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Our web collection on statistics for biologists contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

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Data collection	No software used
Data analysis	Calculations and visualizations were performed using R (v3.6.1).

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The datasets generated during and/or analysed during the current study have been uploaded to www.shariant.org.au (the Australian Genomics Variant Classification Sharing Platform) and deposited into to ClinVar (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/) (accession numbers SCV001449172–SCV001449477). They are also available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	The study was conducted on 552 individuals from 542 families in Australia and New Zealand.
Data exclusions	Referral requests with incomplete fields such as missing referring doctor were excluded from analysis.
Replication	Analysis was undertaken on the sample of 552 individuals. Due to the nature of the study, no replication was performed.
Randomization	The study was not randomized. Referral was open to doctors from throughout Australia and New Zealand. Referrals with complete information received between December 2013 and October 2019 were included in this study.
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☒	☐ Animals and other organisms
☐	☒ Human research participants
☐	☒ Clinical data

Methods

n/a	Involved in the study
☒	☐ ChIP-seq
☒	☐ Flow cytometry
☒	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Human research participants

Policy information about studies involving human research participants

Population characteristics	552 individuals (271 adults and 281 pediatric patients) from 542 unrelated families with suspected kidney disease from all Australian states and territories and New Zealand were included in this study.
Recruitment	Patient referral for panel testing was open to doctors from throughout Australia and New Zealand.
Ethics oversight	This study was approved by the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (SCHN) Human Research Ethics Committee (LNR/15/SCHN/505) and Research Governance Committee (LNFSSA/16/SCHN/62) with waiver of consent for publication due to the de-identified nature of the data.

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Clinical trial registration	*Provide the trial registration number from ClinicalTrials.gov or an equivalent agency.*
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Data collection	Referrals received between December 2013 and October 2019 were processed at the Molecular Genetics Laboratory of the Children's Hospital at Westmead (Sydney, NSW, Australia). Referral requirements included the isolated DNA sample of the

	patient from the referring institution, details of the panel requested, working diagnosis, relevant clinical data, and completed clinical genetic testing consent forms. Referral was open to medical practitioners in Australia and New Zealand.
Outcomes	This was an observational study and as such had no primary or secondary outcomes.