Supplementary Information

Activation of lateral preoptic neurons is associated with nest-building in male mice

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		NES	PUP
MPOA	Vgat	65.9%	70.7%
	Vglut2	26.9%	25.0%
LPOA	Vgat	59.5%	61.7%
	Vglut2	35.4%	34.0%

Supplementary Table S1. The proportion of *Vgat*-positive cells or *Vglut*-positive cells among c-Fos positive cells in each group of fathers.

Supplementary Table S2. Sequences of probe sets

The nucleotide sequences of probe sets that were used for in situ hybridization chain reaction to detect mRNA are shown.

Probe name	First probe	Second probe	
Vgat-1S41	GCTCGACGTAACCACGACGTA	AACTGTTGTACATGAGGTTGCCG	
	CAAGATACACGTCAT	CTAATCCTTTGCAACA	
Vgat-2S41	GCTCGACGTAACTTGAGATTC	ACACAGCAGACTGAACTTGGAC	
	TTCAGGAAGGCGCAG	ACGAATCCTTTGCAACA	
Vgat-3S41	GCTCGACGTAACACCTTCTCC	AAACTTCTTGACGTCGATGTAGA	
	CAGGCCCAATCACGC	ACAATCCTTTGCAACA	
Vgat-4S41	GCTCGACGTAACTGCTGCATG	GTTCATCATGCAGTGGAATTCGC	
	TTGCCTTCGAGAGAG	TGAATCCTTTGCAACA	
Vgat-5S41	GCTCGACGTAAGAGAGACTTC	GAAGAAGGCGCGACTGCCTTCC	
	TCCAGCACTTCGACG	TGGAATCCTTTGCAACA	
Vgat-6S41	GCTCGACGTAAATGGCCATGA	ATGAGCAGCGCGAAGTGTGGCA	
	GCAGCGTGAAGACCA	CGTAATCCTTTGCAACA	
Vgat-7S41	GCTCGACGTAATGCCACAGCA	AAGATGGCCACATCGAAGAAGA	
	GCTTGCGCCAGAGAA	CCTAATCCTTTGCAACA	
Vgat-8S41	GCTCGACGTAATGATGAGGAA	TGTAGCAGCACACCACTGCGGC	
	CAACCCCAGGTAGCC	GAAAATCCTTTGCAACA	
Vgat-9S41	GCTCGACGTAATATGGCCACAT	GAATCGAGGAGCGCAGCATGCG	
	ACGAGTCCCGCACG	TTAAATCCTTTGCAACA	
Vgat-10S41	GCTCGACGTAACCTCGATGAG	CCTAGTCCTCTGCGTTGGTTCGG	
	ACCCTCGAGTGAATG	TAAATCCTTTGCAACA	
Vglut2-1S45	CCTCCACGTAACACACAGCTG	TCTTTGCGAACGTGAGTGAATAA	
	TGGTTTAGGCAGCGC	CAAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-2S45	CCTCCACGTAATCTCCTCCCAT	TGCTGTTAGCTTCCTGCCTTAAC	
	CGCGCCGGCGTAAT	ATAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-3S45	CCTCCACGTAATGTTCTGGAA	GTATTTGGGCGGGGTGCTGATGAG	
	GTCACCTCACCGAAA	TCAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-4S45	CCTCCACGTAACTAATAGGAG	AATAGCTGCATGCAGCCCACGGG	
	AATTGGTACACACAG	TTAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-5S45	CCTCCACGTAATGGCTATGAA	TCCAGCCTTACCAGATTTAAATT	

	AGACGGATTCTGCGC	GTAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-6S45	CCTCCACGTAACACCCTGTAG	CTCTCGGTTGTCCTGCTTCTTCTC	
	ATCTGTCCGAGGGAT	CAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-7S45	CCTCCACGTAAGTAAGATTTG	GCCTCCATTCTCCTGTGAGGTAG	
	GTGGTACCGTAATTT	CAAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-8S45	CCTCCACGTAAATGGGAATCT	CGTGACAACTGCCACAGATTGC	
	CATGGTCTGTTTTGA	ACTAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-9S45	CCTCCACGTAAGTGCCAACTG	GGCTTCCTAACTTCTGTAGGATG	
	TTGTAGTTGTGCTCT	ACAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-	CCTCCACGTAAGTCTCTAGAC	ATCTAGCCATCTTTCCTGTTCCAC	
10S45	AGGCTTTCCCTGGGA	TAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-	CCTCCACGTAAACCCAAAACT	GAGCACAGGACACCAGACAGAT	
11S45	GACAGGTAAACACAC	CAAAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-	CCTCCACGTAATTCTTAAGGTC	AGACACAAAGCAGAGAGGGACT	
12845	AGGAGTGGTTTGCA	TCAAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-	CCTCCACGTAAAAATCCTTTGT	TCTTTATCCCCTCTTTCCCCGGGG	
13845	TTTACCGACTCCAT	CAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-	CCTCCACGTAACATATTGAGG	ATGCACTCTGGCTGCAGATGGGA	
14845	GTAGAGGTGAGCAGT	TCAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-	CCTCCACGTAAACATGTACCA	GGCTCTCATAAGACACCAGAAG	
15845	GACCATGCCAAAGCT	CCAAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-	CCTCCACGTAATGCTCTCCTCT	CACCTAGCAGATTTGCGCTCTCT	
16S45	ATGTACCTACGTTC	CCAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-	CCTCCACGTAATGGCCACCCC	ATCCTACTGCAAGCACCAAGAA	
17S45	TCTAGTATGAGAGTA	GGAAATCCATCTAAGCT	
Vglut2-	CCTCCACGTAAATACTGCCATT	GTGGACGAGTGCAGCAATGAGG	
18S45	CTTCACGGGACTTA	AAGAATCCATCTAAGCT	
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Esr1-1S86	GCTGGTCGGAAAATCCGTTCC	GGAGCCTTGTGTTTTCGGTTTTG	
	GAGGCTGTTATGACC	GTAATGGATTGAGTGT	
Esr1-2S86	GCTGGTCGGAATCATGGTCAT	CCATTCCCGAGGCTTTGGTGTGA	
	GGTAAGTGGCAGCCG	AGAATGGATTGAGTGT	
Esr1-3S86	GCTGGTCGGAATTACTGCTGG	GACTCCATGATCATGTTTCCTTTC	
	ACAGTCTCTCTCGGC	TAATGGATTGAGTGT	
Esr1-4S86	GCTGGTCGGAAGGCACAGTAG	GTAGCCAGAGGCATAGTCATTGC	
	CGAGTCTCCTTGGCA	ACAATGGATTGAGTGT	

Esr1-5S86	GCTGGTCGGAATGCTTCAACA	CCTTCCAAGTCATCTCTCTGACG
	TTCTCCCTCCTCGGC	CTAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-6S86	GCTGGTCGGAATCCTGAAGCA	TGGCCAAAGGTTGGCAGCCCTC
	CCCATTTCATTTCGG	ATGAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-7S86	GCTGGTCGGAATAGTGTGCTT	TCAAGGACAAGGCAGGGCTATT
	AATCACAAGAGGGCT	CTTAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-8S86	GCTGGTCGGAATTCACTGAAG	GTTGGTCAATAAGCCCATCATTG
	GGTCTAGAAGGATCA	AGAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-9S86	GCTGGTCGGAATATGAACCAG	CTGGCACTCTCTTTGCCCAGTTG
	CTCCCTATCTGCTAG	ATAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-10S86	GCTGGTCGGAATCATGGAGAT	CAGGCACACTCGAGAAGGTGGA
	TCAAGTCCCCAAAGC	CCTAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-11S86	GCTGGTCGGAAGTTAGGAGCA	TTTACCTTGATTCCTGTCCAGGA
	AACAGGAGCTTCCCC	GCAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-12S86	GCTGGTCGGAACCCTGCAGGT	ATGGATTTGAGGCACACAAACTC
	TCATCATGCGGAACC	TTAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-13S86	GCTGGTCGGAACGTGTACACT	CAGAGACTTCAAGGTGCTGGAC
	CCGGAATTAAGCAAA	AGAAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-14S86	GCTGGTCGGAACACGGTGGAT	TCAAAGTGTCTGTGATCTTGTCC
	GTGGTCCTTCTCTTC	AGAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-15S86	GCTGGTCGGAAGTGGTGGCCA	TGTAAGGAATGTGCTGAAGTGG
	GCTGGGTCTGGCTGG	AGCAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-16S86	GCTGGTCGGAATGCTAGTCAT	CCACAGTGTACGCAGGAGACAG
	ACATGACATGGGTAA	AATAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-17S86	GCTGGTCGGAAGAAAGCCACT	CAAGCAAATAAATGGCCACTCAT
	GGTGGTGGATGCATG	ACAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-18S86	GCTGGTCGGAAAGAAGACATG	CTGGAATCCCTTTTGCCTGTTCC
	CCACTAAGAACTGAG	CAAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-19S86	GCTGGTCGGAAGAAGTGCTTA	GCTGAGGCTTCCTCTTGGAGCCA
	TCAGAGGTGAAATGT	TTAATGGATTGAGTGT
Esr1-20S86	GCTGGTCGGAACTCAAGCTGC	AGAATGTCCAGTTTACCAGAACA
	CTTTACTGCAAGCCC	GGAATGGATTGAGTGT

Supplementary Table S3. Hairpin sequences and conjugated fluorophores

The nucleotide sequence of the hairpin DNA used for in situ hybridization chain reaction to detect mRNA and the fluorophores bound to the hairpin DNA are shown.

Hairpin	ID	Sequence	Fluorophore
S41	H1	TGTTGCAAAGGAACGTCGAGCTGTAATG	ATTO550
		GTGCTCGACGTTCC	
	H2	GCTCGACGTTCCTTTGCAACAGGAACGT	
		CGAGCACCATTACA	
S45	H1	AGCTTAGATGGAACGTGGAGGTAACAAG	SaraFluor488
		CACCTCCACGTTCC	
	H2	CCTCCACGTTCCATCTAAGCTGGAACGTG	
		GAGGTGCTTGTTA	
S86	H1	ACACTCAATCCACCGACCAGCACAAGTC	SaraFluor488
		ATGCTGGTCGGTGG	
	H2	GCTGGTCGGTGGATTGAGTGTCCACCGA	
		CCAGCATGACTTGT	

Supplementary Figure S1. Individual nest height scales were evaluated at that point every hour. A block indicates individual nest height at that hour. Each row indicates data from a mouse.



Supplementary Figure S2. The comparison of the behavioral pattern 30 minutes before and after nest-building behavior.

(a) Event plots for 30 minutes before and after continuous nest-building behavior. One plot indicates a behavior categorized per minute. A blue plot indicates "nest-building," an orange plot indicates "active", a gray plot indicates "inactive" and a black plot indicates "invisible". (b-c) The comparison of inactive time 30 minutes before and after inactive time for 30 min prior to nest-building behavior in the dark phase (b) and the light phase (c). Paired t-test.



Supplementary Figure S3. Event plots for 90 minutes following the introduction of fresh nest material.

Each row indicates data from a mouse.



Supplementary Figure S4. No correlation of the age of the mice in nest-building group and the number of c-Fos positive cells in the POA in Figure. 3

(a-d) The correlation of the age of the mice in nest-building group and the number of c-Fos and Vgat positive cells in the MPOA (a), the number of c-Fos and Vgat positive cells in the LPOA (b), the number of c-Fos and Vglut2 positive cells in the MPOA (c), and the number of c-Fos and Vglut2 positive cells in the LPOA (d). Two-sided Spearman correlation coefficient.



Supplemental video. Nesting-related behaviors.

When mice build nests, mice exhibit a variety of behavioral elements such as gathering, reshaping, pushing nest material, and burrowing into the nest. Related to Figure 1.