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C57BL/6J mice from Jackson laboratory were randomly assigned to treatment groups. Transgenic mice were bred in-house and litter mates were divided up into different treatment groups. Behavioral data were recorded and quantified by Ethovision XT13, and burying behavior was hand-scored using BORIS (Behavioral Observation Research Interactive Software) by a blind observer. This information is found in the Methods section.

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