## Supporting information

## A comprehensive study on the effects of gamma radiation on the physical properties of two-dimensional WS<sub>2</sub> monolayer semiconductor

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**Fig. S1** PL spectra at different temperatures as a function of irradiation dose and their respective peak deconvolution. (a) Non-radiated (NI) sample, and radiated samples (b) 100 Gys, (c) 200 Gys, (d) 400 Gys.



**Fig. S2** XPS spectrum of the Non-irradiated (NI) and irradiated samples, all showing two and three peaks for the S2p and W4f core levels, respectively, as reported previously for 2D-WS<sub>2</sub>. The solid lines represent their respective peak deconvolution.



**Fig. S3** XCOM plots showing the  $\gamma$ -ray scattering mechanisms in MoS<sub>2</sub> and WS<sub>2</sub> as a function of radiation energies. The average energy for the Co<sup>60</sup>  $\gamma$  –rays, which is around 1.33 MeV is also shown as a reference.

The following figures show the schematic crystal structures of a perfect  $WS_2$  monolayer (Fig. S4) and defective one with  $V_{1W+2S}$  vacancies composed of one tungsten and a pair of its nearby sulfurs (Fig.S5), which were used in the DFT calculations.



**Fig. S4** Side (a) and top (b) views of perfect WS<sub>2</sub> monolayer. The gray and yellow spheres represent W and S atoms, respectively. The letters W, S-A, S-B,..., and S-E label W atom and its five neighbor S atoms.



**Fig. S5** WS<sub>2</sub> monolayer with  $V_{1W+2S}$  vacancy complex, consisting of one W vacancy (red sphere) and nearby one sulfur vacancy pair (green spheres) in upper and lower layers at A site. The gray and yellow spheres represent W and S atoms, respectively. Total magnetic moment is equal to 2.0 µB.



Fig. S6  $V_{1W+2S}$  vacancy complex consisting of W, S-A<sub>up</sub> and S-B<sub>up</sub> vacancies with  $M_{tot}=0 \ \mu B$ .



Fig. S7 V<sub>1W+2S</sub> vacancy complex consisting of W, S-A<sub>up</sub> and S-B<sub>down</sub> vacancies with  $M_{tot}$ =0  $\mu$ B.



Fig. S8  $V_{1W+2S}$  vacancy complex consisting of W, S-D $_{up}$  and S-D $_{down}$  vacancies with  $~M_{tot}$ =0  $\mu B.$ 



Fig. S9  $V_{1W+2S}$  vacancy complex consisting of W, S-D\_{up} and S-E\_{up} vacancies with  $~M_{tot}{=}0~\mu\text{B}.$ 



Fig. S9  $V_{1W+2S}$  vacancy complex consisting of W, S-D\_{up} and S-E\_{down} vacancies with  $~M_{tot}{=}0~\mu B.$ 



Fig. S10  $V_{1W+2S}$  vacancy complex consisting of W, S-A\_{up} and S-D\_{up} vacancies with  $~M_{tot}\mbox{=}0~\mu\mbox{B}.$ 



Fig. S11  $V_{1W+2S}$  vacancy complex consisting of W, S-A\_{up} and S-D\_{down} vacancies with  $~M_{tot}{=}0~\mu\text{B}.$ 



Fig. S12 V<sub>1W+2S</sub> vacancy complex consisting of W, S-C<sub>up</sub> and S-D<sub>up</sub> vacancies with  $M_{tot}$ =0  $\mu$ B.



Fig. S13  $V_{1W+2S}$  vacancy complex consisting of W, S-C\_{down} and S-D\_up vacancies with  $~M_{tot}{=}0~\mu B.$