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For electrophysiology, behavioral and RT-qPCR experiments, sample size was not computed using an explicit power analysis. We used a standard number of replicates, commonly used for this kind of experiments (see detail in next section).

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The RT-qPCR (Fig. 1A) was performed using 3 biological replicates and 3 technical replicates, as recommended (Bustin et. al, 2009). This has been detailed in the section “material & methods”. For electrophysiology and behavioral experiments (Fig. 2 and 3), the number of replicates is indicated in figure legends. These numbers correspond to biological replicates. Each recorded sensillum or antenna belonged to a different individual, and each trace of Two-Electrode Voltage Clamp (TEVC) was obtained from a distinct oocyte expressing the receptor of interest. For all these experiments, no recording was discarded for the calculation of mean responses.

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For phylogenies, node support estimation method was described in the material and methods section (p. 18). We used a recently published method (Lemoine et al., 2018) that has been designed for datasets with highly divergent sequences.

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For the RT-qPCR, animals were randomly allocated into 3 distinct groups of each sex for RNA extraction (detailed in material & methods).

For electrophysiology experiments, odors were tested in a random order except for the major pheromone component (Z9,E11-14:OAc) when tested on *S. littoralis* OSNs. It was always tested last to avoid short‐term peripheral sensitization (López, 2017).

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