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Reporting Checklist for Nature Neuroscience

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Please note that in the event of publication, it is mandatory that authors include all relevant methodological and statistical information in the manuscript.

▶ Statistics reporting, by figure

- Please specify the following information for each panel reporting quantitative data, and where each item is reported (section, e.g. Results, & paragraph number).
- Each figure legend should ideally contain an exact sample size (n) for each experimental group/condition, where n is an exact number and not a range, a clear definition of how n is defined (for example x cells from x slices from x animals from x litters, collected over x days), a description of the statistical test used, the results of the tests, any descriptive statistics and clearly defined error bars if applicable.
- For any experiments using custom statistics, please indicate the test used and stats obtained for each experiment.
- Each figure legend should include a statement of how many times the experiment shown was replicated in the lab; the details of sample collection should be sufficiently clear so that the replicability of the experiment is obvious to the reader.
- For experiments reported in the text but not in the figures, please use the paragraph number instead of the figure number.

Note: Mean and standard deviation are not appropriate on small samples, and plotting independent data points is usually more informative. When technical replicates are reported, error and significance measures reflect the experimental variability and not the variability of the biological process; it is misleading not to state this clearly.

FIGURE NUMBER	TEST USED		n			DESCRIPTIVE STATS (AVERAGE, VARIANCE)		P VALUE		DEGREES OF FREEDOM & F/t/z/R/ETC VALUE	
	WHICH TEST?	SECTION & PARAGRAPH #	EXACT VALUE	DEFINED?	SECTION & PARAGRAPH #	REPORTED?	SECTION & PARAGRAPH #	EXACT VALUE	SECTION & PARAGRAPH #	VALUE	SECTION & PARAGRAPH #
example 1a	one-way ANOVA	Fig. legend	9, 9, 10, 15	mice from at least 3 litters/group	Methods para 8	error bars are mean +/- SEM	Fig. legend	p = 0.044	Fig. legend	F(3, 36) = 2.97	Fig. legend
example results, para 6	unpaired t-test	Results para 6	15	slices from 10 mice	Results para 6	error bars are mean +/- SEM	Results para 6	p = 0.0006	Results para 6	t(28) = 2.808	Results para 6
+/- 1d			10	mice		error bars are mean +/- SEM					

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+ -	1e			13	mice		error bars are 95% confidence interval					
+ -	3b			13	mice		error bars are mean +/- SEM					
+ -	results, pg 4	correlation coefficient		14	number of components in mixture	results, paragraph 6	median		p=0.0043	results, paragraph 6	R=0.71	results, paragraph 6
+ -	3d			black - 15, 22, 66, 89, 179, 287, 345, 430, 493, 493 red - 17, 49, 120, 196, 293, 415, 547, 619, 694, 715 blue - 23, 49, 75, 163, 239, 298, 388, 420, 464, 494	trials with the corresponding mixture components and latency		error bars are 95% confidence interval					
+ -	4a and 3b						error bars are 95% confidence interval					
+ -	results, pg 5	two proportion z-test	results, parag. 7	19337, 11088	trials	results, parag. 7			p=0	results, parag. 7	z = -7.8894	results, parag. 7
+ -	results, pg 6	Mann-Whitney U-test	results, parag. 8	9,7	linear regressions slopes	results, parag. 8	mean +/- SEM	results, parag. 8	p=0.00016	results, parag. 8	ranksum = 110	results, parag. 8
+ -	results, pg 6	Mann-Whitney U-test	results, parag. 8	7,9	linear regressions slopes	results, parag. 8	mean +/- SEM	results, parag. 8	p=0.00019	results, parag. 8	ranksum = 46	results, parag. 8
+ -	results, pg 6	Mann-Whitney U-test	results, parag. 8	8,8	odorants	results, parag. 8	proportions	results, parag. 8	p=0.016	results, parag. 8	ranksum=90.5	results, parag. 8
+ -	results, pg 6	Mann-Whitney U-test	results, parag. 8	8,8	odorants	results, parag. 8	proportions	results, parag. 8	p=0.39	results, parag. 8	ranksum = 59.5	results, parag. 8
+ -	results, pg 7	Kolmogorov-Smirnov test	results, parag. 10	168,168	pairwise correlations	results, parag. 10	mean +/- SEM	results, parag. 10	p = 0.0164	results, parag. 10	ks statistic = 0.167	results, parag. 10
+ -	results, pg 7	Kolmogorov-Smirnov test	results, parag. 10	168,384	pairwise correlations	results, parag. 10	mean +/- SEM	results, parag. 10	p = 0.0038	results, parag. 10	ks statistic = 0.162	results, parag. 10

+ -	resul ts, pg 8	correlation coefficient	results, parag. 13	30	masking bins	results, parag. 13			p=0.00000047	results, parag. 13	r = -0.78	results, parag. 13
+ -	resul ts, pg 8	correlation coefficient	results, parag. 13	30	masking bins	results, parag. 13			p=0.047	results, parag. 13	r = 0.36	results, parag. 13

▶ Representative figures

1. Are any representative images shown (including Western blots and immunohistochemistry/staining) in the paper?

    If so, what figure(s)?

    > figures 1a-c show a representative learning curve of a single mouse.

2. For each representative image, is there a clear statement of how many times this experiment was successfully repeated and a discussion of any limitations in repeatability?

    If so, where is this reported (section, paragraph #)?

    > The repeatability is shown in figure 1d were the average learning curve of 10 mice is shown.

▶ Statistics and general methods

1. Is there a justification of the sample size?

    If so, how was it justified?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    Even if no sample size calculation was performed, authors should report why the sample size is adequate to measure their effect size.

    > Yes. Sample size exceeds those reported in previous publications. Methods, paragraph 2.

2. Are statistical tests justified as appropriate for every figure?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    > Statistical tests were chosen based on the type of distributions being compared (binomial, continuous etc.) and sample size

    a. If there is a section summarizing the statistical methods in the methods, is the statistical test for each experiment clearly defined?

        > Statistical tests are clearly defined throughout the manuscript.

    b. Do the data meet the assumptions of the specific statistical test you chose (e.g. normality for a parametric test)?

        Where is this described (section, paragraph #)?

        > Yes.

    c. Is there any estimate of variance within each group of data?

        Is the variance similar between groups that are being statistically compared?

        Where is this described (section, paragraph #)?

        > Yes. Variance within a group is described as either SEM or confidence interval (for proportions). Variances between compared groups are similar.
        > Variance is described throughout the manuscript.

    d. Are tests specified as one- or two-sided?

        > Yes. All tests were two-sided.

    e. Are there adjustments for multiple comparisons?

        > There are no multiple comparisons

3. Are criteria for excluding data points reported?

    Was this criterion established prior to data collection?

    Where is this described (section, paragraph #)?

    > No data was excluded

4. Define the method of randomization used to assign subjects (or samples) to the experimental groups and to collect and process data.

    If no randomization was used, state so.

    Where does this appear (section, paragraph #)?

    > No method was used for randomization.
    > Methods, paragraph 5.

5. Is a statement of the extent to which investigator knew the group allocation during the experiment and in assessing outcome included?

    If no blinding was done, state so.

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    > No blinding was done yet all behavioral testing and analysis were done without any human intervention using the same labview and matlab codes leaving no room for experimenter biases.
    > Methods, paragraph 6.

6. For experiments in live vertebrates, is a statement of compliance with ethical guidelines/regulations included?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    > A statement is included on page 18.
    > Methods section, paragraph 1.

7. Is the species of the animals used reported?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    > Reported on page 18.
    > Methods section, paragraph 2.

8. Is the strain of the animals (including background strains of KO/ transgenic animals used) reported?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    > Reported on page 18.
    > Methods section, paragraph 2.

9. Is the sex of the animals/subjects used reported?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    > Reported on page 18.
    > Methods section, paragraph 2.

10. Is the age of the animals/subjects reported?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    > Reported on page 18.
    > Methods section, paragraph 2.

11. For animals housed in a vivarium, is the light/dark cycle reported?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    > Reported on page 18.
    > Methods section, paragraph 2.

12. For animals housed in a vivarium, is the housing group (i.e. number of animals per cage) reported?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    > Not reported. Only one mouse per cage.

13. For behavioral experiments, is the time of day reported (e.g. light or dark cycle)?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    > Reported on page 18.
    > Methods section, paragraph 2.

14. Is the previous history of the animals/subjects (e.g. prior drug administration, surgery, behavioral testing) reported?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    > Reported on page 18.
    > Methods section, paragraph 2.

    a. If multiple behavioral tests were conducted in the same group of animals, is this reported?

       Where (section, paragraph #)?

       > No multiple behavioral tests were conducted in the same animal.

15. If any animals/subjects were excluded from analysis, is this reported?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    > No subjects were excluded.

    a. How were the criteria for exclusion defined?

       Where is this described (section, paragraph #)?

    b. Specify reasons for any discrepancy between the number of animals at the beginning and end of the study.

       Where is this described (section, paragraph #)?

▶ Reagents

1. Have antibodies been validated for use in the system under study (assay and species)?

    a. Is antibody catalog number given?

       Where does this appear (section, paragraph #)?

    b. Where were the validation data reported (citation, supplementary information, Antibodypedia)?

       Where does this appear (section, paragraph #)?

2. If cell lines were used to reflect the properties of a particular tissue or disease state, is their source identified?

    Where (section, paragraph #)?

    a. Were they recently authenticated?

       Where is this information reported (section, paragraph #)?

▶ Data deposition

Data deposition in a public repository is mandatory for:

    a. Protein, DNA and RNA sequences
    b. Macromolecular structures
    c. Crystallographic data for small molecules
    d. Microarray data

Deposition is strongly recommended for many other datasets for which structured public repositories exist; more details on our data policy are available here. We encourage the provision of other source data in supplementary information or in unstructured repositories such as Figshare and Dryad.

1. Are accession codes for deposit dates provided?

   Where (section, paragraph #)?

   No.

▶ Computer code/software

Any custom algorithm/software that is central to the methods must be supplied by the authors in a usable and readable form for readers at the time of publication. However, referees may ask for this information at any time during the review process.

1. Identify all custom software or scripts that were required to conduct the study and where in the procedures each was used.

   A labview code was used to control the behavioral training and testing. Matlab codes were used for analysis.

2. Is computer source code/software provided with the paper or deposited in a public repository? Indicate in what form this is provided or how it can be obtained.

   Can be obtained by e-mail from the corresponding author.

▶ Human subjects

1. Which IRB approved the protocol?

   Where is this stated (section, paragraph #)?

2. Is demographic information on all subjects provided?

   Where (section, paragraph #)?

3. Is the number of human subjects, their age and sex clearly defined?

   Where (section, paragraph #)?

4. Are the inclusion and exclusion criteria (if any) clearly specified?

   Where (section, paragraph #)?

5. How well were the groups matched?

   Where is this information described (section, paragraph #)?

6. Is a statement included confirming that informed consent was obtained from all subjects?

Where (section, paragraph #)?

7. For publication of patient photos, is a statement included confirming that consent to publish was obtained?

Where (section, paragraph #)?

▶ fMRI studies

For papers reporting functional imaging (fMRI) results please ensure that these minimal reporting guidelines are met and that all this information is clearly provided in the methods:

1. Were any subjects scanned but then rejected for the analysis after the data was collected?

   a. If yes, is the number rejected and reasons for rejection described?

   Where (section, paragraph #)?

2. Is the number of blocks, trials or experimental units per session and/ or subjects specified?

   Where (section, paragraph #)?

3. Is the length of each trial and interval between trials specified?

4. Is a blocked, event-related, or mixed design being used? If applicable, please specify the block length or how the event-related or mixed design was optimized.

5. Is the task design clearly described?

   Where (section, paragraph #)?

6. How was behavioral performance measured?

7. Is an ANOVA or factorial design being used?

8. For data acquisition, is a whole brain scan used?

   If not, state area of acquisition.

   a. How was this region determined?

9. Is the field strength (in Tesla) of the MRI system stated?

    a. Is the pulse sequence type (gradient/spin echo, EPI/spiral) stated?

    b. Are the field-of-view, matrix size, slice thickness, and TE/TR/flip angle clearly stated?

10. Are the software and specific parameters (model/functions, smoothing kernel size if applicable, etc.) used for data processing and pre-processing clearly stated?

11. Is the coordinate space for the anatomical/functional imaging data clearly defined as subject/native space or standardized stereotaxic space, e.g., original Talairach, MNI305, ICBM152, etc? Where (section, paragraph #)?

12. If there was data normalization/standardization to a specific space template, are the type of transformation (linear vs. nonlinear) used and image types being transformed clearly described? Where (section, paragraph #)?

13. How were anatomical locations determined, e.g., via an automated labeling algorithm (AAL), standardized coordinate database (Talairach daemon), probabilistic atlases, etc.?

14. Were any additional regressors (behavioral covariates, motion etc) used?

15. Is the contrast construction clearly defined?

16. Is a mixed/random effects or fixed inference used?

    a. If fixed effects inference used, is this justified?

17. Were repeated measures used (multiple measurements per subject)?

    a. If so, are the method to account for within subject correlation and the assumptions made about variance clearly stated?

18. If the threshold used for inference and visualization in figures varies, is this clearly stated?

19. Are statistical inferences corrected for multiple comparisons?

    a. If not, is this labeled as uncorrected?

20. Are the results based on an ROI (region of interest) analysis?

     a. If so, is the rationale clearly described?

     b. How were the ROI's defined (functional vs anatomical localization)?

21. Is there correction for multiple comparisons within each voxel?

22. For cluster-wise significance, is the cluster-defining threshold and the corrected significance level defined?

▶ Additional comments

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