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- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's d , Pearson's r), indicating how they were calculated

Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

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Data collection

No software was used

Data analysis

Sequence annotation: StaG-mwc v.0.4.0 (fastp, Kraken2)
Diversity measurements: Qiime2 v.2020.2 (q2-diversity)
Statistical analyses: statsmodels v.0.11.1 (python 3.6.7), Seaborn v.0.1.0, Matplotlib v.3.1.3, R vegan v.2.5.6, scikit-bio v.0.5.6, q2-emperor
Differential abundance testing: pystan v.2.17.1.0 (songbird), DESeq2 v.1.30.1, ANCOM-II v2.1

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The data that support the findings of this study are openly available in the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA) database at <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/metagenomics/>, reference number [PRJEB52269].

Human research participants

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Reporting on sex and gender	N/A
Population characteristics	N/A
Recruitment	N/A
Ethics oversight	N/A

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 size N=64, distributed over each sex and condition (4) were acquired (n=8 per group). No sample-size calculation was performed. Number of samples was decided aiming to have substantial number of samples for robust statistical analysis, but few enough to follow animal handling ethics.
Data exclusions	One sample was excluded from the analysis that included adjustment for cages, because it lacked a cage control
Replication	Sequencing data acquired from animals could not be replicated therefore bigger (n>3, specifically 7 or 8 per group) were chosen to correct for variability. qPCR analyses were all performed in similar or larger numbers.
Randomization	Animals were allocated into experimental groups randomly, having the different experimental groups the same size and balanced between males and females within the groups.
Blinding	Blinding in this study was not relevant as it did not include assessments, the analysis bias was kept at minimum by extracting and processing the samples randomly and keeping animal metadata separately from the experimental data.

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Materials & experimental systems

Methods

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- Antibodies
- Eukaryotic cell lines
- Palaeontology and archaeology
- Animals and other organisms
- Clinical data
- Dual use research of concern

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

Animals and other research organisms

Policy information about [studies involving animals](#); [ARRIVE guidelines](#) recommended for reporting animal research, and [Sex and Gender in Research](#)

Laboratory animals	Five- and six-week-old C57BL/6J mice of both sexes were obtained from in-house breeding.
Wild animals	Study did not involve wild animals
Reporting on sex	Sex was considered in the study design. Data was disaggregated for sex, using 32 males and 32 females total. All shown analyses were performed comparing sexes directly or by separating sexes before the analysis.
Field-collected samples	Study did not involve samples collected from the field.
Ethics oversight	The local ethical committee of the Swedish National Board of Animal Research (N230/15) approved all experimental protocols

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