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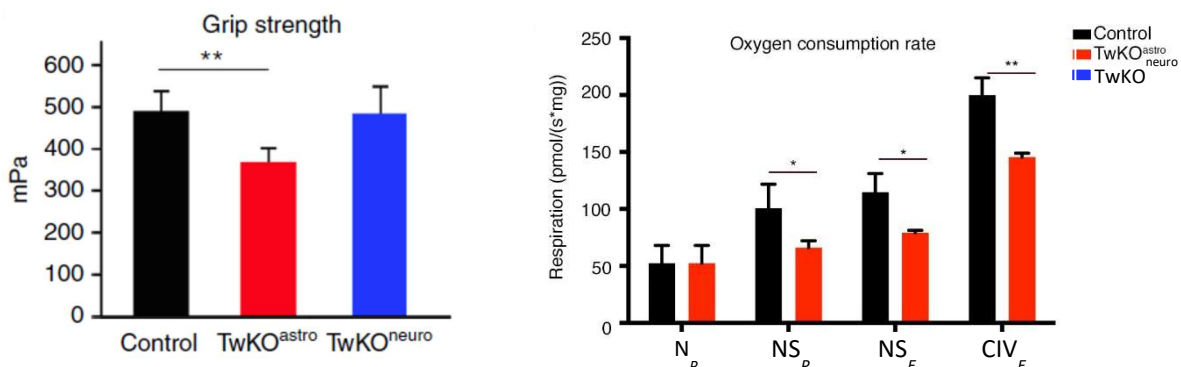
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Loss of mtDNA activates astrocytes and leads to spongiform encephalopathy

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The inactivation of Twinkle (TwKO), the replicative mtDNA helicase, in mice neurons or astrocytes promote the early-onset spongiform degeneration of brain parenchyma, microgliosis and secondary neurodegeneration



Oxygen flux measured by Oroboros-O2k. The data are presented as mean and error bars indicate standard deviation. * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$; cerebellum was homogenized with 6-8 strokes in a 2 mL potter-Elvehjem. N_p: NADH-linked, OXPHOS; NS_p: NADH&Succinate-linked, OXPHOS; NS_E: NADH&Succinate-linked, ETS; CIV_E: Complex IV, ETS.

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