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

Software and code

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Data collection Crystal diffraction data was collected at Diamond, using GDA. UV-VIS data was collected using Agilent Cary Win UV software.

Data analysis DFT calculations were carried out with Gaussian 09 revision D.01.
Data analysis: Chemcraft b610b, ccp4 7.1, Phaser MR 2.8.3, COOT 0.9.5, PyMol 2.2.0.

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Crystal structure data that support the findings of this study have been deposited in the PDB with the accession codes 7NEY [https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb7NEY/pdb], 7NFO [https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb7NFO/pdb], 7NF1 [https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb7NF1/pdb], 7NF2 [https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb7NF2/pdb], 7NF3 [https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb7NF3/pdb] and 7NF4 [https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb7NF4/pdb]. Computational data that support the findings of this study are available from Zenodo [https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5137885]. Source data are provided with this paper.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Sample sizes were decided based on common practice in the field. (e.g crystal data collection to obtain >95% completeness) Activity assays performed in duplicate/triplicate (https://doi.org/10.1038/s42004-020-00368-z)
Data exclusions	No data was excluded.
Replication	Data presented from technical replicates. Independent replication attempts successfully showed trend
Randomization	No randomization necessary, this is not clinical study. Experiments did not need allocation to groups.
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☒	☐ Clinical data
☒	☐ Dual use research of concern

Methods

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☒	☐ ChIP-seq
☒	☐ Flow cytometry
☒	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging