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- For hierarchical and complex designs, identification of the appropriate level for tests and full reporting of outcomes
- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen’s d, Pearson’s r), indicating how they were calculated

Our web collection on statistics for biologists contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

Policy information about availability of computer code

Data collection
- There is no open source software for collecting data.

Data analysis
- The AutoEmation is a collecting software but is not open source. RELION 3.0, Resmap 1.1.4, COOT 0.8.6 and PHENIX 1.15.2-3472 were used at the determination of the structure for data processing, model building and refinement. PyMOL 1.8.x and chimera 1.13 was used to generate the structural figures.

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- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
- A list of figures that have associated raw data
- A description of any restrictions on data availability

NCBI was used for downloading the published HKU2 and SADS-CoV sequences to do the research. Cryo-EM structure presented in this work have been deposited in the Protein Data Bank (PDB) under the accession codes 6M15 and 6M16. The map have been deposited into the EMDB under codes EMD-30037 and EMD-30038.

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Life sciences study design

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

|                  | Answer |
|------------------|--------|
| Sample size      | Two separate proteins were purified |
| Data exclusions  | No data excluded. |
| Replication      | These two proteins were stably expressed |
| Randomization    | These two proteins were stably expressed |
| Blinding         | These two proteins were stably expressed |

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| ×        | Antibodies |
| ×        | Eukaryotic cell lines |
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| ×        | Animals and other organisms |
| ×        | Human research participants |
| ×        | Clinical data |
| n/a     | Involved in the study |
| ×        | ChiP-seq |
| ×        | Flow cytometry |
| ×        | MRI-based neuroimaging |

Eukaryotic cell lines

Policy information about cell lines

| Cell line source(s) | SF9 and Hi5 cells were bought from ATCC |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Authentication      | SF9 : referred to website: https://www.atcc.org/products/all/CRL-1711.aspx  
                     HI5 : referred to website  
                     These two cell lines are all available in commercial company. |
| Mycoplasma contamination | We confirm that all cell lines were negative for mycoplasma contamination |
| Commonly misidentified lines (See ICCLC register) | No commonly misidentified cell lines were used |