

We thank the editors for their comments. We describe below how we have further revised the paper based on the new comments. All page/line numbers refer to the tracked manuscript.

**General formatting:**

**1. Our standard word limit is 2000 words for the Introduction, Results and Discussion. Your current manuscript does not exceed this limit and is currently 1653 words.**

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**2. This format begins with an introductory paragraph (not abstract) of approximately 200 words, summarizing the background, rationale, main results and implications. This paragraph should be referenced, as in Nature style. Your paragraph is currently 213 words, please amend if you can.**

By our count the word count is 195.

**3. As a guideline, up to 40 references are allowed in the main text. An additional 20 references can be included in the Online Methods. Only papers that have been published or accepted by a named publication or recognized preprint server should be in the numbered list. Published conference abstracts, numbered patents and research data sets that have been assigned a digital object identifier may be included in the reference list.**

No action needed.

**4. All references must be cited in numerical order. Place Methods-only references after the Methods section and continue the numbering of the main reference list (i.e. do not start at 1).**

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**6. Genes must be clearly distinguished from gene products (e.g., “gene *Abc* encodes a kinase,” not “gene *Abc* is a kinase”). For genes, provide database-approved official symbols (e.g., NCBI Gene, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene>) for the relevant species the first time each is mentioned; gene aliases may be used thereafter. Italicize gene symbols and functionally defined locus symbols; do not use italics for proteins, noncoding gene products and spelled-out gene names.**

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**Figures and Tables:**

**7. All figures and tables, including Extended Data, must be cited in the text in numerical order. Please correct the following: Extended Data Figure 4 is not cited.**

We have done so. (P. 6, Lines 120-121).

**8. Figure legends should be concise. Begin with a brief title and then describe what is presented in the figure and detail all relevant statistical information, avoiding inappropriate methodological detail.**

No action needed.

**9. Shadings or symbols in graphs must be defined in some fashion. We prefer that you use a key within the image; do not include colored symbols in the legend.**

No action needed.

**10. All relevant figures must have scale bars (rather than numerical descriptions of magnification).**

No action needed.

**11. All relevant figures must have defined error bars.**

No action needed.

**12. Red/green color contrasts can confuse our colorblind readers; please consider recoloring figures, if needed.**

No action needed.

**13. Graph axes should start at zero and not be altered in scale to exaggerate effects. A ‘broken’ graph can be used if absolutely necessary due to sizing constraints, but the break must be visually evident and should not impinge on any data points.**

No action needed.

**14. Cropping of gel and/or blot images must be mentioned in the figure legend. Gel pieces should be separated with white space (do not add borders). Please ensure that all blots and gels are accompanied by the locations of molecular weight/size markers; at least one marker position must be present in all cropped images. Please also supply full scans of all the blots and gels as Source Data and reference this figure from the main paper.**

No action needed.

**15. All bar graphs should be converted to a dot-plot format or to a box-and-whisker format to show data distribution. All box-plot elements (center line, limits, whiskers, points) should be defined.**

No action needed.

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**16. The Methods must include a statistics section where you describe the statistical tests**

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We have done so.

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All error bars need to be defined in the legends (e.g., SD, SEM) together with a measure of centre (e.g. mean, median), and should be accompanied by their precise n number defined as noted above.

We have done so, please see specific comments below.

Please indicate how estimates of effect sizes were calculated (e.g., Cohen's d, Pearson's r).

We have done so, please see specific comments below.

Specific comments:

**Figure 4**

Please define the centre values and error bars in the figure legend.

We have done so. (P. 25, Lines 551-552).

**Extended Data Figure 4.**

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We have done so in the (Inventory of Supporting Information, P. 3).

**Extended Data Table 3**

**Please state the method used to determine the correlation (e.g. Spearman's, Pearson's).**

We have done so. (Supplementary Information, P. 4, Line 25).

**Extended Data Table 4**

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We have done so. (Supplementary Information, P. 5, Line 29).