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Software and code

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Data collection

Image Lab 5.2.1; SkanIt 6.0; Leica LAS AF Lite 2.6.0; Nanodrop 2000; TOPSCAN G3; ANY-MAZE 6.0.; Bruker Biospin MRI 1.34.2.1.; iTEM software 2.1.0(Olympus Soft Imaging Solutions, Münster, Germany).

Data analysis

ImageJ 1.8.0; Graphpad Prism 8.0, FlowJo V10.4, 3D slicer 4.11.20210226.

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The authors declare that all data supporting the findings of this study are available within this article, its supplementary information files, and source data. The source data underlying Figures 1-7 and Supplementary Figures 1-15 are provided as a Source Data file. The data of RNA-sequencing generated in this study have been deposited in the SRA database under accession code PRJNA730111 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/PRJNA730111>]. The brain data base [https://web.stanford.edu/group/barres_lab/brain_rnaseq.html] or GSE 52564 was used to identify the cell types where genes were mainly located. The datasets generated during and/or analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Sample sizes were chosen based on preliminary data demonstrating statistically significant differences or previously reported data for each specific assay. For the cell viability test, MDA assay and GSH assay, we chose the sample sizes according to Yongfei Yang's study (PMID:31974380).
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from the analysis.
Replication	All experiments were performed with at least three technical replicates on more than one occasion to ensure reproducibility across experiments and all attempts at replication were successful.
Randomization	Samples and organisms were allocated into experimental groups randomly. All primary neuronal cells were obtained from new born mice and cultured at the same condition according to the protocol described in manuscript. All experimental treatments were controlled by the same dose, same reagent and same operation. The same method to collect samples in each experiment was used.
Blinding	The investigators were blinded to group allocation during data collection and analysis.

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Methods

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	Anti-Prok2 antibody, Abcam, Cat# ab76747, Rabbit polyclonal, Lot# GR284866-6; Anti-MT-ND1 antibody, Abcam, Cat# ab181848, Rabbit monoclonal [EPR13466(2)]. Anti-Fbx10, Novus, Cat# NBP1-91889, Rabbit polyclonal, Lot # R57903; Anti-Ubiquitin antibody, Abcam, Cat# ab19247, Rabbit polyclonal, Lot# GR185721-8; Anti-NeuN antibody, Abcam, Cat# ab279296, Mouse monoclonal [EPR12763], Lot# GR234241-2; Anti-Acsl4 antibody, Santa Cruz, Cat# sc-365230, Mouse monoclonal, Lot# 234243; Anti-Gpx4 antibody, Santa Cruz, Cat# sc-166570, Mouse monoclonal, Lot# 456353; Anti-Tomm20 antibody, Abcam, Cat# ab56783, Mouse monoclonal [4F3], Lot# GR 345324-2; Anti-Tfam antibody, Abcam, Cat# ab131607, Rabbit polyclonal, Lot# GR366434-1; Anti-GAPDH, YI FEI XUE BIOTECH, Cat# YFMA0037, Mouse monoclonal, Lot# 342311; Anti-Flag antibody, Beyotime, Cat# AF519, Mouse monoclonal, Lot# SR5631; Anti-HA, Beyotime, Cat# AH158, Mouse monoclonal, Lot# SR4234. Horseradish peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-rabbit IgG, Beyotime, Cat# A0208, Lot# SR3253; Horseradish peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG, Beyotime, Cat# A0216, Lot# SR2263. Alexa Fluor 488-conjugated secondary antibody, Jackson, Goat anti-mouse, Lot# 115-545-003; CyTM3-conjugated secondary antibody, Jackson, Goat anti-rabbit, Lot# 111-165-003. HRP-conjugated secondary antibody, Goat anti-Rabbit, Abcam, Cat# ab6112, Lot# GR345253-2.
Validation	Anti-Prok2 antibody, citation: Cells 8:N/A (2019) (PMID: 31766244). Manufacture's website: https://www.abcam.cn/prokineticin-2pk2-antibody-ab76747.html ; Anti-MT-ND1, citation: Mitochondrion 54:57-64 (2020) (PMID: 32659360). Manufacture's website: https://www.abcam.cn/mt-nd1-antibody-epr134662-ab181848.html ; Anti-Fbx10 antibody, Manufacture's website: https://www.novusbio.com/products/fbx10-antibody_nbp1-91889#datasheet ; Anti-Ubiquitin antibody, citation: Nat Methods 16:862-865 (2019) (PMID: 31471614). Manufacture's website: https://www.abcam.cn/ubiquitin-antibody-ab19247.html ; Anti-NeuN antibody, manufacture's website: https://www.abcam.cn/neun-antibody-epr12763-ab279296.html ; Anti-Acsl4 antibody, citation: Cell Rep 35:109076 (2021) (PMID: 33951438). Manufacture's website: https://www.scbt.com/p/acsl4-antibody-f-4?requestFrom=search ; Anti-

Gpx4 antibody, citation: Cell Death Dis. 10: 682 (2019) (PMID: 31527591). Manufacture's website: <https://www.scbt.com/zh/p/gpx-4-antibody-e-12?requestFrom=search>; Anti-Tomm20 antibody, citation:Redox Biol 28:101365 (2020) (PMID: 31707354). Manufacture's website: <https://www.abcam.cn/tomm20-antibody-4f3-bsa-and-azide-free-ab56783.html>; Anti-Tfam antibody, citation: Oncogene 39:617-636 (2020) (PMID: 31527668). Manufacture website: <https://www.abcam.cn/mttfa-antibody-mitochondrial-marker-ab131607.html>; Anti-GAPDH antibody, manufacture's website: http://www.yfxbio.com/product_info.asp?id=24370; Anti-Flag antibody, citation: Cell Death Dis 13;5:e1055 (2014) (PMID: 24525731).Manufacture's website: <https://www.beyotime.com/product/AF519.htm>; Anti-HA antibody, citation: Cell Res 22(2):333-45 (2012) (PMID: 21844891). Manufacture's website: <https://www.beyotime.com/product/AH158.htm>; Horseradish peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-rabbit IgG, citation: Brain Res 4;1494:1-8 (2013)(PMID:23219579). Manufacture's website: <https://www.beyotime.com/product/AH158.htm>; Horseradish peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG, citation: Brain Res 1311:189-96 (2010) (PMID: 19879861). Manufacture's website: <https://www.beyotime.com/product/A0216.htm>. Alexa Fluor 488-conjugated secondary antibody, citation: EBioMedicine 64:103213 (2021) (PMID:33508745). Manufacture's website: <https://www.jacksonimmuno.com/catalog/products/115-545-003>; CyTM3-conjugated secondary antibody, citation: Redox Biol,38:101830 (2021) (PMID:33338921). Manufacture's website: <https://www.jacksonimmuno.com/catalog/products/111-165-003>. HRP-conjugated Goat anti-Rabbit secondary antibody, citation: Exp Ther Med 19:2949-2956 (2020) (PMID: 322256780). Manufacture's website: <https://www.abcam.cn/goat-fab2-rabbit-igg-fab2-hrp-preadsorbed-ab6112.html>.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	Cells are isolated from the brain tissues of newborn mice.
Authentication	The primary neurons are identified via immunofluorescent assay with anti-NeuN and anti-Map2.
Mycoplasma contamination	We confirm the primary neurons tested for negative mycoplasma contamination.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	Primary neurons are used in our manuscript.

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	Eight-week-old male C57BL/6 mice (Animal Core Facility of Nanjing Medical University, Nanjing, China). They were kept in an SPF condition with a 12h light/ 12h dark circle, 20~25°C ambient temperature and 40%~70% humidity.
Wild animals	The study did not involve wild animals.
Field-collected samples	The study did not involve samples collected from the field.
Ethics oversight	Animal experiments were approved by the committee on Animal Care of Nanjing Medical University and performed in accordance with institutional guidelines.

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Human research participants

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Population characteristics	Designation Control1. Gender and age: Male, 34; Diagnosis: Arterial aneurysm; Treatment: Surgery. Designation Control2. Gender and age: Female, 58; Diagnosis: Multiple cerebrovascular diseases; Treatment: Surgery. Designation Control3. Gender and age: Female, 42; Diagnosis: Multiple cerebrovascular diseases; Treatment: Surgery. Designation TBI1. Gender and age: Male, 42; Diagnosis: TBI (Left temporal lobe); Treatment: Surgery. Designation TBI2. Gender and age: Female, 70; Diagnosis: TBI (Occipital lobe); Treatment: Surgery. Designation TBI3. Gender and age: Male, 52; Diagnosis: TBI (Right temporal lobe); Treatment: Surgery. Designation TBI4. Gender and age: Female, 58; Diagnosis: TBI (Left temporal lobe and occipital lobe); Treatment: Surgery. Designation TBI5. Gender and age: Female, 58; Diagnosis: TBI (Left parietal lobe); Treatment: Surgery.
Recruitment	The tissue bank of the First Affiliated Hospital of Nanjing Medical University is established under a broad consent allowing for use of tissues and accompanying clinical information for the purposes of future research. Tissue in excess of that needed for diagnosis was allocated to the Bank. Bank recruitment covers all ages and a variety of diagnoses. Brain tissues in the 3 control groups were obtained during the surgical approach of arterial aneurysm and multiple cerebrovascular diseases. Traumatic brain tissues in the 5 TBI groups were obtain from patients diagnosed as TBI during surgery for removing intracranial hematoma. There is no obvious self-selection bias for the recruitment of these patients.
Ethics oversight	The use of human brain tissues was approved by the Research Ethics Committee of the First Affiliated Hospital of Nanjing Medical University (No. 2014-SRFA-106). Informed consents were obtained from the next of kin or patients. We declare that all methods used in this article were carried out in accordance with relevant guidelines and regulations of the First Affiliated Hospital of Nanjing Medical University.

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Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation

Depending on the experiment, primary neuronal cells were treated as defined in the relevant materials and methods. And cells were incubated with C11-BODIPY (581/591) (1 μ M) for 30 min at 37°C in an incubator before trypsinization. Subsequently, cells were resuspended in 500 μ L of fresh PBS (Gibco), strained through a 35- μ M cell strainer (Falcon tube with cell strainer CAP) and analyzed by flow cytometer.

Instrument

Flow cytometer (FACS Canto II, BD Biosciences)

Software

Data analysis was conducted using the BD FACSVerserTM flow cytometer and FlowJo Software.

Cell population abundance

Cells strained through a 35- μ M cell strainer (Falcon tube with cell strainer CAP). At least 30,000 cells in one tube and 10,000 cells were analyzed per sample.

Gating strategy

Gating was performed based on identifying a distinct population in FSC vs SSC plots.

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