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Software and code

Policy information about [availability of computer code](#)

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Data collection | Sequencing was performed at the Center for Genomics and Bioinformatics at Indiana University, Illumina NextSeq platform.                                                                                                                   |
| Data analysis   | HiC-Pro version 2.9.0; R studio build 351; tidyverse package version 1.3.1, package HiTC version 1.38, package DESeq 2 version 1.34; Chromosight 1.3.1; Bowtie 2, version 2.4.1; SeqMonk version 1.48; Get_homologues 3.6.1; FastQC 0.11.3 |

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Data deposited at NIH SRA BioProject ID PRJNA1027590: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/1027590>

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| Reporting on sex and gender                                        | NA |
| Reporting on race, ethnicity, or other socially relevant groupings | NA |
| Population characteristics                                         | NA |
| Recruitment                                                        | NA |
| Ethics oversight                                                   | NA |

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## Field-specific reporting

Please select the one below that is the best fit for your research. If you are not sure, read the appropriate sections before making your selection.

☒ Life sciences ☐ Behavioural & social sciences ☐ Ecological, evolutionary & environmental sciences

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## Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

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| Sample size     | Depending on analysis, experiments were performed in duplicates or triplicates. No sample size calculation was performed, duplicate and triplicate are standard sizes for this sort of analysis. |
| Data exclusions | No data were excluded                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Replication     | Pearson correlation between replicate results was tested and high (see Supplementary Information for examples of replication)                                                                    |
| Randomization   | No randomization was performed, not appropriate to the data under analysis.                                                                                                                      |
| Blinding        | Data inappropriate for blinding during analyses (largely intra-sample analyses)                                                                                                                  |

## Behavioural & social sciences study design

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| Study description |  |
| Research sample   |  |
| Sampling strategy |  |
| Data collection   |  |
| Timing            |  |
| Data exclusions   |  |
| Non-participation |  |
| Randomization     |  |

# Ecological, evolutionary & environmental sciences study design

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| Timing and spatial scale | <input type="text"/> |
| Data exclusions          | <input type="text"/> |
| Reproducibility          | <input type="text"/> |
| Randomization            | <input type="text"/> |
| Blinding                 | <input type="text"/> |

Did the study involve field work? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Field work, collection and transport

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### Materials & experimental systems

| n/a                                 | Involved in the study                                  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> Antibodies                    |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical data                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual use research of concern  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Plants                        |

### Methods

| n/a                                 | Involved in the study                           |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ChIP-seq    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Flow cytometry         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> MRI-based neuroimaging |

## Antibodies

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| Antibodies used | Custom antibodies against <i>Aeropyrum pernix</i> RAD50 were produced in rabbits from purified recombinant protein.                                                              |
| Validation      | Antibodies' specificity was tested in western-blot (1/100 dilution of primary antibody) with purified recombinant <i>Aeropyrum pernix</i> RAD50 protein and whole cell extracts. |

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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| Cell line source(s)                                                  | <input type="text"/> |
| Authentication                                                       | <input type="text"/> |
| Mycoplasma contamination                                             | <input type="text"/> |
| Commonly misidentified lines<br>(See <a href="#">ICLAC</a> register) | <input type="text"/> |

## Palaeontology and Archaeology

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| Ethics oversight                                                                                                                                | <input type="text"/> |

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| Field-collected samples | <input type="text"/> |
| Ethics oversight        | <input type="text"/> |

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| Study protocol              | <input type="text"/> |
| Data collection             | <input type="text"/> |
| Outcomes                    | <input type="text"/> |

## Dual use research of concern

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### Hazards

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## Plants

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| Novel plant genotypes | <input type="text"/> |
| Authentication        | <input type="text"/> |

## ChIP-seq

### Data deposition

- ☒ Confirm that both raw and final processed data have been deposited in a public database such as [GEO](#).
- ☐ Confirm that you have deposited or provided access to graph files (e.g. BED files) for the called peaks.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Data access links<br><i>May remain private before publication.</i> | NIH SRA BioProject ID PRJNA1027590: <a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/1027590">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/1027590</a> |
| Files in database submission                                       | <input type="text"/>                                                                                                                            |
| Genome browser session<br>(e.g. <a href="#">UCSC</a> )             | Not applicable, no peaks called - non-sequence specific interactions with DNA                                                                   |

### Methodology

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Replicates              | 2                                     |
| Sequencing depth        | Paired-end read sequencing            |
| Antibodies              | Custon anti-Ap. pernix RAD50 antisera |
| Peak calling parameters | No peaks called                       |
| Data quality            | FastQC                                |

## Flow Cytometry

### Plots

Confirm that:

- ☐ The axis labels state the marker and fluorochrome used (e.g. CD4-FITC).
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### Methodology

Sample preparation

Instrument

Software

Cell population abundance

Gating strategy

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## Magnetic resonance imaging

### Experimental design

Design type

Design specifications

Behavioral performance measures

Imaging type(s)

Field strength

Sequence & imaging parameters

Area of acquisition

Diffusion MRI

☐ Used

☐ Not used

### Preprocessing

Preprocessing software

Normalization

Normalization template

Noise and artifact removal

Volume censoring

### Statistical modeling & inference

Model type and settings

Effect(s) tested

Specify type of analysis: ☐ Whole brain ☐ ROI-based ☐ Both

Statistic type for inference

(See [Eklund et al. 2016](#))

Correction

## Models & analysis

n/a | Involved in the study

☐ ☐ Functional and/or effective connectivity

☐ ☐ Graph analysis

☐ ☐ Multivariate modeling or predictive analysis

Functional and/or effective connectivity

Graph analysis

Multivariate modeling and predictive analysis

