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All data generated or analyzed during this study are included in this published article and its supplementary information files. The Supplementary Information file contains all supplementary figures and the original uncropped Western blots. The source data behind all graphs in the manuscript are in the Supplementary Data file

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Population characteristics	NA
Recruitment	NA
Ethics oversight	NA

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

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Sample sizes are indicated in each figure legend. The sample size was determined according to the experiment type. For fluorescence recovery after photobleaching studies, a minimum number of 26 cells (with each measurement conducted on a different cell) was measured for each sample, since in our experience with this method (extending over 30 years), about 15 measurements are required to obtain accurate reproducible results. For immunoblots, we used n equal to or greater than 4.
Data exclusions	No data was excluded from the analysis.
Replication	Yes, attempts at replication were successful.
Randomization	Allocation of cells for the experiments was random, as they were split and plated at random while preparing all samples, including control samples.
Blinding	No blinding was used, as all samples were prepared simultaneously for the experiment from the same cell stock.

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Methods

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

Antibodies

Antibodies used	12CA5 murine monoclonal IgG anti-HA tag, Roche Diagnostics cat. #11-66-606-001
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9E10 murine monoclonal IgG anti-myc tag, BioLegend cat. #626802
 HA.11 rabbit IgG anti-HA tag, BioLegend cat. #923502
 Anti-pSmad2/3 rabbit IgG, Cell Signaling Technology cat. #8828
 Anti-total (t) Smad2/3 murine IgG, Santa Cruz Biotechnology cat. #sc-133098
 Anti-pAkt (phospho-Ser473) rabbit antibody, Cell Signaling Technology cat. #9271
 Anti-pAkt (phospho-Thr308) rabbit antibody, Cell Signaling Technology cat. #9275
 Anti-tAkt rabbit antibody, Cell Signaling Technology cat. #9272
 Anti-pPI3K (phospho-PI3K p85 (Tyr458)/p55 (Tyr199) rabbit antibody, Cell Signaling Technology cat. #4228
 Anti-tPI3K (total PI3K (p85)) rabbit antibody, Upstate Biotechnology cat. #06497
 Anti-pErk1/2 (diphosphorylated Erk1/2) murine monoclonal antibody, Sigma-Aldrich, cat. #M8159
 Anti-tErk1/2 rabbit antibody, Cell Signaling Technology cat. #46955
 Anti-beta actin mouse antibody, MP Biomedicals cat. #08691001
 Normal goat gamma-globulin, Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories cat. #005-000-002
 Alexa 488-goat IgG anti-rabbit IgG, Invitrogen-Molecular Probes cat. #R37116
 Alexa 546-goat F(ab')₂ anti-mouse IgG, Invitrogen-Molecular Probes cat. #A-11018
 Alexa 488-goat F(ab')₂ anti-rabbit F(ab')₂, Invitrogen-Molecular Probes cat. #A-11070
 Peroxidase-goat anti-mouse antibody, Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories cat. #115-035-062
 Peroxidase-goat anti-rabbit antibody, Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories cat. #111-035-144

Validation

All validations are on the web sites of the manufacturers and no new unvalidated antibodies were used.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

AML12 murine hepatocyte cell line, ATCC cat. #CRL-2254

Authentication

STR profiling and interspecies contamination test for AML12 cells was performed by the cell line authentication service from IDEXX (Kornwestheim, Germany) using the CellCheck™ Mouse system that includes 19 species-specific STR markers

Mycoplasma contamination

Cells were routinely tested for mycoplasma contamination by RT-PCR every 2 months and found negative.

Commonly misidentified lines
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No commonly misidentified cell lines were used.

Plants

Seed stocks

NA

Novel plant genotypes

NA

Authentication

NA