

Supplemental Data

***De novo TRIM8* variants impair its protein localization to nuclear bodies and cause developmental delay, epilepsy, and focal segmental glomerulosclerosis**

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Table S1. Clinical features of 12 families with dominant truncating *TRIM8* variants

Family	Renal Disease	Neurologic Disease	Other Organ Involvement
S1666	<p>Onset: 2.2 years. Presentation: Nephrotic Syndrome. Chemistries at onset: Serum Albumin < 15 g/dL; Crea <100 umol/L. Urinalysis: UPC >2.5 g/g Crea. Renal Biopsy: FSGS. Glomeruli showed global sclerosis (majority), segmental sclerosis with hyalinization and capsular reaction (>4), or mesangial matrix expansion. Extensive tubular atrophy with moderate interstitial infiltration by chronic inflammatory cells. Interstitial fibrosis with dilated tubules, some with protein droplets. Thick walled vessels. Therapy: Resistant to corticosteroids. CKD/ESRD: ESRD onset at 3 years. Tx: Age 7.6 years. NRP at 10 days post-Tx. Plasma exchange for 3 months. Tx rejection at >8 years but not FSGS recurrence by biopsy.</p>	<p>Seizures: Onset 4.5 years. Generalized tonic-clonic seizures. DD: Onset 2.2 years. Cognitive and motor developmental delays. Brain Imaging: MRI showed slightly reduced cerebral and cerebellar volume. No evidence of a space occupying lesion. EEG: Benign focal epilepsy left central temporal region and occasionally on right.</p>	<p>Cardiac: Echocardiogram normal. Endocrine: Male pattern hirsutism. Ovarian US suggestive of polycystic ovarian syndrome at age 16. Other organ involvement: Mildly elevated bladder pressures during pre-transplant evaluation, leading to ureterostomy and subsequent bladder augmentation and Mitrofanoff.</p>
F827	<p>Onset: 4.5 years. Presentation: Nephrotic Syndrome. Chemistries at onset: Albumin 1.3 g/dL, Crea 0.78 mg/dL (eGFR 77 mL/min/1.73m²), complement C3 and C4 normal. Urinalysis: UPC 24 g/g Crea, microscopic glomerular hematuria. Renal US: Bilaterally enlarged echogenic kidneys (97th percentile) with no corticomedullary differentiation. Renal Biopsy: Focally global and segmental glomerulosclerosis Tubular atrophy and interstitial fibrosis (50% of the cortical tubulointerstitium). Therapy: Resistant to corticosteroids. CKD/ESRD: ESRD at 4.8 years. Transplant: Age 5 years with no rejection episodes through age 24 years.</p>	<p>Seizures: Onset 4.5 years. Generalized seizures. DD: Onset 1 year. Motor delay first. Hypotonia at age 3 years. Progressive worsening intellectual disability and speech disorder. Brain Imaging: MRI at 4.5 years showed cortical frontotemporal atrophy. EEG: Central left accentuated seizure pattern</p>	<p>Facial Dysmorphisms: Notable for broad forehead, plagiocephaly, high arched palate, low set ears. Ophthalmologic: Hyperopia, astigmatism. ENT: Sensorineural hearing loss, age 21 years. Cardiac: Echocardiogram normal. Gastrointestinal: Pilonidal abscess, age 21 years. Post-Tx diarrhea. Dermatologic: Seborrheic eczema, age 16 years. MSK: Carpo-metacarpal growth dissociation, scoliosis, hallux valgus. GU: Inguinal testicular hernia.</p>

A4582	<p>Onset: Birth Presentation: Nephrotic Syndrome. Chemistries at onset: Increased Crea. Urinalysis: Nephrotic Range Proteinuria. Renal US: Small, atrophic hyperechogenic kidneys with no cysts or obstruction at 2.75 years. Renal Biopsy: DMS at 1.5 years. Therapy: Resistant to corticosteroids. Other therapies such as MMF, tacrolimus, CsA were not tried as rapid progression to ESRD. CKD/ESRD: ESRD age 1.1 years. Tx: Cadaveric transplant at 4.9 years. No rejection to age 14 years (when passed away).</p>	<p>Seizures: Onset age 2 years that were recurrent but did respond to levetiracetam (Keppra). DD: Onset <1 year as unable to sit, stand, or walk. Developed psychomotor retardation, cerebral palsy, and hypotonia. Brain Imaging: MRI showed Cerebral atrophy with small mid-brain structures and normal cerebellum at age 2.7 years.</p>	<p>Cardiac: Atrial septal defect status post spontaneous closure. Pulmonary: Recurrent pneumonia from age 13 years. Gastrointestinal: Gastrostomy tube for feeding and medications since age 5 years. MSK: Scoliosis, osteopenia, and pathologic femur fracture secondary to immobilization. Endocrine: Precocious puberty. Oncology: Osteoblastic osteosarcoma of right scapula, for which passed away at 14 years of age.</p>
FSGSGE126	<p>Onset: 13.7 years Presentation: Nephrotic Syndrome. Chemistries at onset: normal Crea. Urinalysis: Nephrotic Range Proteinuria. Renal US at presentation: normal. Renal Biopsy: FSGS at 16.7 years. Therapy: Resistant to corticosteroids and CNI. CKD/ESRD: ESRD age 19.7 years. Tx: Renal transplant at 20 years, no recurrence to date. AMR Parvovirus B19 interstitial nephritis at age 22 years. Currently alive.</p>	<p>Seizures: Onset age 1.5 years resistant to levetiracetam (Keppra). DD: Onset 1.5 years, developed spastic tetraparesis with tonic clonic seizures, aggressive behavior. Brain Imaging: MRI showed cerebral atrophy with posterior fossa dilation at age 15.</p>	<p>Gastrointestinal: feeding difficulties</p>
UC-023-1	<p>Onset: 4.9 years Presentation: Nephrotic syndrome Chemistries at onset: Albumin 1.5 g/dL, Crea 0.70 mg/dL (eGFR 86 mL/min/1.73m²), complement C3 and C4 normal. Urinalysis: UPC 16 g/g Cr, microscopic glomerular hematuria. - Renal biopsy findings: FSGS. extensive, but subtotal foot process effacement by electron microscopy. 20% glomeruli completely sclerosed, non-sclerotic glomeruli showed mild mesangial expansion mild patchy tubulointerstitial scarring - Initial therapy: resistant to corticosteroids. Treated with ACE inhibitor (enalapril). Other therapies not tried due to rapid progression to ESRD. - CKD/ESRD: ESRD at age 5.3 years - Renal transplantation: 6.3 years</p>	<p>Seizure: onset age 2.8 years. Focal tonic with secondary generalization. Seizures resistant to lamotrigine and topiramate but responsive to levetiracetam. Neurologic features DD: Onset 5 months rolled over at 5 months, sitting at 14 months, crawling at 18 months, pulling to stand at 2 years and >2 years for walking. Currently non-verbal and has limited understanding of speech but is able to follow certain simple commands. Hypotonia and psychomotor retardation. Brain Imaging: MRI at 2.2 years with mild cerebral atrophy EEG: mild, diffuse slowing of the background. Abundant, frequently near</p>	<p>Dysmorphisms: broad nasal bridge, bilateral low set ears, widespread nipples MSK: bilateral 5th toe clinodactyly, mild clubbing bilaterally, bilateral hand tremors Dermatology: mild hirsutism to upper lip Gastrointestinal: Gastrostomy tube since 6.8 years for hydration and medications</p>

		continuous independent and synchronous left centrotemporal to right centrotemporal spike-wave discharges, occasionally with rolandic morphology	
HN-F65	<p>Onset: 7.9 years. Presentation: Hypertension, Proteinuria. Chemistries at onset: Crea 0.27 mg/dl (normal), BUN 24 mg/dl (elevated), Elevated triglycerides and cholesterol levels, Albumin 2.8 g/dL. Urinalysis: UPC 10 g/g crea, Microscopic glomerular hematuria. Renal Biopsy: FSGS (4/36 glomeruli) and slight global glomerulosclerosis (10/36 glomeruli). 15-20% tubular atrophy/interstitial fibrosis. Therapy: Resistant to corticosteroids. Treated with ACE inhibitor (ramipril) since diagnosis. Slight improvement of proteinuria with CsA. CKD/ESRD: Continuous decrease of eGFR, last at CKD stage 3 as 9.8 years. Transplant: No</p>	<p>Seizures: Onset at age 2.5 years. Primary, atypical absences and atonic seizures that were treated through age 6 years with anti-epileptic medications. Off therapy, developed recurrence of seizures at age 7 years and medications were resumed. DD: Onset at 2.5 years. Expressive speech delay, autism-spectrum disorder, aggressive behavior, hyperactivity, and encephalopathy. HC: Secondary microcephaly (50 cm at 7.9 years). Brain Imaging: MRI at 2.5 years was normal.</p>	Gastrointestinal: Esophagitis and Duodenitis at age 8 years.
B1117	<p>Onset: 2.5 years. Presentation: Nephrotic Syndrome. Renal Biopsy: FSGS. CKD/ESRD: ESRD at >5 years.</p>	<p>Seizures: Onset at 2.5 years. DD: Developmental Delay before age 1.</p>	
B3883	<p>Onset: 6 years. Presentation: Asymptomatic nephrotic range proteinuria. Labs: Albumin 2.8 g/dL, Crea 0.45 mg/dL, Urinalysis: UPC 6 g protein/g Crea. Renal Biopsy: FSGS (7/42 glomeruli) and global glomerulosclerosis (20/42 glomeruli). 20% tubular atrophy/interstitial fibrosis. EM shows podocyte foot process effacement and microvillous degeneration of the posterior apical surfaces. In some cases, prominent vacuolization of cytoplasm. Thin basement membranes focally. Therapy: ACE inhibitor initiated at age 7 years. CKD/ESRD: CKD/ESRD: Crea 0.42 mg/dL at age 7, consistent with CKD stage 2. Transplant: No.</p>	<p>Seizures: Onset at 1.5 years with focal pattern. Responsive to valproic acid and cannabidiol. DD: Onset 0.5 years. Global developmental delay. Encephalopathy. Hypotonia. Brain Imaging: MRI at age 6 showed supratentorial, cerebellar and brainstem volume loss.</p>	MSK: Contractures.
FG-FA (affected monozygotic twins)	<p>Onset: 6 years (both twins) Presentation: nephrotic range proteinuria in both. Renal biopsy: one twin only, at age 6, FSGS ESRD: Renal transplantation: living-related (one from mom one from dad) at 14 years of age (both twins); no rejection,</p>	<p>Seizures: no overt epileptic disease or seizures in both twins; never on anti-seizure medications. DD: Onset at 1.5 years in both twins.</p>	NA

	no recurrence, still functioning after 11 years.	Mild global developmental delay, hypotonia, and Tourette's syndrome like features (arms shaking, verbal and physical tics in both twins). Preserved verbal IQ, difficulties with fine movements (as handwriting). Good long term memory, poor short term memory.	
RAP027	<p>Onset: 3.5 years Type of presentation Nephrotic Syndrome - Renal biopsy: 5 years. Findings: Severe glomerulosclerosis pattern consistent with diffuse mesangial sclerosis. Medullary cystic disease. - ESRD: 5 years - Renal transplantation: No.</p>	<p>Seizures: Atypical Febrile Seizures 3.5 years. No treatment DD: Mild developmental delay. Delayed motor milestones. Speech delay. Shy. Delayed motor skills Brain imaging: Age 5. Mild diffuse global cerebral and cerebellar atrophy</p>	<p>Other findings: Endocrine: Hypothyroidism (elevated TSH, 18 months). Benign breast buds during infancy. Dermatologic: Infected verruca plantaris</p>
DUKEPIMIK01	<p>Onset: 11 years in setting of rhinovirus infection with AKI and hypernatremia Presentation: Nephrotic syndrome - Renal biopsy: at 12 years. Findings: FSGS. Rapid progression to ESRD, initially on peritoneal dialysis. - Renal transplantation: 12.5 years</p>	<p>Seizure: onset age 2 years. Complex partial seizures and electrographic status epilepticus in sleep (ESES). Seizures resistant to lamotrigine, pregabalin, carbamazepine, clonazepam and folic acid therapy. He had some relief with topiramate, levetiracetam and steroid therapy.</p> <p>Neurologic features DD: Onset 6 months, never developed speech, able to walk but not run Brain Imaging: MRI with nonspecific T2 signal abnormalities. EEG: Electrical Status Epilepticus In Sleep</p>	<p>Gastrointestinal: feeding difficulties, GERD, gastrostomy tube dependent.</p>

UDN171252	<p>Onset: 3 years Presentation: Nephrotic Syndrome. Chemistries at onset: Increased Crea. Urinalysis: Nephrotic Range Proteinuria. Renal US: crossed fused ectopia and vesicoureteral reflux (VUR). Renal Biopsy: FSGS at 3 years. Progression to ESRD at age 5 years. Tx: renal transplant at 6.5 years.</p>	<p>Seizures: Onset age 2.5 years, multidrug resistant DD: Onset 3-6 months. Aggressive and self-injurious behavior. Brain Imaging: MRI showed mesial temporal sclerosis</p>	<p>Facial Dysmorphisms: micrognathia. Ophthalmologic: astigmatism, amblyopia and pseudostrabismus Respiratory: reactive airway disease, obstructive sleep apnea, (underwent tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy) Gastrointestinal: GERD, esophagitis, dysphagia, and diarrhea. Endocrine: hypothyroidism at age 1 year. Dermatologic: jaundice at birth requiring phototherapy.</p>
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Abbreviations: ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; BUN, blood urea nitrogen; CKD, chronic kidney disease; Crea, creatinine; CsA, cyclosporine A; DMS, diffuse mesangial sclerosis; DD, developmental delays; EEG, electroencephalography; eGFR, estimated GFR; EM, electron microscopy; ESRD, end-stage renal disease; FSGS, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis; GU, genitourinary; HC, head circumference; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; MSK, musculoskeletal; NRP, nephrotic-range proteinuria; UPC, urine protein-to-creatinine ratio; US, ultrasound; Tx, transplant; yrs, years. ⁸FG-FA corresponds to a pair of monozygotic twins (genetically confirmed) who share the same *TRIM8* variant and a nearly identical phenotype.

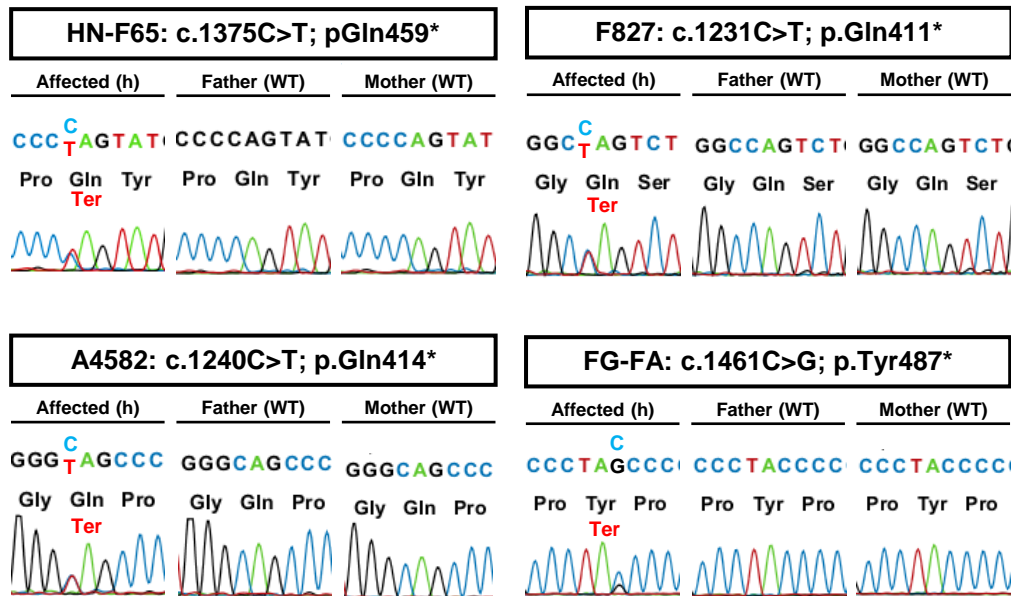
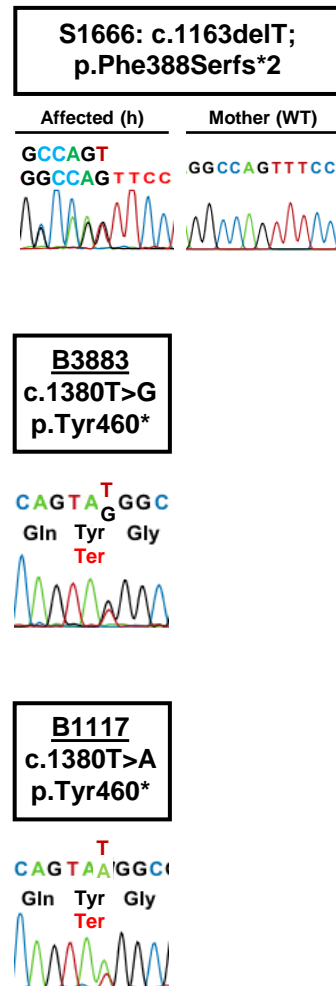
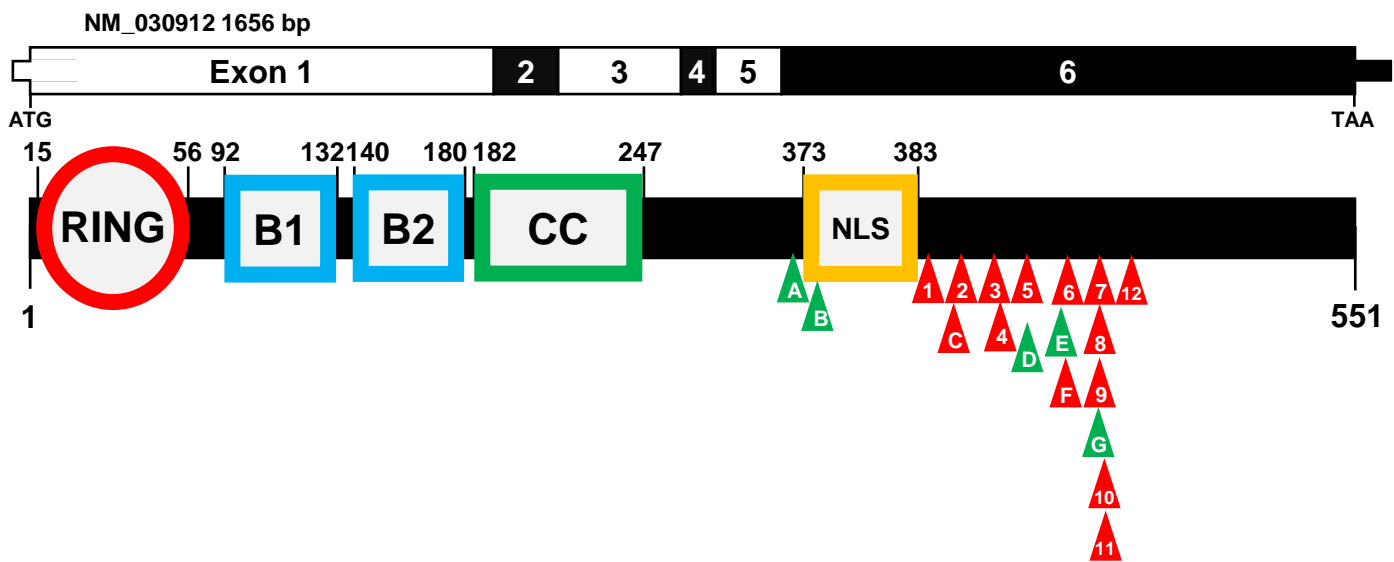
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Figure S1. Sanger sequencing of *TRIM8* mutations in families with nephrotic syndrome and neurologic disease.

(A) Sanger sequencing chromatograms of *TRIM8* is shown from families with complete subject and parental DNA. All cases demonstrated heterozygous truncating *TRIM8* mutations in the affected subjects and wildtype sequence in the parents, consistent with *de novo* inheritance.

(B) Sanger sequencing chromatograms of *TRIM8* is shown from families where subject DNA was available but not both parents. All cases demonstrated heterozygous truncating *TRIM8* mutations in the affected subjects and wildtype sequence in the parental DNA, when it was available.

Abbreviations: h, heterozygous; WT, wildtype.



Current study

- (1) S1666: c.1163del; p.Phe388Serfs*2
- (2) RAP027: c.1201_1202delGGlnsTA; p.Gly401*
- (3) F827: c.1231C>T; p.Gln411*
- (4) A4582: c.1240C>T p.Gln414*
- (5) DUKEPIMIK01: c.1267C>T; p.Gln423*
- (6) FSGSGE126: c.1333C>T; p.Gln445*
- (7) HN-F65: c.1375C>T; p.Gln459*
- (8) UC-023-1: c.1375C>T; p.Gln459*
- (9) UDN171252: c.1375C>T; p.Gln459*
- (10) B3883: c.1380T>G; p.Tyr460*
- (11) B1117[#]: c.1380T>A; p.Tyr460* (Warren et al, 2020)
- (12) FGFAA: c.1461C>G; p.Tyr487*

Previous reports

- (A) Sakai et al., 2016: c.1099insG; p.Cys367Trpfs*43
- (B) Assoum et al., 2018: c.1117delG; p.Ala374Argfs*16
- (C) McClatchey et al., 2020: c.1198_1220del; p.Tyr400Argfs*2
- (D) Assoum et al., 2018: c.1267C>T; p.Gln423*
- (E) Assoum et al., 2018: c.1331C>A; p.Ser444*
- (F) Assoum et al., 2018: c.1338T>A; p.Tyr446*
- (G) Assoum et al., 2018: c.1375C>T; p.Gln459*

Figure S2. Dominant truncating mutations in *TRIM8* in 19 families with neurologic and renal disease.

Coding exon (upper bar) and protein domain (lower bar) structures of *TRIM8* are shown with numbered arrowheads indicating position of mutations identified in 12 subjects from the current study and 7 reported patients. All subjects had developmental delay and seizures. Those with isolated neurologic disease are colored in **green**, while those with nephrosis are colored in **red**. *TRIM8* disease mutations are all truncating alleles, which exclusively reside in the last exon.

B1, B-box domain 1; B2, B-box domain 2; CC, coiled-coil domain; RING, ring finger domain. [#]This patient was independently recruited and published, while the current manuscript was in preparation.

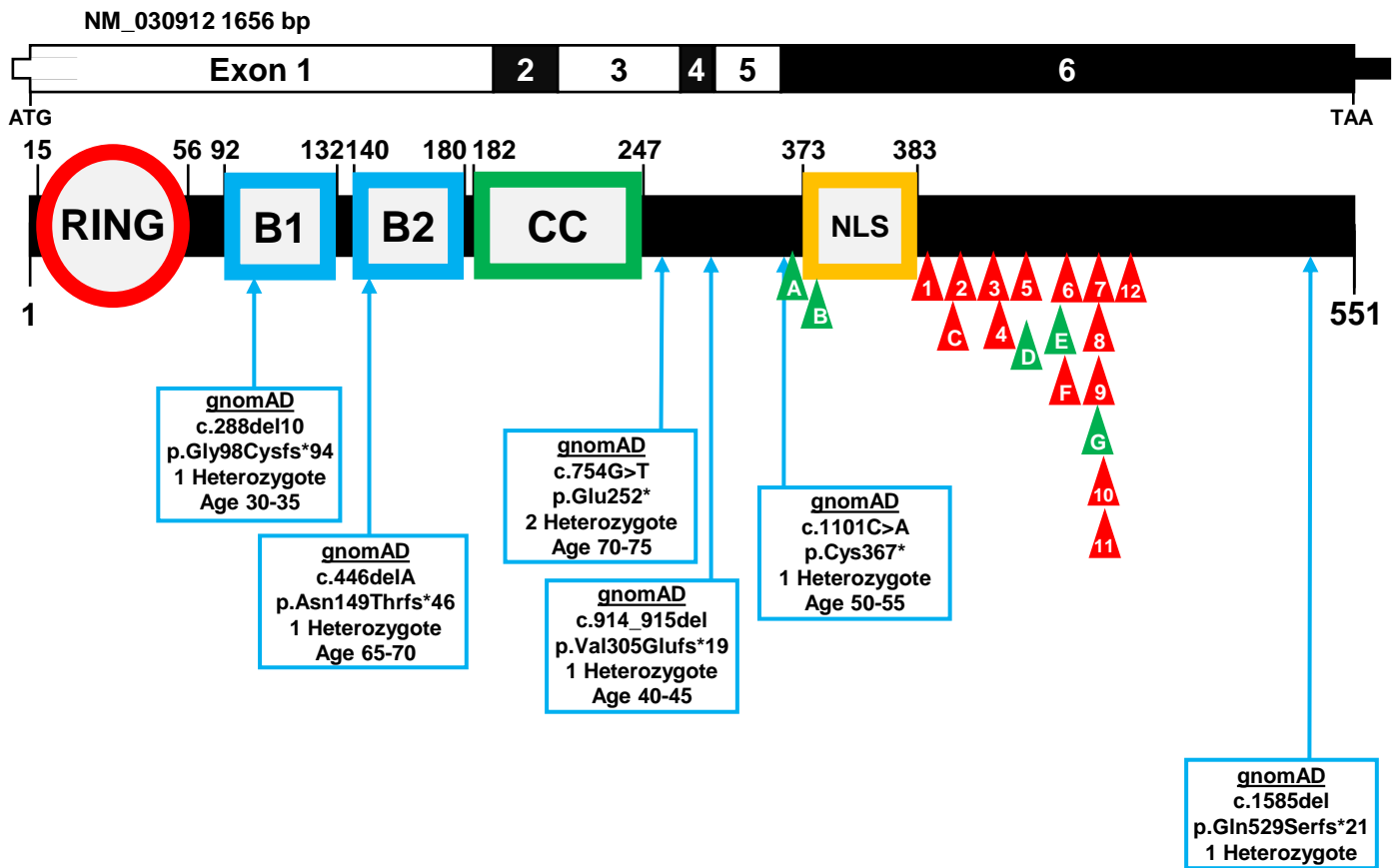


Figure S3. Dominant truncating mutations in *TRIM8* are spatially distinct from gnomAD subjects. Coding exon (upper bar) and protein domain (lower bar) structures of *TRIM8* are shown with numbered arrowheads indicating position of mutations identified in 12 subjects from the current study and 7 reported patients. All subjects had developmental delay and seizures. Those with isolated neurologic disease are colored in **green**, while those with neurologic disease and nephrosis are colored in **red**. *TRIM8* disease mutations are all truncating alleles, which exclusively reside in the last exon. (See **Figure S2** for precise disease mutation positions.) In addition, 7 gnomAD subjects with heterozygous truncating *TRIM8* alleles (thin **blue** border) are shown, in which mutations arise earlier (98-367) or, in one subject, later (amino acid 529) than disease mutations. The gnomAD subjects are adults ages 30-75 years who do not have pediatric disease, suggesting that earlier or later *TRIM8* truncating events are less likely to cause neurologic or renal disease. B1, B-box domain 1; B2, B-box domain 2; CC, coiled-coil domain; RING, ring finger domain.

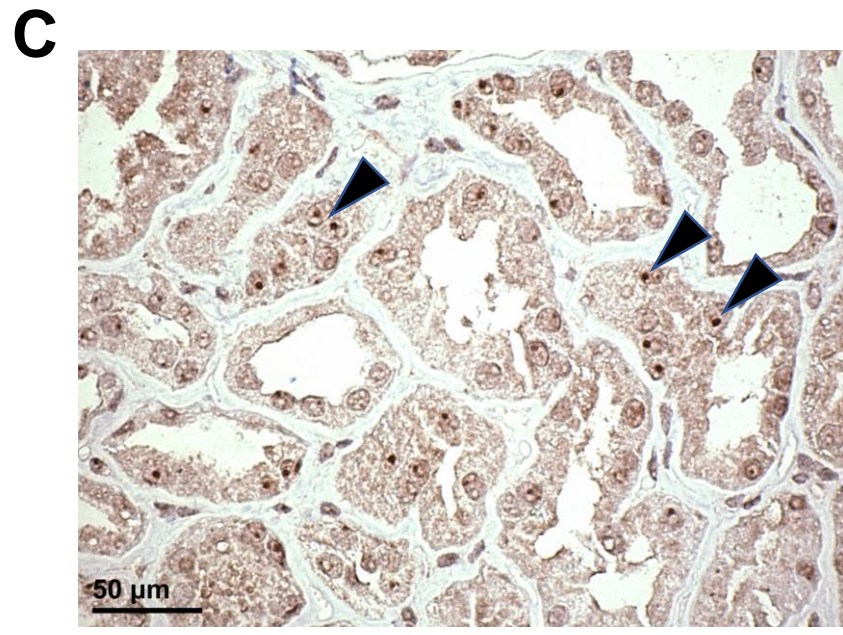
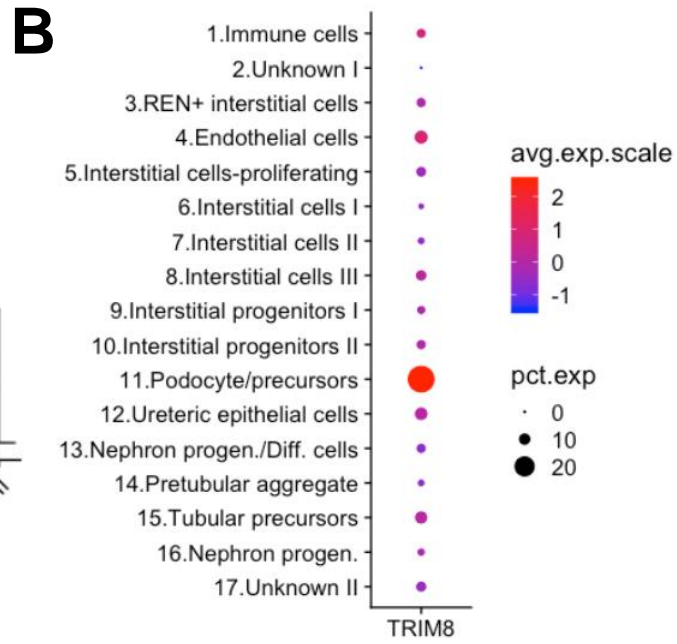
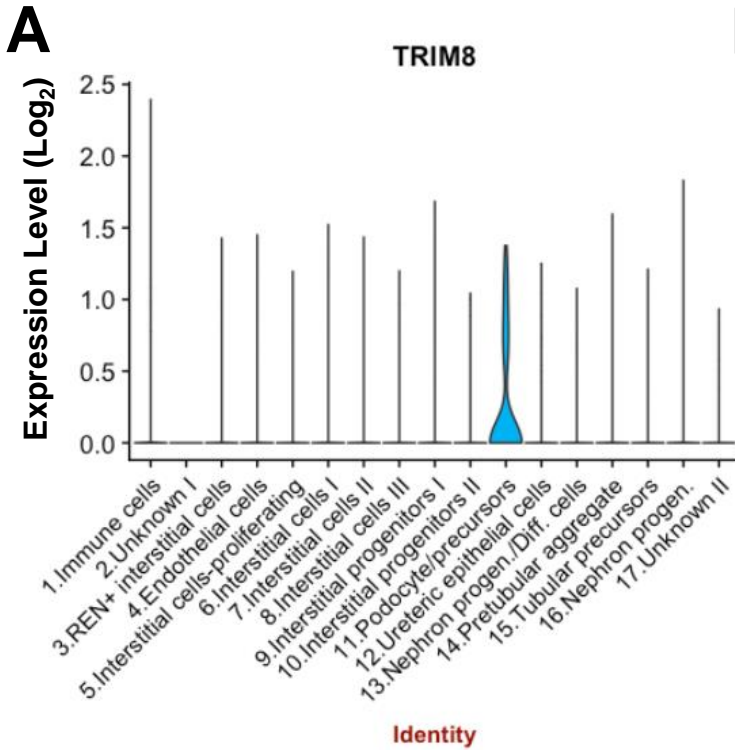


Figure S4. *TRIM8* mRNA expression in podocytes of human fetal kidney and protein localization in human kidney tissue by immunohistochemistry.

(A) Single cell mRNA sequencing data from 16 week human fetal kidney (Lindstrom et al. *JASN* 2018) was queried (<http://humphreyslab.com/SingleCell>) and revealed predominant expression of *TRIM8* mRNA in the podocyte/precursor cluster. This is shown by the violin plot reflecting the distribution of log-base 2 expression levels within each cluster.

(B) The expression of *TRIM8* mRNA is visualized within each fetal kidney cell cluster based on (i) the percent of cells within the cluster expressing *TRIM8* and (ii) the average gene expression (scaled to the other clusters).

(C) Immunohistochemistry of adult human kidney tissue demonstrate *TRIM8* shows positivity most predominantly within nuclei but also cytoplasm of tubular epithelial cells. The nuclear staining is localized to discrete foci within the nuclei of these tubular epithelial cells. (Scale Bar: 50 μm)

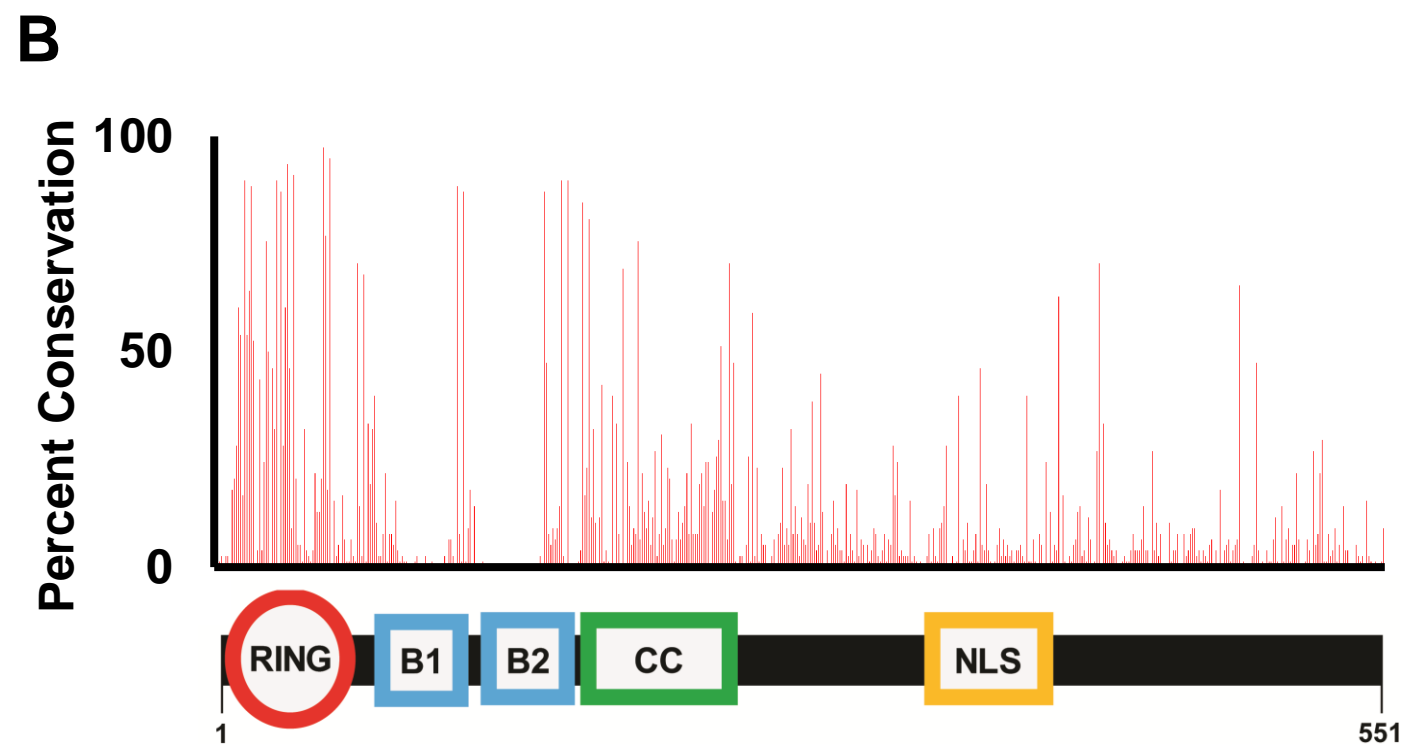
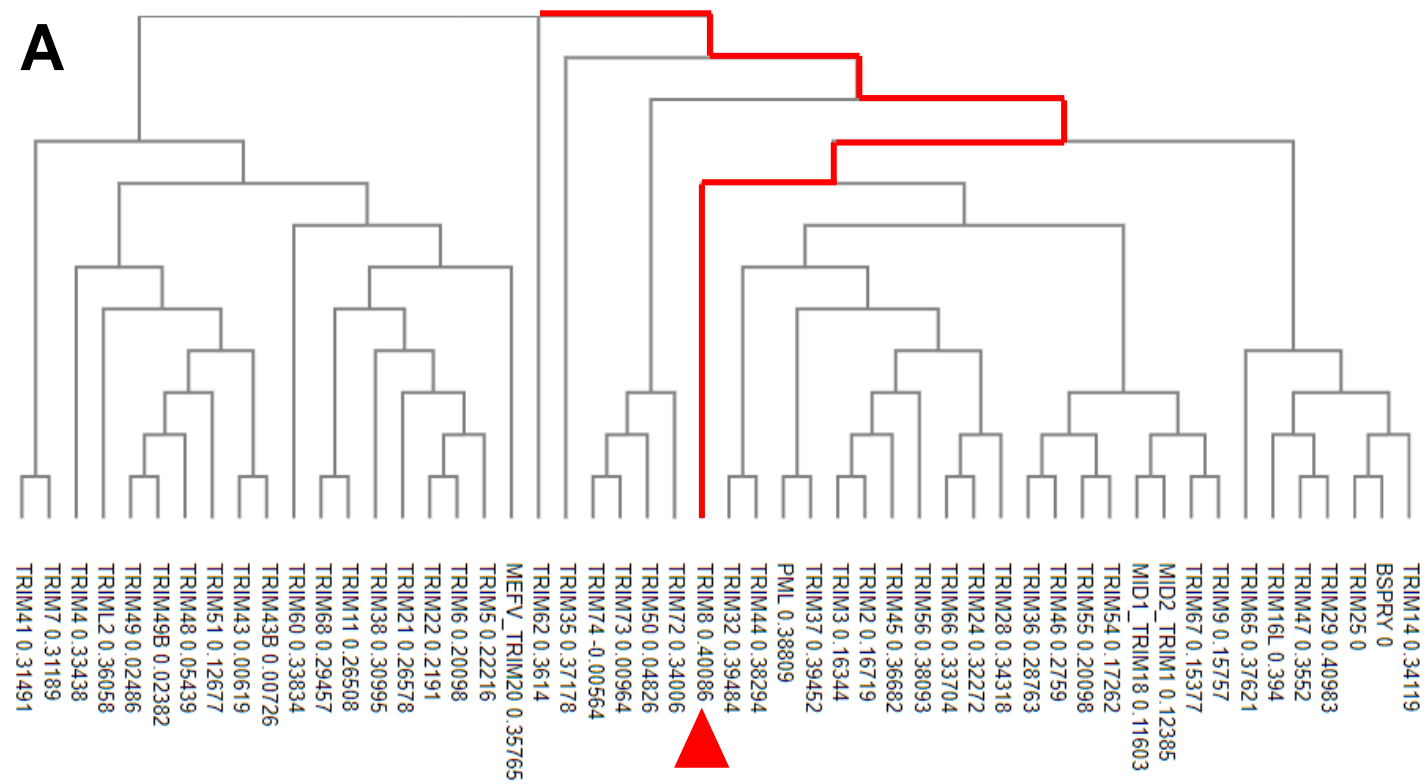


Figure S5. TRIM8 C-terminal region is not well conserved across 51 human TRIM8 paralogues.

(A) 51 human TRIM8 paralogues were assembled from Ensembl (ensembl.org) and previous literature (Reymond et al., *EMBOJ* 2001). The sequences were aligned using Clustal Omega, and the resulting dendrogram is shown. The path of TRIM8 is highlighted in red (red arrow).

(B) The conservation of TRIM8 amino acid residues across 51 human TRIM paralogues is shown graphically as a percentage of amino acid identity across the 51 paralogues at each residue from N-terminus to C-terminus. The 551 amino acid protein domain structure of TRIM8 is displayed below as reference. The N-terminus, which contains the four conserved tri-partite domains, is more well conserved across paralogues than the C-terminus of TRIM8. B1, B-box domain 1; B2, B-box domain 2; CC, coiled-coil domain; NLS, nuclear localization signal; RING, ring finger domain.

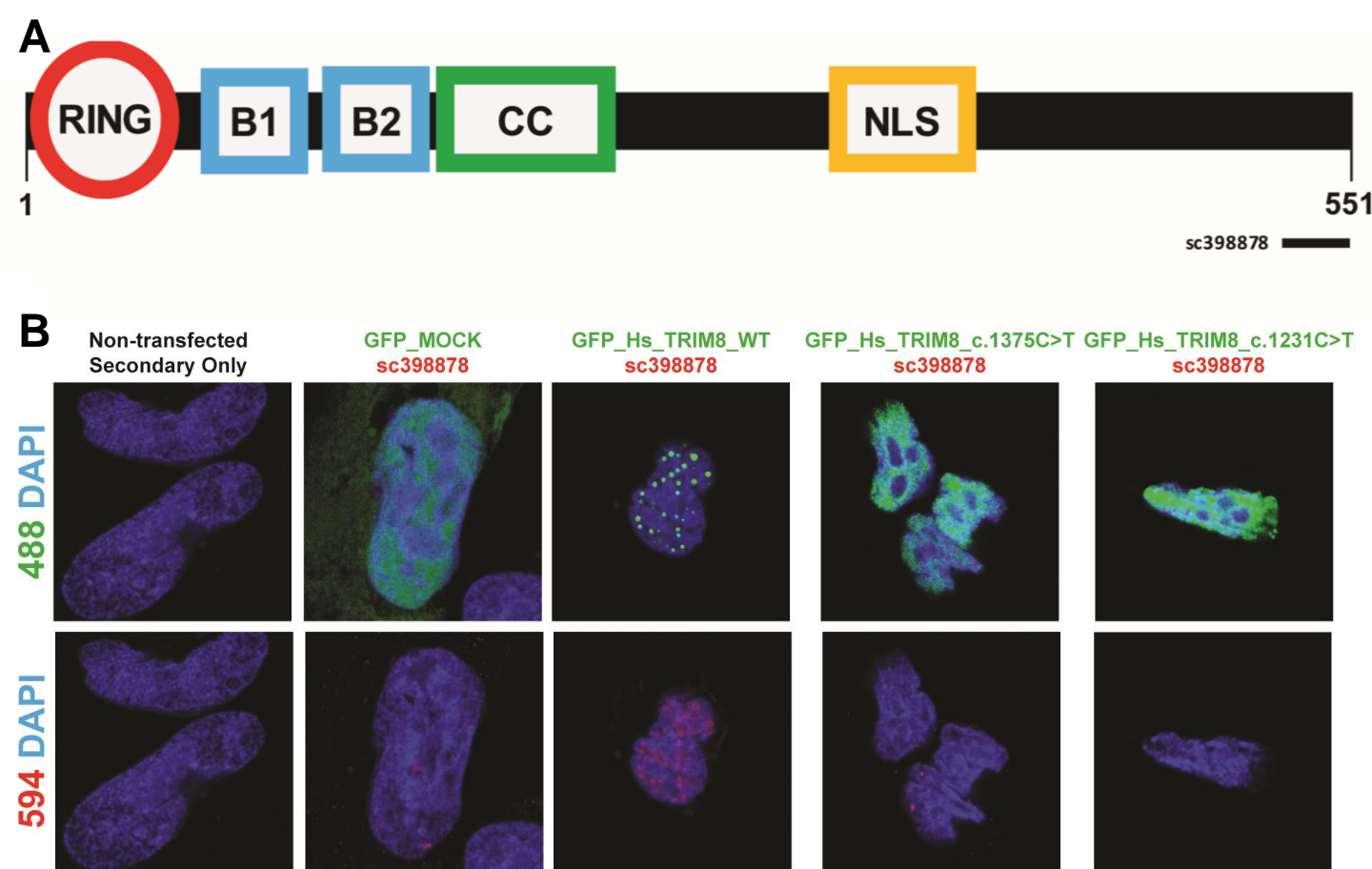


Figure S6. TRIM8 antibody detects GFP-tagged full-length TRIM8 over-expressed protein but not protein products of constructs reflecting patient mutations.

(A) TRIM8 protein domain structure is shown in relation to the immunogen against which the monoclonal mouse TRIM8 antibody sc398878 was generated. B1, B-box domain 1; B2, B-box domain 2; CC, coiled-coil domain; NLS, nuclear localization signal; RING, ring finger domain.

(B) Co-immunofluorescence with sc398878 reveals that this antibody identifies GFP-tagged TRIM8 upon overexpression in a human podocyte cell line (column 3) with overlapping staining of GFP-TRIM8 nuclear bodies. Secondary only and GFP-MOCK transfected cell controls show no background signal from the antibody (columns 1 and 2). The antibody does not recognize GFP-tagged TRIM8 constructs reflecting patient mutations (columns 4 and 5), which demonstrated pan-nuclear localization.

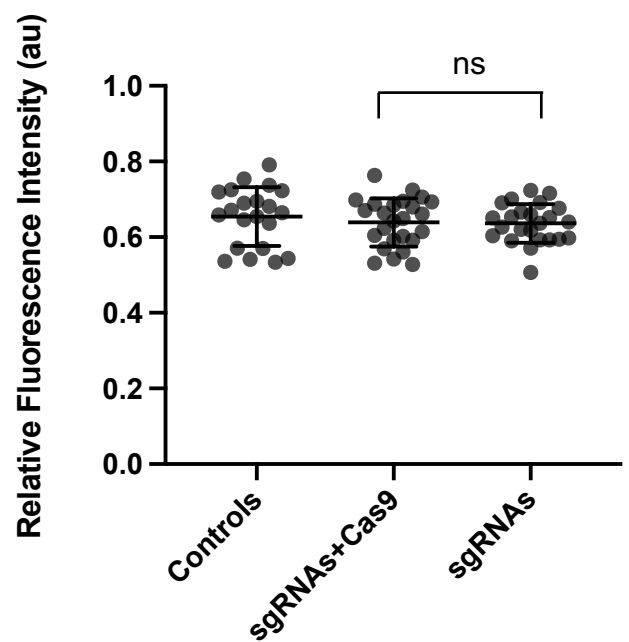
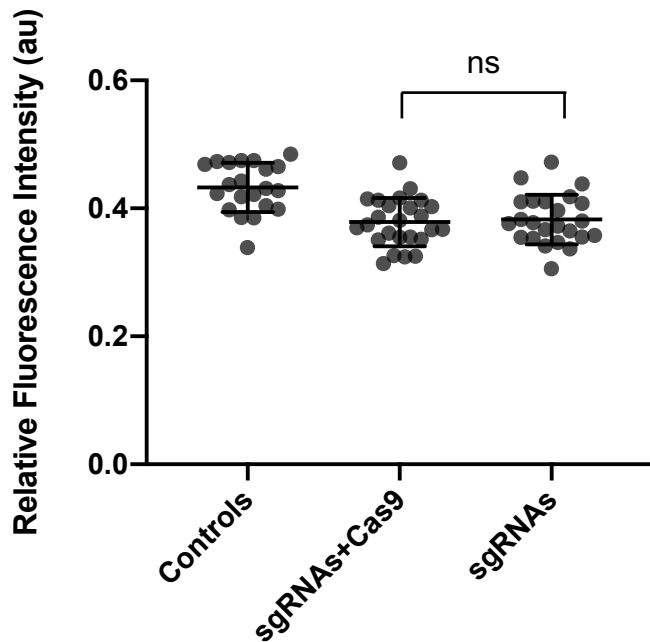
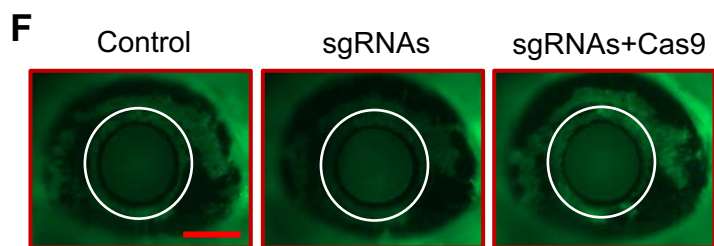
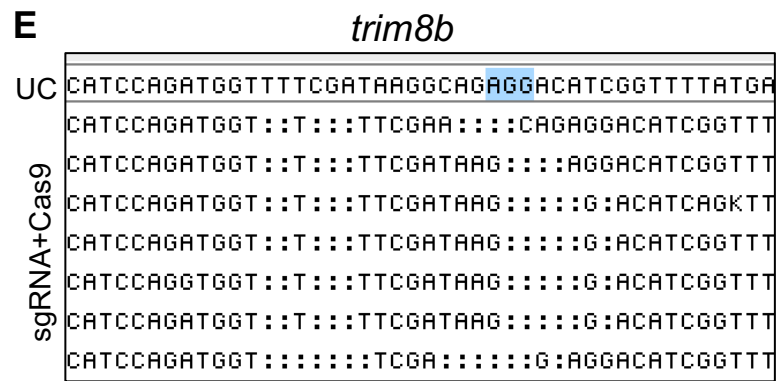
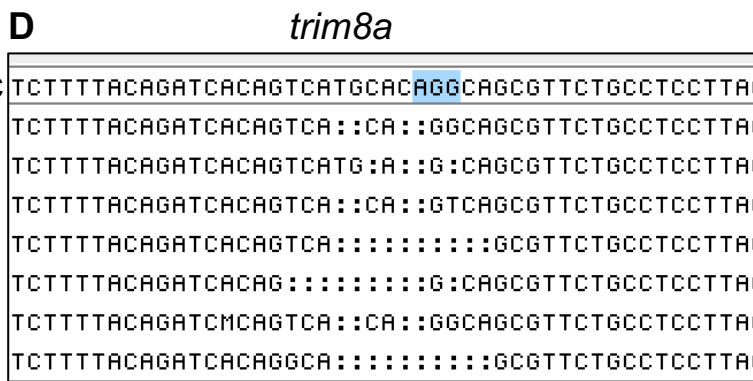
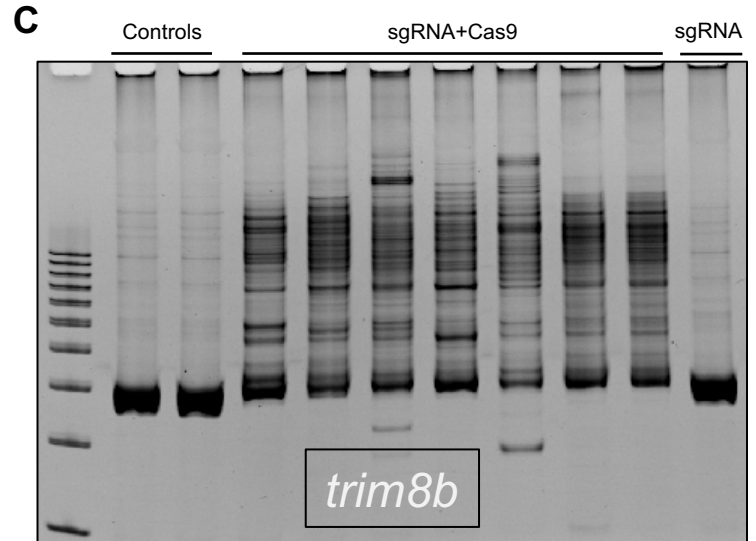
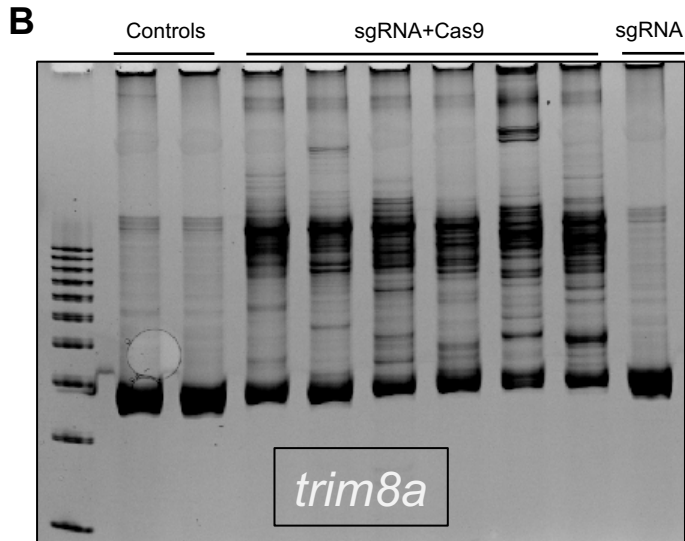
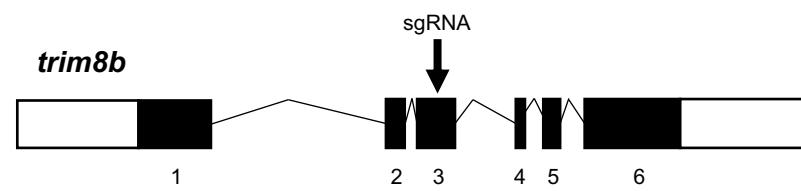
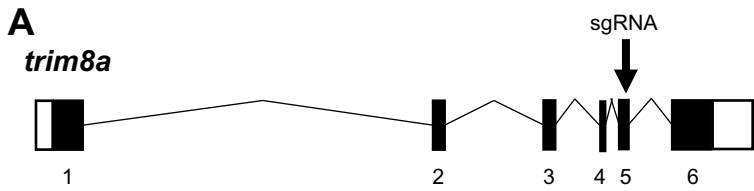


Figure S7. Zebrafish *trim8a* and *trim8b* double F0 mutants did not display gross morphological or glomerular filtration defects.

(A) Schematic of zebrafish *trim8a* (Ensembl ID: ENSDART00000128249.4; GRCz11) and *trim8b* (Ensembl ID: ENSDART00000085888.6; GRCz11) loci. Exons, black rectangles; introns, black lines; UTRs, white rectangles; Black arrows indicate position of target sites for CRISPR single guide RNAs (sgRNA).

(B, C) Heteroduplex analysis of PCR products amplified from DNA extracted from individual uninjected controls or embryos injected with sgRNA+Cas9 and sgRNA alone on 15% polyacrylamide gels. Embryos were harvested at 2 dpf for genomic DNA extraction and target sites were PCR amplified using locus specific primers.

(D, E) Representative sequence alignments of CRISPR target sites for *trim8a/trim8b* F0 mutants and uninjected controls (UC) show that 100% of amplification products assessed were targeted. PCR products from individual embryos were TOPO-TA cloned and sequence confirmed (n=3 embryos per condition; 24 clones per embryo). Protospacer adjacent motif (PAM) sequences for both guides are marked with a blue rectangle.

(F) Top: representative live lateral fluorescent images of larval eyes at 6 dpf (4 days post-injection with 70 kDa Dextran FITC conjugates). Bottom: Embryos were injected with 70 kDa Dextran FITC conjugates in the cardiac venous sinus at 2 dpf and live fluorescent images of the eye were acquired at 3 dpf and 6 dpf. FITC signal was quantified using ImageJ; 6 dpf values were normalized to baseline (3 dpf) and statistical differences were calculated between controls and F0 mosaic mutants with a Student's t-test. The region-of-interest (ROI) is outlined with a white circle. Error bars show standard deviation of the mean; scale bar, 100 μ m; ns, not significant.

(G) Top: representative live lateral fluorescent images of the larval trunk at 6 dpf (4 days post-injection with 70 kDa Dextran FITC conjugates). Bottom: Embryos were injected with 70 kDa Dextran FITC conjugates in the cardiac venous sinus at 2 dpf and live fluorescent images of the trunk were acquired at 3 dpf and 6 dpf. FITC signal was quantified using ImageJ; 6 dpf values were normalized to baseline (3 dpf) and statistical differences were calculated between controls and F0 mosaic mutants with a Student's t-test. The ROI is indicated with a white rectangle. Error bars show standard deviation of the mean; scale bar, 100 μ m; ns, not significant.

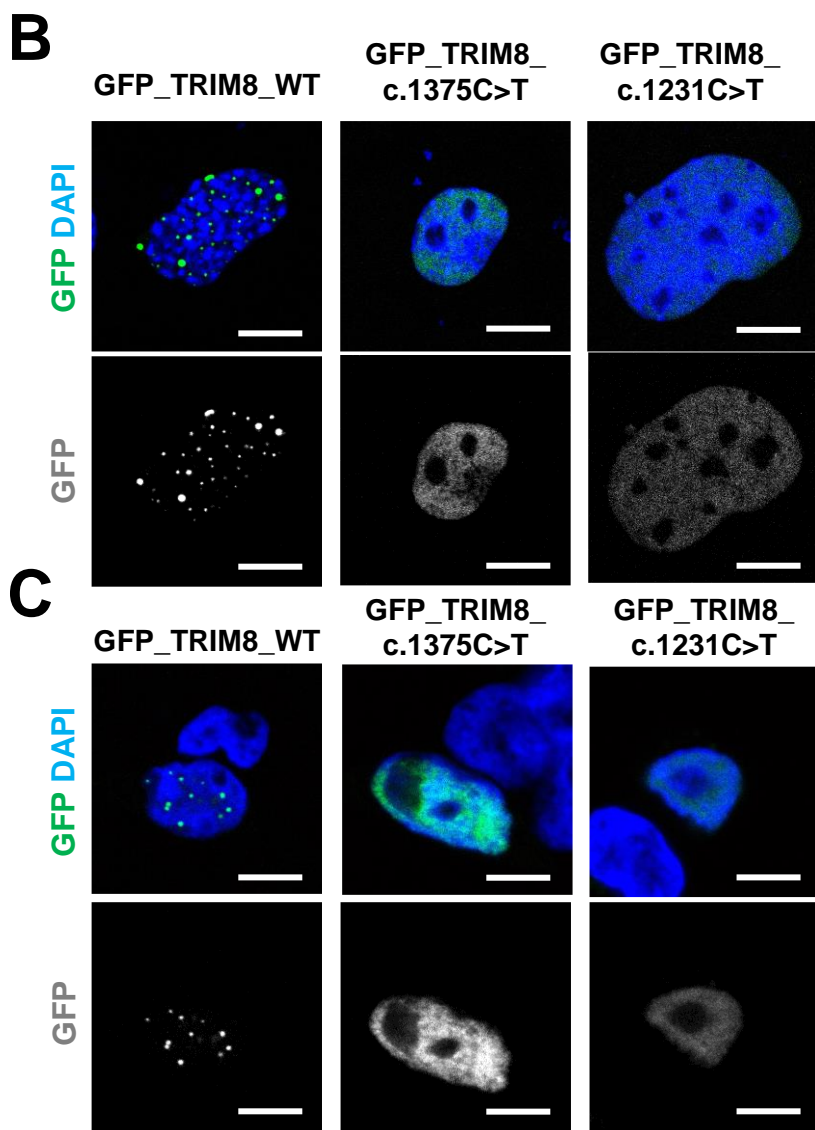
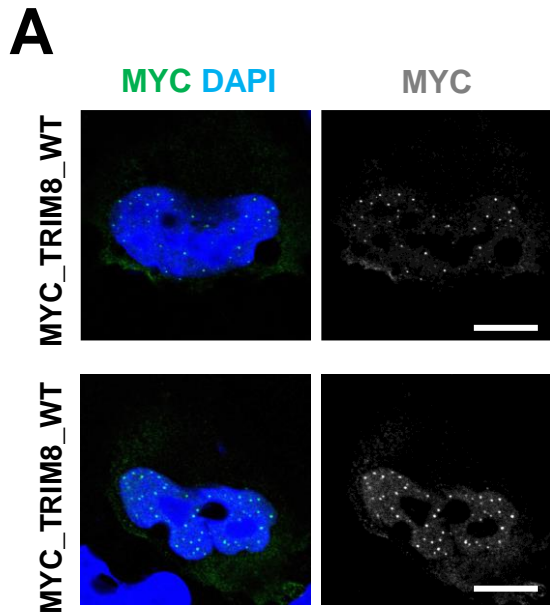


Figure S8. TRIM8 localizes to nuclear bodies with distinct N-terminal tag and in different cell lines.

(A) An immortalized human podocyte cell line was transfected with N-terminal MYC tagged wildtype *TRIM8* construct. Anti-MYC immunofluorescence was performed. Cells were imaged by confocal microscopy. Representative images of MYC-tagged protein and DAPI localization are shown, demonstrating that wildtype TRIM8 localizes to nuclear bodies. (Scale Bars: 7.5 μ m).

(B) An immortalized mouse podocyte cell line was transfected with N-terminal GFP tagged wildtype *TRIM8* or *TRIM8* mutant constructs based on NS patient variants c.1375C>T and c.1231C>T. Cells were imaged by confocal microscopy. Representative images of GFP-tagged protein and DAPI localization are shown, revealing that wildtype TRIM8 localizes to nuclear bodies, while patient mutants exhibit pan-nuclear staining overlapping with DAPI signal. (Scale Bars: 10 μ m).

(C) The neuroblastoma BE(2)-M17 cell line was transfected, processed and imaged as in (B). Representative images of GFP-tagged protein and DAPI localization are shown, revealing that wildtype TRIM8 localizes to nuclear bodies, while patient mutants exhibit pan-nuclear staining overlapping with DAPI signal. (Scale Bars: 5 μ m).

1 SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDIX

3 Research subjects

4 The Sanna-Cherchi laboratory Pediatric SNRS cohort comprised 369 patients of less than 21 years
5 of age recruited from the CUIMC Nephrology Division and 25 collaborating medical centers in 7
6 nations. The clinical diagnosis of Steroid Resistant Nephrotic Syndrome and FSGS was based on
7 published clinical criteria and renal biopsy. Blood and clinical data were obtained following written
8 informed consent from patients or their legal guardians. Epilepsy data and CUIMC controls were
9 collected from previously conducted exome or genome sequencing, which data were hosted in an
10 internal database at the Institute for Genomic Medicine (IGM). These data were previously consented
11 to be available for control use. Controls with the broad clinical categories of brain malformation,
12 congenital disorder, fetal ultrasound anomalies, epilepsy and other neurologic features were
13 excluded from the controls dataset. The study was approved by the Columbia University Institutional
14 Review Board and local ethics committee.

15
16 The Hildebrandt laboratory (BCH Cohort) obtained blood samples and pedigrees following informed
17 consent from individuals with NS or their legal guardians. The diagnose of NS was based on
18 published clinical criteria and renal biopsies criteria evaluated by renal pathologists¹. Patients
19 recruited for other renal disease entities including renal stone disease were used as controls, as a
20 nephrologist excluded NS in these patients through their evaluation. Clinical data were obtained
21 using a standardized questionnaire (<http://www.renalgenes.org>).

22
23 The Pollak laboratory (BIDMC) obtained blood or saliva samples for DNA extraction as well as clinical
24 and family data following informed consent from individuals with FSGS and/or NS or their legal
25 guardians.

26
27 Patients were recruited to the National Study of Nephrotic Syndrome (NephroS) via the United
28 Kingdom Registry for Rare Kidney Diseases (RaDaR). Detailed phenotypic information was entered
29 online (<https://nww.radar.nhs.uk>) and laboratory data were automatically
30 populated via links to the UK Renal Registry (www.renalreg.org). Appropriate informed consent from
31 parents and/or carers was collected, and assent for collection of data and genetic analysis obtained.
32 The study was approved by the South West research ethics committee and the institutional review
33 board at each recruiting center. Inclusion criteria for patients to enter RaDaR included: Children and

34 adults (no age restrictions), Idiopathic Nephrotic Syndrome (nephrotic range proteinuria and/or
35 hypoalbuminaemia). This includes Congenital NS (presumed Steroid resistance), Childhood or adult
36 onset with primary Steroid Resistance, Childhood or adult onset with late onset Steroid Resistance,
37 Steroid Sensitive Nephrotic Syndrome but early in the disease course (i.e. after one episode of
38 Nephrotic Syndrome), or syndromes (e.g. Nail Patella Syndrome and Denys-Drash Syndrome).
39 Those with a biopsy diagnosis of FSGS or minimal change disease could be included if they fall in the
40 above categories, but biopsy is not a prerequisite for inclusion. Patients with Secondary causes of
41 Nephrotic Syndrome e.g. primary diagnosis of Glomerulonephritis (IgA Nephropathy,
42 Membranoproliferative Glomerulonephritis, Membranous Nephropathy), Vasculitis, Systemic Lupus
43 Erythematosus, Diabetes, Obesity, Hypertension were excluded.

44
45 For the Technical University Munich Cohort, subject TUMG_1 was recruited as part of an exome
46 sequencing (ES) study on hereditary kidney disease. All recruited index cases had either a) the
47 clinical tentative diagnosis of a hereditary kidney disease or b) renal involvement without overlap with
48 a specific hereditary kidney disease but met at least one the following inclusion criteria: (1) first
49 manifestation before the age of 18 years; (2) Syndromic disease, i.e. involvement of an additional
50 organ system apart the kidney. If there was only one extrarenal manifestation which had a prevalence
51 of more than 1% in the general population this case was not classified as a syndromic case; (3)
52 familial occurrence (>1 equally affected individual in a family); (4) reported consanguinity. Patients
53 were recruited, applying the criteria mentioned above, either directly at the Institute of Human
54 Genetics of the Klinikum rechts der Isar, Technical University of Munich, which is a tertiary care
55 center. Or they were recruited by external human geneticists and (pediatric) nephrologists and
56 referred to the Institute. Phenotypes were ascertained by reviewing medical reports and filling out a
57 standardized questionnaire. Written informed consent for sequencing and publication of results was
58 obtained from both parents. DNA was extracted from peripheral blood using the Genra Puregene
59 Blood Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

60
61 The Alberta Children's Hospital cohort was compiled through two exome sequencing research
62 projects: (i) Enhanced Care for Rare Genetic Diseases in Canada (Care4Rare) research project; and
63 (ii) Rapid Access to Pediatric Diagnoses (RAPiD) kidomics. Participants enrolled in the Care4Rare
64 clinical diagnostic arm consisted of pediatric or adult index cases who had an undiagnosed suspected
65 rare (typically multisystem) genetic condition. The RAPiD participants included children admitted to an
66 acute care facility suspected to have an underlying but undiagnosed genetic disorder. Included in the

67 Alberta Children's Hospital cohort are all probands enrolled in Care4Rare and RAPiD who presented
68 with suspected seizures or epilepsy amongst their diagnostic features at the time of enrollment
69 (N=20). Peripheral whole blood samples were collected from the participants and genomic DNA was
70 extracted using Genra Puregene blood kit (QIAGEN).

72 **ES and mutation calling**

73 For the Sanna-Cherchi laboratory (CUIMC Cohort), genomic DNA was isolated from whole blood
74 according to standard protocols and was subjected to exome sequencing with the Agilent, Roche or
75 Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT) capture kits. Sequencing data were processed and aligned to
76 Genome Reference Consortium Human Genome Build 37 (GRCh37 hg19) using the Dynamic Read
77 Analysis for Genomics (DRAGEN) platform. Variants were called in accordance to the best practices
78 outlined in Genome Analysis Tool Kit (GATK v3.6) and annotated with Ensembl-GRCh37.73
79 annotations and external data from the gnomad 2.2.1 reference population databases. The in-house
80 Analysis Tools for Annotated Variants (ATAV, <https://github.com/igm-team/atav>) developed and
81 maintained by the IGM was used for the variant prioritization analysis. Briefly, we prioritized variants
82 that were either absent or ultra-rare, < 0.1% in the gnomAD v2.1.1 databases, with minimum
83 sequencing depth of 10 reads, minimum genotype quality of 50, and were predicted to be cause loss-
84 of-function; These include non-synonymous, frameshift, splice-site donor, splice-site acceptor and
85 stop gained variants.

86
87 For the Hildebrandt laboratory (BCH cohort), exome sequencing (ES) was performed through (i) the
88 Yale Genomics Center using Agilent SureSelect™ human exome capture arrays (Thermo Fisher
89 Scientific) with next generation sequencing (NGS) on an Illumina™ platform or (ii) through the Broad
90 Institute Center for Mendelian Genomics. For WES data from Yale, sequence reads were mapped
91 against the human reference genome (NCBI build 37/hg19) using CLC Genomics Workbench
92 (version 6.5.1) (CLC bio). Genetic location information is according to the February 2009 Human
93 Genome Browser data, hg19 assembly (<http://www.genome.ucsc.edu>). Downstream processing of
94 aligned BAM files were done using Picard and samtools², and SNV calling was done using GATK5.
95 For WES through the Broad Institute, data processing was performed by the Genomics Platform at
96 the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT (Broad Institute, Cambridge, MA). Exome sequencing (>250
97 ng of DNA, at >2 ng/μl) was performed using Illumina exome capture (38 Mb target). Single
98 nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and insertions/deletions (indels) were jointly called across all
99 samples using the Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) HaplotypeCaller. Default filters were applied to

100 SNP and indel calls using the GATK Variant Quality Score Recalibration approach. Lastly, variants
101 were annotated using the Variant Effect Predictor. For additional information, please refer to the
102 Supporting Information Section S1 in the exome aggregation consortium (ExAC) study³. The variant
103 call set was uploaded on to Seqr (<https://seqr.broadinstitute.org>) and analysis of the entire WES
104 output was performed. From both platforms, mutation calling was performed in line with proposed
105 guidelines⁴, and the following criteria were employed as previously described^{5,6}. The variants included
106 were rare in the population with mean allele frequency <0.1% and with 0 homozygotes in the adult
107 reference genome databases ExAC and gnomAD. Additionally, variants were non-synonymous
108 and/or located within splice-sites. Based on an autosomal homozygous recessive hypothesis,
109 homozygous variants were evaluated. Subsequently, variant severity was classified based on
110 prediction of protein impact (truncating frameshift or nonsense mutations, essential or extended
111 splice-site mutations, and missense mutations). Splice-site mutations were assessed by *in silico* tools
112 MaxEnt, NNSPLICE, HSF, and CADD splice-site mutation prediction scores⁷⁻¹⁰. Missense mutations
113 were assessed based on SIFT, MutationTaster and PolyPhen 2.0 conservation prediction scores¹¹⁻¹³
114 and evolutionary conservation based on manually derived multiple sequence alignments.

115
116 For the Pollak laboratory (BIDMC cohort), exome sequencing was performed as previously¹⁴.

117
118 For the NephroS cohort, exome sequencing was performed in the Genomics Core Facility of the
119 Biomedical Research Centre at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals and King's College (London) and the
120 whole genome sequenced at the NIHR BioResource (Cambridge). Sequencing was performed on
121 Illumina platforms with mean coverage of 120X for the exome and 35X for the genome. Variant
122 calling and annotation was performed using the King's College London BRC Genomics and NIHR
123 Cambridge BioResource pipelines.

124
125 For the Technical University Munich Cohort, Trio ES was performed using a Sure Select Human All
126 Exon 60 Mb V6 Kit (Agilent, USA) and a HiSeq4000 (Illumina, USA) as previously described¹⁵.
127 Mitochondrial DNA was derived from off-target exome reads as previously described¹⁶. Reads were
128 aligned to the human reference genome (UCSC Genome Browser build hg19) using Burrows-
129 Wheeler Aligner (v.0.7.5a). Detection of single-nucleotide variants and small insertions and deletions
130 (indels) was performed with SAMtools (version 0.1.19). ExomeDepth was used for the detection of
131 copy number variations (CNVs). A noise threshold of 2.5 was accepted for diagnostic analysis¹⁷.
132 Called CNVs were visualized by the Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV,

133 <https://software.broadinstitute.org/software/igv/>) to check for sufficient coverage of the inspected
134 region and plausibility of the CNV. CNVs were compared with publicly available control databases
135 like the Genome Aggregation Database (gnomAD, <https://gnomad.broadinstitute.org/about>), the
136 Database of Genomic Variants (DGV, <http://dgv.tcag.ca/dgv/app/home>) and databases for
137 pathogenic CNVs like DECIPHER (<https://decipher.sanger.ac.uk/>) and ClinVar
138 (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/>). For the analysis of de novo, autosomal dominant and
139 mitochondrial variants, only variants with a minor allele frequency (MAF) of less than 0.1% in the in-
140 house database of the Helmholtz Center Munich containing over 19,000 exomes were considered.
141 For the analysis of autosomal recessive and X-linked variants (homozygous, hemizygous or
142 compound heterozygous) variants with a MAF of less than 1.0% were considered. Identified variants
143 were compared with publicly available databases for pathogenic variants like ClinVar, the Human
144 Gene Mutation Database (HGMD®, <http://www.hgmd.cf.ac.uk>) and the Leiden Open Variation
145 Database (LOVD, <https://www.lovd.nl>).

146
147 For the Undiagnosed Disease Network (UDN) individuals, exome sequencing was conducted as
148 previously described¹⁸.

149
150 For the Care4Rare enrolled participants of the Alberta Children's Hospital cohort, sequencing was
151 conducted using the Illumina TruSight One gene panel, Agilent SureSelect Clinical Research Exome
152 v2 and sequenced on the Illumina MiSeq or the NextSeq 550. Bioinformatics including read
153 alignment, variant calling and annotation were completed as described previously¹⁹. For the RAPiD
154 participants, exome library capture was performed using the xGen Exome Research Panel v.1.0
155 (Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT)) and sequenced on the Illumina NextSeq 550. Data were
156 uploaded to Illumina BaseSpace and the DRAGEN Enrichment app (v.3.5.7) was used to align data
157 (to hg19 reference genome). Vcf files produced from BaseSpace were uploaded to Fabric Genomics
158 for variant interpretation and report generation. Variants were excluded if they met at least one of the
159 following criteria: 1) non-coding (excluding the first 6 nucleotides and last 15 nucleotides of introns);
160 2) have a minor allele frequency greater than 0.5% from any general population database (e.g.
161 gnomAD); 3) fewer than 4 variant reads in the proband. The remaining variants were assessed for
162 pathogenicity primarily using the Fabric Genomics variant annotation platform and the VAAST Variant
163 Prioritizer to assign prioritization score to each resulting variant²⁰.

165 **Accession numbers**

166 Human TRIM8 full-length protein (GenBank accession NP_112174) encoded by GenBank accession
167 NM_030912.

169 **Molecular cloning and site directed mutagenesis**

170 We obtained a full length wild type *TRIM8* human open reading frame clone (Genebank:
171 NM_030912.2) in a Gateway entry vector backbone (GeneArt, ThermoFisher; pENTR221; clone ID:
172 IOH13368). We performed PCR based site directed mutagenesis (2x Phusion Master Mix;
173 ThermoFisher) using an in-house developed protocol²¹, and synthesized TRIM8 clones carrying two
174 randomly selected variants from our case cohort (c.1231C>T; p.Gln411* and c.1375C>T; p.Gln459*
175 We confirmed all constructs using Sanger sequencing (BigDye3.1 chemistry on an ABI 3730xl,
176 Applied Biosystems) and cloned it into the pCDNA6.2 N-DEST-Em-GPF vector backbone using LRII
177 clonase-mediated recombination (ThermoFisher). *TRIM8* cDNA was cloned into pRK5-N-MYC tag
178 construct using a LRII clonase-mediated recombination as above. Prior to *in vitro* cell studies, all
179 constructs were confirmed by bidirectional Sanger sequencing and restriction enzyme digestion.

181 **Cell lines**

182 Human immortalized podocytes were a gift of Moin Saleem (University of Bristol, Bristol, United
183 Kingdom)²² and were cultured as previously described^{23–25}. Immortalized wildtype mouse podocytes
184 were a gift from Dr. Minoru Takemoto (International University of Health and Welfare, Chiba, Japan)
185 and were cultured as previously described²⁶. The neuroblastoma cell line BE(2)-M17 cells were a kind
186 gift from the laboratory of Timothy Yu (Boston Children’s Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, USA) and
187 were cultured as described by ATCC (CRL-2267).

189 **Antibodies and immunostaining reagents**

190 The following primary antibodies were used: rabbit anti-SMN1 (Novus, NBP1-03326), rabbit anti-p80
191 Coilin (Sigma, PLA0290), mouse anti-TRIM8 (Santa Cruz, sc-398878), mouse anti-myc (abcam,
192 9E10). Donkey anti-mouse and anti-rabbit Alexa 594–conjugated secondary antibodies and DAPI
193 staining reagents were obtained from Invitrogen (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

195 **Immunohistochemistry**

196 Immunostaining was conducted on human kidney biopsies using 3,3'-diaminobenzidine (DAB).
197 TRIM8 antibody “TRIM8 (B-3): sc-398878” was purchased from Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc.

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199 **Immunofluorescence in immortalized human podocytes**

200 Human immortalized podocytes were seeded on coverslips and grown at a permissive temperature.
201 For overexpression studies, podocytes were transiently transfected using Lipofectamine 2000
202 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) according to the manufacturer's instructions with 250 ng of GFP-tagged
203 *TRIM8* construct plasmids and 100 ng of MYC-tagged *TRIM8* construct plasmid. Immortalized mouse
204 podocytes and BE(2)-M17 cells were similarly transfected with 500 ng and 300 ng, respectively, of
205 GFP-tagged *TRIM8* construct plasmids. Experiments were performed 24 hours after transfection.
206 Cells were fixed for 15 minutes using 4% paraformaldehyde and permeabilized using 0.1% Triton-X
207 100. After blocking, sections were incubated overnight at 4°C with primary antibody (if used). If
208 primary antibody used, the cells were incubated in secondary antibodies for 90 minutes at room
209 temperature followed by mounting in hardening medium with DAPI. Confocal imaging was performed
210 using the Leica SP5X system with an upright DM6000 microscope, and images were processed with
211 the Leica AF software suite.

212

213 **Assessment of adjacent nuclear bodies**

214 For visualization of nuclear bodies, three independent experiments performed, and data pooled. Z-
215 stack image sets of individual nuclei at 100X magnification were obtained which spanned the entire
216 thickness of the nuclei. All Gemin or Cajal bodies within the nuclei were scored for contact a *TRIM8*
217 NB. Contact between nuclear bodies was determined through (i) three-dimensional reconstruction
218 and rotation of the rendering to ensure contact between adjacent nuclear bodies and (ii) confirmation
219 by identifying specific image(s) in Z-stack where contact observed.

220

221 **CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing in zebrafish**

222 Using reciprocal protein BLAST with human protein, we identified two *TRIM8* orthologues in
223 zebrafish: *trim8a* (Ensembl: [ENSDART00000128249.4](#); GRCz11; 67% identity and 79% similarity)
224 and *trim8b* (Ensembl: [ENSDART00000085888.6](#); GRCz11; 67% identity and 78% similarity). We
225 identified CRISPR single guide RNA (sgRNA) target sites for each independent ortholog using
226 ChopChop²⁷: *trim8a*: 5'-TACAGATCACAGTCATGCACAGG-3' and *trim8b*: 5'-
227 GATGGTTTTTCGATAAGGCAGAGG-3'. We synthesized sgRNAs for both *trim8a* and *trim8b* using the
228 GeneArt Precision gRNA synthesis kit according to manufactures' instructions (ThermoFisher). To
229 test the efficiency of sgRNAs, we independently injected one-cell stage zebrafish embryos with
230 cocktails containing 100 pg of sgRNA and 200 pg of Cas9 protein (PNA Bio, CP01). Embryos were

231 harvested at 2 dpf and genomic DNA was extracted with proteinase K digestion (Life Technologies,
232 AM2548). The target sites were amplified for both *trim8a* and *trim8b* using flanking primers, PCR
233 product was denatured, slowly reannealed, and heteroduplexes were detected using electrophoresis
234 on a 15% polyacrylamide gel as described²⁸. To estimate mosaicism, PCR products were cloned into
235 the TOPO-TA cloning vector (ThermoFisher Scientific) and sequenced confirmed using bidirectional
236 Sanger sequencing (n=3 embryos per condition, 24 clones per embryo; 100% mosaicism identified in
237 both guides). The efficiency of sgRNAs (*trim8a/trim8b*) in double F0 zebrafish mutants was re-
238 confirmed by heteroduplex analysis.

240 **Zebrafish embryo injections and phenotyping**

241 All zebrafish experiments were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees
242 (IACUC) at Duke University and Northwestern University. To simultaneously target both *trim8a* and
243 *trim8b* loci, we injected zebrafish embryos at the one-cell stage with CRISPR-Cas9 cocktail
244 containing 100 pg of each *trim8a* and *trim8b* sgRNAs and 200 pg of Cas9 protein. Double F0 mosaic
245 mutants were assessed for survival and gross morphological phenotypes in comparison with embryos
246 injected with sgRNAs alone daily until 6 dpf (n=30-45 larvae/condition, repeated twice). To investigate
247 glomerular filtration defects, we injected 70 kDa Dextran-FITC conjugate (Sigma) into the cardiac
248 venous sinus of double F0 mosaic mutants at 2 dpf. We acquired live lateral fluorescence images of
249 the eye and trunk at 3 dpf (baseline) and 6 dpf using a ZEISS Axio V16 microscope and Axiocam 503
250 monochromatic camera facilitated by Zen Pro software. The intensity of FITC signal was quantified in
251 eye and trunk regions of interest using Image J software and statistical differences (Student's t-test)
252 were calculated by comparing relative FITC signal intensity in F0 mutants and controls at 6 dpf
253 (normalized to baseline at 3 dpf; n=21-25, repeated). Experiments were performed with investigator
254 blinded to injection cocktail.

256 **Single-cell mRNA sequencing data analysis**

257 Heatmap results depicting differential mRNA expression levels (from z-scores) was based on single-
258 cell transcriptomics data from week 12-19 human fetal kidneys, E14.5 mouse fetal kidneys, or 8-
259 week-old wild-type CD1 male mice²⁹⁻³¹. Processed data from each set was queried for percent
260 expression in pre-defined cell clusters. Queried data was normalized using z-score calculation as
261 previously described³². Data was also viewed from week 16 human fetal kidneys³³ using the
262 Humphreys Laboratory website (URL below).

264 **Statistics**

265 Burden of *TRIM8* truncating mutations was conducted using Fischer's Exact Test (R version 4.0.1).
266 For the *de novo* analysis, the expected probability "mu" of *de novo* truncating mutations in *TRIM8*
267 was estimated based on Samocha et al³⁴. We then assumed as if we had trio data available for all
268 2,501 index case subjects. Therefore, the probability of observing at least six *de novo* truncating
269 mutations in 2,501 independent trios was $P(X \geq 6)$ where $X \sim \text{Poisson}(2 \times 2,501 \times \mu) = 2.21 \times 10^{-15}$. A
270 reference set of 12,840 LD-pruned informative SNPs (MAF > 0.05) was used to infer relatedness in
271 cases and controls. Briefly, variants were extracted from the VCF files of each sample, merged and
272 converted into the PLINK binary format with PLINK v1.90b3.38 (www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/)³⁵.
273 King 1.4 (<http://people.virginia.edu/~wc9c/KING/>) was used to estimate pairwise kinship coefficients in
274 the cohort using the `-kinship` option, one of each pair of samples with an estimated second-degree or
275 greater relationship (> 0.0884) was removed to retain unrelated cases and controls in the cohort³⁶.

276 **Genetics Study approval**

277
278 For Sanna-Cherchi laboratory (CUMC Cohort), human subject's research performed in this study was
279 in accordance with the ethical standards of and approved by the Institutional Review Board of
280 Columbia University and collaborating institutions.

281
282 For the Hildebrandt laboratory (BCH Cohort), human subject's research performed in this study was
283 in accordance with the ethical standards of and approved by the Institutional Review Boards of the
284 University of Michigan, Boston Children's Hospital, and local IRB equivalents.

285
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287 research ethics committee and the institutional review board at each recruiting center.

288
289 For the Technical University Munich Cohort, this study was approved by the local Ethics Committee
290 of the Technical University of Munich and performed according the standard of the Helsinki
291 Declaration of 2013.

292
293 For the Pollak laboratory (BIDMC), human subject research was in accordance with the ethical
294 standards of and approved by the Institutional Review Boards at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical
295 Center.

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