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Whole-brain connectivity atlas of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in mouse dorsal and median raphe nucleus

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1 **Abstract**

2 The dorsal raphe nucleus (DR) and median raphe nucleus (MR) contain populations of
3 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons regulating diverse behavioral functions. Their whole-brain
4 input-output circuits remain incompletely understood. We used viral tracing combined with
5 fluorescence micro-optical sectioning tomography to generate a comprehensive whole-brain atlas
6 of inputs and outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR. We discovered
7 that these neurons receive inputs from similar upstream brain regions. The glutamatergic and
8 GABAergic neurons in the same raphe nucleus have divergent projection patterns with differences
9 in critical brain regions. Specifically, MR glutamatergic neurons project to the lateral habenula via
10 multiple pathways. Correlation and cluster analysis indicated that glutamatergic and GABAergic
11 neurons in the same raphe nucleus receive inputs from heterogeneous neurons in upstream brain
12 regions and send different collateral projections. This connectivity atlas provides insights into the
13 cell heterogeneity, anatomical connectivity and behavioral functions of the raphe nucleus.

14 **Introduction**

15 The dorsal raphe nucleus (DR) and median raphe nucleus (MR) are important modulatory
16 centers involved in a multitude of functions (Domonkos et al., 2016; Huang et al., 2019; Szőnyi et
17 al., 2019). They are implicated to have different and even antagonistic roles in the regulation of
18 specific functions, such as emotional behavior, social behavior and aggression (Balázsfi et al.,
19 2018; Ohmura et al., 2020; Teissier et al., 2015). The diverse regulatory processes are related to
20 the connectivity of heterogeneous raphe neuron groups (Muzerelle et al., 2016; Nectow et al.,
21 2017; Schneeberger et al., 2019). Deciphering precise neural circuits regarding the input and
22 output circuits of cell-type-specific neurons in the raphe nucleus is fundamental for understanding
23 their specific functions.

24 The DR and MR are heterogeneous and contain diverse types of neurons, including a large
25 proportion of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons (Huang et al., 2019; Pinto et al., 2019; Sos et
26 al., 2017). Several studies have revealed that they are involved in specific functions. In the DR,
27 glutamatergic neurons play an important role in reward processing (McDevitt et al., 2014; Liu et
28 al., 2014), while GABAergic neurons are involved in regulating energy expenditure
29 (Schneeberger et al., 2019), and they have opposite effects on feeding (Nectow et al., 2017). In the

30 MR, glutamatergic neurons are critical for processing negative experiences, and activation of them
31 could induce aversive behavior, aggression and depressive symptoms (Szőnyi et al., 2019).
32 Furthermore, MR GABAergic neurons are involved in regulating hippocampal theta rhythm,
33 which is crucial for learning and memory (Aitken et al., 2018; Li et al., 2005). The diverse
34 functions of specific types of neurons in the raphe nucleus are highly dependent on their unique
35 input-output circuits (Ren et al., 2018a). To have a more comprehensive understanding of the
36 specific functions of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the raphe nucleus, it is useful to
37 get knowledge of how the cellular heterogeneity maps to whole-brain connectivity.

38 Previous studies have revealed that the DR and MR integrate massive inputs from and send
39 outputs to many brain regions, such as the forebrain, hypothalamus and midbrain (Marcinkiewicz
40 et al., 1989; Oh, et al., 2014; Peyron et al., 1997; Vertes et al., 2008). But these studies were
41 unable to elucidate the neural connections of specific types of neurons. Studies using slice
42 physiological recording combined with optogenetics found that DR GABAergic neurons receive
43 long-range functional inputs from six upstream brain areas, including the prefrontal cortex,
44 amygdala, lateral habenula (LH), lateral hypothalamic area (LHA), preoptic area and substantia
45 nigra (Zhou et al., 2017). However, optogenetic technology and physiological recording usually
46 focused on specific regions connected with targeted neurons, making it difficult to dissect whole-
47 brain long-range connections. Genetic targeting of neuronal subpopulations with Cre driver mouse
48 lines and virus tracing make it possible to label the whole-brain long-range connectivity of
49 specific neurons (Callaway et al., 2015; Huang et al., 2013; Wickersham et al., 2007). Several
50 studies have revealed a portion of the long-range connections of glutamatergic and GABAergic
51 neurons in the DR and MR through viral tracing techniques. For instance, DR GABAergic
52 neurons receive vast inputs and project to the dorsomedial nucleus of the hypothalamus (DMH)
53 and bed nuclei of the stria terminalis (BST) (Schneeberger et al., 2019; Weissbourd et al., 2014).
54 And MR glutamatergic neurons are innervated by certain aversion/fear or memory-related areas,
55 such as the LH, and they innervate the LH, medial ventral tegmental area, medial septum and the
56 vertical limbs of the diagonal bands of Broca (Szőnyi et al., 2019). Nevertheless, there is still a
57 lack of whole-brain quantitative results and comprehensive analysis of the input-output circuits of
58 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR. Furthermore, precise characterization

59 and systematic quantitative analysis of whole-brain inputs and outputs require whole-brain high-
60 resolution imaging of labeled neural structures and effective data processing methods to identify
61 and integrate neural circuits.

62 In this study, we implemented a pipeline composed of viral tracing, whole-brain high-resolution
63 imaging, data processing and analysis to dissect whole-brain inputs and outputs of glutamatergic
64 and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR and understand their organization principle. We used
65 modified monosynaptic rabies viral tracers to label the input neurons and enhanced yellow
66 fluorescent protein (EYFP)-expressing adeno-associated virus (AAV) to trace whole-brain axon
67 projections. Combined with home-made fluorescence micro-optical sectioning tomography
68 (fMOST) (Gong et al., 2016), we acquired whole-brain datasets of labeled inputs and outputs at
69 single-neuron resolution. We identified the long-range input/output circuits, quantified the whole-
70 brain distribution, analyzed the whole-brain connectivity pattern and generated a precise whole-
71 brain atlas of inputs and outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR,
72 which could facilitate the understanding of their functional differences and provide anatomical
73 foundations for investigating into their functions. Moreover, we developed the interactive website
74 (<http://atlas.brainsmatics.org/a/xu2011>) to better present and share the raw data and results.

75 **Results**

76 **Whole-brain mapping of monosynaptic input neurons to glutamatergic and GABAergic** 77 **neurons in the DR and MR**

78 To label the whole-brain inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR,
79 we used monosynaptic rabies tracing technique combined with Vglut2-Cre and Gad2-Cre driver
80 line mice. First, Cre-dependent helper viruses, rAAV2/9-EF1 α -DIO-His-TVA-BFP and rAAV2/9-
81 EF1 α -DIO-RG, were injected into the DR or MR. After three weeks, RV- Δ G-EnvA-GFP was
82 injected into the same site (**Figure 1A**). The Cre-positive neurons infected by the Cre-dependent
83 helper viruses could express the TVA receptor and glycoprotein. The rabies virus pseudotyped
84 with the avian sarcoma leucosis virus glycoprotein EnvA could infect these neurons by binding
85 TVA receptor specifically. Then, the rabies virus could be replenished with glycoprotein to
86 retrogradely traverse to monosynaptic input neurons. The neurons co-labeled by GFP and BFP in
87 the injection sites were starter cells, and GFP-labeled neurons were input neurons (**Figure 1B,C**).

88 To acquire the whole-brain high-resolution dataset, the virus-labeled samples were embedded in
89 glycol methacrylate (GMA) resin and imaged with our home-made fMOST system (Gong et al.,
90 2016) at a resolution of $0.32 \times 0.32 \times 2 \mu\text{m}^3$ (**Figure 1D,E**). Such high-resolution images indicate
91 that the soma and neurite of labeled input neurons are finely detailed. From anterior to posterior,
92 we observed dense input neurons in the isocortex, striatum, pallidum, thalamus, hypothalamus,
93 midbrain, pons, medulla and cerebellar nuclei (**Figure 1—figure supplement 1**). However, in the
94 olfactory areas, cortical subplate, hippocampus and cerebellar cortex, there were either no or
95 sparse input neurons (**Figure 1—figure supplement 1**).

96 **Quantified whole-brain inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR**

97 To quantify the distributions of monosynaptic input neurons in each brain region, the
98 coordinates of the soma of input neurons were detected using the NeuroGPS algorithm (Quan et
99 al., 2013) and manually checked. The soma of input neurons were registered to the Allen Mouse
100 Brain Common Coordinate Framework version 3 (Allen CCFv3) (**Figure 2 A,B; Materials and**
101 **methods**) (Ni et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2020). Based on Allen CCFv3's hierarchy of brain
102 regions, we identified 71 brain regions that have close connections with DR and MR neurons for
103 further analysis (**Materials and methods; Supplementary File 1**).

104 To generate the distribution of whole-brain input neurons, we calculated the number of input
105 neurons in each brain region. To eliminate the variability in the total number of input neurons of
106 different samples, the data were normalized by the total number of input neurons (excluding
107 neurons in the target region) to get the proportion of input neurons in each brain region. Thus, we
108 generated the quantified whole-brain distribution of long-range input neurons (**Figure 2C;**
109 **Supplementary File 2**). To evaluate the consistency of the inputs to the same groups of neurons
110 across different samples, we performed correlation analysis. The highly correlated results
111 demonstrated the consistency and reliability of our data (**Figure 2—figure supplement 1 A,B**).
112 We conducted unsupervised hierarchical clustering and bootstrapping of all samples. The input
113 patterns of the four groups of neurons were divided into two clusters based on the target region,
114 then input patterns of MR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons were segregated based on
115 neuron types (**Figure 2—figure supplement 1 C**).

116 **Comparison of inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR**

117 To explore the relationship of whole-brain long-range inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic
118 neurons in the DR and MR, first, we compared the inputs from the MR to DR glutamatergic and
119 GABAergic neurons and found no significant difference ($p=0.222$, one-way ANOVA), then we
120 compared inputs from the DR to MR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons and also found no
121 significant difference ($p=0.069$, one-way ANOVA). Next, we compared the whole-brain inputs to
122 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR across brain regions using correlation
123 analysis and variance analysis (one-way ANOVA followed by multiple comparisons with Tukey's
124 test; **Supplementary File 2**) (Ogawa et al., 2014). The whole-brain inputs to glutamatergic and
125 GABAergic neurons in the same raphe nucleus were highly similar, while the whole-brain inputs
126 to the same type of neurons in the DR and MR were similar with relatively lower correlation
127 coefficients (**Figure 3A-D**). Whereas, there were quantitative differences in certain brain regions
128 embedded in the overall similarity of the input patterns (**Figure 3A-D**).

129 Specifically, a modest proportion of input neurons were distributed in the isocortex (**Figure**
130 **2C**). Several brain regions had biased inputs to different raphe neuron groups, especially the
131 somatomotor areas (MO), anterior cingulate area (ACA) and retrosplenial area (RSP), which
132 preferentially innervated MR glutamatergic neurons in comparison with MR GABAergic neurons
133 and DR glutamatergic neurons (**Figure 3A-D**).

134 The striatum and pallidum contributed substantial inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic
135 neurons in the DR and MR (**Figure 2C**). Notably, the central amygdalar nucleus (CEA)
136 preferentially innervated glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR compared with the MR
137 (**Figure 3C-E**). And the BST sent prominent inputs to both glutamatergic and GABAergic
138 neurons in the DR and MR with a preference for the DR (**Figure 3C,D**). Compared with DR
139 neurons, MR neurons received a larger proportion of inputs from the diagonal band nucleus
140 (NDB) (**Figure 3C,D**).

141 The main thalamic input neurons were assembled in the LH (**Figure 2C**). And there was a
142 preference for LH neurons to have more inputs to MR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons
143 than to DR neurons (**Figure 3C,D**). Notably, MR GABAergic neurons received more inputs from
144 the LH than MR glutamatergic neurons (**Figure 3B**). We also observed vast inputs from the

145 hypothalamus to DR and MR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons, in which the LHA provided
146 the largest proportion, followed by the hypothalamic medial zone (MEZ), periventricular region
147 (PVR), zona incerta (ZI) and lateral preoptic area (LPO) (**Figure 2C**). The ZI provided more
148 inputs to MR glutamatergic neurons than to MR GABAergic neurons and DR glutamatergic
149 neurons (**Figure 3B,C**). The LPO preferentially innervated MR GABAergic neurons in
150 comparison with DR GABAergic neurons and MR glutamatergic neurons (**Figure 3B,D**).

151 The largest proportion of inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR
152 were from the midbrain (**Figure 2C**). Although glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR
153 and MR received massive inputs from the periaqueductal gray (PAG) and midbrain reticular
154 nucleus (MRN), DR neurons received more than MR neurons (**Figure 3C,D**). The interpeduncular
155 nucleus (IPN) provided remarkable inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the MR
156 with very sparse inputs to the DR (**Figure 3C,D,F**). The superior colliculus, motor related (SCm)
157 contributed more inputs to MR glutamatergic neurons and DR GABAergic neurons than to MR
158 GABAergic neurons (**Figure 3B,D**).

159 The pons contributed dense inputs, in which the pons, motor related (P-mot) and pontine
160 reticular nucleus (PRNr) preferentially innervated MR glutamatergic neurons in comparison with
161 MR GABAergic neurons and DR glutamatergic neurons (**Figure 3B,C**). However, the pons,
162 sensory related (P-sen) provided more inputs to DR glutamatergic neurons than to MR
163 glutamatergic neurons (**Figure 3C**). Moreover, the medulla, motor related (MY-mot)
164 preferentially provided inputs to MR glutamatergic neurons in comparison with MR GABAergic
165 neurons and DR glutamatergic neurons (**Figure 3B,C**). These results indicated that the
166 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the raphe nucleus receive inputs from similar upstream
167 brain regions with quantitative differences in certain brain regions.

168 **Whole-brain outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR**

169 To systematically map whole-brain outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR
170 and MR, we stereotaxically injected Cre-dependent AAV-DIO-EYFP into the DR or MR in
171 Vglut2-Cre and Gad2-Cre mice (n=4 per group). The virus-labeled and GMA resin-embedded
172 samples were imaged using fMOST system (**Figure 4A**). To generate quantified outputs of
173 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR, we registered the high-resolution

174 whole-brain image datasets to Allen CCFv3 and segmented the projection signal to calculate the
175 proportion of projection signal across brain regions (**Figure 4A,B; Supplementary File 3;**
176 **Materials and methods**).

177 On the whole-brain level, glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR provided
178 substantial ascending projections to the forebrain and midbrain and varying degrees of descending
179 projections to the pons and medulla (**Figure 4B; Figure 4—figure supplement 1**). MR
180 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons predominately innervated midline structures, while DR
181 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons projected more broadly and laterally, and most of their
182 projection targets were distinctive. Regarding the forebrain, DR neurons projected more broadly
183 to the prefrontal cortex, amygdala, nucleus accumbens (ACB) and BST, while MR neurons
184 innervated the lateral septal complex, medial septal nucleus (MS), NDB and LH (**Figure 4B;**
185 **Figure 4—figure supplement 1**). And MR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons had more
186 outputs to the pons in comparison with DR neurons (**Figure 4B**). Meanwhile, they both sent dense
187 projections to the hypothalamus and midbrain areas, such as the LHA and ventral tegmental area
188 (VTA) (**Figure 4B; Figure 4—figure supplement 1**). Moreover, glutamatergic neurons seemed
189 to project more broadly than GABAergic neurons, while GABAergic neurons preferentially
190 innervated neighboring brain regions, such as the PAG and MRN for DR GABAergic neurons and
191 the IPN for MR GABAergic neurons.

192 We quantitatively compared the projection patterns of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons
193 in the DR and MR. The same types of neurons in the DR and MR have divergent projection
194 patterns (**Figure 4C**). Regarding the glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the same raphe
195 nucleus, although their overall projection patterns were relatively similar, there were differences
196 in critical brain regions (**Figure 4C-E; Supplementary File 3**). Notably, regarding the amygdala,
197 DR GABAergic neurons mainly projected to the CEA with scarce projections to the basolateral
198 amygdalar nucleus (BLA), while DR glutamatergic neurons preferentially projected to the BLA
199 (**Figure 4—figure supplement 2A,D**). And DR GABAergic neurons sent considerable
200 projections to the DMH and paraventricular nucleus of the thalamus (PVT), while there were
201 scarce or no axonal projections of DR glutamatergic neurons in these regions (**Figure 4—figure**
202 **supplement 2B-D**). Regarding MR neurons, we found dense projections of glutamatergic neurons

203 in the LH but scarce projections of GABAergic neurons (**Figure 4B**). And the IPN received
204 29.9% of the total projections from MR GABAergic neurons but only 4.0% from MR
205 glutamatergic neurons (**Figure 4B,E**).

206 **Habenula-raphé circuits**

207 The habenula, consisting of the medial habenula (MH) and lateral habenula (LH), appears to be
208 a node connecting the forebrain and midbrain regions that are related to emotional behaviors
209 (Hikosaka, 2010). The LH has been closely connected to the DR and MR both anatomically and
210 functionally, and their connections are involved in aversion-related behavior and depression (Hu
211 et al., 2020; Zhao et al., 2015). The LH provided dense inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic
212 neurons in the DR and MR with a preference to MR neurons in comparison with corresponding
213 DR neurons (**Figure 3C, D; Figure 5A**). And the input neurons to MR glutamatergic and
214 GABAergic neurons were assembled more caudally (**Figure 5A**). Specifically, as MR GABAergic
215 neurons received more inputs from the LH than MR glutamatergic neurons (**Figure 3D**), we found
216 that the lateral part of LH sent dense inputs to MR GABAergic neurons but sparser inputs to MR
217 glutamatergic neurons and that the input neurons to MR GABAergic neurons were assembled
218 more laterally than the input neurons to MR glutamatergic neurons on the whole (**Figure 5A**).

219 However, there were no projections from DR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons and scarce
220 projections from MR GABAergic neurons to the LH, only MR glutamatergic neurons sent strong
221 projections to the LH (mainly assembled in the medial part of LH) (**Figure 4B; Figure 5—figure**
222 **supplement 1A,C**). Taking advantage of our three-dimensional high-resolution imaging, we
223 found that MR Vglut2+ neurons send projections to the LH through multiple pathways: through
224 the fasciculus retroflexus, stria medullaris and thalamus respectively (**Figure 5B; Figure 5—**
225 **figure supplement 1B,C**). There was evidence that Vglut2+ neurons in surrounding regions of
226 the MR do not project to the LH (Szónyi et al., 2019), which supported the reliability of this
227 projection pattern. The specific reciprocal connections between MR glutamatergic neurons and the
228 LH suggested that MR glutamatergic neurons might be involved in some specific functions related
229 to the LH. The LH has been revealed to play a critical role in aversion and depression (Cui et al.,
230 2018; Hu et al., 2020; Yang et al., 2018), and previous studies discovered that MR Vglut2+
231 neurons could activate the LH and that activation of MR Vglut2+ neurons could induce aversive

232 behaviors and depressive symptoms (Szönyi et al., 2019). These results highlight the importance
233 of the structural characteristics of the MR-LH pathway for their function roles.

234 Although the MH sent few inputs to MR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons, and scarce
235 inputs to the DR, it has been thought to strongly project to the IPN (Lima, et al., 2017; Qin et al.,
236 2009). In our results, the IPN had remarkable inputs to MR glutamatergic and GABAergic
237 neurons with very sparse inputs to DR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons (**Figure 3F**). These
238 results implied that MR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons receive inputs directly and
239 indirectly (via the IPN) from the MH. Moreover, MR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons
240 strongly projected to the IPN (**Figure 5B**), and the IPN has been revealed to project to the LH
241 (Lima, et al., 2017). These results indicated the sophisticated connections of the habenula, IPN,
242 DR and MR. Based on the conventional model of the habenula-raphé circuit (Hikosaka, 2010; Hu
243 et al., 2020), we proposed a more refined model of the habenula-raphé circuit (**Figure 5C**).

244 **Whole-brain connectivity pattern of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and** 245 **MR**

246 The glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR received inputs from and sent
247 outputs to a wide range of brain regions (**Figure 6—figure supplement 1A**). We assessed the
248 similarities between the whole-brain inputs and outputs of the same group of neurons using
249 Pearson's correlation coefficient. Regarding glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR, the
250 correlation coefficients were 0.766 and 0.839 respectively (**Figure 6—figure supplement 1A**).
251 These results indicated that they have reciprocal connections with vast brain regions, which were
252 mainly in the striatum, pallidum, hypothalamus and midbrain (**Figure 2C; Figure 4B**). Regarding
253 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the MR, the correlation coefficients were 0.578 and
254 0.384 respectively (**Figure 6—figure supplement 1A**), which was related to the fact that MR
255 neurons receive massive inputs from the isocortex, striatum and medulla but sparsely project to
256 these regions (**Figure 2C; Figure 4B**).

257 There were massive reciprocal connections of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR
258 and MR, which implied the feedback regulation of specific functions. To assess the reciprocity,
259 we calculated the ratio of the proportion of outputs to the proportion of inputs for each brain
260 region (**Figure 6—figure supplement 1B**). Approximately 45% brain regions had ratio value

261 between 0.25 and 4, indicating relatively balanced reciprocal connectivity. In contrast,
262 approximately 45% brain region had input bias (ratio value<0.25), and only a few brain regions
263 showed output bias (ratio value>4). Particularly, for MR GABAergic neurons, the IPN contributed
264 2.5% of all inputs but received 29.9% of outputs.

265 The glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR receive a vast range of inputs,
266 whereas the relationship between different upstream brain regions needs to be explored. And the
267 axons of neurons have collateral branches targeting different areas, but the relationship of these
268 targets also needs further exploration. Based on the fact that DR and MR were heterogeneous and
269 each injection only labeled a part of neurons that might have different connectivity, we performed
270 correlation analysis and hierarchical cluster analysis to explore the similarities and variances of
271 inputs and outputs of brain regions connected with glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the
272 DR and MR. We selected 14 brain regions that have close long-range connections with
273 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR for analysis. As a result, the clusters
274 were not completely consistent regarding the inputs or outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic
275 neurons in a particular raphe nucleus (**Figure 6A,B**). Regarding inputs to DR glutamatergic and
276 GABAergic neurons, upstream brain regions formed clear clusters, but the clusters were not
277 consistent, where only the substantia nigra, reticular part (SNr), substantia nigra, compact part
278 (SNc) and VTA formed the same cluster. Regarding outputs of DR glutamatergic neurons, the
279 MEZ, LPO, LHA, ZI, SNr and IPN formed a cluster that had very high correlation. In contrast, for
280 outputs of DR GABAergic neurons, different clusters were presented. These results implied that
281 DR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons might have different collateral projection patterns. In
282 addition, a pair of brain regions might display opposing correlations regarding the inputs or
283 outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR. For instance, the substantia
284 innominate (SI) and NDB were positively correlated for inputs to DR glutamatergic neurons but
285 negatively correlated for inputs to DR GABAergic neurons (**Figure 6A**), which suggested that DR
286 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons might receive distinct inputs from basal forebrain.
287 Regarding inputs and outputs of MR glutamatergic neurons, clear clusters formed. Specifically, as
288 for the clusters of inputs to MR glutamatergic neurons, the ZI was separate from other regions,
289 which indicated the ZI-MR glutamatergic neurons pathway might execute special functions

290 different from other upstream brain regions. Regarding inputs and outputs of MR GABAergic
291 neurons, no obvious clusters formed, which implied that MR GABAergic neurons might have few
292 collateral projections to these brain regions. And there were also pairs of brain regions displaying
293 opposing correlations regarding the inputs or outputs of MR glutamatergic and GABAergic
294 neurons, such as the SNc and IPN were positively correlated for inputs to MR glutamatergic
295 neurons but negatively correlated for inputs to MR GABAergic neurons (**Figure 6B**). Overall,
296 these results implied that glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR might receive
297 inputs from and project to various unions of brain regions.

298 **Discussion**

299 In this study, we used virus tracing and whole-brain high-resolution imaging to generate a
300 comprehensive whole-brain atlas of inputs and outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons
301 in the DR and MR (**Figure 7A,B**). And systematic quantitative analysis has been performed to
302 elucidate the convergences and divergences in input and output patterns.

303 We found that glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR receive inputs from
304 similar upstream brain regions but send distinctive outputs. There were essential differences
305 between the connections of DR and MR neurons. DR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons had
306 close connections with the CEA, while MR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons received few
307 inputs from CEA and did not project to the CEA (**Figure 6—figure supplement 1A**). And the
308 CEA has been revealed to regulate reward and food intake (Carter, et al., 2013; Janak et al., 2015;
309 Zséli et al., 2018) that are also regulated by DR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons (Nectow
310 et al., 2017). The IPN had dense reciprocal connections with MR glutamatergic and GABAergic
311 neurons, but almost no direct connections with DR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons
312 (**Figure 6—figure supplement 1A**). The IPN and MR are both considered as important parts of
313 the midline network involved in regulating hippocampal theta rhythm (Lima et al., 2017). The
314 consistency between anatomical connectivity and behavioral function indicated the significance of
315 dissecting whole-brain connectivity for elucidating functions.

316 The differences between connections of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the same
317 raphe nucleus might provide insight into their functions. DR GABAergic neurons preferentially
318 projected to the CEA, unlike DR glutamatergic neurons (**Figure 4—figure supplement 1A,D**).

319 Optogenetic activation of the CEA inhibits food intake (Carter et al., 2015), while activation of
320 DR GABAergic neurons increases food intake (Nectow et al., 2017). Furthermore, DR
321 GABAergic neurons uniquely innervate the PVT (**Figure 4—figure supplement 1C,D**), which is
322 connected with the CEA and involved in inhibiting food intake (Kirouac, 2015). Thus, we
323 speculated that activation of DR GABAergic neurons might inhibit CEA and PVT neurons to
324 increase food intake. DR GABAergic neurons send considerable projections to DMH, while DR
325 glutamatergic neurons scarcely project to the DMH (**Figure 4—figure supplement 1B,D**). And
326 DR GABAergic neurons have been revealed to regulate thermogenesis via projections to the
327 DMH (Schneeberger et al., 2019). These results indicated that DR GABAergic neurons might play
328 a more critical role in regulating thermogenesis than DR glutamatergic neurons. We found that
329 MR glutamatergic neurons project to the LH via multiple pathways while MR GABAergic
330 neurons scarcely project to the LH (**Figure 5B**), indicating that there might be different subtypes
331 of MR glutamatergic neurons projecting to LH via different pathways. There is evidence that MR
332 Vglut2+ neurons could activate the LH (related to aversion and negative prediction) and control
333 the acquisition of negative experience (Szőnyi et al., 2019). Our results implied that MR
334 glutamatergic neurons that project to the LH via multiple pathways might regulate the different
335 aspects of aversive and negative emotions. These results and implications highlight the biased or
336 unique connectivity of different types of neurons in the same raphe nucleus are related to the
337 regulation of specific functions. Our work could provide the resource for dissecting the functions
338 of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR.

339 It should be noted that a pair of brain regions might display different or even opposing
340 correlations regarding the inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the same raphe
341 nucleus (**Figure 6 A,B**), which implied that different neuron groups in upstream brain regions
342 might individually target heterogeneous raphe neuron groups. More advanced labeling methods
343 that could label upstream inputs to different cell types in a single brain sample is needed to
344 explore this problem further. The target regions of projections of glutamatergic and GABAergic
345 neurons in the same raphe nucleus also showed different correlations (**Figure 6 A,B**). This result
346 indicated that glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the same raphe nucleus might have
347 different collateral projection patterns, which are worth illustrating through complete single

348 neuron reconstruction.

349 Our results were in accordance with the input and output circuits of neurons in DR and MR
350 identified using classic tracing techniques (Marcinkiewicz et al., 1989; Oh, et al., 2014; Peyron et
351 al., 1997; Vertes et al., 2008). However, the DR and MR are heterogeneous and contain diverse
352 types of neurons, including glutamatergic, GABAergic, serotonergic and dopaminergic neurons.
353 In comparison with the known circuits of specific types of neurons in the DR and MR, our results
354 matched well with the current incomplete knowledge of input and output circuits of glutamatergic
355 and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR, and we found that different neuron groups in the
356 same raphe nucleus received inputs from similar upstream brain regions and sent complementary
357 projections (Lin et al., 2020; Muzerelle et al., 2016; Ogawa et al., 2014; Pollak Dorocic et al.,
358 2014; Ren et al., 2018a; Ren et al., 2019; Weissbourd et al., 2014). There are essential brain
359 regions having biased connections with different types of neurons in the same raphe nucleus. In
360 the DR, serotonergic neurons project more broadly, such as to the entorhinal area and piriform
361 area (Ren et al., 2018a; Ren et al., 2019). Moreover, a key difference is that DR serotonergic
362 neurons send projections to the lateral habenula (Muzerelle et al., 2016; Ren et al., 2018a; Zhang
363 et al., 2018), whereas DR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons do not (**Figure 4B**). In the MR,
364 previous studies have revealed that MR neurons project to the hippocampus and regulate multiple
365 hippocampal activities (Jackson et al., 2008; Varga et al., 2009; Vertes et al., 2008). In this study,
366 we did not observe apparent projections of MR Vglut2+ and Gad2+ neurons in the hippocampus
367 (**Figure 4B**), which was in accordance with the previous studies that most retrogradely labeled
368 MR neurons to the hippocampus are serotonergic or Vglut3-positive (Szőnyi et al., 2016). The
369 biased connections caused by cell-type specificity emphasize the necessity of dissecting the
370 whole-brain connectivity of different cell types in the same region.

371 From previous studies, GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR were thought to innervate other
372 cell types in the raphe nucleus to modulate function through disynaptic pathways. Suppression of
373 DR GABAergic neurons could alleviate the acquisition of social avoidance by promoting the
374 activity of serotonergic neurons (Challis et al., 2013). MR GABAergic neurons modulate
375 hippocampal theta rhythm by innervating MR serotonergic neurons, and indirectly regulate
376 hippocampal ripple activity by inhibiting MR non-GABAergic neurons (Li, et al., 2005; Wang et

377 al., 2015). However, DR GABAergic neurons also regulate thermogenesis through long-range
378 projections to the DMH, BST and related areas (Schneeberger et al., 2019). As we found a vast
379 range of projections from GABAergic neurons in DR and MR, it indicated an underappreciated
380 potential functional role of GABAergic projection neurons in the DR and MR. Whether the same
381 GABAergic neurons in the raphe nucleus could participate in the direct and indirect pathways
382 simultaneously needs further investigation.

383 In summary, we constructed a comprehensive whole-brain atlas of inputs and outputs of
384 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR, revealing similar input patterns but
385 divergent projection patterns. The differences in connectivity patterns are related to specific
386 regulatory processes of specific functions. As the whole-brain connections of genetically targeted
387 neurons are key factors in characterizing cell types, our result would contribute to generating
388 whole-brain cell atlases that are under ongoing effort. Our work could form the foundation for
389 exploring the relationship of cell heterogeneity, anatomical connectivity and behavior function of
390 the raphe nucleus.

391 **Materials and Methods**

392 **Animals**

393 In this study, adult Vglut2-Cre mice (stock number: 016963) and Gad2-Cre mice (stock
394 number: 010802) purchased from the Jackson Laboratory were used. All mice were housed in an
395 experiment environment with 12-h light/dark cycle, 22 ± 1 °C temperature, $55 \pm 5\%$ humidity and
396 food and water ad libitum. All animal experiments were approved by the Institutional Animal
397 Ethics Committee of Huazhong University of Science and Technology and were conducted in
398 accordance with relevant guidelines.

399 **Stereotaxic injections**

400 For retrograde monosynaptic tracing, 150 nl adeno-associated helper virus (AAV helper) was
401 injected into the DR (bregma: -4.6 mm, lateral: 0 mm, ventral: -3.0 mm) or MR (bregma: -4.6
402 mm, lateral: 0 mm, ventral: -4.25 mm) in Vglut2-Cre and Gad2-Cre mice. Three weeks later, 200
403 nl RV- Δ G-EnvA-GFP (2×10^8 infectious units/ml) was injected into the same site. One week later,
404 the mice were used for sample preparation. The AAV helper was a 1:2 mixture of rAAV2/9-
405 EF1 α -DIO-His-TVA-BFP (2×10^{12} viral genomes/ml) and rAAV2/9- EF1 α -DIO-RG (2×10^{12} viral

406 genomes/ml). For antegrade tracing, 50 nl AAV-DIO-EYFP (2×10^{12} viral genomes/ml) was
407 injected into the DR (bregma: -4.6 mm, lateral: 0 mm, ventral: -3.0 mm) or MR (bregma: -4.6
408 mm, lateral: 0 mm, ventral: -4.25 mm) in adult Vglut2-Cre and Gad2-Cre mice. Three weeks later,
409 the mice were used for sample preparation. All viral tools were produced by BrainVTA Co., Ltd.

410 **Histology**

411 All histological procedures followed a previously described workflow (Ren et al., 2018b).
412 Briefly, the anesthetized mice were intracardially perfused with 0.01 M PBS (Sigma-Aldrich Inc),
413 followed by 4% paraformaldehyde (Sigma-Aldrich Inc) in 0.01 M PBS. The brains were excised
414 and post-fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde at 4 °C for 24 h. Subsequently, each brain was rinsed
415 overnight at 4 °C in 0.01 M PBS and dehydrated in a graded ethanol series (50, 70 and 95%
416 ethanol, changing from one concentration to the next every 1 h at 4 °C). After dehydration, the
417 brains were immersed in a graded glycol methacrylate (GMA) series (Ted Pella Inc.), including
418 0.2% SBB (70%, 85%, and 100% GMA for 2 h each and 100% GMA overnight at 4 °C). Finally,
419 the samples were impregnated in a prepolymerization GMA solution for 3 days at 4 °C and
420 embedded in a vacuum oven at 35 °C for 24 h.

421 **Imaging and image preprocessing**

422 For whole-brain high-resolution imaging, the virus-labeled and GMA resin embedded samples
423 were imaged with propidium iodide (PI) simultaneously staining cytoarchitecture landmarks using
424 our home-made fMOST system at a resolution of $0.32 \mu\text{m} \times 0.32 \mu\text{m} \times 2 \mu\text{m}$. The acquired two-
425 channel raw data are processed by mosaic stitching and illumination correction to piece together
426 into entire coronal sections using the a previously described workflow (Gong et al., 2016). Each
427 channel dataset of one brain sample contains approximately 5,500 coronal slices. For starter cells,
428 the samples were sectioned in 50 μm coronal slices using the vibrating slicer (VT1200S, Leica)
429 and imaged using the automated slide scanner (VS120 Virtual Slide, Olympus).

430 **Data processing**

431 **Registration.** To quantify and integrate the whole-brain connections, the coordinates of the soma
432 of input neurons and high-resolution image stack of labeled outputs were registered to Allen
433 CCFv3 using the transformation parameters acquired by the previously described methods (Ni et
434 al., 2020). In brief, we segmented several brain regions as landmarks through cytoarchitecture

435 references, such as the outline, caudoputamen, medial habenula, lateral ventricle, third ventricle.
436 Based on these landmarks, we performed affine transformation and symmetric image
437 normalization in Advanced Normalization Tools (ANTs) to acquire transformation parameters.
438 ***Nomenclature of brain regions.*** Demarcation and annotation of brain regions were based on
439 Allen CCFv3. The superior central nucleus raphe (CS) corresponds to the median raphe nucleus
440 (MR) with the consultation of the mouse brain atlas by Paxinos and Franklin (Paxinos and
441 Franklin, 2012). Based on Allen CCFv3's hierarchy of brain regions, as there are no or few input
442 neurons and projections in many brain regions, we collapsed some brain regions to their "parent"
443 region as needed, thereby divided the whole-brain into 117 brain regions (see Supplementary File
444 1) and identified 71 brain regions for analysis (areas that have small proportion of connections are
445 merged into "Others"). The STR-NA, PAL-NA, TH-NA, HY-NA, MB-NA, P-NA and MY-NA
446 respectively refer to the non-annotated area in the striatum, pallidum, thalamus, hypothalamus,
447 midbrain, pons and medulla.

448 ***Detection and quantification of whole-brain inputs.*** Regarding the input circuits, we
449 automatically identified and localized the soma of input neurons using NeuroGPS (Quan et al.,
450 2013) and manually checked the results to eliminate some indiscernible mistakes, then warped the
451 soma coordinates to Allen CCFv3 using the transformation parameters from registration described
452 above. We calculated the number and proportion of input neurons in each brain region of interest
453 (excluding target area) to generate the quantified whole-brain inputs.

454 ***Detection and quantification of whole-brain outputs.*** Regarding the output circuits, we generated
455 quantified whole-brain outputs by taking following steps:

456 We resampled the image stack of labeled neural structures to isotropic 1 μm , segmented the
457 outline of brain and set the intensity of pixels outside the outline to 0, then used the transformation
458 parameters of registration described above to warp them to Allen CCFv3 at 1 μm scaling. Then we
459 manually segmented injection sites on registered coronal sections.

460 To detect projection signal from background, each registered coronal section was background
461 subtracted, Gaussian filtered, and threshold segmented to binary image. The background image
462 I^* was calculated as $I^* = \min(I, \text{background})$ followed by ten convolutions with the
463 averaging template of 9 \times 9 size, where I is the gray level of coronal section and the background is

464 an approximate estimated background intensity (Quan et al., 2013). The size of gaussian filter was
465 5×5 . The filtered image was binarized by $\max(4\sqrt{I^*}, threshold)$ where *threshold* was the
466 result calculated by the Yen method that clipped to the predetermined threshold range (Yen et al.,
467 1995).

468 The whole-brain images were divided into $10 \times 10 \times 10 \mu\text{m}^3$ grids. In each division, we calculated
469 signal density by the definition of the sum of detected pixels divided by the sum of all pixels in a
470 three-dimensional grid, therefore generated a three-dimensional signal density matrix of $10 \mu\text{m}$
471 voxel resolution. Then we calculated the computational path based on the signal density matrix
472 using multistencils fast marching algorithm and removed the voxels that could not back-track to
473 injection site or back-track to injection site with low confidence (Oh et al., 2014; Hassouna and
474 Farag, 2007; Liu, et al., 2018). The confidence of the path was defined as the proportion of back-
475 tracking points that were located in the foreground voxel in the path, and the foreground voxel
476 refers to the voxel whose signal density was greater than a threshold. Finally, we manually
477 inspected the results and removed the remaining confusing noise voxels.

478 The outputs were quantified as projection signal volume in each brain region normalized by
479 signal volume across whole brain (excluding the injection site and target area). As soma and
480 dendrites of labeled neurons contributed a lot of signals in the injection site, we excluded the
481 injection site for more accuracy.

482 **Visualization and statistical analysis**

483 The Amira software (v6.1.1, FEI) and Imaris software (v9.5.0, Bitplane) were used to visualize
484 the inputs and outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR. To compare
485 the inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR across brain regions, we
486 performed one-way ANOVA followed by multiple comparisons with Tukey's test. To compare
487 the outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the same nucleus across brain regions, we
488 performed one-way ANOVA. To quantify the similarities of input and output patterns, we
489 calculated Pearson's correlation coefficients. To explore the similarities and variances of
490 inputs/outputs of brain regions connected with glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR
491 and MR, we performed correlation analysis and hierarchical cluster analysis. These processes
492 were performed using MATLAB (v2017a, MathWorks) and Python 3.6.4. To compare the whole-

493 brain inputs across all samples, hierarchical clustering and bootstrapping were performed using
494 pvcust that is a package of R (Suzuki and Shimodaira, 2006). All histograms were generated
495 using GraphPad Prism (v.6.0, GraphPad).

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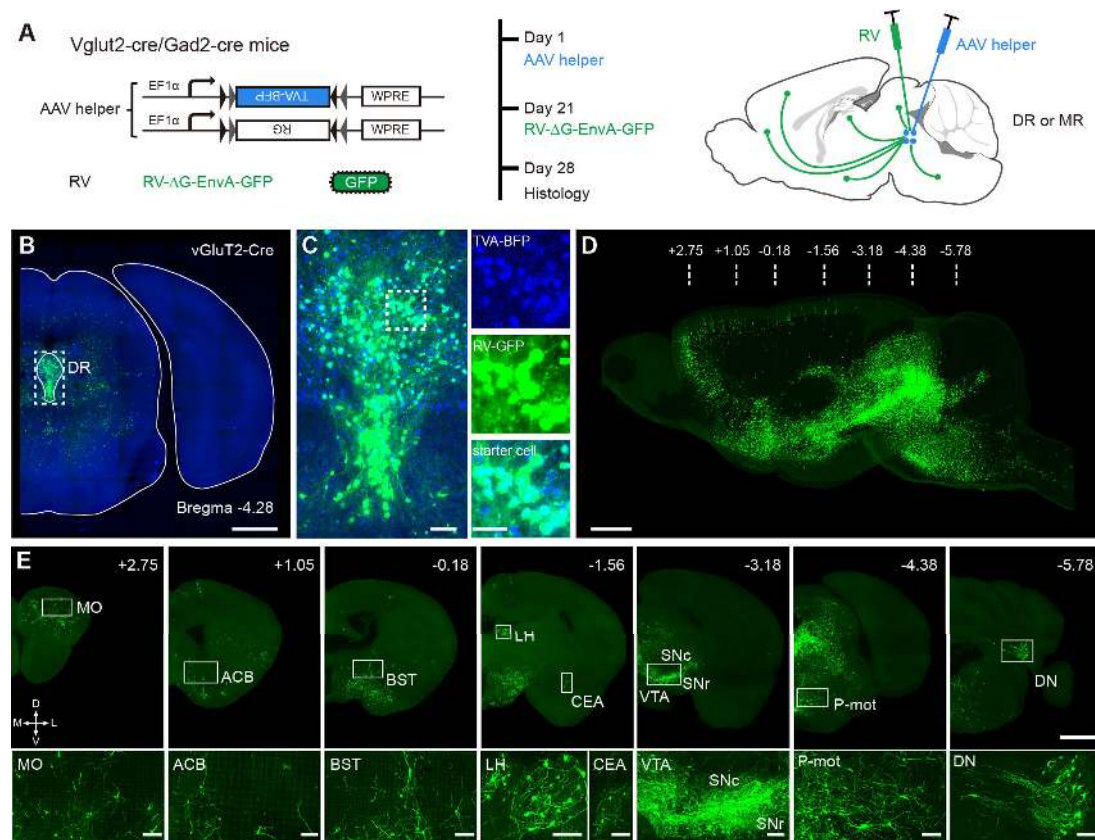
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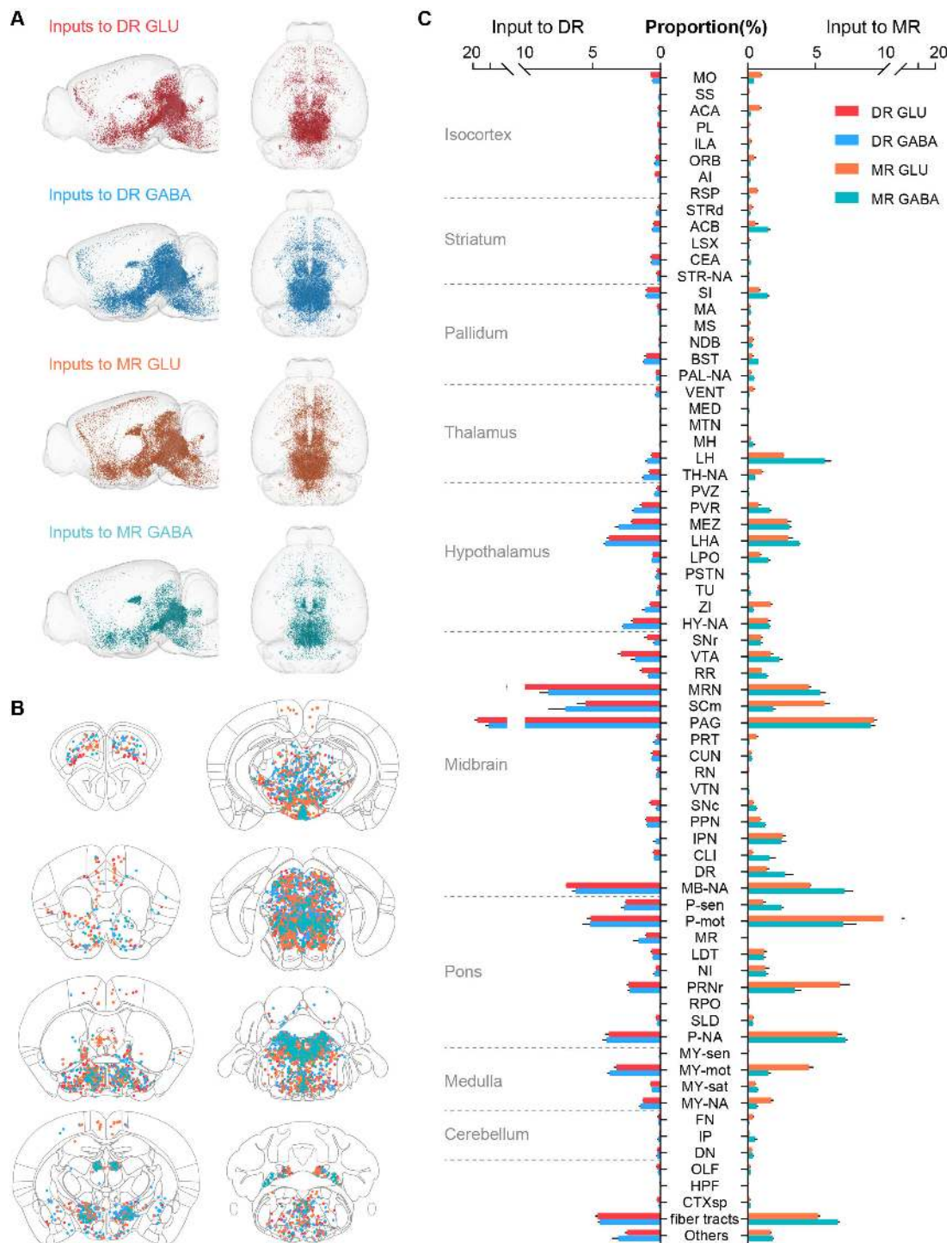
Figures

Figure 1



695 **Figure 1. Whole-brain mapping of monosynaptic input neurons to cell-type-specific neurons**
 696 **in the DR and MR.** (A) Schematic of monosynaptic rabies virus tracing the inputs to cell-type-
 697 specific neurons. The AAV helper virus expresses a fusion of TVA receptor and BFP and RG, and
 698 the modified rabies virus pseudotyped with EnvA expresses GFP. The experimental strategy and
 699 time line are on the right. (B) Representative schematic coronal section of the injection site. Scale
 700 bar, 1mm. (C) Left, enlarged view of dotted box area in (B) showing the starter cells (cyan).
 701 Right, enlarged view of the dotted box area on the left. The neurons co-labeled by BFP and GFP
 702 were starter cells (cyan), and GFP-labeled neurons were input neurons (green). Scale bars, left,
 703 100 μ m, right, 50 μ m. (D) Three-dimensional rendering of whole-brain input neurons to DR
 704 glutamatergic neurons from a representative sample. Scale bar, 1mm. (E) Representative coronal
 705 sections of maximum intensity projection showing the distribution of input neurons to DR
 706 glutamatergic neurons. The projections are 50 μ m thick. Scale bars, top row, 1 mm, bottom row,
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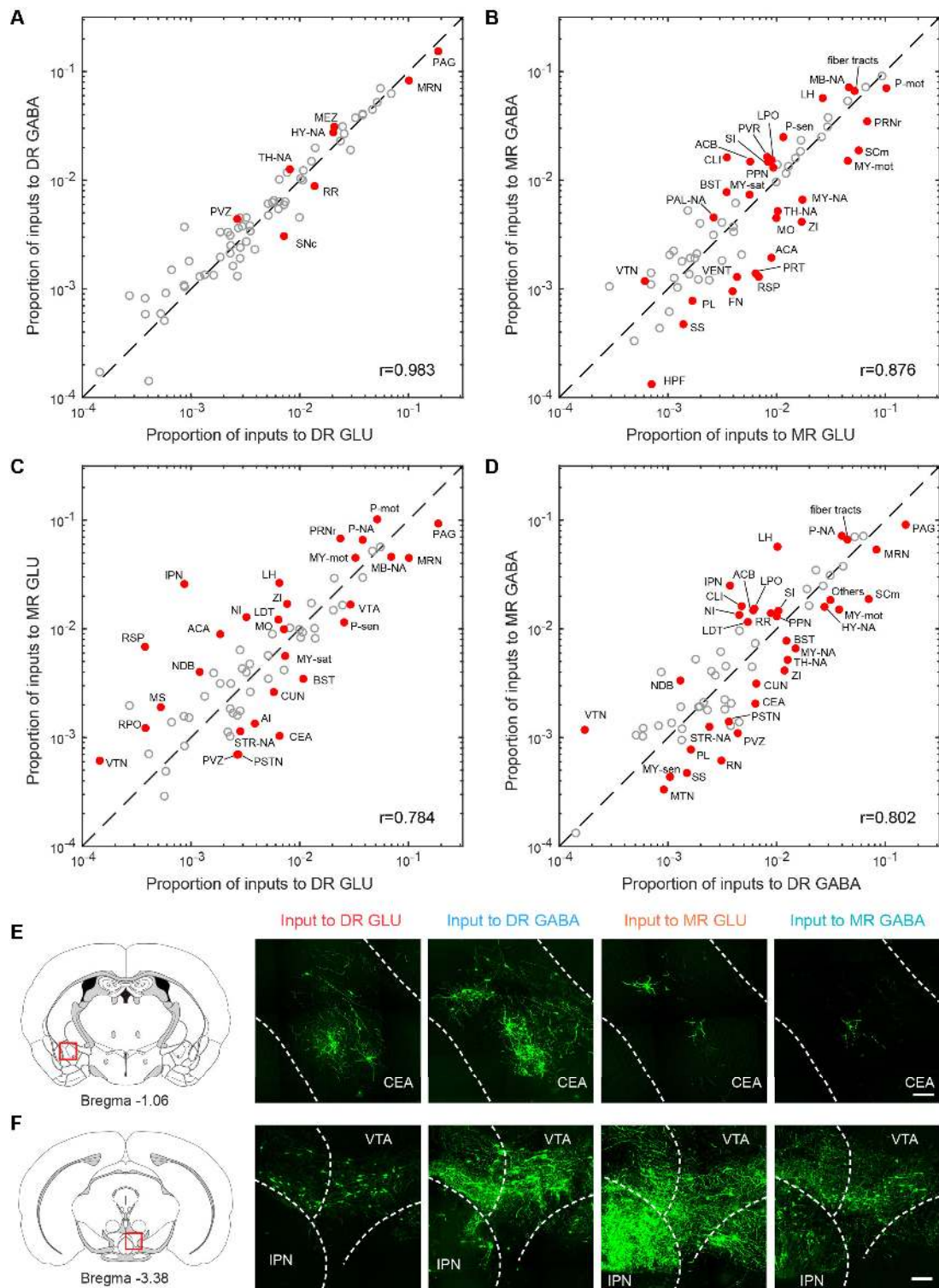
Figure 2



709 **Figure 2. Whole-brain distribution of input neurons to glutamatergic and GABAergic**
 710 **neurons in the DR and MR. (A)** Three-dimensional visualization of whole-brain inputs to
 711 glutamatergic neurons (GLU) and GABAergic neurons (GABA) in the DR and MR in
 712 representative samples. **(B)** Representative coronal sections illustrating the detected and registered
 713 input neurons. One dot represents one neuron, and the different colors reflect inputs to different

714 types of neuron as in (A). Each section is 50 μm thick. (C) Proportion of the input neurons to
715 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR across individual brain regions. Data
716 are shown as mean \pm s.e.m., n = 4 per group. The source data see Supplementary File 2. The
717 details of abbreviations for brain regions see Supplementary File 1. The abbreviation NA indicates
718 the non-annotated area in Allen CCFv3.

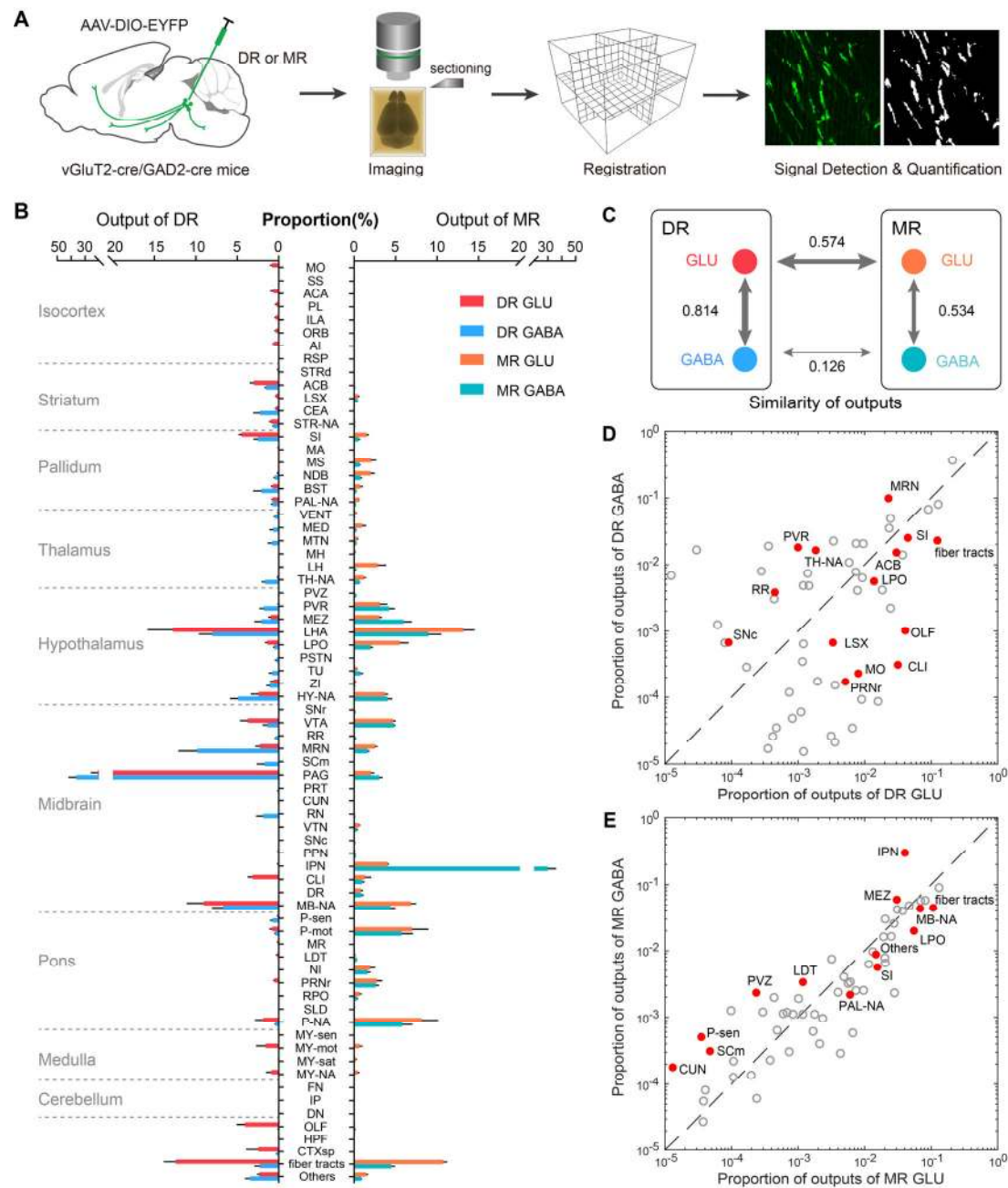
Figure 3



719 **Figure 3. Comparisons of inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and**
 720 **MR. (A-D) Comparisons of inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR.**
 721 The values for each region are the means of the proportion of input neurons from different
 722 samples of the same type. Red indicates significant differences ($p < 0.05$, One-way ANOVA)

723 followed by multiple comparisons with Tukey's test). The p-values see Supplementary File 2. r:
724 Pearson's correlation coefficients. The details of abbreviations for brain regions see
725 Supplementary File 1. **(E)** Comparison of input neurons in the CEA. Left: position of the images
726 on the right. Right: RV-GFP-labeled input neurons in the CEA. Representative images are from
727 maximum intensity projections of the coronal sections. The projections were 50 μm thick. Scale
728 bar, 100 μm . **(F)** Comparison of input neurons in the IPN. Left: position of the images on the
729 right. Right: RV-GFP-labeled input neurons in the IPN. Representative images are from maximum
730 intensity projections of the coronal sections. The projections were 50 μm thick. Scale bar, 100 μm .

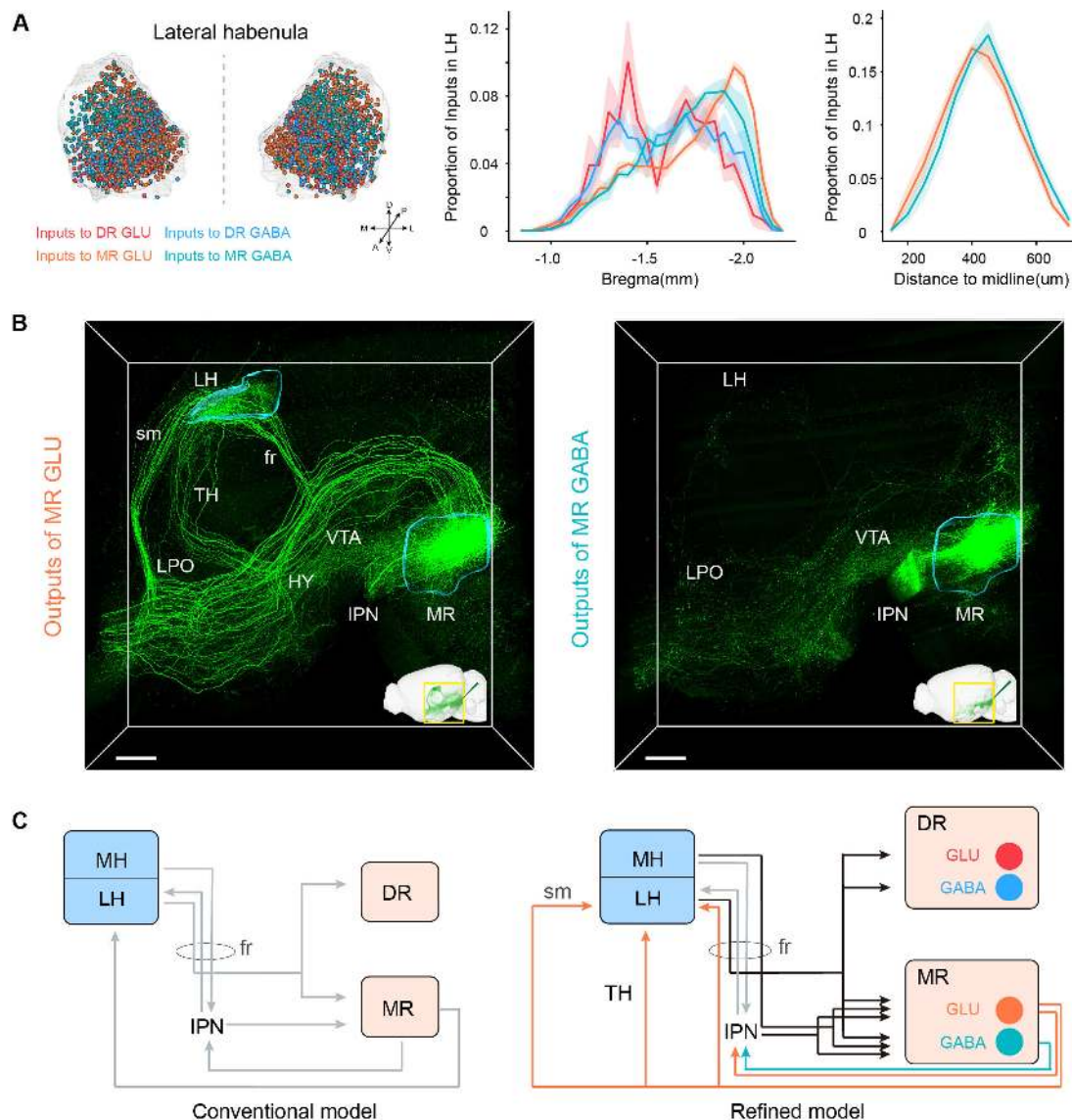
Figure 4



731 **Figure 4. Whole-brain outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR.**
 732 (A) Schematic outlining viral tracing, whole-brain imaging, data processing and analysis. (B)
 733 Proportion of the outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in DR and MR across
 734 individual brain regions. Data are shown as mean \pm s.e.m., $n=4$ per group. The source data see
 735 Supplementary File 3. (C) Similarities of whole-brain projection patterns. The numbers indicate
 736 Pearson's correlation coefficients. The arrow thickness indicates the magnitude of similarity. (D)
 737 Comparison of outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR. (E) Comparison of

738 outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the MR. The values for each region are the
739 means of the proportion of outputs from different samples of the same type. Red indicates
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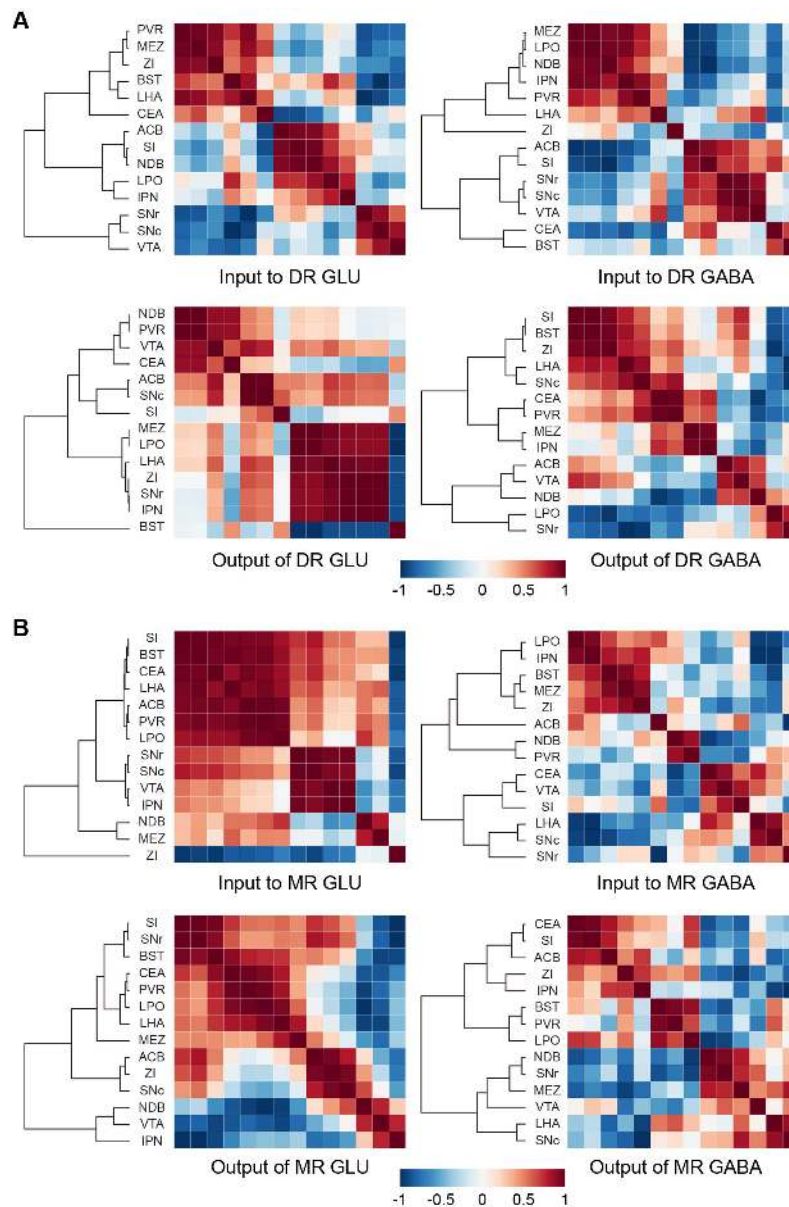
Figure 5



742 **Figure 5. Habenula-raphe Circuit.** (A) Comparison of inputs in the LH to glutamatergic and
 743 GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR. Left, three-dimensional rendering of input neurons in the
 744 LH from representative samples. One dot represents one neuron, and the different colors reflect
 745 inputs to different types of neurons. Middle, density plot of the proportion of input neurons in the
 746 LH along the anterior-posterior axis. Right, density plot of the proportion of input neurons to MR
 747 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the LH along the medial-lateral axis. Bin width, 50 μ m.
 748 The shaded area indicates s.e.m., n=4. (B) Representative projections of MR glutamatergic and
 749 GABAergic neurons. The image is a perspective view of three-dimensional rendering of projections
 750 in the region of interest shown in the bottom right corner. The image in the bottom right corner is
 751 three-dimensional rendering of projections in the left hemisphere. The rendered data have been

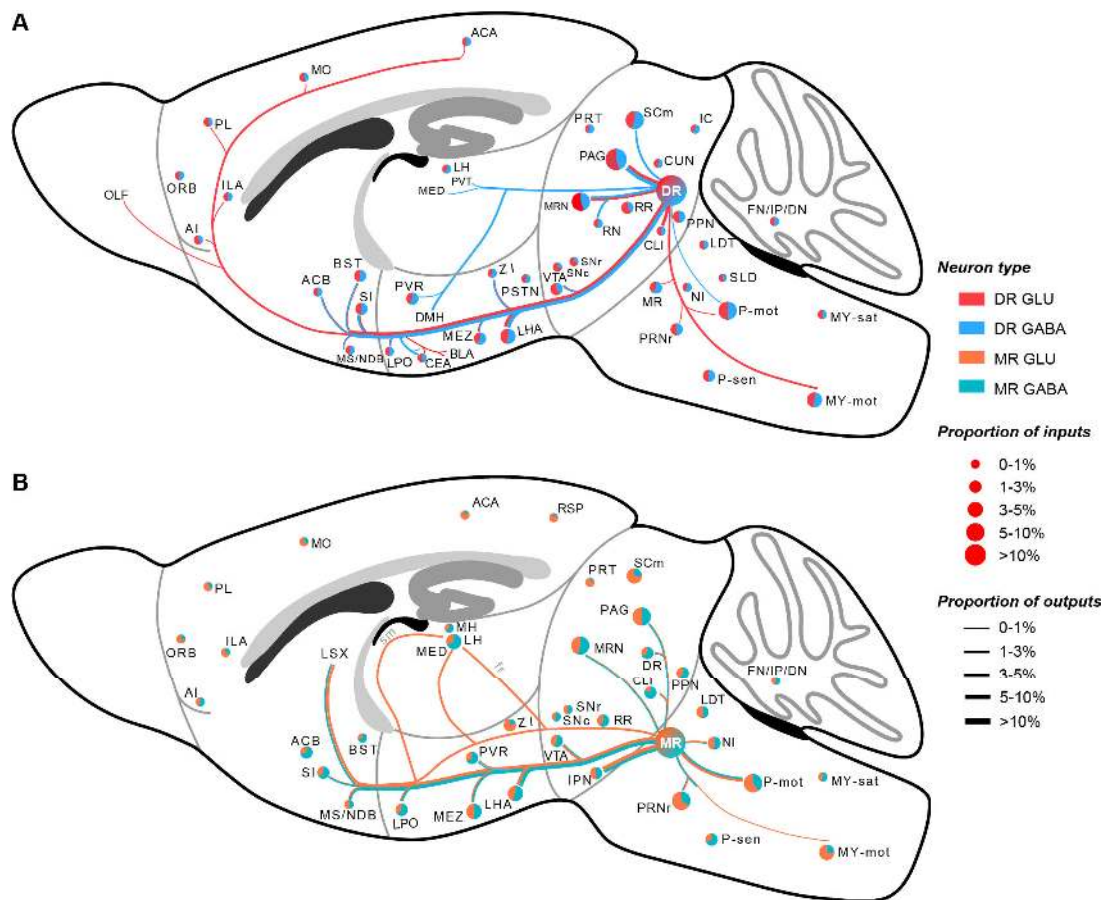
752 registered to Allen CCFv3. Scale bar, 500 μm . (C) A refined model of the habenula-raphé circuit
753 based on connections with glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR. The
754 conventional model is from previous studies (Hikosaka, 2010; Hu et al., 2020). In the refined
755 model, the inputs identified in this study are shown in black, the outputs of MR glutamatergic and
756 GABAergic neurons are shown in orange and turquoise respectively, and the known circuits are
757 shown in gray. TH, thalamus; HY, hypothalamus; sm, stria medullaris; fr, fasciculus retroflexus.

Figure 6



758 **Figure 6. Connectivity patterns of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and**
759 **MR.**
760 **(A)** Correlation and hierarchical cluster analysis showing the similarities and variances in brain
761 regions connected with DR glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons. The heatmap represents
762 Pearson's correlation coefficient matrix. **(B)** Correlation and hierarchical cluster analysis showing
763 the similarities and variances in brain regions connected with MR glutamatergic and GABAergic
764 neurons. The heatmap represents Pearson's correlation coefficient matrix. The details of
765 abbreviations for brain regions see Supplementary File 1.

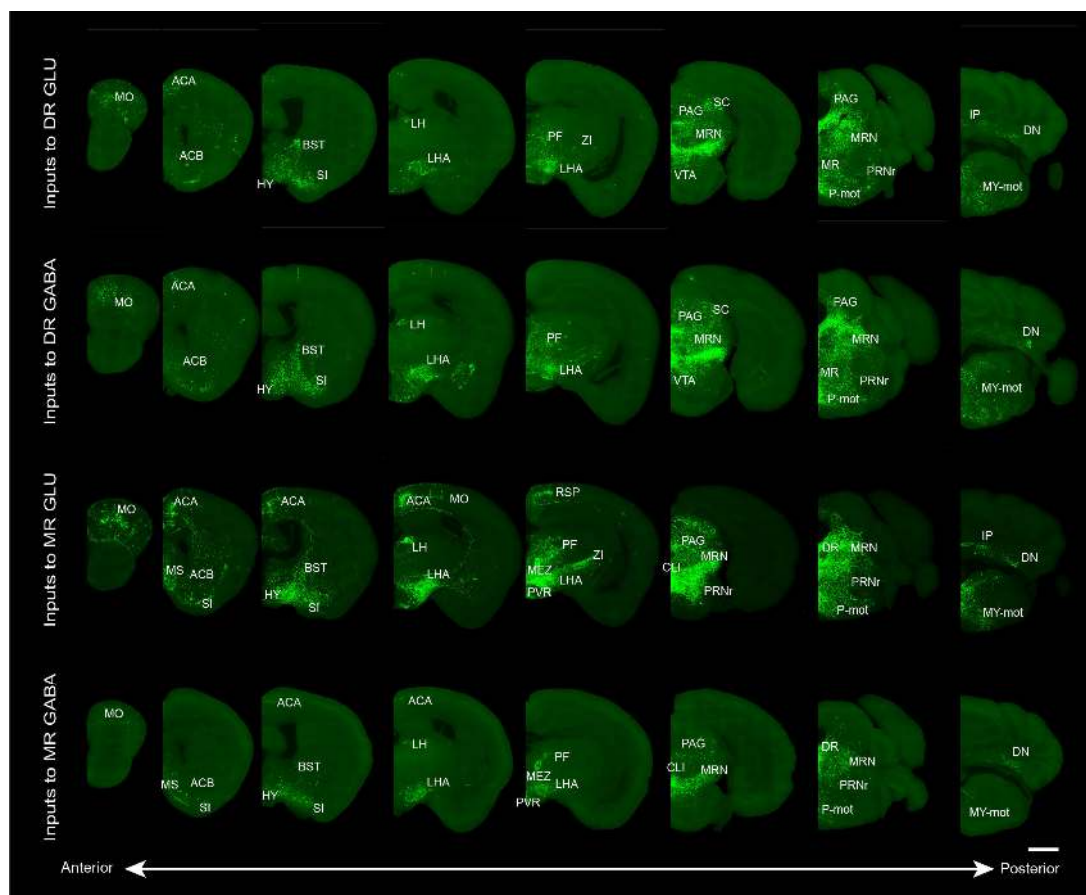
Figure 7



766 **Figure 7. Whole-brain schematic of the inputs and outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic**
 767 **neurons in the DR and MR. (A)** Whole-brain schematic of the inputs and outputs of
 768 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR. **(B)** Whole-brain schematic of the inputs and
 769 outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the MR. The pie charts represent the inputs
 770 in each brain region, where colors reflect the postsynaptic neuron types, and the size reflects the
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 773 regions see Supplementary File 1.

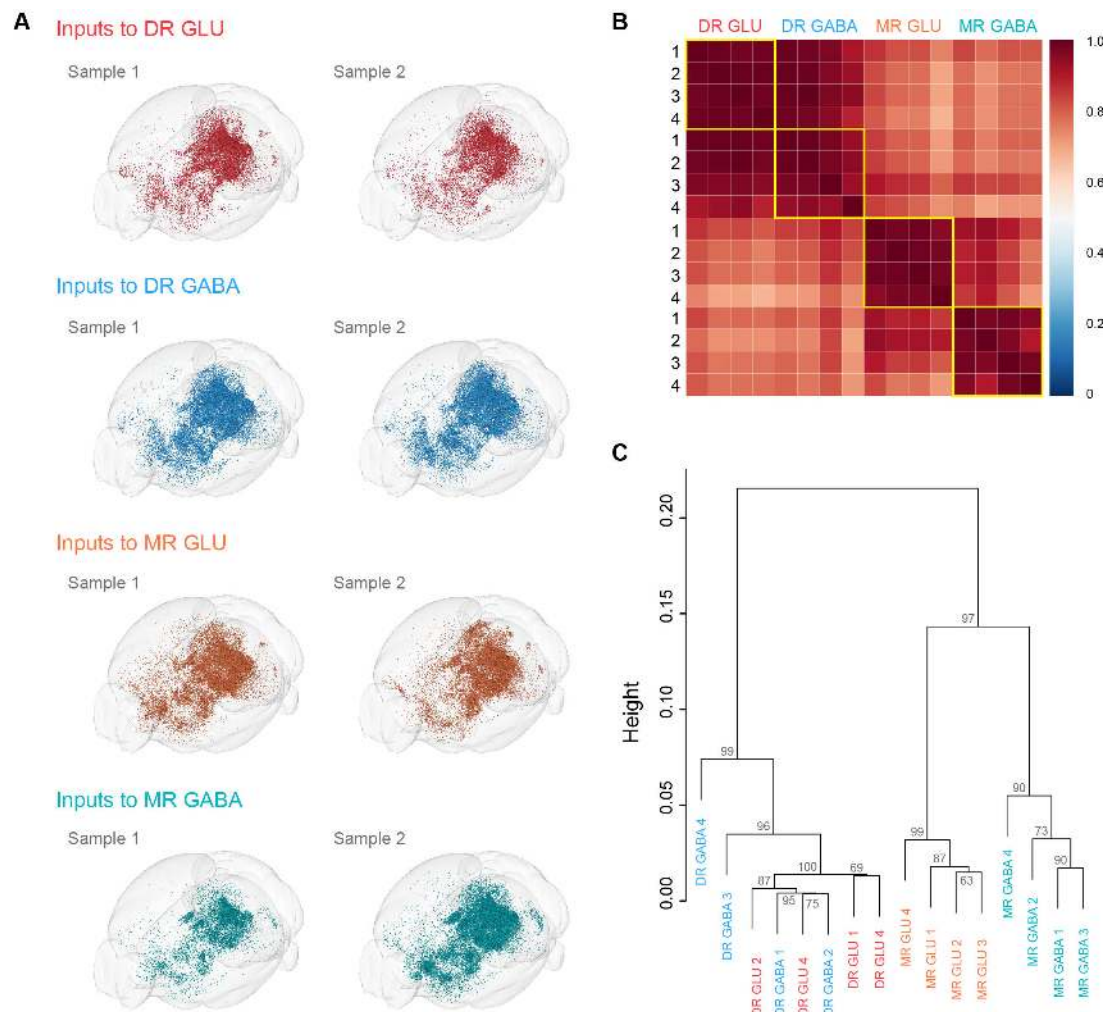
Supplementary Figures

Figure 1– figure supplement 1



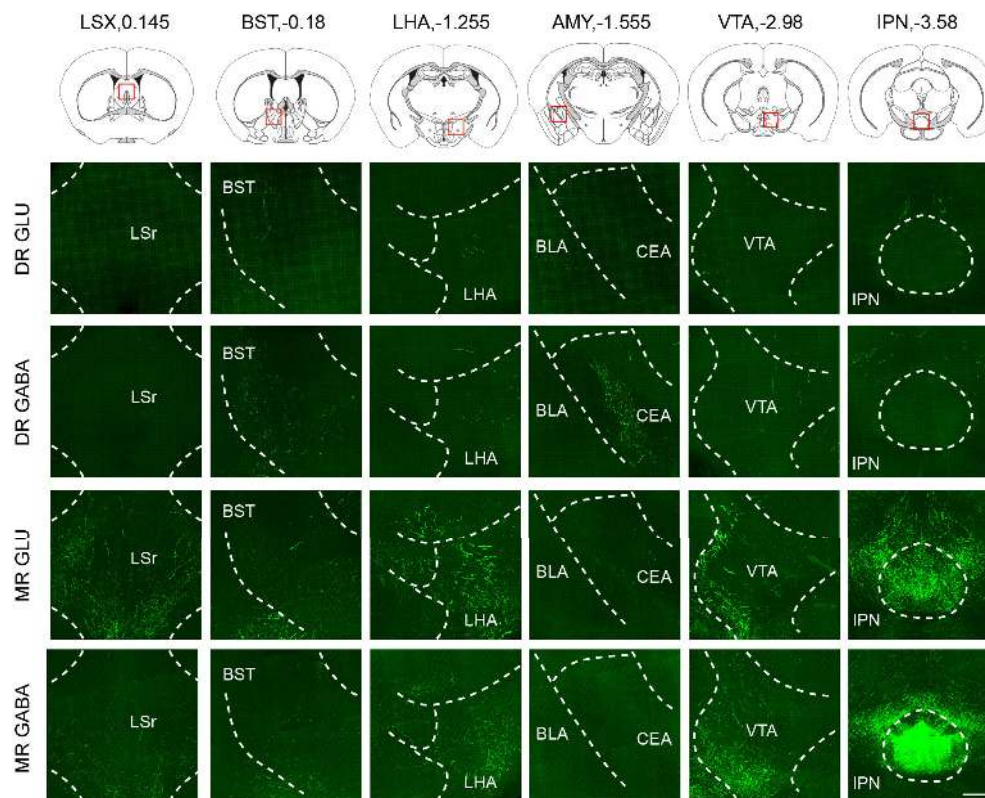
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775 **glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR. The images are from maximum**
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777 **thick. Scale bar, 1 mm. The details of abbreviations for brain regions see Supplementary File 1.**

Figure 2– figure supplement 1



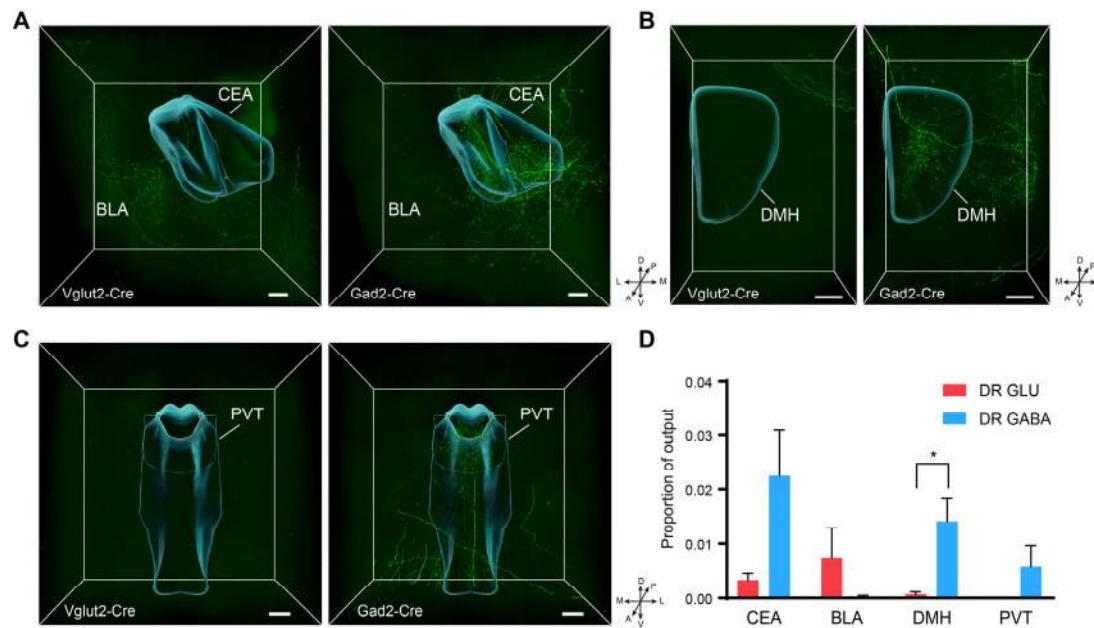
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 779 **samples. (A)** Visualization of whole-brain inputs to glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the
 780 DR and MR. The results of two individual samples of the same group of neurons demonstrate the
 781 reliability of input patterns. **(B)** Pearson’s correlation coefficients matrix of quantitative whole-
 782 brain inputs across individual samples. **(C)** Hierarchical clustering and bootstrapping based on the
 783 quantified whole-brain inputs. The approximately unbiased value shown for each branch indicates
 784 the confidence that the cluster is supported by the data.

Figure 4– figure supplement 1



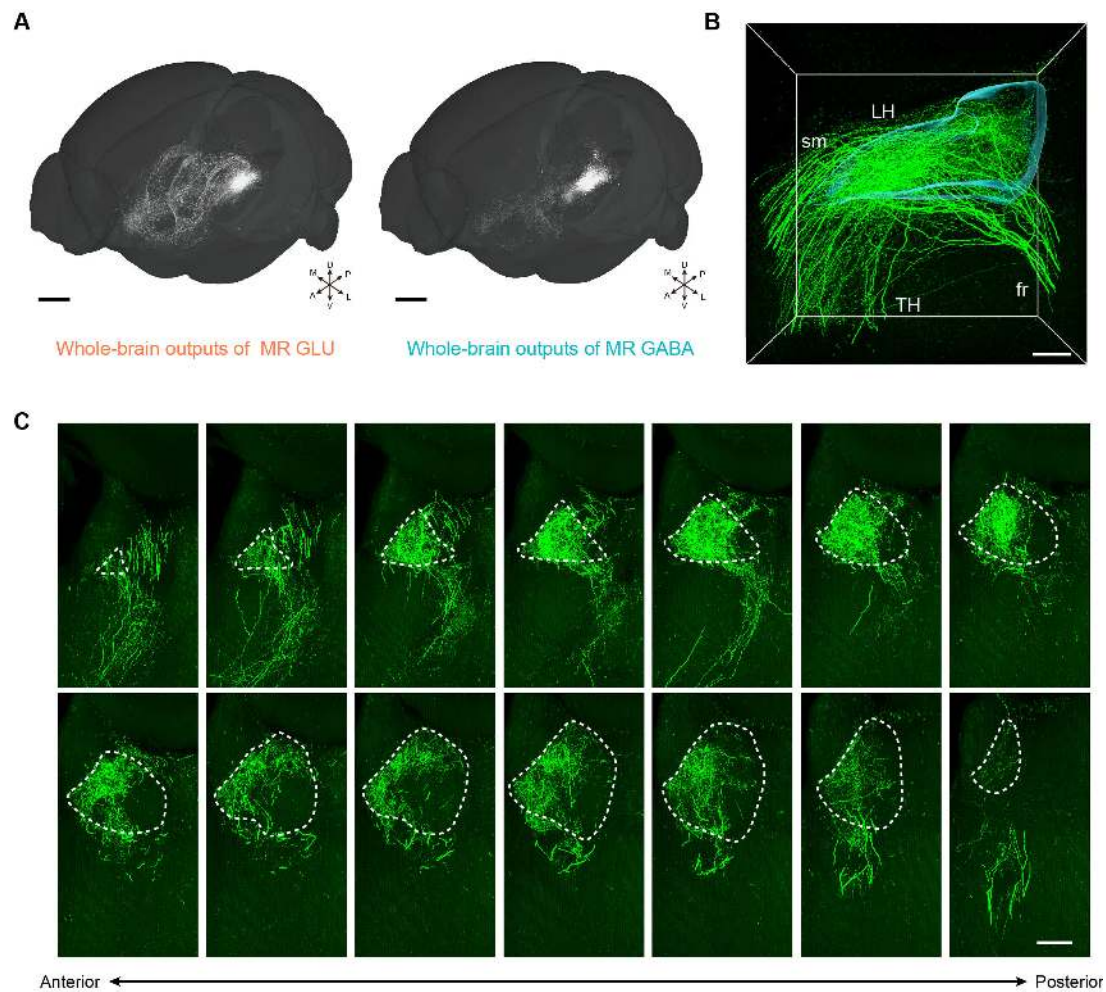
785 **Figure 4– figure supplement 1. Representative images showing projections from**
786 **glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR.** The images are from maximum
787 intensity projections of the coronal sections of representative samples. The projections were 100
788 μm thick. Scale bar, 200 μm . LSX, lateral septal complex; BST, bed nuclei of the stria terminalis;
789 LHA, lateral hypothalamic area; CEA, central amygdalar nucleus; BLA, basolateral amygdalar
790 nucleus; VTA, ventral tegmental area; IPN, interpeduncular nucleus.

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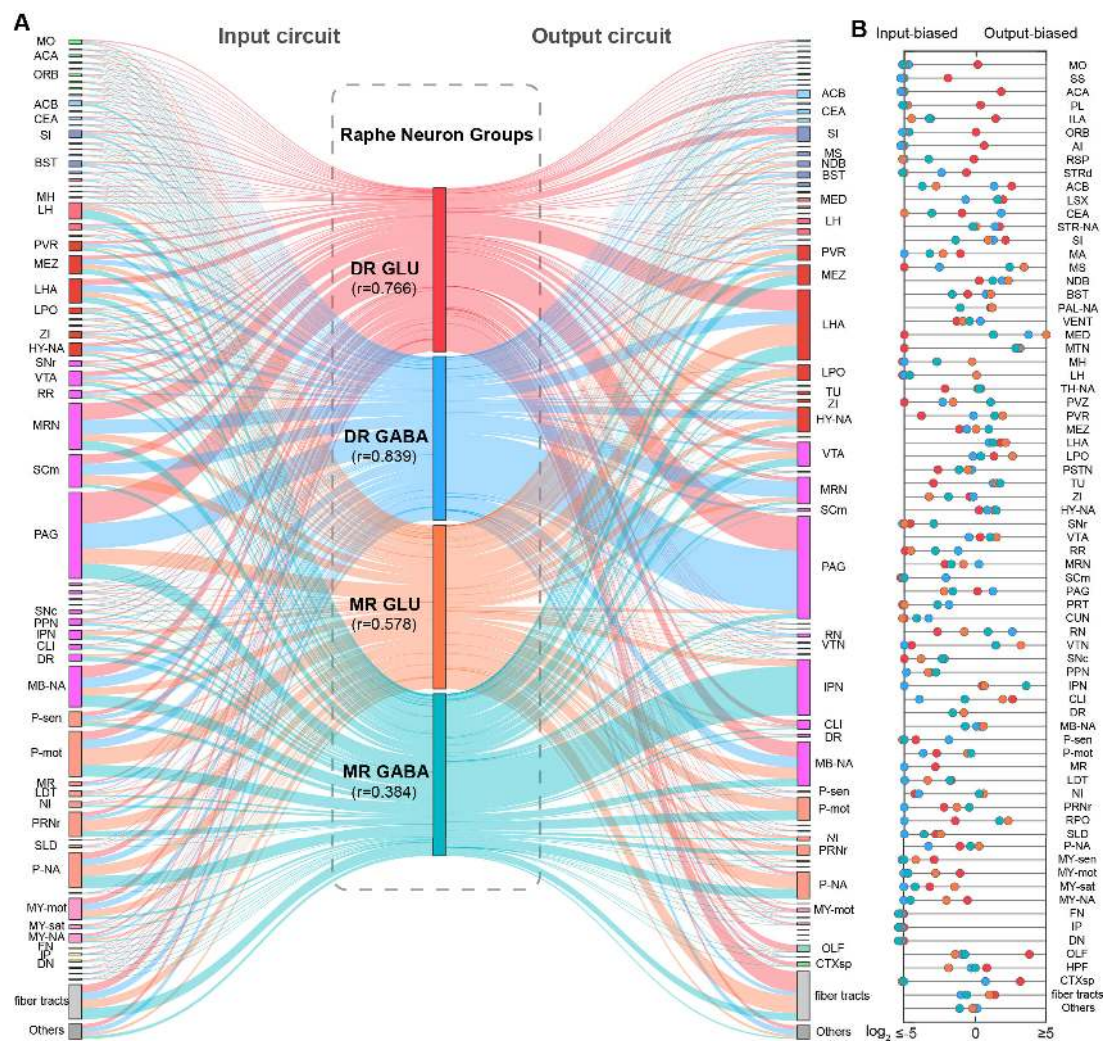
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 792 **neurons in the DR. (A)** Three-dimensional rendering of projections in the amygdala from
 793 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR. Scale bar, 200 μ m. **(B)** Three-dimensional
 794 rendering of projections in the DMH from glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR.
 795 Scale bar, 200 μ m. **(C)** Three-dimensional rendering of projections in the PVT from glutamatergic
 796 and GABAergic neurons in the DR. Scale bar, 200 μ m. **(D)** Quantification and comparison of the
 797 proportion of outputs in the target area. One-way ANOVA, * $p < 0.05$. Data are shown as mean \pm
 798 s.e.m., $n=4$ per group. A, anterior; P, posterior; M, medial; L, lateral; D, dorsal; V, ventral. CEA,
 799 central amygdalar nucleus; BLA, basolateral amygdalar nucleus; DMH, dorsomedial nucleus of
 800 the hypothalamus; PVT, Paraventricular nucleus of the thalamus;

Figure 5– figure supplement 1



801 **Figure 5– figure supplement 1. Representative outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic**
802 **neurons in the MR.** (A) Whole-brain outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the
803 MR of representative samples. Scale bar, 1 mm. (B) Enlarged view of three-dimensional rendering
804 of projections in the LH (left hemisphere) from MR glutamatergic neurons. Scale bar, 200 μ m.
805 (C) Images showing the projections in the LH (left hemisphere) from MR glutamatergic neurons.
806 The images are from maximum intensity projections of the coronal sections of a representative
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808 medial; L, lateral; D, dorsal; V, ventral.

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809 **Figure 6– figure supplement 1. Connectivity pattern of whole-brain inputs and outputs of**
 810 **glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in DR and MR. (A)** Schematic and similarity of whole-
 811 brain inputs and outputs of glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR. The line
 812 width reflects proportion. The colors reflect the neurons types. DR glutamatergic and GABAergic
 813 neurons and their connections are respectively reflected by red and blue. MR glutamatergic and
 814 GABAergic neurons and their connections are respectively reflected by orange and turquoise. r :
 815 Pearson's correlation coefficients reflecting the similarity of whole-brain inputs and outputs of the
 816 same group of neurons. **(B)** Reciprocity between whole-brain inputs and outputs of glutamatergic
 817 and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR. The scatter represents the ratio of output and input
 818 across brain regions, where colors reflect the neuron types as in **(A)**. The details of abbreviations
 819 for brain regions see Supplementary File 1.

820 **Supplementary File**

821 **Supplementary File 1. Nomenclature and abbreviations of brain regions**

822 **Supplementary File 2. Quantification and comparison of whole-brain inputs to**

823 **glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR**

824 **Supplementary File 3. Quantification and comparison of whole-brain outputs of**

825 **glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons in the DR and MR**