# Reporting Checklist for Nature Neuroscience

This checklist is used to ensure good reporting standards and to improve the reproducibility of published results. For more information, please read Reporting Life Sciences Research.

Please note that in the event of publication, it is mandatory that authors include all relevant methodological and statistical information in the manuscript.

### Statistics reporting, by figure

- Please specify the following information for each panel reporting quantitative data, and where each item is reported (section, e.g. Results, & paragraph number).
- Each figure legend should ideally contain an exact sample size (n) for each experimental group/condition, where n is an exact number and not a range, a clear definition of how n is defined (for example x cells from x slices from x animals from x litters, collected over x days), a description of the statistical test used, the results of the tests, any descriptive statistics and clearly defined error bars if applicable.
- For any experiments using custom statistics, please indicate the test used and stats obtained for each experiment.
- Each figure legend should include a statement of how many times the experiment shown was replicated in the lab; the details of sample collection should be sufficiently clear so that the replicability of the experiment is obvious to the reader.
- For experiments reported in the text but not in the figures, please use the paragraph number instead of the figure number.

Note: Mean and standard deviation are not appropriate on small samples, and plotting independent data points is usually more informative. When technical replicates are reported, error and significance measures reflect the experimental variability and not the variability of the biological process; it is misleading not to state this clearly.

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### Representative figures

1. Are any representative images shown (including Western blots and immunohistochemistry/staining) in the paper? 

   If so, what figure(s)?

   - Fig 1c, f, Fig 2 a, Fig 3 a-f, Fig 4, Fig 5a, b, Fig 6b, Fig 7a, c, Fig 8b

   - Fig 1c: Results paragraph 2, Fig 1d, e
     - Fig 1f: Results paragraph 3, Fig 1g
     - Fig 2a: Fig 2b
     - Fig 3a-f: Results paragraph 6, 7, Fig 3g-i
     - Fig 4, Fig 5a, b: Results paragraph 9, Fig 5c, d
     - Fig 6b: Results paragraph 11, Fig 6c
     - Fig 7a: Fig 7b
     - Fig 7c: Fig 7d
     - Fig 8b: Fig 8d

### Statistics and general methods

1. Is there a justification of the sample size? 

   If so, how was it justified? 

   Where (section, paragraph #)?

   Even if no sample size calculation was performed, authors should report why the sample size is adequate to measure their effect size.

   - No

   - No statistical methods were used to pre-determine sample sizes. But our sample sizes were similar to those reported in previous studies [REFS 19, 21]

   - Methods paragraph 12

2. Are statistical tests justified as appropriate for every figure? 

   Where (section, paragraph #)?

   - Statistical test was chosen based on the type of data being compared.

   a. If there is a section summarizing the statistical methods in the methods, is the statistical test for each experiment clearly defined? 

   - Statistical tests were clearly defined throughout the manuscript.

   b. Do the data meet the assumptions of the specific statistical test you chose (e.g. normality for a parametric test)? 

   - Group comparisons were performed with non-parametric tests.
c. Is there any estimate of variance within each group of data?  
   Is the variance similar between groups that are being statistically compared?  
   Where is this described (section, paragraph #)?
   Yes, Variance within a group is described as either SD, SEM or confidence interval.  
   Group comparisons were performed with non-parametric tests.

d. Are tests specified as one- or two-sided?  
   Yes (Methods paragraph 12)

e. Are there adjustments for multiple comparisons?  
   Yes (Methods, paragraph 13,14)

3. Are criteria for excluding data points reported?  
   Was this criterion established prior to data collection?  
   Where is this described (section, paragraph #)?
   Yes (Methods, paragraph 3,10,22) 
   No. But prior to data analysis

4. Define the method of randomization used to assign subjects (or samples) to the experimental groups and to collect and process data.  
   If no randomization was used, state so.  
   Where does this appear (section, paragraph #)?
   Not applicable (no groups in this study)

5. Is a statement of the extent to which investigator knew the group allocation during the experiment and in assessing outcome included?  
   If no blinding was done, state so.  
   Where (section, paragraph #)?
   Not applicable (no groups in this study)

6. For experiments in live vertebrates, is a statement of compliance with ethical guidelines/regulations included?  
   Where (section, paragraph #)?
   Yes  
   Methods paragraph 1

7. Is the species of the animals used reported?  
   Where (section, paragraph #)?
   Yes  
   Methods paragraph 1

8. Is the strain of the animals (including background strains of KO/transgenic animals used) reported?  
   Where (section, paragraph #)?
   Yes  
   Methods paragraph 1

9. Is the sex of the animals/subjects used reported?  
   Where (section, paragraph #)?
   Yes  
   Methods paragraph 1

10. Is the age of the animals/subjects reported?  
    Where (section, paragraph #)?
    Described as adult  
    Methods paragraph 1

11. For animals housed in a vivarium, is the light/dark cycle reported?  
    Where (section, paragraph #)?
    No (some were housed with a reverse light/dark cycle, the others were with a normal light/dark cycle).
12. For animals housed in a vivarium, is the housing group (i.e. number of animals per cage) reported?
   Where (section, paragraph #)?
   No (up to 3 animals per cage)

13. For behavioral experiments, is the time of day reported (e.g. light or dark cycle)?
   Where (section, paragraph #)?
   No (some were at the light cycle, some were at the dark cycle).

14. Is the previous history of the animals/subjects (e.g. prior drug administration, surgery, behavioral testing) reported?
   Where (section, paragraph #)?
   No (all the animals were naive at the beginning of experiment)
   a. If multiple behavioral tests were conducted in the same group of animals, is this reported?
      Where (section, paragraph #)?

15. If any animals/subjects were excluded from analysis, is this reported?
   Where (section, paragraph #)?
   All animals which reached stable waiting performance (for more than 4 sessions) were used in this study.
   a. How were the criteria for exclusion defined?
      Where is this described (section, paragraph #)?
   b. Specify reasons for any discrepancy between the number of animals at the beginning and end of the study.
      Where is this described (section, paragraph #)?

Reagents

1. Have antibodies been validated for use in the system under study (assay and species)?
   a. Is antibody catalog number given?
      Where does this appear (section, paragraph #)?
   b. Where were the validation data reported (citation, supplementary information, Antibodypedia)?
      Where does this appear (section, paragraph #)?

2. If cell lines were used to reflect the properties of a particular tissue or disease state, is their source identified?
   Where (section, paragraph #)?
Data deposition

Data deposition in a public repository is mandatory for:
- Protein, DNA and RNA sequences
- Macromolecular structures
- Crystallographic data for small molecules
- Microarray data

Deposition is strongly recommended for many other datasets for which structured public repositories exist; more details on our data policy are available here. We encourage the provision of other source data in supplementary information or in unstructured repositories such as Figshare and Dryad.

1. Are accession codes for deposit dates provided?

Where (section, paragraph #)?

No

Computer code/software

Any custom algorithm/software that is central to the methods must be supplied by the authors in a usable and readable form for readers at the time of publication. However, referees may ask for this information at any time during the review process.

1. Identify all custom software or scripts that were required to conduct the study and where in the procedures each was used.

A custom software written with Python (with OpenCV library) was used for tracking the animal. For all the other analysis, custom softwares written in Matlab were used.

2. Is computer source code/software provided with the paper or deposited in a public repository? Indicate in what form this is provided or how it can be obtained.

They can be obtained by email from the authors.

Human subjects

1. Which IRB approved the protocol?

Where is this stated (section, paragraph #)?

2. Is demographic information on all subjects provided?

Where (section, paragraph #)?

3. Is the number of human subjects, their age and sex clearly defined?

Where (section, paragraph #)?

4. Are the inclusion and exclusion criteria (if any) clearly specified?

Where (section, paragraph #)?
5. How well were the groups matched?
   Where is this information described (section, paragraph #)?

6. Is a statement included confirming that informed consent was obtained from all subjects?
   Where (section, paragraph #)?

7. For publication of patient photos, is a statement included confirming that consent to publish was obtained?
   Where (section, paragraph #)?

fMRI studies

For papers reporting functional imaging (fMRI) results please ensure that these minimal reporting guidelines are met and that all this information is clearly provided in the methods:

1. Were any subjects scanned but then rejected for the analysis after the data was collected?

   a. If yes, is the number rejected and reasons for rejection described?
      Where (section, paragraph #)?

2. Is the number of blocks, trials or experimental units per session and/or subjects specified?
   Where (section, paragraph #)?

3. Is the length of each trial and interval between trials specified?

4. Is a blocked, event-related, or mixed design being used? If applicable, please specify the block length or how the event-related or mixed design was optimized.

5. Is the task design clearly described?
   Where (section, paragraph #)?

6. How was behavioral performance measured?

7. Is an ANOVA or factorial design being used?

8. For data acquisition, is a whole brain scan used?
   If not, state area of acquisition.

   a. How was this region determined?
9. Is the field strength (in Tesla) of the MRI system stated?
   a. Is the pulse sequence type (gradient/spin echo, EPI/spiral) stated?
   b. Are the field-of-view, matrix size, slice thickness, and TE/TR/flip angle clearly stated?

10. Are the software and specific parameters (model/functions, smoothing kernel size if applicable, etc.) used for data processing and pre-processing clearly stated?

11. Is the coordinate space for the anatomical/functional imaging data clearly defined as subject/native space or standardized stereotaxic space, e.g., original Talairach, MNI305, ICBM152, etc. Where (section, paragraph #)?

12. If there was data normalization/standardization to a specific space template, are the type of transformation (linear vs. nonlinear) used and image types being transformed clearly described? Where (section, paragraph #)?

13. How were anatomical locations determined, e.g., via an automated labeling algorithm (AAL), standardized coordinate database (Talairach daemon), probabilistic atlases, etc.?

14. Were any additional regressors (behavioral covariates, motion etc) used?

15. Is the contrast construction clearly defined?

16. Is a mixed/random effects or fixed inference used?
   a. If fixed effects inference used, is this justified?

17. Were repeated measures used (multiple measurements per subject)?
   a. If so, are the method to account for within subject correlation and the assumptions made about variance clearly stated?

18. If the threshold used for inference and visualization in figures varies, is this clearly stated?

19. Are statistical inferences corrected for multiple comparisons?
   a. If not, is this labeled as uncorrected?
20. Are the results based on an ROI (region of interest) analysis?
   a. If so, is the rationale clearly described?
   b. How were the ROI’s defined (functional vs anatomical localization)?

21. Is there correction for multiple comparisons within each voxel?

22. For cluster-wise significance, is the cluster-defining threshold and the corrected significance level defined?

Additional comments

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