

Reporting Summary

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Statistics

For all statistical analyses, confirm that the following items are present in the figure legend, table legend, main text, or Methods section.

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| n/a | Confirmed |
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- The exact sample size (n) for each experimental group/condition, given as a discrete number and unit of measurement
 - A statement on whether measurements were taken from distinct samples or whether the same sample was measured repeatedly
 - The statistical test(s) used AND whether they are one- or two-sided
Only common tests should be described solely by name; describe more complex techniques in the Methods section.
 - A description of all covariates tested
 - A description of any assumptions or corrections, such as tests of normality and adjustment for multiple comparisons
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 - A full description of the statistical parameters including central tendency (e.g. means) or other basic estimates (e.g. regression coefficient) AND variation (e.g. standard deviation) or associated estimates of uncertainty (e.g. confidence intervals)
 - For null hypothesis testing, the test statistic (e.g. F , t , r) with confidence intervals, effect sizes, degrees of freedom and P value noted
Give P values as exact values whenever suitable.
 - For Bayesian analysis, information on the choice of priors and Markov chain Monte Carlo settings
 - For hierarchical and complex designs, identification of the appropriate level for tests and full reporting of outcomes
 - Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's d , Pearson's r), indicating how they were calculated
- Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.*

Software and code

Policy information about [availability of computer code](#)

Data collection	LabVIEW 2014 was used to control the NIR-II imaging system and acquire images.
Data analysis	Imaging analysis: ImageJ;

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Data

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- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
- A description of any restrictions on data availability
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The experimental data supporting the findings of this study are available within the article and the Supplementary Information. Extra data are available from the corresponding authors upon reasonable request. Source data are provided by the primary supporting study: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41565-023-01422-2>.

Human research participants

Policy information about studies involving human research participants and Sex and Gender in Research.

Reporting on sex and gender	N/A
Population characteristics	N/A
Recruitment	N/A
Ethics oversight	N/A

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

Field-specific reporting

Please select the one below that is the best fit for your research. If you are not sure, read the appropriate sections before making your selection.

Life sciences Behavioural & social sciences Ecological, evolutionary & environmental sciences

Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size	No sample size calculations were performed. Animal sample size was determined by the number of biological replicates necessary for
Data exclusions	No data were excluded.
Replication	All experiments were carried out at least 3 times successfully as shown in the figure caption. The replication experiments were successful and
Randomization	In order to ensure the repeatability of the experiment, animal experiments and other experiments mentioned are conducted in random
Blinding	Investigators were blinded to group allocation during data collection and analysis due to limited personnel.

Behavioural & social sciences study design

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Study description	
Research sample	
Sampling strategy	
Data collection	
Timing	
Data exclusions	
Non-participation	
Randomization	

Ecological, evolutionary & environmental sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Study description	
Research sample	
Sampling strategy	
Data collection	
Timing and spatial scale	
Data exclusions	
Reproducibility	
Randomization	

Blinding Did the study involve field work? Yes No

Field work, collection and transport

Field conditions Location Access & import/export Disturbance

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Materials & experimental systems

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Palaeontology and archaeology |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Animals and other organisms |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Clinical data |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Dual use research of concern |

Methods

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | ChIP-seq |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Flow cytometry |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | MRI-based neuroimaging |

Antibodies

Antibodies used Validation

Eukaryotic cell lines

Policy information about [cell lines](#) and [Sex and Gender in Research](#)Cell line source(s) Authentication Mycoplasma contamination Commonly misidentified lines (See [ICLAC](#) register)

Palaeontology and Archaeology

Specimen provenance Specimen deposition Dating methods Tick this box to confirm that the raw and calibrated dates are available in the paper or in Supplementary Information.Ethics oversight

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Animals and other research organisms

Policy information about [studies involving animals](#); [ARRIVE guidelines](#) recommended for reporting animal research, and [Sex and Gender in Research](#)

Laboratory animals	C57 mice (5-6 weeks, with an average weight of 19 g) were obtained from Shanghai JSJ Laboratory Animal Co. Ltd. and were
Wild animals	This study did not involve wild animals.
Reporting on sex	The sex of mice was not involved in the study.
Field-collected samples	This study did not involve biological samples collected from the field.
Ethics oversight	All protocols for animal experiments were in strict accordance with the National Institutes of Health Guide for the Care and Use of

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Clinical data

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Clinical trial registration	
Study protocol	
Data collection	
Outcomes	

Dual use research of concern

Policy information about [dual use research of concern](#)

Hazards

Could the accidental, deliberate or reckless misuse of agents or technologies generated in the work, or the application of information presented in the manuscript, pose a threat to:

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| <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Any other significant area |

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ChIP-seq

Data deposition

Confirm that both raw and final processed data have been deposited in a public database such as [GEO](#).

Confirm that you have deposited or provided access to graph files (e.g. BED files) for the called peaks.

Data access links <i>May remain private before publication</i>	
Files in database submission	
Genome browser session (e.g. UCSC)	

Methodology

Replicates	<input type="text"/>
Sequencing depth	<input type="text"/>
Antibodies	<input type="text"/>
Peak calling parameters	<input type="text"/>
Data quality	<input type="text"/>
Software	<input type="text"/>

Flow Cytometry

Plots

Confirm that:

- The axis labels state the marker and fluorochrome used (e.g. CD4-FITC).
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- All plots are contour plots with outliers or pseudocolor plots.
- A numerical value for number of cells or percentage (with statistics) is provided.

Methodology

Sample preparation	<input type="text"/>
Instrument	<input type="text"/>
Software	<input type="text"/>
Cell population abundance	<input type="text"/>
Gating strategy	<input type="text"/>

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Magnetic resonance imaging

Experimental design

Design type	<input type="text"/>
Design specifications	<input type="text"/>
Behavioral performance measures	<input type="text"/>

Acquisition

Imaging type(s)	<input type="text"/>
Field strength	<input type="text"/>
Sequence & imaging parameters	<input type="text"/>
Area of acquisition	<input type="text"/>
Diffusion MRI	<input type="radio"/> Used <input type="radio"/> Not used

Preprocessing

Preprocessing software	<input type="text"/>
Normalization	<input type="text"/>
Normalization template	<input type="text"/>
Noise and artifact removal	<input type="text"/>
Volume censoring	<input type="text"/>

Statistical modeling & inference

Model type and settings	<input type="text"/>
Effect(s) tested	<input type="text"/>
Specify type of analysis:	<input type="radio"/> Whole brain <input type="radio"/> ROI-based <input type="radio"/> Both
Statistic type for inference (See Eklund et al. 2016)	<input type="text"/>
Correction	<input type="text"/>

Models & analysis

- n/a
- Involvement in the study
- Functional and/or effective connectivity
 - Graph analysis
 - Multivariate modeling or predictive analysis
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- Graph analysis
- Multivariate modeling and predictive analysis

