Supplementary Figure 1

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Supplementary Fig. 1 OXT and AVP dynamics during development. Violin plots represent the percentage of OXT (green), AVP (red) and OXT+AVP neurons (yellow) at E16.5, PN0, PN7 and adult. Each violin plot shows the distribution of the values as well as the median as a white dot (n=4 brains) and the interquartile range (IQR) as a thin black bar. Note that in the cases where the violin plot does not appear, it indicates that the nucleus is not yet formed.

Supplementary Figure 2





PN7



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Adult



Supplementary Fig. 2 OXT and AVP expression density during development. Violin plots represent the cell density of OXT (green), AVP (red) and OXT+AVP neurons (yellow) at E16.5, PN0, PN7 and adult. Each violin plot shows the distribution of the values as well as the median as a white dot (n=4 brains) and the interquartile range (IQR) as a thin black bar. Note that in the cases where the violin plot does not appear, it indicates that the nucleus is not yet formed. Cell density is represented as 1×10^3 cells/mm³.

Supplementary figure 3



Supplementary Fig. 3 Distinct nuclei exhibit distinct OXT and AVP expression dynamics during development. Whole-mount immunolabeling against OXT and AVP at PN0 mouse hypothalamus pseudocolored in each nucleus (**a-d**). Nucleus segmentation shows OXT (green) and AVP (red) at different stages: PN0 (**e-h**), PN7 (**i-l**), and young adult (**m-p**). Percentage of each neuronal popula-tion, OXT, AVP and OXT+AVP neurons, in each nucleus during development (**q-t**; n=4 brains data are represented as mean ± S.E.M). Abbreviations: AN, accessory nucleus; VMPO, ventromedial preoptic nucleus; SCH, suprachiasmatic nucleus; RCH, retrochiasmatic nucleus. Scale bar: 100 μm.

Supplementary figure 4



Supplementary Fig. 4 Detection of OXT expression with rabbit anti-OXT (Millipore AB911). Brain coronal sections of wild type mouse showing the PVN (a-f) and high magnification (ai-fi) at a range of developmental stages: PN0, PN2, PN7, PN14, PN21 and adult brain. Note that the initial detection of OXT with this antibody occurs at PN7. Scale bar: a-f: 150 μ m; ai-fi: 50 μ m.

Supplementary figure 5





Supplementary Fig. 5 Detection of OXT expression in the adult mouse brain. Representative images of immunohistofluorescence experiments using the mouse anti-OXT PS38 and rabbit anti-OXT (Millipore AB911). Images show brain coronal sections of adult wild type mouse for a variety of regions: BNST, PVN and SON. Scale bar: 100 µm.