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☐	☒	The exact sample size (*n*) for each experimental group/condition, given as a discrete number and unit of measurement
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☒	☐	Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's *d*, Pearson's *r*), indicating how they were calculated
☐	☒	Clearly defined error bars *State explicitly what error bars represent (e.g. SD, SE, CI)*

Our web collection on statistics for biologists may be useful.

Software and code

Policy information about availability of computer code

Data collection	Harmony 3.5.1, MxPro-Mx30005P V.4.10, Gen5 2.09, DP Controller 3.2, Amersham Imager 600 control 1.2
Data analysis	Harmony 3.5.1, GraphPad Prism 6, ImageJ 1.45s, Microsoft Office Excel, Multi Gauge V3.0, Image-Pro Plus 6.0

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- A list of figures that have associated raw data
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The data that support the findings of this study are available within the paper and its supplementary information files, and from the corresponding authors upon reasonable request.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	No statistical methods were used to predetermine sample sizes. All sample numbers were stated in figure legends.
Data exclusions	No data was excluded from the analyses.
Replication	All attempts of replication were successful. We stated the number of replicates for each experiment in the figure legend.
Randomization	All cells and mice were allocated randomly.
Blinding	No blinding was performed in this study.

Reporting for specific materials, systems and methods

Materials & experimental systems

n/a	Involved in the study
☐	☐ Unique biological materials
☐	☒ Antibodies
☐	☒ Eukaryotic cell lines
☐	☐ Palaeontology
☐	☒ Animals and other organisms
☐	☐ Human research participants

Methods

n/a	Involved in the study
☐	☐ ChIP-seq
☐	☐ Flow cytometry
☐	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Unique biological materials

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Antibodies

Antibodies used: All antibodies used in this study were stated in methods and figure legend.
mouse monoclonal anti-hamster HMGCR IgG-A9: CRL-1811, ATCC;
mouse monoclonal anti-clathrin heavy chain: 610500, BD Bioscience;
mouse monoclonal anti-ubiquitin P4D1: SC-8017, Santa Cruz Biotechnology;
mouse monoclonal anti-HA, clone HA-7 : H3663, Sigma-Aldrich;
mouse monoclonal anti-Flag, clone M2: F3165, Sigma-Aldrich;
mouse monoclonal anti-T7: 69522, Novagen;
HRP-conjugated goat anti-mouse secondary antobody: 1115-035-003, Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories;
HRP-conjugated goat anti-rabbit secondary antobody:111-035-144, Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories;
rabbit polyclonal antibody against HMGCR (H2) and GFP were previously generated by our lab.

Validation: All the antibodies used in this paper were validated by immunoblotting and stated within the paper.

Eukaryotic cell lines

Policy information about cell lines

Cell line source(s)	All cells used in this study were stated in the method of this paper. CHO-7 and Huh7 were obtained from ATCC. SRD-13A and SRD-15 cells were a generous gift from Dr. Russell Debose-Boyd at UT Southwestern Medical Center, USA.
Authentication	No further authentication of the cell lines was performed before use.
Mycoplasma contamination	No test for mycoplasma contamination was performed.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	None of these cell lines were utilized.

Palaeontology

Specimen provenance	*Provide provenance information for specimens and describe permits that were obtained for the work (including the name of the issuing authority, the date of issue, and any identifying information).*
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Laboratory animals	All mice used in this study were stated in method and figure legend. Male, 8 week old C57BL/6J mice and LDLR-/- mice were used.
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ChIP-seq

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Data access links *May remain private before publication.*	*For "Initial submission" or "Revised version" documents, provide reviewer access links. For your "Final submission" document, provide a link to the deposited data.*
Files in database submission	*Provide a list of all files available in the database submission.*
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Methodology

Replicates	*Describe the experimental replicates, specifying number, type and replicate agreement.*
Sequencing depth	*Describe the sequencing depth for each experiment, providing the total number of reads, uniquely mapped reads, length of reads and whether they were paired- or single-end.*
Antibodies	*Describe the antibodies used for the ChIP-seq experiments; as applicable, provide supplier name, catalog number, clone name, and lot number.*
Peak calling parameters	*Specify the command line program and parameters used for read mapping and peak calling, including the ChIP, control and index files used.*
Data quality	*Describe the methods used to ensure data quality in full detail, including how many peaks are at FDR 5% and above 5-fold enrichment.*
Software	*Describe the software used to collect and analyze the ChIP-seq data. For custom code that has been deposited into a community repository, provide accession details.*

Flow Cytometry

Plots

Confirm that:

☐ The axis labels state the marker and fluorochrome used (e.g. CD4-FITC).

☐ The axis scales are clearly visible. Include numbers along axes only for bottom left plot of group (a 'group' is an analysis of identical markers).

☐ 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	*Describe the sample preparation, detailing the biological source of the cells and any tissue processing steps used.*
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Cell population abundance	*Describe the abundance of the relevant cell populations within post-sort fractions, providing details on the purity of the samples and how it was determined.*
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Magnetic resonance imaging

Experimental design

Design type	*Indicate task or resting state; event-related or block design.*
Design specifications	*Specify the number of blocks, trials or experimental units per session and/or subject, and specify the length of each trial or block (if trials are blocked) and interval between trials.*
Behavioral performance measures	*State number and/or type of variables recorded (e.g. correct button press, response time) and what statistics were used to establish that the subjects were performing the task as expected (e.g. mean, range, and/or standard deviation across subjects).*

Acquisition

Imaging type(s)	*Specify: functional, structural, diffusion, perfusion.*
Field strength	*Specify in Tesla*
Sequence & imaging parameters	*Specify the pulse sequence type (gradient echo, spin echo, etc.), imaging type (EPI, spiral, etc.), field of view, matrix size, slice thickness, orientation and TE/TR/flip angle.*
Area of acquisition	*State whether a whole brain scan was used OR define the area of acquisition, describing how the region was determined.*

Diffusion MRI ☐ Used ☐ Not used

Preprocessing

Preprocessing software
Provide detail on software version and revision number and on specific parameters (model/functions, brain extraction, segmentation, smoothing kernel size, etc.).

Normalization
If data were normalized/standardized, describe the approach(es): specify linear or non-linear and define image types used for transformation OR indicate that data were not normalized and explain rationale for lack of normalization.

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Describe the template used for normalization/transformation, specifying subject space or group standardized space (e.g. original Talairach, MNI305, ICBM152) OR indicate that the data were not normalized.

Noise and artifact removal
Describe your procedure(s) for artifact and structured noise removal, specifying motion parameters, tissue signals and physiological signals (heart rate, respiration).

Volume censoring
Define your software and/or method and criteria for volume censoring, and state the extent of such censoring.

Statistical modeling & inference

Model type and settings
Specify type (mass univariate, multivariate, RSA, predictive, etc.) and describe essential details of the model at the first and second levels (e.g. fixed, random or mixed effects; drift or auto-correlation).

Effect(s) tested
Define precise effect in terms of the task or stimulus conditions instead of psychological concepts and indicate whether ANOVA or factorial designs were used.

Specify type of analysis: ☐ Whole brain ☐ ROI-based ☐ Both

Statistic type for inference
(See Eklund et al. 2016)
Specify voxel-wise or cluster-wise and report all relevant parameters for cluster-wise methods.

Correction
Describe the type of correction and how it is obtained for multiple comparisons (e.g. FWE, FDR, permutation or Monte Carlo).

Models & analysis

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

Functional and/or effective connectivity
Report the measures of dependence used and the model details (e.g. Pearson correlation, partial correlation, mutual information).

Graph analysis
Report the dependent variable and connectivity measure, specifying weighted graph or binarized graph, subject- or group-level, and the global and/or node summaries used (e.g. clustering coefficient, efficiency, etc.).

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Specify independent variables, features extraction and dimension reduction, model, training and evaluation metrics.