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Sample size was not predetermined during study design. However, for each experiment our sample sizes were based upon conventions established in literature including our own previously published papers that had used similar assays and power calculations. Sample size for each experiment is mentioned in the results and figure legends section.

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Information regarding number of experiments, total number of animals used in each experiment and animals used per group in each experiment have been provided in respective results and figure legend sections.

Each animal has been considered as a biological replicate and all our replicates represented in the figures are biological. In case of RT-PCR, Immunoblotting, ELISA and MedIP individual data points for each replicate has been plotted in the figures.

All the experiments except RNA sequencing (Figure 1 and 2) were repeated at least 2-3 times and with independent cohort of mice. RNA sequencing has been conducted from 3 mice per group from a single cohort.

For resident intruder behavioral test, phenotypic screening was performed based on different levels of aggression and accordingly animals were categorized into escalated aggressive, hyper-aggressive, moderate-aggressive, less aggressive and non-aggressive (Fig1). Screening parameters has been described in details in methods and results section.

Outliers, if found in were included in study. No data from experiments was excluded.

RNA sequencing data from Fig 1 and Fig 2 is accessible through GEO Series accession number GSE199844 and private link for reviewers have been provided. We have updated the GEO submission with FPKM values of all transcripts in each individual biological replicate.

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Statistical analysis method, sample sizes and p values for each experiment has been mentioned in the results and figure legend section. This has also been summarized in the statistical analysis section of the Materials and Methods. ANOVA summary tables has been added in main text and detailed table of respective figures has been uploaded as a single supplementary file.

Raw data has been presented in figures for experiments where N is less than 10 and also uploaded as source files. In addition raw data and source files for all behavioral experiments has been provided.

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At weaning, male and female mice were randomly assigned to control and peripubertal stress (PPS) conditions. Mice from different litters were mixed throughout the different home cages by placing equivalent numbers of animals from each litter into the control or experimental group and by avoiding having siblings in the same home cage. However, for evaluation for intergenerational inheritance experiment, litters originating from same parent i.e siblings were kept in same home cage. Information has been given in Materials and Methods section.

Resident intruder based scoring of aggressive behavior was performed by experimenter blinded to the animal identity and group assignment and has been mentioned in Materials and Methods section.

Experiments wherever possible were repeated by separate experimenters/researchers to ascertain reproducibility and independent verification of data and has been mentioned in Materials and Methods section.

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Source data have been provided for the following main and supplementary figures

**Main Figures**-Fig.1C, Fig.3D, Fig. 4B-4I and Fig.4L, Fig.5B, 5C, Fig.6B-6D and Fig.7

**Supplementary Figures-** Fig. 4A-4D

Source data for RNA sequencing (Fig.1E and Fig.2B) have been uploaded to GEO for public accessibility (GEO accession GSE199844) and private link for reviewers have been provided.