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Signaling Mechanisms in Renal Compensatory Hypertrophy Revealed by Multi-Omics

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Genes exhibiting differential expression (FDR-adjusted *p-*values < 0.1) were selected from the UNx vs. Sham RNA-seq data at the 24-hour time point. These genes were further filtered by comparison to a snRNA-seq data set from a mouse ischemic-renal injury model¹. in short, genes classified with the annotations of "Healthy S1" and "Injured/Severe injured PT" in the snRNA-seq data set were selected from the list of differentially expressed genes in our data set and used for this deconvolution analysis (**Supplementary Discussion 2**).

Supplementary Figures

Supplementary Figure 1. Morphological evaluation of compensatory hypertrophy after

unilateral nephrectomy (UNx).

(a) Box plot of kidney weight over body weight at 1,3, and 30 days after surgery. (*n* = 11 for Sham-day 1, *n* = 12 for Sham-day 3, *n* = 5 for Sham-day 30, *n* = 9 for UNx-day 1, *n* = 15 for UNxday 3, *n* = 5 for UNx-day 30). **p* < 0.05, ****p* < 0.001 (Day1: p = 0.0207, Day3: p = 0.00002, Day30: p = 0.011, unpaired, two-sided student T- test).

(b) Time course indicating the kidney weight (KW) at 1, 3, and 30 days after surgery (*n* = 11 for Sham-day1, *n* = 12 for Sham-day3, *n =* 5 for Sham-day30, *n* = 9 for UNx-day1, *n* = 15 for UNxday3, *n* = 5 for UNx-day30). Data are presented as mean ± SD. **p* < 0.05, ****p* < 0.001 (Day1: p $= 0.1857$, Day3: $p = 0.0004$, Day30: $p = 0.00105$, unpaired, two-sided student T- test).

(c) Representative image of hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stained kidney showing coronal length, sagittal length, and regions of cortex , outer stripe of outer medulla and inner stripe of outer medulla. The arcuate arteries are used as a border of the renal cortex and renal medulla.

(d) Cell count per unit length in proximal tubule S2 region was not changed between Sham and UNx. (*n* = 3 for each group). Data are presented as mean ± SD.

(e) 3D analysis of IF-stained microdissected tubules by IMARIS software.

Stained microdissected tubules (AQP1, green; F-actin, red; DAPI labeling of nuclei, blue) were used for the calculation of tubular outer diameter (Top right), tubular volume (Bottom left), and cell count (Bottom right) by IMARIS software (v9.9.1; Bitplane, Zurich, Switzerland)

Box-and-whisker plots represent median and 25th and 75th percentiles—interquartile range;

IQR—and whiskers extend to maximum and minimum values.

p* < 0.05, *p* < 0.01, ****p* < 0.001 (unpaired, two-sided student T- test).

Supplementary Figure 2. Difference of chromatin accessibility of PTs between Sham and

UNx at the 24 hour timepoint.

(a) Heatmap clustering of Pearson correlation coefficient showing the correlation between the replicates of the conditions, namely, Sham and UNx sample replicates.

(b) Principal component analysis (PCA) of Sham and UNx sample replicates. Projection of samples along the first two principal components denoted by dotted circles. PC1 and PC2 describe 36% and 21% of the variability, respectively.

(c) Quality control for ATAC seq data. (Upper Left) Heatmap of ATAC-seq read densities at +/- 2 kb around annotated TSS. (Upper Right) Fragment size distribution plot. Enrichment around 100 and 200 bp is indicates nucleosome-free and mono-nucleosome-bound fragments. (Lower) Table summarizing non-redundant fraction (NRF), the fraction of reads in called peak regions (FRiP score), and read depth after removal of duplicate.

(d) HOMER analysis identifies the enriched TF binding motifs in chromatin regions that are significantly less accessible in UNx applying cumulative hypergeometric distribution adjusted for multiple testing with the Benjamini-Hochberg method.

(e) Volcano plots indicating chromatin accessibility at promoter regions near annotated TSS. Magenta-colored points indicate HNF4α target regions. Peaks with significant changes (FDR <0.05) were annotated with associated gene names. Target genes for PPARα are listed in **Supplementary Data 7**. p-values represent the likelihood of the distribution of peaks using Chisquared analysis and threshold criteria of |log2(UNx/Sham)| > 0.5 and FDR < 0.05.

(f) Target gene set analysis for TFs listed in **Supplementary Table 1** at 24 hours after UNx using peaks detected in promoter-TSS regions. Log₂(UNx/Sham) values were plotted for members of curated target gene sets. *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01 (un-paired, two-tailed Student's t-test, p values are provided in **Supplementary Data 8**), (n = 3 for Sham, n = 3 for UNx). Error bars indicate 95% confidence interval allowing comparison with the average of $log₂$ (UNx/Sham) for all identified regions (vertical dashed line). The measure of center for the error bars is the averages of log₂ ratios (UNx/Sham) of peak concentrations (in ATAC-seq) for TF-target gene sets. TF, transcription factor

(g) Venn diagram of PPARα target genes (blue circle) and HNF4α target genes (red cercle). PPARα and HNF4α share 19 target genes listed in **Supplementary Data 7**.

UNx, unilateral nephrectomy **p* < 0.05, ***p* < 0.01.

Supplementary Figure 3. Transcriptome differences in proximal tubule S1 segment between

Sham and UNx at the 24 hour timepoint.

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(a) Heatmap of normalized RNA-seq read counts (Log₁₀ transformed, scaled and centered) from proximal tubule of Sham (*n* = 3) and UNx (*n* = 4) at the 24h timepoint. Data shown are the top 100 most variable genes (based on coefficient of variance) with total minimum counts greater than 100.

(b) Volcano plots of gene sets annotated with the GSEA terms "FATTY_ACID_METABOLISM", "MTORC1_SIGNALING" and "OXIDATIVE_PHOSPHORYLATION". These terms were identified as upregulated using GSEA on the 24h RNA-seq dataset from microdissected proximal tubules. Magenta-colored points indicate genes annotated as "FATTY_ACID_METABOLISM" (Left), "MTORC1_SIGNALING" (Center) and "OXIDATIVE_PHOSPHORYLATION" (Right) in GSEA. Genes with statistically significant changes between UNx and Sham were annotated with gene names. Significant differential expression was determined using thresholds of *padj* < 0.05 (Benjamini and Hochberg method) and $log₂$ (UNx/Sham) gt. 0.5 or lt. -0.5. GSEA annotations are provided on the GSEA website [\(https://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/msigdb/human/genesets.jsp?collection=H\)](https://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/msigdb/human/genesets.jsp?collection=H). *p*-values represent the likelihood of the distribution of proteins using Chi-squared analysis. **(c)** Prediction of upstream regulatory kinases determined using Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA). Predictions were performed using differentially expressed genes in UNx vs. Sham treatments at 24 hours. **p* < 0.05, ***p* < 0.01, ****p* < 0.001. (Right-tailed Fisher's Exact Test, p values are provided in **Supplementary Data 10**)

(d) Correlations (Pearson's correlation) between gene expression and chromatin accessibility at Intergenic regions (left) and at intronic regions (Right) for UNx vs. Sham treatments. (Top) PPARα target genes. (Bottom) HNF4α target genes. The *x*-axes indicate log₂(UNx/Sham) of normalized peak read concentration from ATAC-seq data. The *y*-axes indicates log₂(UNx/Sham) of normalized read counts from RNA-seq data. Significant correlation was assessed with Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient using the stat_cor function (method = Pearson, two-sided) in R.

Supplementary Figure 4. Transcriptome difference in cortical collecting ducts (CCD) between

Sham and UNx.

(a) Heatmap of normalized RNA-seq counts (Log₁₀ transformed, scaled and centered) from cortical collecting duct (CCD) of Sham (*n* = 4) and UNx (*n* = 3) at the 24 h timepoint. Data shown are the top 100 most variable genes (based on coefficient of variance) with total minimum counts greater than 100.

(b) Normalized read counts of selected cell-cycle related genes in the CCD from Sham and UNx at the 24 h timepoint. $***p < 0.001$, unpaired, two-sided student T- test. (Mki67: $p = 0.000015$ E2f8: $p = 0.000001$, Cdc20: $p = 0.000005$, Cdk1: $p = 0.0000001$)

(c) Volcano plot showing UNx versus Sham for microdissected CCDs at the 72h timepoint. Red dots indicate significantly increased genes in UNx (P_{adi} < 0.05 (Benjamini and Hochberg method) and $log₂$ (UNx/Sham) > 0.5), blue dots indicate significantly downregulated genes in UNx (P_{adj} < 0.05 and \log_2 (UNx/Sham) < -0.5).

(d) Heatmap of normalized RNA-seq counts (Log₁₀ transformed, scaled and centered) from CCD of Sham (*n* = 4) and UNx (*n* = 4) at the 72h timepoint. Data shown are the top 100 most variable genes (based on coefficient of variance) with total minimum counts greater than 100.

(e) percentage of Ki67-positive cells. Scale bar indicates 200 µm. Difference was found to be significant using a two-tailed Student's *t*-test, ***p < 0.001 (p = 0.00061). Data are representative of multiple independent biological replicates (Sham; *n =* 8, UNx; *n =* 7). Boxand whiskers extend to maximum and minimum values.

p* < 0.05, *p* < 0.01, ****p* < 0.001.

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Supplementary Figure 5. Transcriptome difference in the proximal tubule S1 segment

between Sham and UNx at the 72 hour timepoint.

(a) Heatmap for normalized RNA-seq counts (Log₁₀ transformed, scaled and centered) from proximal tubule of Sham (*n* = 5) and UNx (*n* = 5) at the 72 h timepoint. Data shown are the top 100 most variable genes (based on coefficient of variance) with total minimum counts greater than 100.

(b) Bubble plots showing differential changes in gene expressions between the 24 hour and 72 hour time points. Categories refer to the GSEA terms "FATTY ACID METABOLISM", "MTORC1_SIGNALING", and "OXIDATIVE_PHOSPHORYLATION". Adjusted *p*-values (Benjamini and Hochberg method) are visualized by circle sizes (larger circles indicate smaller *p-*values), and log₂ ratios are visualized by color.

(c) Prediction of upstream regulatory kinases determined using Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA). Proteins with normalized z-scores greater than 2 are colored in red, and those with normalized z-scores less than -2 are colored in blue. The statistical significance (*p*-values) returned in analyses is determined by calculating the extent to which the upstream regulators associated with dataset deviate from what was expected by chance alone in Fisher's exact test. **p* < 0.05, ***p* < 0.01, ****p* < 0.001.

Supplemental Figure 6. Quantitative proteomics of whole kidneys and kidney cortex from

Sham and UNx at the 24 h timepoint.

(a) Volcano plot of protein sets annotated with the GSEA terms "FATTY ACID METABOLISM" (indicated by magenta-colored points). Proteins with significant changes between UNx and Sham were annotated with protein names. Significant differential expression was determined using thresholds of $p < 0.1$ (unpaired, two-sided student T- test) and log₂ (UNx/Sham) gt. 0.2 or lt. -0.2. GSEA target genes are provided in the GSEA website (https://www.gseamsigdb.org/gsea/msigdb/human/genesets.jsp?collection=H). The statistical significance (pvalues) returned in analyses is determined by Chi-squared analysis.

(b) Scatter plots of RNA-seq count ratios vs. protein abundance ratios for the UNx and Sham treatments using sets of genes annotated with the indicated GSEA terms. Axes are Log₂-scaled. Significant correlation was assessed with Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient using the stat cor function (method = Pearson, two-sided) in R.

(c) (Left) immunoblot of total AMPK (T-AMPK) and phospho-Thr172 AMPK (P-AMPK) in Sham and UNx kidneys at the 24 hour time point. (Right) densitometry of the mean P-AMPK/T-AMPK (*n =* 4). UNx was found to exhibit a significantly lower ratio with a *p*-value threshold of < 0.05 (p = 0.017, unpaired, two-sided student T- test).

(d) (Left) immunoblot of total AKT (T-AKT) and phospho-Ser473 (P-AKT) in Sham and UNx kidney at the 24 hour timepoint. (Right) densitometry of the mean P-AKT/T-AKT ($n = 4$). UNx was found to exhibit a significantly higher ratio using unpaired-student *t*-test with a *p*-value threshold of < 0.05. Coom, Coomassie Blue staining. (p = 0.019, unpaired, two-sided student Ttest).

(e) Representative images of whole kidney (left) and kidney cortex (right)**.** Kidney cortex was dissected along the corticomedullary junction

(f) Western blot of NaPi-2 and AQP2 confirming the enrichment of the proximal tubule fraction in kidney. NaPi-2 (proximal type 2 Na-dependent phosphate transporter, L697), selectively expressed in proximal tubule, is used for showing the extent to which proximal tubule fraction is enriched in the sample. AQP2, which does not express in proximal tubule, is used for showing the extent to which how collecting duct fraction is de-enriched in the sample. Antibody targets are indicated on the *x*-axis. Coom is used as a loading control.

(g) Prediction of upstream regulatory kinases determined using Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) at 24 hours using kidney cortex. Proteins with normalized z-scores greater than 2 are colored in red, and those with normalized z-scores less than -2 are colored in blue. The statistical significance (*p*-values) returned in analyses is determined by calculating the extent to which the upstream regulators associated with dataset deviate from what was expected by chance alone in Fisher's exact test. **p* < 0.05, ***p* < 0.01, ****p* < 0.001. p values are provided

in **Supplementary Data 10.**

Box-and-whisker plots represent median and 25th and 75th percentiles—interquartile range;

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Supplemental Figure 7. Evaluation of involvement of PPARα in compensatory renal

hypertrophy

(a) Experimental design. Vehicle or fenofibrate (50 mg/kg BW) was administered peritoneally for 14 days, prior to sample collection.

(b) Expression of selected PPARα target genes in the liver determined using qRT-PCR. Prior to sample collection, mice were treated with either fenofibrate (Feno, grey) or vehicle (Veh, white). Data are the average of four biological replicates. Data were normalized using 2^(-ΔΔCt) method. Data are presented as mean ± SD. (*n* = 4 for each group) **p <* 0.05, ***p <* 0.01, ****p <* 0.001, unpaired, two-sided student T- test. (Cyp4a10: $p = 0.003$, Cyp4a14: $p = 0.0101$, Acox1: p $= 0.0016$, Acot1: p = 0.00079, Hmgcs2: p = 0.184)

(c) Kidney weight (KW) was significantly increased in the mice treated with fenofibrate (Feno) relative to the mice treated with vehicle (Veh) for 14 days. (*n =* 6 for each group). ***p <* 0.01. $(p = 0.004,$ unpaired, two-sided student t- test).

(d) Liver cell size (area) assay using H-E stained liver from mice with vehicle or fenofibrate. (*n =* 4 for vehicle (Veh), *n =* 6 for fenofibrate (Feno, Grey). ****p <* 0.001. (p = 0.00013, unpaired, two-sided student t- test).

(e) Western blot of Lamin A/C confirming the enrichment of nuclear fraction. Arrow indicates the bands at the expected molecular weight of Lamin A/C.

(f) Example of quantitative fluorescent signal curves comparing Hmgcs2 gene expression levels between WT and PPARα-null mice. *n* = 3 for each group.

(g) Kidney weight (KW) in WT and PPARα-null mice for the resected left kidney at UNx surgery. KW were decreased (not statistically significant) in the PPARα-null mice relative to the WT mice. *n* = 3 for WT, *n* =5 for PPARα-null. (p= 0.061, unpaired, two-sided student T- test).

(h) Kidney weight (KW) in WT and PPARα-null mice for the remnant kidney 3 days after UNx surgery mice. Significant changes were found between WT and PPARα-null mice. *n* = 3 for WT, *n* = 5 for PPARα-null. **p <* 0.05. (p = 0.041, unpaired, two-sided student T- test)

(i) Cell count per unit length was significantly increased in PPARα-null mice. *n* = 3 for WT, *n* = 4 for PPARα-null. **p* < 0.05. (p = 0.039, unpaired, two-sided student T- test)

Box-and-whisker plots represent mean and 25th and 75th percentiles—interquartile range;

IQR—and whiskers extend to maximum and minimum values.

Supplemental Figure 8. Deconvolution analysis using mouse IRI snRNA-seq data 1

(a) Heatmap for normalized RNA-seq data labelled as "Healthy PT" in the single cell RNA seq study using mouse ischemic renal injury model ¹(Log₁₀ transformed, scaled and centered) from proximal tubule of Sham (*n* = 3) and UNx (*n* = 4) at the 24 h timepoint. Heatmap show the differentially expressed genes (P_{adj} < 0.1) annotated as "Healthy PT" in the previous study.

(b) Data table for RNA-seq data annotated as "Healthy PT" in the single cell RNA seq study using mouse ischemic renal injury model. FDR adjusted *p* value (Benjamini and Hochberg method) and $Log₂$ (UNx/Sham) in this study, and values of PCT.1 (fraction of cells expressing the genes in the selected cells) and FDR adjusted p value (calculated based on Wilcoxon rank sum test for single cell gene expression (from Seurat package)) in mouse ischemic renal injury (IRI) scRNA-seq data are shown.

(c) Heatmap for normalized RNA-seq data annotated as "Injured PT" in the single cell RNA seq study using mouse ischemic renal injury model (Log₁₀ transformed, scaled and centered) from proximal tubule of Sham (*n* = 3) and UNx (*n* = 4) at the 24 h timepoint. Heatmap show the differentially expressed genes (P_{adj} <0.1) annotated as "Injured PT" in the previous study.

(d) Data table for RNA-seq data annotated as "Injured PT" in the single cell RNA seq study using mouse ischemic renal injury model. FDR adjusted *p* value (Benjamini and Hochberg method) and $Log₂$ (UNx/Sham) in this study, and values of PCT.1 (fraction of cells expressing the genes in the selected cells) and FDR adjusted *p* value (calculated based on Wilcoxon rank sum test for single cell gene expression (from Seurat package)) in mouse ischemic renal injury

(IRI) scRNA-seq data are shown.

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. Top 20 abundant S1 proximal tubule transcription factors and hypothetical signal transduction mechanisms in compensatory hypertrophy

& Single tubule RNA-seq data for S1 proximal tubule from Chen et al. (PMID:33769951)

*** Hypothetical pathways for hypertrophic response to unilateral nephrectomy (Supplementary Data 4)**

Supplementary Table 2. Top ranking of Hallmark gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) of genes changed in abundance in right kidney after unilateral nephrectomy of left kidney (versus Sham nephrectomy) in microdissected proximal tubules

Supplementary Table 3. Top ranking of Hallmark gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) of genes changed in abundance in the right kidney after unilateral nephrectomy of the left kidney (versus Sham nephrectomy) in microdissected cortical collecting ducts

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Supplementary Discussion 1

Hypothesis Group 1. Nutrient-mediated signaling including the "mechanistic target of rapamycin" (mTOR) pathway, a classic growth pathway^{2,3}, and the "peroxisome proliferatoractivated receptor alpha" (PPARα)/ "hepatocyte nuclear factor 4-alpha"(HNF4α) signaling pathway. (Increased GFR increases the amount of amino acids and fatty acids filtered resulting in increased amino acid/ fatty acid transport across the apical plasma membrane of proximal tubule cells with concomitant increases in free amino acid/ fatty acid concentration in the cells.) **Hypothesis Group 2.** Increased bending of the primary cilium due to accelerated luminal flow secondary to increased GFR, resulting in alteration of Hedgehog signaling, cAMP-PKA signaling and calcium mobilization⁴⁻⁷. Hypothesis Group 3. Increased luminal pressure flattens the proximal tubule epithelium⁸ altering forces at cell-cell or cell-extracellular matrix contact points which are transduced into intracellular signals. This would potentially include the Hippo pathway (instrumental in organ size control^{9,10}), the Wnt pathway¹¹, tight junction associated signals including AMP-stimulated kinase signaling¹², integrin-related signaling, and growth factor signaling via ephrin receptors 13 . Stretch activated calcium channels like Piezo1 and Piezo2 could also mediate changes in gene expression through increases in intracellular calcium14. **Hypothesis Group 4.** Increased proximal tubule re-absorptive rate secondary to increased GFR could result in signaling changes owing to associated increases in ATP utilization for transport. This increase in ATP utilization would potentially result in localized decreases in ATP availability, essentially competing with other ATP dependent processes including protein phosphorylation and cAMP generation. In addition, SNF1-family protein kinases including AMPK kinase can be regulated though changes in adenine nucleotide abundances¹⁵.

Hypothesis Group 5. Increased flow rate of proximal tubule secondary to increased single nephron GFR could result in signaling changes related to shear force¹⁶. This would potentially include the TGF-beta, MAPK, Wnt and JAK-STAT signaling¹⁶. Hypothesis Group 6. The acute reduction in GFR can result in increased extracellular fluid (ECF) volume that can suppress the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone pathway that could be involved in the overall hypertrophic response of the kidney¹⁷. Also, increased ECF may be related to increased atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP) secretion by the heart and decreased release of norepinephrine18,19. **Hypothesis Group 7.** Unilateral nephrectomy may result in accumulation of insulin, the growth hormone (GH)/insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1) followed by activation of this pathway²⁰⁻²² or cause stress-induced increases in corticosteroid secretion²³ which can contribute to transcriptional changes after unilateral nephrectomy.

Supplementary Discussion 2

To determine whether the proximal tubule status induced by UNx is relevant to post-acute renal injury model, we performed deconvolution analysis for our PT-S1 RNA seq dataset at 24 hours on published mouse ischemic renal injury (IRI) snRNA-seq datasets¹ and looked for any change in cell-type proportions consistent with compensatory hypertrophy (**Supplementary Fig. 8**). From this analysis, we can see some pattern showing that "Healthy-PT" related genes tend to be decreased in UNx kidney (**Supplementary Fig. 8A**), and "Injured-PT" related genes are both increased and decreased in UNx kidney (**Supplementary Fig. 8B**). Notably, however, most differentially expressed genes (*p* < 0.1) in our study annotated as either "Healthy PT" or "Injured PT" have small PCT.1 values (fraction of cells expressing the genes in the selected cells) defined by the mouse IRI snRNA-seq study (**Supplementary Fig. 8C** and **D**), indicating difficulty in associating our renal hypertrophy model with this acute renal injury model due to sensitivity. Future studies would benefit from deconvolution analysis of our study on single cell RNA-seq using other kidney disease models in which PPARα activation has been reported to be relevant previously²⁴⁻²⁶.

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