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(A) total amount of c-fos expressing cells in the DRN: naïve EXP 49.43 ± 2.91 , CT 48.29 ± 3.28 , Anx EXP 81.93 ± 3.68 , CT 77.21 ± 3.26 , Anx+L EXP 73.88 ± 4.33 , CT 79.54 ± 5.12 , two-tailed t-test EXP naïve: EXP Anx $p \leq 0.001$, $t = -6.928$, $n = 28$, two-tailed t-test CT naïve:CT Anx $p \leq 0.001$, $t = -6.253$, $n = 28$. **(B)** colocalization of c-fos expression in GABAergic neurons (Gad67): naïve EXP 5.64 ± 0.4 , CT 5.79 ± 0.49 , Anx EXP 8.71 ± 0.54 , CT 8.11 ± 0.5 , Anx+L EXP 7.78 ± 0.51 , CT 8.0 ± 0.66 , two-tailed t-test EXP naïve:EXP Anx $p \leq 0.001$, $t = 4.539$, $n = 28$, two-tailed t-test CT naïve:CT Anx $p = 0.002$, $t = -3.286$, $n = 28$. **(C)** colocalization of c-fos expression in pyramidal neurons (CamKII): naïve EXP 11.32 ± 18.21 , CT 11.21 ± 0.82 , Anx EXP 20.18 ± 1.04 , CT 17.61 ± 0.78 , Anx+L EXP 18.21 ± 0.92 , CT 17.39 ± 1.26 , Mann Whitney Rank Sum test EXP naïve:EXP Anx $p \leq 0.001$, $n = 28$, two-tailed t-test CT naïve:CT Anx $p \leq 0.001$, $t = -5.663$, $n = 28$. **(D)** activity ration between serotonergic and interneurons, calculated as ratio between c-fos positive serotonergic neurons as main projection neurons and c-fos positive GABAergic neurons, no significant difference is evident between conditions: naïve EXP 2.16 ± 0.11 , CT 2.04 ± 0.09 , Anx EXP 2.44 ± 0.12 , CT 2.32 ± 0.13 , Anx+L EXP 2.52 ± 0.16 , CT 2.28 ± 0.09 . Values are mean \pm SEM. ** indicate significant differences ($p \leq 0.01$), *** indicate significant differences ($p \leq 0.001$). Anx anxiety condition, Anx+L anxiety condition with light stimulation, CT control animals, EXP experimental mice injected with ChR2.