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Sample-size estimation

- You should state whether an appropriate sample size was computed when the study was being designed
- You should state the statistical method of sample size computation and any required assumptions
- If no explicit power analysis was used, you should describe how you decided what sample (replicate) size (number) to use

Please outline where this information can be found within the submission (e.g., sections or figure legends), or explain why this information doesn't apply to your submission:

No explicit power analysis was used to determine sample size. Results are reported for two subjects which matches our previous work and follows general practice in the field. The main finding was shown to be consistent across the two subjects tested (Figure 4A).

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- You should report how often each experiment was performed
- You should include a definition of biological versus technical replication
- The data obtained should be provided and sufficient information should be provided to indicate the number of independent biological and/or technical replicates
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- The sample sizes for each experimental condition, which utilized different stimulus sets, are provided throughout the text.
- Biological replication is shown across the two subjects tested (Figure 4A). All stimulus conditions sample multiple neural sites (at least 15 sites tested) reporting median and standard error to indicate variability across site replicates.
- Technical replicates are the number of times (trial repetitions) a given stimulus was presented in an experiment at a neural site. This information is detailed in the Methods subsection “Behavioral training and image presentation.”
- Criteria for inclusion of neural sites are described in the first paragraph of Results.



Statistical reporting

- Statistical analysis methods should be described and justified
- Raw data should be presented in figures whenever informative to do so (typically when N per group is less than 10)
- For each experiment, you should identify the statistical tests used, exact values of N, definitions of center, methods of multiple test correction, and dispersion and precision measures (e.g., mean, median, SD, SEM, confidence intervals; and, for the major substantive results, a measure of effect size (e.g., Pearson's r, Cohen's d)
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- Statistical analysis is reported in the final paragraph titled "Statistics" in the Methods section.

- All N per group were > 10. Individual example data samples are shown in Figure 2.

- In general, all statistical comparisons were done by bootstrap resampling as described in "Statistics" under Methods section. Sample sizes, medians and standard errors are consistently reported inline throughout the text for each condition.

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Group allocation

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Our study design did not utilize experimental groups. Our study utilized only two experimental subjects and sampled groups of neurons (populations) from those subjects.

Division of neurons into groups was based on brain area as described in Results paragraph 1 and illustrated in Figure 1A,B.

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