

SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE LEGENDS

Supplementary Figure 1: Foxd1-stroma specific knockdown of *Klf15* in *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{fl/fl}* mice was confirmed. (A) Confirmation of recombination by PCR of genomic DNA from total kidney cortex. (B) Primary fibroblasts were isolated from *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{fl/fl}* and *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{+/+}* mice and RNA was extracted for RT-PCR was performed for *Klf15* mRNA expression (n=6, *p<0.05, Mann-Whitney test). (C) Immunofluorescence staining for KLF15 and α SMA was performed in 12-week old *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{fl/fl}* and *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{+/+}* mice. Representative images from four mice in each group are shown in the left panel (X 20). Arrows show colocalization of KLF15 and α SMA in medium-sized artery. (D) Primary fibroblasts were isolated from *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{fl/fl}* and *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{+/+}* mice and RNA was extracted for RT-PCR was performed for *Ctgf*, *Col1 α 1*, *Fibronectin*, and *Vimentin* mRNA expression (n=6, *p<0.05, Mann-Whitney test).

Supplementary Figure 2: Increased in TGF β signaling in *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{fl/fl}* mice as compared to *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{+/+}* mice. Age-matched 12-week-old *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{fl/fl}* and *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{+/+}* mice were concurrently treated with UUO or sham for 7 days. (A) RNA was extracted from total kidney cortex and RT-PCR was performed for *Ctgf* expression from 12-week-old *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{fl/fl}* and *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{+/+}* mice treated with sham or UUO for 7 days. (n=6, *p<0.05, ***p<0.001, Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's post-test). (B-D) Western blot was also performed on total kidney cortex for phospho-Smad2/3, total-Smad2/3, and GAPDH. Representative blots from three independent experiments are shown. Densitometry analysis was performed to quantify protein expression. (n=3, *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001, Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's post-test).

Supplementary Figure 3: Baseline measurements in Angiotensin II (AngII) treated mice. Age matched 12-week-old *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{+/+}* and *Foxd1-Cre Klf15^{fl/fl}* mice were treated with subcutaneous continuous infusion of AngII or saline for 6 weeks. Subsequently (A) heart weight (g) and (B) kidney weight (g) with respect to body weight (g) were measured. (C) Systolic blood pressure was determined using tail-cuff manometry. (n=6, *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001, Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's post-test).

Supplementary Figure 4: Loss of *Klf15* in MEFs activates Wnt/ β -catenin signaling. *Klf15* knockdown (*Klf15-shRNA*) in MEFs was performed using lentiviral shRNAmir system. *EV-shRNA* serves as the empty vector control. (A) Western blot was performed for KLF15 in *Klf15-shRNA* and *EV-shRNA* MEFs. Representative blots from three independent experiments are shown. (B) Wnt1 ligand was generated in the supernatant in HEK293 cells overexpressing Wnt1. Western blot was performed in supernatant in pNL-CMVWnt1IRESEGFP-WPRE Δ U3 and pNL-CMVIRESEGFP-WPRE Δ U3 in HEK293 cells. Subsequently, *Klf15-shRNA* and *EV-shRNA* MEFs were grown to 80% confluency and treated with Wnt1 ligand at 0.25, 0.5, 1.0 μ g/ml for 48 hours. (C) Western blot for phospho- β -catenin, total- β -catenin, c-Myc, and GAPDH were performed. Representative blots from three independent experiments are shown. (Right panel) Densitometry analysis was performed to quantify protein expression. (n=3, *p<0.05 to dose-matched *EV-shRNA*, two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test).

Supplementary Table 1: Promoter analysis of KLF15 binding sites

Name	P-value	Z-score	Genes
Wnt Signaling Pathway Netpath(Homo sapiens)	0.002	-2.032	GSK3B; TCF7L2; CTBP1; LEF1; NFATC2; CSNK1D; TSC1; ARRB2; MAPK9; CDK6; AKT1; CTNNB1; PPARG; TCF4
PodNet: protein-protein interactions in the podocyte (Mus musculus)	0.006	-2.159	DDR1; LDB1; ILK; ARRB2; LAMC1; RBPJ; CMIP; PPP3CA; CAPZB; AKT1; STRA13; PRKACA; SPTAN1; RALGPS1; PAX2; ENAH; INF2; PARD3; KCNMA1; BIRC5; PICK1; LMX1B; PLA2R1; DBN1; CAMK2B; CD151; SHC1; PXN; TENC1; CBL; CXXC5; APH1B; CSK; FYN; MYH10; FKTN; SMAD2; RAB4A; TGFB2; EGLN2; SMURF1; NFATC3; NR2F2; BAIAP2; SMAD7; CXCL12; NPHS1; WT1; CTNNB1; BCAR1; LIMS2; LIMS1
Wnt Signaling Pathway NetPath (Mus musculus)	0.038	-1.855	CAMK2B;GSK3B;CTBP1;FZD4;CTNNBIP1;LEF1;CSNK1D;ARRB2;SENP2;PAX2;MAPK9;SALL1;AKT1;CTNNB1;PIN1;TCF4;MARK2;ANKRD6
Deactivation of the beta-catenin transactivating complex	0.031	-2.118	TCF7L2; CTBP1; CTNNBIP1; LEF1; TCF7; AKT1; CTNNB1; MEN1
Repression of WNT target genes	0.012	-1.975	TCF7L2; CTBP1; LEF1; TCF7; CTNNB1; AES

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* less than overlap of 5 genes

p < 0.05 (Fischer exact test)

Z-score- assess deviation from the expected rank

Supplementary Table 2: Primer Sequences for Real-Time PCR

Gene	Forward primer	Reverse primer
Mouse <i>Klf15</i>	AGAGCAGCCACCTCAAGGCCCA	TCACACCCGAGTGAGATCGCCGGT
Mouse <i>Col1a1</i>	GCTCTTTTTAGATACTGTGGTGAGGAA	GTTTCCACGTCTCACCATTG
Mouse <i>Vimentin</i>	GGATCAGCTCACCAACGACA	GGTCAAGACGTGCCAGAGAA
Mouse <i>Fibronectin</i>	ATGGTACAGCTGATCCTGCC	GCCCTGGTTTGTACCTGCTA
Mouse <i>c-Myc</i>	GAGCTCCTCGAGCTGTTTGA	GCATCGTCGTGGCTGTCT
Mouse <i>Ctgf</i>	CTGACCTGGAGGAAAACATTA	TTAGCCCTGTATGTCTTCACAC