## ESM Table 1.

Target	Primary	Secondary (dilution 1:300, all ThermoFisher Scientific)
(cat. No)		
INSL5	1:500 (rat; Takeda, Japan)	Donkey anti-rat conjugated with AlexaFluor 488 (A32790)
5-HT	1:1000 (rabbit; Immunostar,	Donkey anti-rabbit conjugated with AlexaFluor 550 (A32794)
(20080)	USA)	
GCG	1:50 (mouse; Santa-Cruz	Donkey anti-mouse conjugated with AlexaFluor 555 (A32773)
(sc-	Biotechnologies, USA)	
514592)		
GFP	1:1000 (goat; Abcam, UK)	Donkey anti-goat conjugated with AlexaFluor647 (A32849)
(ab5450)		

ESM Table 1 Antibody reagents

Hoechst nuclear stain (1:1000) was also used in immunohistochemistry experiments

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ESM Figure 1: GFP expression was undetected in the central nervous system of Dox-induced Insl5rtTAxGCaMP6fACMV mice. Coronal sections from mice stained for GCaMP6f (using a GFP antibody). Drawings are based on the Paxinos Mouse Brain Atlas. (a) Paraventricular nucleus of the hypothalamus (PVN), supraoptic nucleus (SON). (b) Lateral hypothalamic area (LHA), dorsomedial hypothalamus (DMH), ventromedial hypothalamus (VMH), arcuate nucleus (ARC). (c) Area postrema (AP), nucleus tractus solitarius (NTS). Scale bars represent 5 mm in (ii) and 500 µm in (iii). GFPimmunohistochemical staining was readily observable in the colon of these mice (not shown).



ESM Fig. 2.

ESM Figure 2: Energy expenditure is increased by colonic L cell stimulation. (a) Energy expenditure 1h and (b) 2 h post administration of CNO in Dox-induced Insl5-rtTAxTet-CrexDq mice. Values are group mean  $\pm$  SEM (n = 11, crossover design). \* p < 0.05 by ANCOVA (a, b). (c) RER, (d) energy expenditure and (e) activity were unaffected by CNO in control C57Bl/6JN mice. Values are group mean  $\pm$  SEM (n = 6 mice per group, non-crossover design).