was your sleep” and “Are you feeling stressed”, and their possible answers may be “Feeling fresh” or “Feeling tired”, “Good” “Not so good” and “Bad” and “No” and “Yes”, respectively. The answer to at least one question may be subjective in nature and primarily based on how the user is feeling about his/her physiological state. Further, in one embodiment, the biological data comprises a level of at least one hormone. For example, the hormone may be at least one of melatonin, oestrogen, progesterone, thyroid, testosterone and the like, which can affect sleep of the user. Therefore, based on the input by the user and the stored information (i.e. the measured circadian rhythm and the duration of sleep) the wearable electronic device may be re-calibrated. The re-calibration of the wearable electronic device may, particularly, include a change in the instruction provided to the user in order to attain the target level of performance.

**[0082]** In an embodiment, based on the achievement and non-achievement of the target level of performance, the instruction may be reused or changed or used with altered degree. For example, if the target level of the performance is achieved, the instruction corresponding to such situation may be saved and may be provided again to the user (upon again achieving the target level of the performance). Further, if the target level of the performance is partially achieved, the instruction may be saved and the same instruction may be provided but with altered (or more aggressive) degree (for example instead of an instruction “You require more sleep” instruction with altered degree “You require more sleep, otherwise you will fall ill” may be provided). More-

over, if the target level of the performance is not achieved, the instruction may be saved by the user, who is provided with a new instruction.

**[0083]** According to an embodiment, as mentioned above, the alert and the feedback provided to the user may be subjective in nature (i.e. would differ from user to user), and differ based on external and internal factors associated with the user. In an embodiment, same measurement data with different user input may lead to different output. For example, there are two users A and B, and the wearable electronic devices associated with each of the users A and B measures equal performance level, i.e. initial readiness measured=45% (very low value). The very low score is determined by the wearable electronic device, which is a weighted sum of the following: low sleep score the previous night (50 out of 100)->R1: 40; the wearable electronic device determined sleep debt of 12 hours over past 2 weeks->R2: 10; practically no physical activity the previous day (walk-equivalent of activities was 2.0 km while user avg±dev is 6.3±2.2 km, and user preferred health related minimal target level 7.5 km)->R3: 53; elevated average HR (heart rate) of 61 bpm (while user avg±dev is 56.5±2.5 bpm)->R4: 43; and yet normal body temperature->R5: 100.

**[0084]** Further, user A is of 45 years of age 45 and selected an answer to a question “How are you feeling” that he is feeling Very Good (among the options Very good/Good/Bad/Very Bad). The user selects “Working hard” to a question asking about how he is planning to spend the day (Free Day Relaxing/Free Day Active/Working Easy/Working Hard). From these, the system derives a user calibration value of 1.225 (based on a rule, i.e. if Age: U1=80, Feeling: U2=100, Target: U3=100->weighted average (double weight to Feeling)=95, calibration value obtained by scaling 0 to 0.7, 50 to 1.0 and 100 to 1.25). Therefore, user A is provided with the alert, for example compared performance level, such as final readiness=1.225\*45%=55%. Further, user A is also provided with the instructions such as to keep workload at a moderate level and how it is beneficial in this condition for his work efficiency and safety to ensure a good night sleep. As user plans to be working hard, the system sets the priority of work related instructions to a higher level which may leave messages related to well-being and general daily performance to be performed on other days.

**[0085]** Additionally, user B is of 55 years of age and selected an answer to a question “How are you feeling” that he is “Feeling Bad”. Further, user B selects “Working Easy” to a question asking about how he is planning to spend the day. Based on this, the system derives a user calibration value of 0.977 (based on the rule, i.e. if Age: U1=60, Feeling: U2=25, Target: U3=75->weighted average=46.25). Therefore, user B is provided with the alert that his final readiness is =0.977\*45%=44%. Further, user B is also provided with the instructions to keep the workload at an easy level, and how it is necessary in this condition, in order to obtain general well-being and daily performance levels, to go to the bed before 10:30 pm, which is earlier than he normally does. As user B doesn’t plan to work hard, the system do not set the priority of work related instructions to a high level, and instead the system gives space to general well-being and daily performance. Further, as the score is below 50%, the system gives actionable suggestions rather than general idea about what is good or what bad.

**[0086]** In another embodiment, different measurement data and different user input may lead to a same output. In

an example, there are two users A and B, and the wearable electronic device associated with each of them measures different performance levels. For example, user A includes an initial readiness measured=45% (very low value). Further, user A is of 45 years of age, and selects an answer to a question “How are you feeling” that he is feeling “Very Good”. User A further selects “Working hard” to a question asking about how he is planning to spend the day. Based on these the system derive a user calibration value of 1.225 (with the rule, i.e., if Age: U1=80, Feeling: U2=100, Target: U3=100->weighted average (double weight to Feeling)=95, then calibration value obtained by scaling 0 to 0.75, 50 to 1.0 and 100 to 1.25). Therefore, the system provides the user A with an alert that his compared performance level, such as final readiness=1.225\*45%=55%.

**[0087]** On the other hand, user B has performance level, i.e. initial readiness measured=75% (normal value). Further, user B is associated with data, such as the normal sleep score the previous night (70 out of 100)->R1: 40, the wearable electronic device determined sleep debt of 4 hours over past 2 weeks->R2: 60; instructed level of physical activity, yet little above his average (walk-equivalent of activities was 7.5 km while user avg±dev is 6.3±2.2 km)->R3: 70; nightly average HR of 55 bpm (while user avg±dev is 56.5±2.5 bpm)->R4: 90; and normal body temperature->R5: 100. Moreover, the user B is of 65 years of age, and selects an answer to a question “How are you feeling” that he is feeling Very Bad. User B further selects “Free day Relaxing” to a question asking about how he is planning to spend the day. Based on this, the system derives a user calibration value of 0.733 (based on the rule, i.e. if Age: U1=40, Feeling: U2=0, Target: U3=0->weighted average=10). Therefore, the system provides the user B with an alert that his readiness is =0.733\*75%=55%. Accordingly, users A and B may be provided with instructions to keep workload at a moderate level and how it is beneficial in this condition for his relaxation, health and social life to ensure a good night sleep. Further, as user B plans to be have a free day, the system sets the priority of work related instructions to a lower level, and in turn, the system sets the priority of messages related to relaxation, health and social life to a higher level.

**[0088]** In one embodiment, the alert and the feedback provided to the user may be based on shifting of circadian rhythm due to travelling. In an example, the system detects 7 hour advance in local time indicating that the user has traveled across the time zones eastwards (e.g. from Denver to London). Further, the system takes into account the person’s morningness-eveningness type (calculated by the wearable electronic device from earlier sleep-wake rhythm data, midpoint of the sleep cycle is earlier for morningness-type of person in comparison to eveningness-type of persons, additionally morningness-type of persons are typically more active before noon), indicating that user is a morning type person. The system therefore gives the instructions to the user to stay in a dark room and sleep between 11 PM and 7 AM (local time), avoid ambient light before noon, seek ambient or artificial light after noon, avoid exercise before noon, and eat according to the local meal times. Accordingly, the wearable electronic device measures shifting of the circadian rhythm using following sleep parameters: bedtime, sleep onset time, sleep onset latency, awakening time, sleep midpoint, deep sleep midpoint, REM sleep midpoint. Further, the wearable electronic device modifies the instructions for the following days according to the

measured amount of shifting. The wearable electronic device also measures ambient light exposure in order to modify the instructions according to the user’s behaviour. If the user may not be able to avoid light exposure before noon, the system guides the user to delay the rhythm instead of advancing during the following days.

**[0089]** In another example, the system detects 11 hours delay in local time indicating that the user has traveled across the time zones westwards (e.g. from Moscow to Los Angeles). The system also takes into account the person’s morningness-eveningness type (calculated by the wearable electronic device from earlier sleep-wake rhythm data), indicating that the user is evening type person. Further, the system gives instruction to the user to go to sleep at 11 PM earliest and to stay in bed until 7 AM (local time), seek ambient or artificial light during the afternoon and before 5 PM, avoid exercise before noon, have low-intensity, long-duration exercise between noon and 6 PM, and eat according to the local meal times. Also, the wearable electronic device measures shifting of the circadian rhythm using following sleep parameters: bedtime, sleep onset time, sleep onset latency, awakening time, sleep midpoint, deep sleep midpoint and REM sleep midpoint. Accordingly, the system provides instruction to take into account the measured amount of shift. The wearable electronic device may also measure ambient light exposure in order to modify the instruction according to the user’s behaviour.

**[0090]** In another embodiment, the alert and the feedback provided to the user may be based on shifting of the circadian rhythm in advance due to daylight saving time. In an example, the system detects the forthcoming transition from summer time (daylight saving time) to winter time. The system also takes into account the user’s habitual wake-up and bedtime (e.g. 5 AM, 9 PM) and morningness-eveningness type (calculated by the wearable electronic device from the earlier sleep-wake rhythm data). In case the user is very morning type person, the system starts to give the user instructions that help the user to adapt to a new external rhythm in advance. The system provides instructions to the user to delay wake-up time and bedtime gradually 30 minutes per day (Day -1: wake up 5:30 AM, to bed: 9:30 PM; transition day (Day 0): wake up 6 AM, bedtime 10 PM) if possible. In addition, the system instructs the user to avoid exercise after 4 PM.

**[0091]** In another example, the system detects the forthcoming transition from winter time to summer time (daylight saving time). The system takes into account the user’s habitual wake-up and bedtime (e.g. 8 AM, midnight) and morningness-eveningness type (calculated by the wearable electronic device from the earlier sleep-wake rhythm data), indicating that the user is an evening person. The system accordingly starts to give the user instructions that help the user to adapt to the new external rhythm in advance. The system also instructs the user to advance wake-up time and bedtime gradually 15 minutes per day (when for Day -3 wakeup time is 7:45 AM and bedtime is 11:45 PM; for Day -2 wakeup time is 7:30 AM and bedtime is 11:30 PM; for Day -1 wakeup time is 7:15 AM and bedtime is 11:15 PM; and for transition day (Day0) wakeup time is 7:00 AM and bedtime is 11:00 PM). In addition to facilitate adaptation, the system instructs the user to have high intensity training between 4 PM and 8 PM and avoid all kind of exercise after 8 PM.

[0092] According to an embodiment, the system also evaluates consistency of the user input and measured values; points out important input to be asked from user; and general reliability of inputs presented to the user. In an example, the user tells in user input that he is regular by rhythm and morning type of person by temperament; his activity level is on an athletic level; and he is going to have a relaxing free day. Further, the wearable electronic device measure that in previous 2 weeks, deviation of the sleep midpoint been 1:55 (hh:mm) indicating irregular rhythm, and the mean sleep midpoint occurs at 2:00 AM indicating evening type of temperament. In such instance, the system asks how the user is feeling about the daily rhythms over past 2 weeks, if answer is “Very Good”, the system expect this person to be irregular by rhythm and evening type of person by temperament, and both findings will affect the message generation. Otherwise, the system gets confirmation that the previous 2 weeks life has been challenging to the physiology of the user.

[0093] In another example, the wearable electronic device measures that in previous 1 week, there has been no single day where walk-equivalent distance has exceeded 10 km (for example when the user has been wearing the wearable electronic device during most of the day). In such instance, the system asks if the person is injured or sick and if the user answers “Yes”, the system will set the priority of activity related messages to a lower level. Otherwise, the system will not expect the person’s activity level be on an athletic level.

[0094] In yet another embodiment, the wearable electronic device measures that the user goes in for physical activity equivalent to 25 km of walk or run. In such instance, the system asks the user if his plans changed after planning a relaxing free day and if he answers “No, this is very relaxing to me”, the system then set the priority of activity related messages to a higher level and adds the prevalence of messages containing words “fitness”, “condition”, “strain”, “training load”, “adrenaline” and “testosterone”. In all above cases, in case of inconsistency, the system updates the expected reliability of the user input to a lower level. This will induce a lower weight of the user input related questions in calibration.

[0095] According to one embodiment, when the system identifies that the measured data is contrary to the user input, the system starts the discussion with more carefully (give less data at first, give a slight warning of potential disagreement and ask if the user wants to get more information). Further, the system waits longer for the user to answer before providing additional information (e.g. more exact numbers or more lengthy evaluations). Additionally, the system uses more words such as may, can and seems like, and with an introduction, such as “could it be”.

[0096] In another embodiment, the system also considers data for a period when the wearable electronic device is not worn by the user. For example, the system detects wearable electronic device was not-on-finger on Friday between 10 AM and 11:30 AM. The duration exceeds a pre-set threshold period of e.g. 1 hour, so that the system presents a question to the user about how active the user was during the period, e.g. was he sleeping, very light, moderate or vigorous in terms of work load. However, the user has been playing volleyball, so he selects moderate. Therefore, as a default, the system uses previous answer from the user from the same time spot, the same weekday, whatever is the closest reference time point available.

[0097] In an embodiment, the system and the method of the present disclosure may be implemented using a plurality of pseudo codes, and one such example pseudo code includes:

nightly\_sleep\_deep\_back\_to\_average:

[0098] condition: (sleep.night(1).available( ) &&

[0099] sleep.night(2).available( ) &&

[0100] sleep.night(3).available( ) &&

[0101] (sleep.night(3).deep( )<=sleep.average( ).deep( )\*0.9) &&

[0102] (sleep.night(2).deep( )<=sleep.average( ).deep( )\*0.9) &&

[0103] (sleep.night(1).deep( )>=sleep.average( ).deep( )\*0.95))

[0104] priority: 120

[0105] min\_interval\_days: 7

[0106] TITLE: BACK TO NORMAL SLEEP

[0107] text: ‘Your deep sleep amount is back to normal.’

[0108] graph: graph.line(sleep.night(1).deep( )+“m”,

[0109] graph.point(system.wday(3), sleep.night(3).deep( ),

[0110] graph.point(system.wday(2), sleep.night(2).deep( ),

[0111] graph.point(system.wday(1), sleep.night(1).deep( ),

[0112] graph.level(“AVG”, sleep.average( ).deep( )))

[0113] The above example of pseudo code is for informing a user, on the mobile communication device, when his average sleep pattern is back to a normal state. The normal state is determined based on longer time measurement of deep sleep, and combination of questions answered from the user to determine what the user regards as normal.

[0114] The present disclosure provides a method and a system for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management thereof. The present disclosure takes into consideration a wide range of both internal and external factors that may affect physiological state or health of the user, which in turn may affect a performance level of the user. For example, the present disclosure takes into consideration travel information, a target set by the user, time zone, calendar, working schedule, and holidays of the user for improving his performance level management. Further, the present disclosure also takes into account user input (such as answers to questions, results of medical tests and gender). Specifically, based upon considering such information, the user may be provided with alerts and feedbacks that enable the user to efficiently improve his performance level management. More specifically, the alerts and feedbacks are based on the information provided by the user himself; therefore the alerts and feedbacks are more accurate and efficient. Therefore, the instruction (i.e. feedbacks) provided to the user when followed by the user, can efficiently improve his performance level. For example, the instruction may help the user to efficiently recover from jetlag and thereby improve his performance level management. Similarly, the instruction may help the user to efficiently recover from other mental or physical stress the user is subjected to, such as work load, inadequate sleep hours and the like.

#### An Additional Example of Use Case

[0115] According to an embodiment, a method for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management is provided. An example of the performance

level management by the user is controlling and following recovery from his daily activities. The daily activities may be physical or mental exercises or for example work related activities causing stress to the user.

**[0116]** The user might want to know his ability to execute longer or more challenging exercises and to manage different kinds of workload better. The user might also want to find out how to recover better from these activities; in practice for example by sleeping longer or going to sleep earlier or waking up earlier or later. The user might also want to know how to manage and get back to balance quickly if something irregular has happened or environmental conditions have changed. One such environmental condition change could be moving from the summertime to the wintertime (daylight saving time) or travelling to another time zone. In addition the user might need to wake up unplanned during the night or wake up earlier than normally.

**[0117]** Based on the example the user uses a measurement device (in this case a ring) on his finger. The measurement device can have a heart rate monitoring and motion sensing means, it can further have an ambient light and an ambient temperature as well skin/body temperature sensing means.

**[0118]** The measurement device can be connected wirelessly to a smartphone. The smartphone may be connected to a web service and a databank over communication network. The measurement device will measure various of parameters. The device can be configured to send data (raw data or processed data) to the smartphone.

**[0119]** According to the present example embodiment, a first set of measured data is collected from the user with the measurement device. The measurement device will measure the first set of measured data at least over one day and night to find out the routines of the user. For example, the first set of measured data can include sleeping time, time to go bed, activities, physical training, heart rate average and minimum and maximum of the heart rate. Further if the user is using the measurement device more than one day and night in the beginning, the measurement device can collect data over many days and do its own analysis of "normal/current" status. Further examples of a first set of measured data would be then normal sleeping times, average time variation to go bed, more detailed heart rate min and max and the variations of heart rate. Additionally activity and training patterns, awakening during night etc. could be added to the first set of measured data.

**[0120]** The smart phone is used to ask or request the user to input a first set of information; such as age, gender, preferences such morningness, eveningness, current subjective status/feeling/balance, improvement needs.

**[0121]** The user's current performance level would be determined based on the first set of information and the first set of measured data from the wearable electronic device. One example of determining the user's current level is to use the first set of information to adjust or calibrate the first set of measured data from the wearable electronic device.

**[0122]** In practice an application in the smart phone could calculate and determine the user's current level. Current level can refer to a circadian rhythm and other parameters that can be described or defined by numerical parameters. Such parameters are: sleeping time (time between going to bed and wake up, i.e. duration of the sleep), sleep time midpoint (the time point for HR min defined for over 1 minute), waking up time, activity time, training time, training level, etc.

**[0123]** The application could also calculate and define normal values to the "average user of the same age and gender based on statistical or other physiological research data". Such normal values could sleeping time for example to 58 years old woman as 8.5 hours sleep between 10.00 PM and 6:30 AM, exercising 2 times per week, each 45 minutes at level of 70% of maximum HR.

**[0124]** A new target level of performance can be derived by the user input (such as setting a new target fitness level by the user) to the smartphone or it can be detected by using a calendar notification or detecting a change of time. The new target level can refer among others for user to adapt to one hour time shift forward or 10 hours time shift backward or improving fitness level by 10%, to match circadian rhythm to the sun rhythm, to improve quality of sleep, or to reach 30 min of moderate intensity physical activity for 3 days in a row.

**[0125]** The measurement device is further used by the user to measure at least one parameter that describes circadian rhythm and at least one parameter that describes amount and/or quality of sleep of the user. The measurement device will send raw data (or pre-processed data) of the measurement to the smartphone. The data can be further sent to a web service.

**[0126]** The smartphone or the web service can calculate, based on at least one parameter, the user's current circadian rhythm and related parameters.

**[0127]** Further, the target level of performance is compared with users' current circadian rhythm and related measured parameters. One example of a measured parameter is the midpoint of the sleep cycle. The midpoint can be defined to be a time period when the heart rate average (for example 1 minute average) is the lowest during the sleep cycle. The application uses the comparison results to derive new corresponding target parameters. For example, a target corresponding parameter could be to change the midpoint of the sleep cycle one hour forward or for example change time to go to sleep 2 hours earlier.

**[0128]** As an example, the application would compare the measured parameter of midpoint of the sleep with the target corresponding parameter. A set of rules related to determining the performance level of the user would be used in the comparison and providing feedback to the user. The application would be configured to show results of the comparison and provide feedback to the user on how to reach target level performance such as changing sleeping patterns.

**[0129]** The user's personal preferences could be used to provide feedback to the user. For example, if there is need for the user to sleep more, the application would propose to sleep later in the morning, because the user goes to bed very early already so there is no point of proposing to go to sleep even earlier. The application can also propose to do physical training earlier in the evening to avoid exercise to disturb the sleep. Other user preferences such as gender, age, fact that user has work stress, or has a baby (baby affects how we interpret awakenings during the night and if day-napping is recommended) can be considered as user input and to be part of the first set of information from the user. Further for example a microphone in the measurement device or in the smartphone can be used if the cause of waking up was a crying baby.

**[0130]** Additionally, the wearable electronic device can be used to make follow up measurements to follow how the user follows the guidance given (=adherence to guidance).

As an example, the device measures and application analyses how the user is following the instructions, for example if the user went to the bed according to the instruction or not.

[0131] Further the device measures and the application analyses how the target and target parameters are reached when the user is following the instructions. For example, when the user went to the bed according to the instruction and how the sleep quality has been improved.

[0132] The application can further define a parameter how the user follows the instructions. For example, the parameter related to following instructions on time to go bed (0-100%, 0% the user does not follow instruction, 100% the user went to the bed as guided) or a parameter related to make proposed exercises (such as do exercise 2 times per week (50% partly done, 90%—one time done well, second time 80% of the proposed efficiency).

[0133] Further the application can determine a parameter that describes user adherence and determine a parameter how well the target is received. The parameters can be used to form user preferences automatically or can be used to provide feedback to the user.

[0134] The system will keep record of working instructions. For example the system recognises that the user follows sleeping time instruction very well and it will lead to a good recovery. The system will use that guidance later in similar or another use case. On the other hand, the system can recognise that the user does not follow go to bed time guidance very well, so it does repeat this more than twice.

[0135] Further embodiments can include comparing the circadian rhythm to endogenous rhythm or internal bodily rhythm (bodily functions, activity) and to the sun's rhythm (clock and light). Further the measured sleep rhythm based on HRmin or other HR/HRV parameter's (circadian rhythm), the bodily rhythm (biorhythm of your body) and the sun's time and light rhythm can be compared. Additionally, an ambient light sensor can be used to match circadian rhythm to activities done outdoor/indoor or in front of a screen (sending a blue light).

[0136] In additional or alternative embodiments, a method for improving performance level management comprises

- [0137] collecting information of the person using measurement device such as heart rate measurement, temperature measurement, movement measurement, electroencephalography (EEG) measurement;
- [0138] optionally collecting information of the environment (ambient light, sound, temperature);
- [0139] defining rhythms (circadian, bodily, sun);
- [0140] calibrating rhythms if needed or possible to do;
- [0141] comparing rhythms, define the timing difference between rhythms;
- [0142] checking the preferences and targets;
- [0143] comparing rhythm timing differences to targets;
- [0144] giving feedback and instructions;
- [0145] following the next days if the rhythm timing difference is changing/approaching the target or not;
- [0146] giving feedback again;
- [0147] following the next days if the rhythm timing difference is changing/approaching the target or not
- [0148] if the target is achieved, save the instruction and use it for the next time,
- [0149] if the target is partially achieved, save the instruction and use more aggressive instruction for the next time, and

[0150] if the target is not achieved, save the instruction and try another instruction for the next time.

[0151] In an additional or further aspect, an embodiment of the present disclosure provides a method for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management. The method comprises steps of:

- [0152] collecting a first set of information from the user;
- [0153] calibrating the first set of information based on a set of measurement data from a wearable electronic device;
- [0154] setting a target level of performance of the user;
- [0155] measuring circadian rhythm and duration of sleep of the user by the wearable electronic device;
- [0156] comparing the measured circadian rhythm, the measured duration of sleep and time information against each other and against a set of rules to determine the performance level of the user;
- [0157] comparing the determined performance level to the target level of performance; and
- [0158] providing an alert and feedback to the user when the determined performance level is below the target level of performance, wherein the feedback comprises instructions to the user on how to achieve the target level of performance.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0159] Referring to FIG. 1, illustrated is a block diagram for a system 100 for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management thereof, in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure. As shown, the system 100 comprises a wearable electronic device 102 configured to be worn by a user 104, a mobile communication device 106 configured to communicate with the wearable electronic device 102, and a server 108 configured to communicate with the mobile communication device 106.

[0160] The wearable electronic device 102 is a ring configured to be worn on a finger. The wearable electronic device 102 comprises a set of sensors (not shown). The set of sensors includes an infrared transmitter for measuring heart rate of the user 104, an accelerometer for measuring movements of the user 104, a temperature sensor for measuring body temperature of the user 104 and a light sensor for measuring ambient light and the colour space around the user 104.

[0161] As mentioned above, the wearable electronic device 102 is configured to communicate with the mobile communication device 106. For example, the wearable electronic device 102 and the mobile communication device 106 communicate wirelessly through a wireless connection 112, such as Bluetooth and Wi-Fi. The wearable electronic device 102 is configured to communicate with the mobile communication device 106 for communicating the measurement data (or raw data i.e. sensors data) collected by the wearable electronic device 102 from the user.

[0162] The mobile communication device 106 is further communicably coupled to the server 108 by a wireless communication network 114, such as LAN, MAN, WAN and the like. Further, the mobile communication device 106 and the server 108 are configured to collect the measurement data collected by the wearable electronic device 102. Moreover, the mobile communication device 106 and the server 108 are configured to perform a deep data analysis of the measurement data in order to find physiological parameters,

such as heart rate variability, hypnogram, stress level, circadian rhythm, bodily rhythm, sun rhythm and the like, associated with the user **104**. Each of the mobile communication device **106** and the server **108** includes a processor **116** and **118**, respectively, for performing the deep data analysis. The mobile communication device **106** also includes a location sensor (for example a GPS sensor) to determine the location of the user **104**, for example current position, user's **104** movements (travel from one place to another place), and the like. Further, the location sensor data is correlated with the deep data analysis for finding the physiological parameters of user **104** with respect to different places, which may have different time zones.

[0163] The server **108** is further communicably coupled to a database **120**, which is configured to store the physiological parameters (or processed data, such as heart rate variability, hypnogram, stress level, circadian rhythm, bodily rhythm of the user and sun rhythm). Further, the operation and working of the server **108** and the database **120** can be implemented with a dedicated computer system, a cluster of computers and/or a cloud service. The system **100** accordingly uses the measured and stored physiological parameters for providing feedback to the user **104** for improving performance level management thereof, which is further explained in detail in conjunction with FIG. 2.

[0164] Referring now to FIG. 2, illustrated is a block diagram depicting various modules of the server **108** of the system **100** of FIG. 1, in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure. Specifically, the server **108** is operable to provide feedback to the user **104** for improving the performance level management thereof.

[0165] The server **108** includes the processor **118** and the processor **118** includes various modules, operable to provide such feedbacks that improve the performance level management of the user **104**. As shown, the processor **118** includes a data collection module **202**, a triggering module **204**, a calibration module **206**, an analysing module **208** and a feedback module **210**. Moreover, the server **108** is communicably coupled to the database **120**.

[0166] The data collection module **202** is configured to collect a first set of information from the user **104**. The first set of information comprises physiological performance related information based on an external data input by the user **104**. The physiological performance related information is mainly derived from the physiological data (or parameters) of the user **104** measured by the wearable electronic device **102**, i.e. heart-rate-variability, a respiration rate, a sleeping pattern of the user, a hypnogram, user's stress level, circadian rhythm, bodily rhythm, sun rhythm and the like.

[0167] Further, the external data comprises at least one of travel information, a target set by the user **104**, time zone, calendar, working schedule and holidays. The travel information comprises information on at least one of past travels, current travels, future travels, the time zones and flight times. The external data is received from the user **104** as user's feedback with the help of mobile communication device **106**. For example, the mobile communication device **106** may be provided with various user interfaces associated with such external data allowing the user **104** to make selection for the external data.

[0168] The data collection module **202** is configured to collect a set of measurement data (real time set of measurement data) corresponding to the user **104**, which is measured

by the wearable electronic device **102**. The measurement data also includes physiological data measured in real time without the influence of the external data.

[0169] Furthermore, the data collection module **202** is configured to collect data input by the user **104** comprising at least one of answer to at least one question, biological data derived from a laboratory test and gender.

[0170] The biological data includes level of at least one hormone, such as melatonin, oestrogen, progesterone, thyroid, testosterone and the like, which can affect sleep of the user. The answer to at least one question related to wellbeing, sleep pattern, work load, whether a morning person or a night person and the like. For example, the questions are like "How are you feeling" and "how is the work load" and corresponding answers are like "Feeling good" and "Working hard". The questions are presented to the user using various user interfaces (not shown) on the mobile communication device **106**. Specifically, the user **104** accesses the questions through an application installed in the mobile communication device **106**. Alternatively, the questions may be provided from the server **108** to the mobile communication device **106**.

[0171] The triggering module **204** is configured to authenticate or check availability of the data collected by the data collection module **202**. Specifically, the triggering module **204** is configured to perform a triggering function to authenticate or check the availability of the collected data. For example, a triggering function provides the user **104** with a current heart rate such that the user **104** can see and authenticate that the provided heart rate being correct or incorrect. Also, the triggering function can provide information, such as the heart rate is available for the previous hour or 2-3 minutes (such that average or minimum or maximum of the heart rate can be calculated based thereon). Further, the triggering function can be automatic (i.e. triggered at predefined time) or set by the user **104** (i.e. triggered by the user **104**).

[0172] The calibration module **206** is configured to calibrate the first set of information based on the set of measurement data from the wearable electronic device **102**. Specifically, the first set of information from the user **104**, i.e. the physiological performance related information based on the external data (such as, travel information, a target set by the user **104**, time zone, calendar, working schedule and holidays) is calibrated (or standardized) with the real time set of measurement data from the user **104** collected from the wearable electronic device **102**.

[0173] The calibration module **206** is also configured to perform re-calibration of the wearable electronic device **102**, which is explained later.

[0174] The analysing module **208** is mainly configured to perform the analysis of the data collected by the data collection module **202**. Specifically, the analysing module **208** includes a plurality of algorithms for performing the analysis of the data. In an example, the analysing module **208** enables setting a target by the user **104**. For example, the analysing module **208** provides an interface on the mobile communication device **106** that allows the user **104** to set a target level of performance. The target level includes at least one of target stress level, improved sleep, increased activity and definition of personal optimum stress level.

[0175] Further, the analysing module **208** enables rhythm analysis and comparison thereof. For example, the analysing module **208** is configured to compare the measured circadian

rhythm, the measured duration of sleep and time information against each other and against a set of rules to determine the performance level of the user 104. Further, the analysing module 208 is configured to compare the determined performance level to the target level of performance. The comparison of the determined performance level and the target level of performance is expressed in terms of percentage of readiness.

[0176] The feedback module 210 is configured to provide an alert and a feedback to the user 104 when the determined performance level is below the target level of performance. The alert is provided on the mobile communication device 106 in the form of text or voice message, i.e. the compared performance level, for example 70% of readiness. The feedback includes instructions to the user 104 on how to achieve the target level of performance. For example, the feedback is associated with how to balance biological clock (i.e. to bring changes in the physiological state of the user 104 such that user's circadian rhythm attains balance).

[0177] As mentioned above, the calibration module 206 is also configured to perform re-calibration of the wearable electronic device 102. Specifically, the measured circadian rhythm and the measured duration of sleep of the user 104 combined to the input by the user 104 (the at least one of answer to at least one question, biological data derived from a laboratory test and gender) is used in a step of re-calibration. The re-calibration of the wearable electronic device 102, particularly, includes change in the instruction provided to the user in order to attain the target level of performance. For example, if the user 104 indicates in the questions that he does not feel tired and has been sleeping ok but the measurement from the wearable electronic device 102 indicates that there has been very little or no sleep then the instruction is re-calibrated. The database 120 is configured to store the measured circadian rhythm and the measured duration of sleep.

[0178] Referring now to FIG. 3, illustrated are steps of a method 300 for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management thereof, in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure. Specifically, those skilled in the art would recognize that the method 300 illustrates steps involved in the operation of the system 100, explained in conjunction with the FIGS. 1-2.

[0179] At step 302, a first set of information is collected from the user. At step 304, the first set of information is calibrated based on a set of measurement data from a wearable electronic device. At step 306, a target level of performance of the user is set. At step 308, circadian rhythm and duration of sleep of the user are measured by the wearable electronic device. At step 310, the measured circadian rhythm, the measured duration of sleep and time information are compared against each other and against a set of rules to determine the performance level of the user. At step 312, the determined performance level is compared to the target level of performance. At step 314, an alert and a feedback is provided to the user when the determined performance level is below the target level of performance. The feedback comprises instructions to the user on how to achieve the target level of performance.

[0180] The steps 302 to 314 are only illustrative and other alternatives can also be provided where one or more steps are added, one or more steps are removed, or one or more steps are provided in a different sequence without departing from the scope of the claims herein. For example, the

method 300 may further comprise a step of storing the measured circadian rhythm and the measured duration of sleep. Further, the method can comprise combining an input by the user with the stored information to re-calibrate the wearable electronic device. Furthermore, in the method 300, the input by the user can be based on at least one of answer to at least one question, biological data derived from a laboratory test and gender. Moreover, in the method 300, the biological data may comprise a level of at least one hormone. Additionally, in the method 300, the duration of sleep can be measured as a time between moment of falling to sleep and moment of waking up, where said moments are determined based on at least one of pre-defined changes in heart rate and pre-defined changes in body temperature. Further, in the method 300, the first set of information can comprise physiological performance related information based on an external data input by the user. Furthermore, in the method 300, the external data can comprise at least one of travel information, a target set by the user, time zone, calendar, working schedule and holidays. Additionally, in the method 300, the travel information can comprise information on at least one of past travels, current travels, future travels, the time zones and flight times. Also, in the method 300, the target set by the user may comprise at least one of target stress level, improved sleep, increased activity, definition of personal optimum stress level.

[0181] FIG. 4 is an illustration of an exemplary user interface for providing feedback to the user in a system and using a method incorporating aspects of the disclosed embodiments.

[0182] For example, user feedback consists of a graph of numeric data measured from the user, and a written instruction. Figure "day\_5" shows five different examples. In the text below are explanations how these messages are formulated or selected among pre-determined candidate messages, or some other potential guidance or feedback is neglected from being shown to the user. The first message (given in the morning) is shown on the bottom, and the latest message (given 9:30 PM) on top of the figure "day\_5".

[0183] Message 1: "TOO SHORT SLEEP TIME. You need more sleep to recover fully. An earlier bedtime would help you do that."

[0184] Observed sleep duration 5 hours 21 minutes is clearly below personal long-term average (e.g. 6 hours 56 minutes), and also below the minimum limit of 7 hours of sleep duration recommended by sleep researchers (e.g. National Sleep Foundation). The graph illustrates how user's last night compares to two earlier nights and his personal average. As an alternative, the graph could also show other target levels determined automatically for the user, or set by user.

[0185] User's wake-up time was normal (e.g. within 0-45 minutes), related to his typical day-night rhythm, so it is advisable to advance his bedtime rather than delay wake-up time. Additionally, the set of rules may also take into account that user has a remarkable amount of awake time (e.g. >30 min) detected during the second half of his nights, and less awake time detected during the first half of his nights, measured over the same period of nights where his typical day-night rhythm was determined, meaning that his sleeping performance is worse in the morning than in the evening.

[0186] Message 2: "SIGNS OF RECOVERY. Your body responses have recovered well from yesterday's low. However, poor sleep is still limiting your readiness."

**[0187]** Graph shows the readiness score determined for the user over the course of last five days, and user average over longer term. Naturally, the graph could also show other target levels. Sleep duration and circadian rhythm related factors are taken into account in sleep score, which is one parameter used to determine the readiness score. However, readiness score is also taking into account other parameters too, such as users' previous day's physical activity level, physical activity accumulated over e.g. 2 weeks, user's lowest moving average heart rate during the night, users' maximum body temperature during the night, etc. In total, the readiness score exceeds the previous day's level with a clear margin (e.g. >5%), which triggers a positive message about recovery. Additionally, the set of rules may check that the readiness level is below personal long-term average, which triggers a search of the most negative single contributing parameter. In this example case it is very low sleep score, so the set of rules picks it up and poor sleep is mentioned as a limiting factor. Further on, the set of rules may check how long the adverse condition has continued and stronger wording can be selected.

**[0188]** Message 3: "BREATHING EXERCISE. Try a breathing exercise during the afternoon to maintain your performance."

**[0189]** This particular message is suitable in user's current condition (even though in some other occasions relaxation or breathing exercises might not necessarily need to be linked with sleep duration and circadian rhythm and performance level determined thereof). In general, moderate physical activity is recommended for improved sleep. However, because user has already almost reached his target physical activity of 4.7 miles, a target that was determined among other things based on his current activity related performance level, it is not advisable in his condition to recommend more exercise on the same day. So the message related to breathing exercise is shown because the priority of messages that encourage physical activity (or sports or exercise) was set to a lower level.

**[0190]** Message 4: "BREAK UP YOUR SITTING TIME. Try taking short walks to break up your sitting time."

**[0191]** This is basically general guidance to improve health, well-being and performance level, and it can be triggered any time of the day if a prolonged period of sedentary time is determined on the basis of motion sensor data. However, you can easily get fed up with messages that appear too often in your everyday life. Therefore in the set of rules, the priority of this message can be increased if user's readiness level is limited or low. In this case as users' sleep was limited and bedtimes were delayed, the priority is further increased because of the rule that you should especially avoid sedentary time 2-4 hours and physical activity 0-2 hours before circadian rhythm based optimal bedtime to ensure easy sleep onset. As sedentary time in the evenings often include screen time, the guidance could also be related to avoiding screen time 0-3 hours before circadian rhythm based optimal bedtime. Screen time based message can be triggered further if screen time is observed based on ambient light sensor data. More generally, distribution of sedentary time can be used to determine user's day-night cycle, and subsequently, it can serve as a circadian rhythm related parameter (morning type of people sit less before noon).

**[0192]** Message 5: "BEDTIME ALERT. Your optimum bedtime is 11:15 PM. If you want to improve your sleep, try doing some relaxing exercises."

**[0193]** Observed short sleep duration. Observed sleep debt. Observed average bedtime over previous week 12:00 AM. Restless sleep and awakenings observed in second half of the night, hence it is determined that user is a morning type of person, and earlier bedtime is recommended. When advancing of the circadian rhythm, or suggesting earlier bedtime, relaxing exercise before bedtime is recommended in order to help initialise sleep. Alternatively, user's sleep scores could be correlated with determined bedtimes in order to find an optimum zone. This kind of determination could be further improved by taking current sleep needs into account by suggesting added sleep in either evening or morning, for example depending of the determined chronotype of the person.

**[0194]** Modifications to embodiments of the present disclosure described in the foregoing are possible without departing from the scope of the present disclosure as defined by the accompanying claims.

**[0195]** Expressions such as "including", "comprising", "incorporating", "have", "is" used to describe and claim the present disclosure are intended to be construed in a non-exclusive manner, namely allowing for items, components or elements not explicitly described also to be present. Reference to the singular is also to be construed to relate to the plural.

1. A method for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management, the method comprising:
  - collecting a first set of information from the user;
  - determining a current performance level of the user based on the first set of information and on a set of measurement data from a wearable electronic device;
  - setting a target level of performance of the user;
  - measuring at least one parameter that describes a circadian rhythm and at least one parameter that describes a duration of sleep or sleep cycle of the user, by the wearable electronic device;
  - using the target level of performance, to determine at least one corresponding parameter that describes the circadian rhythm;
  - comparing the measured at least one parameter of the circadian rhythm to a corresponding target based parameter; and
  - providing an alert and feedback to the user related to the determined current performance level and the target level of performance;

wherein the feedback comprises instructions to the user on how to achieve the target level of performance and the feedback is based on personal preferences of the user.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the duration of sleep is measured as a time between a moment of falling to sleep and a moment of waking up, wherein the moment of falling asleep and the moment of waking up is determined based on at least one of a pre-defined change in a heart rate and a pre-defined change in body movement.

3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first set of information comprises physiological performance related information based on an external data input by the user.

4. A method according to claim 3, wherein the external data comprises at least one of travel information, a target set by the user, time zone, calendar, working schedule and holidays.

5. A method according to claim 4, wherein the travel information comprises information on at least one of past travels, current travels, future travels, the time zones and flight times.

6. A method according to claim 4, wherein the target set by the user comprises at least one of target stress level, improved sleep, increased activity and definition of personal optimum stress level.

7. A method according to claim 1, wherein the method comprises a step of storing the measured circadian rhythm and the measured duration of sleep.

8. A method according to claim 7, wherein the stored information combined to an input by the user is used in a step of re-calibration of the wearable electronic device.

9. A method according to claim 8, wherein the input by the user is based on at least one of answer to at least one question, biological data derived from a laboratory test and gender.

10. A method according to claim 9, wherein the biological data comprises level of at least one hormone.

11. A method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises continuing measuring, to follow up if the feedback results in one of the user to change behaviour, the user to approach the corresponding target based parameter and the user to reach the corresponding target based parameters.

12. A method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises determining a set of parameters that describes user adherence and accuracy of reaching the target level, and further using the set of parameters to provide feedback to the user.

13. A system for providing feedback to a user for improving performance level management, the system comprising:  
 a wearable electronic device configured to be worn by the user and comprising means for measuring circadian rhythm and duration of sleep;  
 a mobile communication device configured to communicate with the wearable electronic device; and  
 a server configured to communicate with the mobile communication device, the server being configured to:  
 collect a first set of information from the user,  
 determine a current performance level of the user based on the first set of information and on a set of measurement data from the wearable electronic device,  
 set a target level of performance of the user,

compare the measured circadian rhythm, the measured duration of sleep and the current performance level against each other and against a set of rules to determine the performance level of the user,

compare the determined performance level to the target level of performance, and

provide an alert and feedback, on the mobile communication device, to the user when the determined performance level is below the target level of performance, wherein the feedback comprises instructions to the user on how to achieve the target level of performance.

14. A system according to claim 13, wherein the duration of sleep is measured as a time between moment of falling to sleep and moment of waking up, wherein said moments are determined based on at least one of pre-defined changes in heart rate and pre-defined changes in body temperature.

15. A system according to claim 13, wherein the first set of information comprises physiological performance related information based on an external data input by the user.

16. A system according to claim 15, wherein the external data comprises at least one of travel information, a target set by the user, time zone, calendar, working schedule and holidays.

17. A system according to claim 16, wherein the travel information comprises information on at least one of past travels, current travels, future travels, time zones and flight times.

18. A system according to claim 16, wherein the target set by the user comprises at least one of target stress level, improved sleep, increased activity and definition of personal optimum stress level.

19. A system according to claim 13, wherein the server is further configured to store the measured circadian rhythm and the measured duration of sleep.

20. A system according to claim 19, wherein the input by the user is based on at least one of answer to at least one question, biological data derived from a laboratory test and gender and wherein the biological data optionally comprises a level of at least one hormone.

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