Supporting Information

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Fig. S1. Oxytocin (OT) does not prevent the severe motor impairment induced by a higher dose of ethanol (EtOH). Briefly, 16 male rats of the same strain, age, and weight used in the primary behavior experiments were randomly allocated to receive either i.c.v. VEH (n = 8) or i.c.v. OT (1 µg; n = 8) + i.p. EtOH (3 mg/kg). (A) There was no significant difference between the VEH and OT conditions in time taken to right 5 min post-EtOH injection. (B) OT had no effect on the duration of the loss-of-righting reflex (LORR; the righting reflex was defined as being restored when the subject could right itself within 30 s). Note: all rats except four (two VEH, two OT) had a complete loss of the righting reflex. (C) OT had no impact on the time spent immobile in the 20-min open-field test conducted from 10–30 min post-EtOH administration.



OPEN-FIELD TEST

Fig. S2. The 7 mg/kg 4,5,6,7-tetrahydroisoxazolo(5,4-c)pyridin-3-ol (THIP) produces a similar level of immobility to 1.5 g/kg ethanol (EtOH) in the open-field test. Briefly, 20 male rats of the same strain, age, and weight as used in the primary behavioral experiments were randomly allocated to receive i.p. VEH, THIP (5 or 7 mg/kg), or EtOH (1.5 g/kg) and were tested in the 20-min open-field test (as described in *Methods*) 10 min after drug administration. Time spent immobile was assessed, and the 7 mg/kg dose of THIP was chosen for use in the THIP–oxytocin experiment (Fig. 4) because it produced a similar sedative effect to 1.5 g/kg EtOH. ***P < 0.001 vs. VEH; THIP 7 mg/kg vs. EtOH 1.5 g/kg, P > 0.05.

Table S1.	Statistics from	the contrast	analysis of	the OT-EtOH	behavioral e	experiment
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			Contras	t (i.c.v. + i.	p. vs. i.c.v.	+ i.p.)			
	VEH + VEH vs. VEH + EtOH		VEH + VEH vs. OT + VEH		VEH + VEH vs. OT + EtOH		VEH + EtOH vs. OT + EtOH		
Test	F _{1,24}	Р	F _{1,24}	Р	F _{1,24}	Р	F _{1,24}	Ρ	
Wire-hanging 1	10.98	0.003	0.95	0.339	1.51	0.232	4.35	0.048	
Righting-reflex 1	16.57	< 0.001	0.12	0.728	1.77	0.196	7.51	0.011	
Open-field: immobile	16.34	< 0.001	0.74	0.398	2.92	0.1	5.44	0.028	
Wire-hanging 2 Righting-reflex 2	21.11 24.71	< 0.001 < 0.001	3.87 0.15	0.061 0.699	5.88 7.155	0.023 0.013	4.71 5.27	0.04 0.031	

P values for significant differences are highlighted in bold.

Table S2.	Statistics from one-sample t tests examining change from response either to 30 nM GABA (nos. 1 and 2), 3 nM
GABA (nos	. 3–6), or 100 nM THIP (no. 7) applied alone or to baseline current (nos. 8 and 9)

		Cell												
			α4β1δ			α4β3δ			α 4 β1			α4β3		
No.	Concentration of compound(s) applied	df	t	Р	df	t	Р	df	t	Р	df	t	Р	
1	30 nM GABA + 30 mM EtOH	2	13.45	0.005	2	8.72	0.013		_	_	_	_	_	
2	30 nM GABA + 30 mM EtOH + 10 μ M OT	2	1.5	0.272	2	0.39	0.731	_	_	_	—	_	_	
3	3 nM GABA + 30 mM EtOH	8	12.35	< 0.001	—	_	_	4	0.61	0.572	2	0.21	0.856	
4	3 nM GABA + 30 mM EtOH + 10 μ M OT	4	2.12	0.11	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
5	3 nM GABA + 30 mM EtOH + 10 μ M AVP	3	4.05	0.027	—	_	_	_	_	_	—	_	_	
6	3 nM GABA + 10 μM OT	2	0.46	0.688	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
7	100 nM THIP + 10 μM OT	2	3.08	0.091	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
8	30 mM EtOH	2	0.02	0.984	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
9	10 μM OT	2	1.81	0.211	—	—	—	—	—	—	_	—	—	

P values for significant changes are highlighted in bold. — indicates that the cell was not tested with the concentration and combination of compounds listed in that row.

Table S3. Statistics for comparison of response to GABA + EtOH vs. GABA + EtOH + OT/AVP

		α 4 β1δ	5	_	α4β3 δ	
Comparison	df	t	Р	df	t	Р
3 nM GABA + 30 mM EtOH vs. 3 nM GABA + 30 mM EtOH + 10 µM OT	4	10.91	< 0.001	_	_	
3 nM GABA + 30 mM EtOH vs. 3 nM GABA + 30 mM EtOH + 10 μm AVP	3	0.82	0.475	_	_	—
30 nM GABA + 30 mM EtOH vs. 30 nM GABA + 30 mM EtOH + 10 μm OT	2	23.47	0.002	2	8.18	0.015

P values for significant differences are highlighted in bold. — indicates that the cell was not tested with the concentration and combination of compounds listed in that row.

Table S4. Statistics from the contrast analysis of the OT-THIP behavioral experiment

		Contrast (i.c.v. + i.p. vs. i.c.v. + i.p.)								
	VEH + VEH	VEH vs. + THIP	VEH + VEH vs. OT + VEH		VEH + \ +	/EH vs. OT THIP	VEH + THIP vs. OT + THIP			
Test	F _{1,27}	Р	F _{1,27}	Р	F _{1,27}	Р	F _{1,27}	Р		
Open-field: immobile	4.48	0.044	0.56	0.46	7.46	0.011	0.43	0.518		

P values for significant differences are highlighted in bold.

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Movie S1. The "sobering-up" effect of oxytocin (OT) in ethanol (EtOH)-treated rats. This movie shows rats tested in the open-field locomotor activity test conducted 10–30 min after i.p. injection of EtOH (1.5 g/kg) or vehicle (VEH), preceded by i.c.v. OT or VEH pretreatment. Movies are presented at 10× normal speed. The rat on the far left received i.c.v. VEH + i.p. VEH; in the middle left received i.c.v. OT (1 μ g) + i.p. VEH; in the middle right received i.c.v. OT (1 μ g) + i.p. VEH; in the middle right received i.c.v. OT (1 μ g) + i.p. EtOH (1.5 g/kg); and on the far right received i.c.v. VEH + i.p. EtOH (1.5 g/kg).

Movie S1