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## Life sciences study design

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| All studies must dis        | close on these points even when the disclosure is negative.   |  |
| Sample size                 | see figure 1-3 legends  |  |
| Data exclusions             | see p. 5 of main text and p. 25 of methods, ratio-metric fluorescence quantification  |  |
| Replication                 | see figure 1-3 legends  |  |
| Randomization               | N/A   |  |
| Blinding                    | N/A   |  |
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| Palaeontolo                 | ogy MRI-based neuroimaging d other organisms  |  |
|                             | earch participants  |  |
| Clinical data               |   |  |
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| Animals and other organisms |   |  |
| Policy information a        | about studies involving animals; ARRIVE guidelines recommended for reporting animal research  |  |
| Laboratory anima            | see p. 13, methods, fly stocks  |  |
| Wild animals                | N/A   |  |
| Field-collected sa          | mples N/A   |  |

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

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Ethics oversight