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For all quantification of convulsion behaviour, we used a minimum of 15 animals per strain based on previously published standards. For strains containing extrachromosomal array transgenes, we analyzed two independent transgenic lines, following the standard practice among *C. elegans* researchers.

For quantification of GFP fluorescence intensity, a post-hoc power analysis was used to determine whether the sample size was appropriate.

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Qualitative observations of convulsion behaviour and fluorescence intensity were made > 3 times during the process of strain construction. Quantification was made from at least two independent data sets, with genotype generally blinded to observers. For extrachromosomal array containing animals, an equivalent number of animals from two replicate strains was used.

We used two biological replicates for all seCLIP experiments and one IgG negative control (seCLIP performed in a wild type background). In our seCLIP experiments, the biological replicates were animals of the same strain grown on different media plates under identical conditions.

No outliers were excluded from any experiment. Details of all data analysis are described in the Methods of the submitted manuscript.

Raw and analyzed seCLIP datasets from this study have been uploaded to the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) under accession number GSE152704.

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 definitions of center, methods of multiple test correction, and dispersion and precision
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Experimental groups were established based on animal genotype, including controls. Animal behaviour and imaging was scored with genotype blinding to observer, when possible. Relevant information is described in the methods section.

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