

**Fig. S1 The influence of irradiation on autophagy in the wildtype mice. a** Representative immunoblots of Atg7 and p62 in the wildtype mice under physiological conditions and after irradiation. **b-c.** Quantification of Atg7 or p62 at 5 days after irradiation.



Fig. S2 The expression of microglia and astrocyte-related genes in the subcortical white matter after irradiation. a. Bar graph showing the mRNA expression of *CX3CR1* in the cortical tissue including the subcortical white matter at 5 days after irradiation. b-c. Bar graphs showing the mRNA expression of *GFAP* and *Vimentin* at 5 days after irradiation. n = 5/group for qRT-PCR. \*p < 0.05.

Fig. S3



Fig. S3 Mitochondrial biogenesis after irradiation. a. Immunoblotting of individual respiratory chain complexes (C-I, C-II, C-III, C-IV, C-V) subunits and VDAC1 in the wildtype mice after irradiation. b-c. Quantification of respiratory chain complex subunits or VDAC1 at 5 days after irradiation. d. mtDNA copy number had no changes at 5 days after irradiation. \*\*\*p < 0.001.

Fig.S4



**Fig. S4. The transcriptional levels of Atg7-deficient mice are also quite different from WT mice after brain irradiation. a.** Principal component analysis (PCA) shows similarities between the Atg7 KO and WT mice after irradiation, and brain irradiation became the main factor leading to the differentiation of the four groups. **b.** A Venn diagram showing the number of DEGs in the three comparisons identified by RNA-Seq. **c.** Volcano plot (p-value versus fold change ratio IR-KO/WT) at 5d after brain irradiation, and significantly overexpressed genes are represented as 'red' dots and significant down-regulated genes are represented as 'blue' dots. **d.** The functions of the differentially expressed genes between Atg7 KO and WT mice after irradiation were predicted using GO and KEGG analyses.