

## Supplementary Materials for

### **Distinct neural mechanisms for the prosocial and rewarding properties of MDMA**

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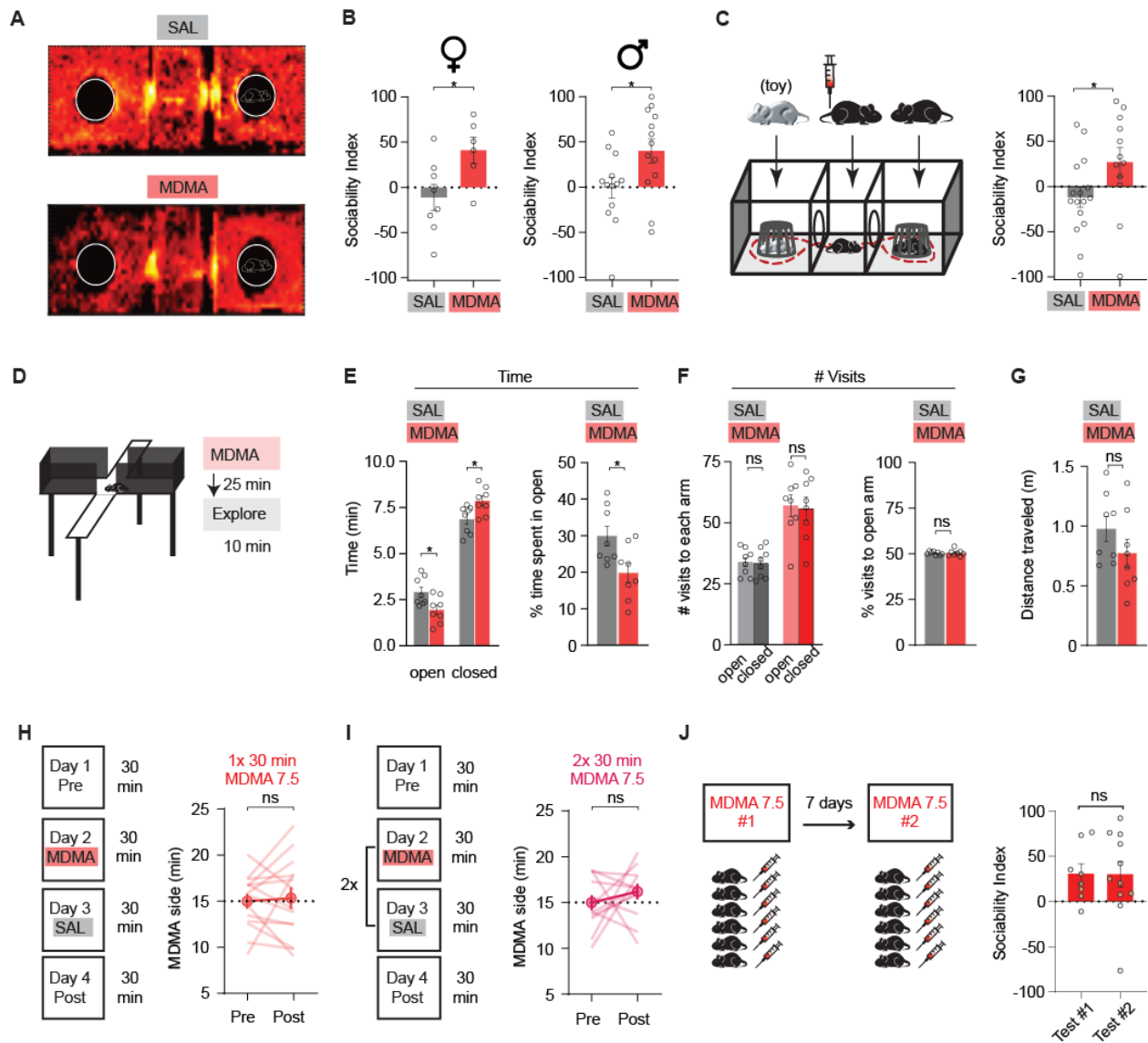
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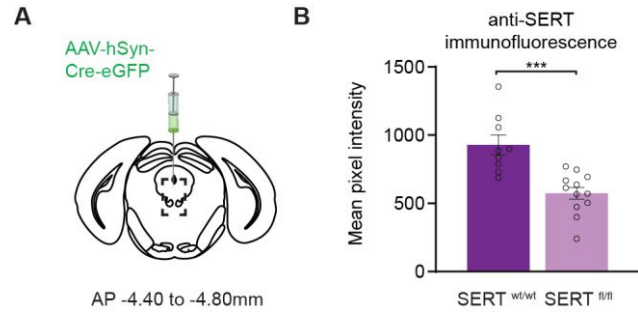
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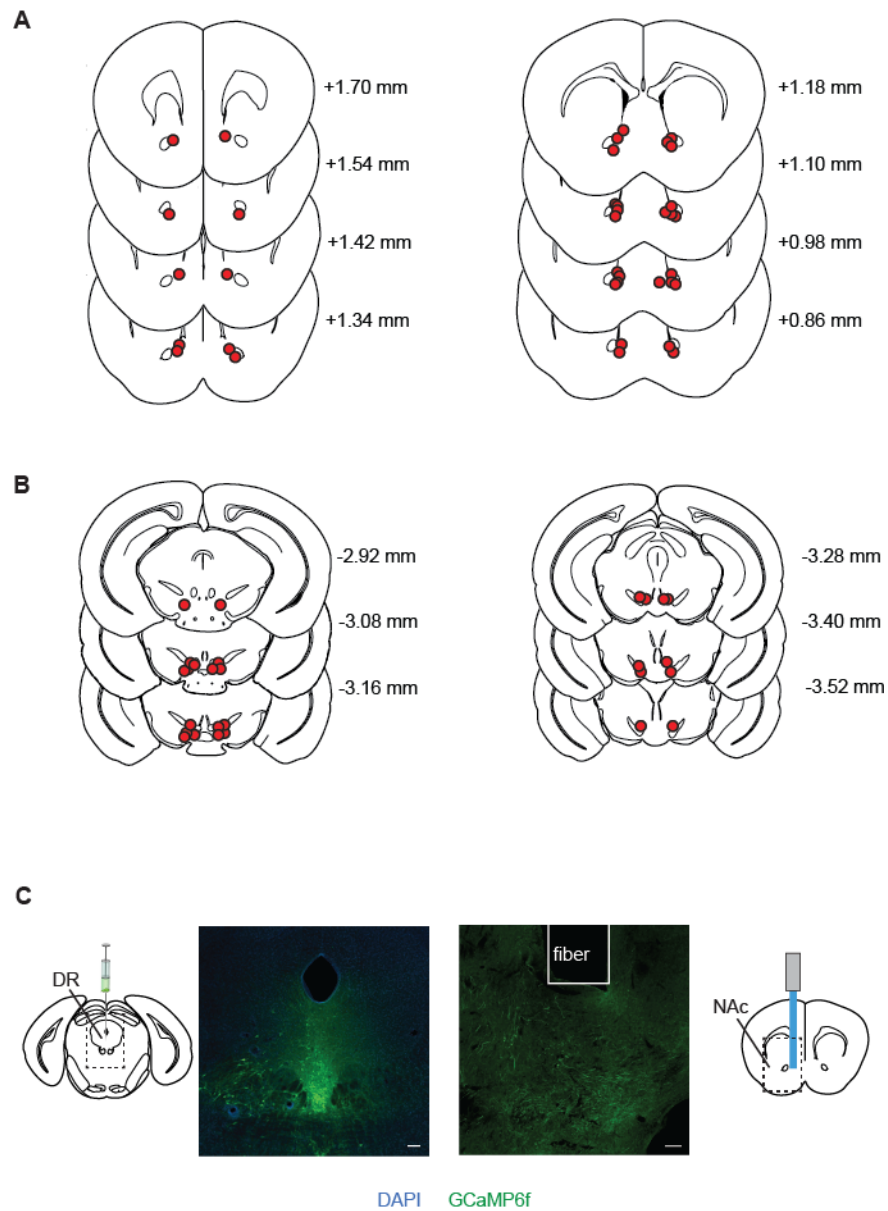


**Fig. S1. Supplementary information supporting data shown in Fig. 1. (A)** Sample heat map illustrating the relative amounts of time, which a saline- or MDMA-treated mouse spent within each position of the three-chamber testing apparatus over the 30-minute exploration period. Heat map construction: the sum total of visits to each square centimeter was calculated; for visualization, the map ( $M$ ) was transformed by  $1 + \log(M)$ ; map was interpolated by a factor of 10; a gaussian smoothing function was applied. **(B)** Sociability after MDMA (7.5 mg/kg) in adult female mice (*left*;  $N=6-8$ ) and adult male mice (*right*;  $N=13$ ). **(C)** Sociability after MDMA (7.5 mg/kg) when an unfamiliar toy mouse (schematic at *left*) is placed in the empty cup (summary graph at *right*;  $N=12-16$ ). **(D)** Schematic of elevated-plus maze and experimental time line. **(E)** Time spent in the open-arm areas after either MDMA (7.5 mg/kg) or saline treatment, as measured by total time and % of total time ( $N=8$ ). **(F)** Same experiment as **(E)**, quantifying the

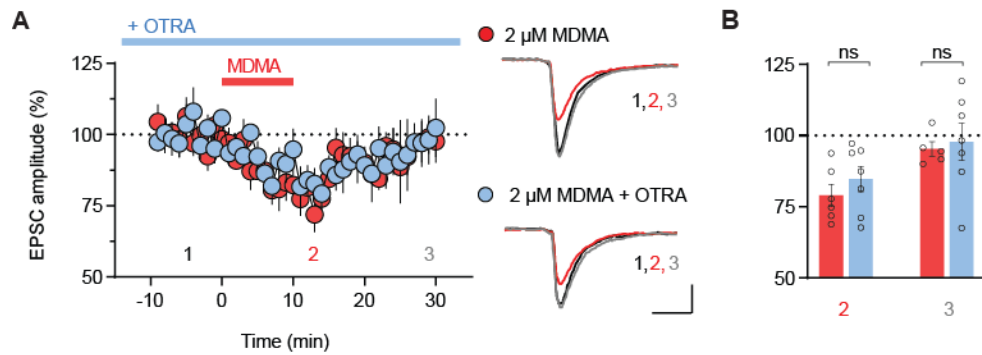
visits made to each arm as total number and % of total visits. **(G)** Same experiment as **(E)**, distance traveled after MDMA (7.5 mg/kg) compared to saline. **(H)** CPP data after a shorter duration of pairing MDMA 7.5 mg/kg with a unique context (30 min versus the 1 hr shown in **Fig. 1H**; N=14). **(I)** CPP data after two pairings of MDMA 7.5 mg/kg with a unique context (30 min each; N=12). **(J)** Sociability in the same cohort of mice given two separate doses of MDMA 7.5 mg/kg one week apart (N=12 mice in cohort; Day 0, N=8 and Day 7, N=11 mice meeting criteria for measurement). Data shown are means  $\pm$  s.e.m. Significance was determined between groups using an unpaired t-test for **(B)**, **(C)**, **(E)**, **(F, right)**, **(G)**, **(J)**; within group (paired t-test) for **(F, left)**, **(H)**, **(I)**. \*P<0.05.



**Fig. S2. Supplementary information supporting data shown in Fig. 2D.** (A) Schematic drawing of DR injected with AAV-Cre, denoting approximate range of antero-posterior position for slices used to quantify anti-SERT immunofluorescence. (B) Anti-SERT immunofluorescence intensity quantification in DR of AAV-Cre injected SERT<sup>wt/wt</sup> and SERT<sup>fl/fl</sup> mice. Data shown are means  $\pm$  s.e.m. Significance was determined between groups (unpaired t-test) for (B). \*\*\*P<0.001.



**Fig. S3. Supplementary information supporting data shown in Fig. 3. (A and B)** Location of infuser tips of cannulae implanted for intra-NAc drug delivery (**A; Fig. 3A, C, D**), and intra-VTA drug delivery (**B; Fig. 3B**). (**C**) Sample images showing virus injection (DJ-AAV-EF1a-DIO-GCaMP6f) into the DR of SERT-Cre mice (*left*) and optical fiber placement in the NAc (*right*), for fiber photometry experiments (**Fig. 3E-L**). GCaMP6f, green; DAPI, blue. Scale bar = 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Fig. S4. Low-dose MDMA effect on EPSCs in NAc brain slices is not blocked by an OxtR antagonist.** (A) *Left*, Summary timecourse graph showing the effect of a 10 minute bath application of MDMA (2  $\mu$ M) on EPSC amplitude evoked in NAc MSNs, with and without incubation and continuous application of an OxtR antagonist, L-368,899 (5  $\mu$ M; N=6-7 cells, 6 mice). *Right*, Sample EPSC traces taken from time points indicated: 1, baseline; 2, peak MDMA effect (10-15 min post infusion); 3, MDMA washout (25-30 min post infusion). Second stimulated EPSCs are omitted for clarity. Scale bars: 100 pA, 10 ms. (B) Summary graph of data in A, showing EPSC amplitudes at time points 2 and 3 for the 2 $\mu$ M MDMA versus the 2 $\mu$ M MDMA + OTRA groups. Data shown are means  $\pm$  s.e.m. Significance was determined between groups (unpaired t-test) for (B). ns,  $P > 0.05$ .

**Table S1. Numerical and statistical data supporting Fig. 1 and fig. S1.** <sup>a</sup> Planned *post hoc* comparisons performed using Sidak correction for multiple comparisons.

Panel	Group	N	Mean $\pm$ SEM (unit)	Primary Statistic	<i>Post hoc</i> test <sup>a</sup>
1B	SAL	13	empty, 11.92 $\pm$ 0.98 (min) mouse, 12.51 $\pm$ 1.10 (min)	One-way ANOVA, unmatched; F <sub>7,82</sub> =6.20, P<0.0001	ns
	MDMA 3 mg/kg	9	empty, 7.76 $\pm$ 1.29 (min) mouse, 11.92 $\pm$ 1.67 (min)		ns
	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	13	empty, 7.17 $\pm$ 1.13 (min) mouse, 16.21 $\pm$ 1.72 (min)		P<0.0001
	MDMA 15 mg/kg	10	empty, 7.94 $\pm$ 1.52 (min) mouse, 15.86 $\pm$ 1.98 (min)		P=0.0015
1C	SAL	16		Two-way ANOVA, ordinary; Treatment: F <sub>1,163</sub> = 8.42, P=0.0042 Time: ns	
	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	14			
1D	SAL	16	-6.31 $\pm$ 7.69 (soc. ind.)	Unpaired t-test; P=0.022	
	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	13	24.49 $\pm$ 10.42 (soc. ind.)		
1E	SAL, both mice	12	-2.49 $\pm$ 11.26 (soc. ind.)	One-way ANOVA, unmatched; F <sub>3,61</sub> =5.87, P=0.0014	---
	MDMA, free mouse	18	14.75 $\pm$ 5.14 (soc. ind.)		vs SAL, ns
	MDMA, free mouse	20	26.55 $\pm$ 7.25 (soc. ind.)		vs SAL, P=0.023
	MDMA, both mice	15	42.30 $\pm$ 5.42 (soc. ind.)		vs SAL, P=0.0005
1F	SAL	10	2.12 $\pm$ .33 (m)	One-way ANOVA, unmatched; F <sub>3,38</sub> =9.14, P=0.0001	---
	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	10	2.18 $\pm$ .56 (m)		vs SAL, ns
	MDMA 15 mg/kg	11	5.79 $\pm$ .65 (m)		vs SAL, P=0.0002
1H	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	10	pre, 15.96 $\pm$ 1.02 post, 15.75 $\pm$ 1.47	Paired t-test; ns	
	MDMA 15 mg/kg	11	pre 14.66 $\pm$ 1.45 post, 18.08 $\pm$ 1.43	Paired t-test; P=0.012	
S1B	Female SAL	8	-11.10 $\pm$ 14.38 (soc. ind.)	Unpaired t-test; P=0.027	
	Female MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	6	41.15 $\pm$ 14.36 (soc. ind.)		
	Male SAL	13	-0.70 $\pm$ 11.26 (soc. ind.)	Unpaired t-test; P=0.027	
	Male MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	13	40.14 $\pm$ 13.23 (soc. ind.)		
S1C	SAL	16	-11.96 $\pm$ 10.99 (soc. ind.)	Unpaired t-test; P=0.049	
	MDMA	12	27.01 $\pm$ 16.17 (soc. ind.)		
S1E	Open arm, SAL	8	2.93 $\pm$ 0.27 (min)	Unpaired t-test; P=0.020	
	Open arm, MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	8	1.95 $\pm$ 0.26 (min)		
	Closed arm, SAL		6.87 $\pm$ 0.27 (min)	Unpaired t-test; P=0.020	
	Closed arm, MDMA 7.5 mg/kg		7.86 $\pm$ 0.26 (min)		
	Open arm, SAL		29.89 $\pm$ 2.76 (% total time)	Unpaired t-test; P=0.020	
	Open arm, MDMA 7.5 mg/kg		19.88 $\pm$ 2.63 (% total time)		
S1F	Open arm, SAL	8	33.88 $\pm$ 1.95 (# visits)	Paired t-test; ns	
	Closed arm, SAL		33.38 $\pm$ 2.15 (# visits)		
	Open arm, MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	8	57.00 $\pm$ 4.46 (# visits)	Paired t-test; ns	
	Closed arm, MDMA 7.5 mg/kg		55.88 $\pm$ 4.60 (# visits)		
	Open arm, SAL		50.44 $\pm$ 0.32 (% total visits)	Unpaired t-test;	

	Open arm, MDMA 7.5 mg/kg		50.53 ± 0.61 (% total visits)	ns	
S1G	SAL	8	9.78 ± 1.04 (m)	Unpaired t-test; ns	
	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	8	7.75 ± 1.18(m)		
S1H	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg, 30 min x 1	14	pre, 14.98 ± 0.79 post, 15.33 ± 1.17	Paired t-test; ns	
S1I	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg, 30 min x 2	12	pre 14.91 ± 0.82 post, 16.11 ± 0.83	Paired t-test; ns	
S1J	Day 0 MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	8	30.53 ± 10.93 (soc. ind.)	Unpaired t-test; ns	
	Day 7 MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	11	29.92 ± 14.37 (soc. ind.)		



**Table S2. Numerical and statistical data supporting Fig. 2.** <sup>a</sup> Planned *post hoc* comparisons performed using Sidak correction for multiple comparisons.

Panel	Group	N	Mean ± SEM (unit)	Primary Statistic	Post hoc test <sup>a</sup>
2A	SCIT + SAL	8	3.02 ± 12.78 (soc. ind.)	One-way ANOVA, unmatched; F <sub>2,20</sub> =4.55, P=0.0235	vs SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg, P=0.048
	SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	9	42.41 ± 10.70 (soc. ind.)		---
	SCIT + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	6	-4.25 ± 12.59 (soc. ind.)		vs SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg, P<0.030
2E	SERT <sup>wt/wt</sup> SAL	22	1.56 ± 9.78 (soc. ind.)	Unpaired t-test; P=0.0037	
	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	14	54.80 ± 14.89 (soc. ind.)		
	SERT <sup>wt/fl</sup> SAL	17	13.24 ± 11.17 (soc. ind.)	Unpaired t-test; ns	
	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	16	5.21 ± 17.37 (soc. ind.)		
	SERT <sup>fl/fl</sup> SAL	8	32.73 ± 12.54 (soc. ind.)	Unpaired t-test; P=0.034	
	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	14	-28.85 ± 19.00 (soc. ind.)		
2F	SERT <sup>wt/wt</sup> MDMA 15 mg/kg	10	Pre, 14.70 ± 0.73 (min) Post, 17.14 ± 1.09 (min)	Paired t-test; P=0.038	
	SERT <sup>wt/fl</sup> MDMA 15 mg/kg	22	Pre, 15.43 ± 0.36 (min) Post, 17.47 ± 0.93 (min)	Paired t-test; P=0.033	
	SERT <sup>fl/fl</sup> MDMA 15 mg/kg	11	Pre, 14.75 ± 0.70 (min) Post, 16.53 ± 1.02 (min)	Paired t-test; P=0.049	
2G	SAL + SAL	15	-16.11 ± 13.61 (soc. ind.)	One-way ANOVA, unmatched; F <sub>2,30</sub> =6.32, P=0.0051	vs JHW + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg, P=0.0084
	JHW + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	8	53.33 ± 15.06 (soc. ind.)		---
	JHW + SAL	10	-25.85 ± 17.33 (soc. ind.)		vs JHW + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg, P=0.0055
2H	SAL	10		Two-way ANOVA, ordinary; Treatment: F <sub>1,163</sub> = 8.42, P=0.029 Time: ns	
	METH 2 mg/kg	9			
2I	SAL, Day 0	8	2.96 ± 0.27 (m)	One-way ANOVA, repeated measures; F <sub>3,21</sub> =50.96, P<0.0001	vs METH 2mg/kg Day 1, P=0.0010
	METH 2 mg/kg, Day 1		6.90 ± 0.71 (m)		---
	METH 2 mg/kg, Day 2		12.29 ± 1.06 (m)		---
	METH 2 mg/kg, Day 3		13.30 ± 1.06 (m)		vs METH 2mg/kg Day 1, P<0.00001
2J	METH 2 mg/kg	12	Pre, 14.08 ± 1.54 (min) Post, 16.80 ± 1.05 (min)	Paired t-test; P=0.041	
S2B	SERT <sup>wt/wt</sup> (4 mice)	9	929.6 ± 71.3 (intensity)	Unpaired t-test; P=0.0003	
	SERT <sup>fl/fl</sup> (6 mice)	12	574.2 ± 44.0 (intensity)		

**Table S3. Numerical and statistical data supporting Fig. 3.** <sup>a</sup> Planned *post hoc* comparisons performed using Sidak correction for multiple comparisons.

Panel	Group	N	Mean $\pm$ SEM (unit)	Primary Statistic	<i>Post hoc test</i> <sup>a</sup>
3A	Intra-NAc SCIT + SAL i.p.	20	11.54 $\pm$ 7.91 (soc. ind.)	One-way ANOVA, unmatched; $F_{2,51}=3.36$ , $P=0.043$	vs Intra-NAc SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p., ns
	Intra-NAc SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p.	15	34.71 $\pm$ 13.94 (soc. ind.)		---
	Intra-NAc SCIT + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p.	19	-6.52 $\pm$ 11.28 (soc. ind.)		vs Intra-NAc SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p., $P=0.025$
3B	Intra-VTA SCIT + SAL i.p.	18	-7.52 $\pm$ 9.01 (soc. ind.)	One-way ANOVA, unmatched; $F_{2,41}=7.08$ , $P=0.0023$	vs Intra-VTA SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p., $P=0.0042$
	Intra-VTA SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p.	13	38.92 $\pm$ 10.38 (soc. ind.)		---
	Intra-VTA SCIT + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p.	13	35.67 $\pm$ 11.42 (soc. ind.)		vs Intra-VTA SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p., ns
3C	Intra-NAc SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p.	13	40.14 $\pm$ 13.23 (soc. ind.)	One-way ANOVA, unmatched; $F_{2,33}=7.89$ , $P=0.0016$	vs Intra-NAc SAL + SAL i.p., $P=0.014$
	Intra-NAc SAL + SAL i.p.	11	-1.27 $\pm$ 10.12 (soc. ind.)		---
	Intra-NAc MDMA + SAL i.p.	12	55.70 $\pm$ 4.56 (soc. ind.)		vs Intra-NAc SAL + SAL i.p., $P=0.0010$
3D	Intra-NAc SAL + MDMA 15 mg/kg i.p.	16	Pre, 14.82 $\pm$ 0.65 (min) Post, 17.17 $\pm$ 0.72 (min)	Paired t-test; $P=0.012$	
	Intra-NAc SCIT + MDMA 15 mg/kg i.p.	16	Pre, 15.00 $\pm$ 0.44 (min) Post, 18.45 $\pm$ 1.03 (min)	Paired t-test; $P=0.0015$	
	Intra-NAc RAC + MDMA 15 mg/kg i.p.	13	Pre, 14.86 $\pm$ 0.98 (min) Post, 15.13 $\pm$ 1.16 (min)	Paired t-test; ns	
3G	SAL	3	94.21 $\pm$ 0.39 (% baseline std. dev.)	Unpaired t-test; $P<0.0001$	
	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	3	21.74 $\pm$ 4.46 (% baseline std. dev.)		
3K	SERT-Cre, + GCaMP6f	5	Mouse, 2140.0 $\pm$ 445.3 (cum. z) Empty, 941.9 $\pm$ 263.4 (cum. z)	Unpaired t-test; $P=0.049$	
3L	SERT-Cre, + GCaMP6f	5	Slope = 0.22 $\pm$ 0.057; Y-intercept, 1.77 $\pm$ 0.41; X-intercept, -5.40	Linear regression; $F_{1,3}=14.73$ , $P=0.031$	

**Table S4. Numerical and statistical data supporting Fig. 4 and fig. S4.** <sup>a</sup>Planned *post hoc* comparisons performed using Sidak correction for multiple comparisons.

Panel	Group	N	Mean ± SEM (unit)	Primary Statistic	Post hoc test <sup>a</sup>
4C	D1 MSN (7 mice)	8	72.78 ± 7.98 (% baseline EPSC)	Unpaired t-test, ns	
	D2 MSN (6 mice)	7	65.84 ± 5.84 (% baseline EPSC)		
4D	OTRA + SAL	8	-13.95 ± 9.84 (soc. ind.)	One-way ANOVA, unmatched; F <sub>4,43</sub> =3.11, P=0.025	---
	SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	12	32.88 ± 11.10 (soc. ind.)		vs OTRA + SAL, P=0.031
	OTRA + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	12	30.70 ± 11.51 (soc. ind.)		vs OTRA + SAL, P=0.042
	OTRA high dose + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	8	34.24 ± 10.61 (soc. ind.)		vs OTRA + SAL, P=0.046
	OTRA multiple dose + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	8	46.45 ± 16.23 (soc. ind.)		vs OTRA + SAL, P=0.0086
4E	Intra-Nac SAL + SAL i.p.	11	-10.65 ± 11.69 (soc. ind.)	One-way ANOVA, unmatched; F <sub>3,35</sub> =7.85, P=0.0004	---
	Intra-Nac SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p.	13	39.06 ± 11.23 (soc. ind.)		vs Intra-Nac SAL + SAL i.p., P=0.024
	Intra-Nac OTRA + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p.	9	74.31 ± 12.36 (soc. ind.)		vs Intra-Nac SAL + SAL i.p., P=0.0003
4F	SAL	17	-2.39 ± 11.78 (soc. ind.)	Unpaired t-test; P=0.048	
	MDMA 7.5 mg/kg	14	33.29 ± 12.51 (soc. ind.)		
4G	Intra-Nac SAL + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p.	12	32.84 ± 15.38 (soc. ind.)	Unpaired t-test, P=0.035	
	Intra-Nac NAS-181 + MDMA 7.5 mg/kg i.p.	11	-17.72 ± 16.43 (soc. ind.)		
4I	MDMA (5 mice)	8	70.10 ± 6.92 (% baseline EPSC)	Unpaired t-test, P=0.0087	
	NAS-181 (3 mice)	5	101.42 ± 5.44 (% baseline EPSC)		
4J	SAL	16	-2.69 ± 10.77 (soc. ind.)	One-way ANOVA, unmatched; F <sub>3,46</sub> =3.43, P=0.025	---
	FEN 1 mg/kg	10	7.41 ± 4.01 (soc. ind.)		vs SAL, ns
	FEN 5 mg/kg	13	29.69 ± 8.27 (soc. ind.)		vs SAL, P=0.048
	FEN 10 mg/kg	11	34.42 ± 12.04 (soc. ind.)		vs SAL, P=0.027
4K	SAL	14		Two-way ANOVA, ordinary; Treatment: F <sub>1,138</sub> =19.76, P<0.0001. Time: ns	
	FEN 10	11			
4L	FEN (3 mice)	5	69.35 ± 4.93 (% baseline EPSC)		
S4B	Time 2	MDMA (6 mice)	79.07 ± 3.92 (% baseline EPSC)	Unpaired t-test, ns	
	MDMA + OTRA (6 mice)		84.76 ± 4.45 (% baseline EPSC)		
	Time 3	MDMA (5 mice)	95.30 ± 2.52 (% baseline EPSC)	Unpaired t-test, ns	
	MDMA + OTRA (6 mice)		97.82 ± 6.50 (% baseline EPSC)		