
Supplementary information

Phenotypic diversity and metabolic specialization of renal endothelial cells

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Supplementary Table 1 | Renal endothelial cell marker genes and known functions

Gene	Protein	Compartment	Function	Ref.
<i>Abcc4</i>	ATP binding cassette subfamily C member 4 (Multidrug resistance-associated protein 4)	Glomerular capillaries	Organic anion transporter	1,2
<i>Ace</i>	Angiotensin-converting enzyme	Large arteries	Conversion of angiotensin I into angiotensin II; involved in vasoconstriction regulation	3,4
<i>Adipor2</i>	Adiponectin receptor 2	DVR	Adiponectin receptor; involved in vasoconstriction regulation	5
<i>Akr1b3</i>	Aldo-keto reductase family 1 member B3	DVR papilla and AVR papilla	Reduction of glucose to sorbitol; maintenance of cell volume during hyperosmolarity	6
<i>Aldoa</i>	Fructose-bisphosphate aldolase A (also known as Aldolase 1)	AVR papilla	Glycolytic gene; conversion of fructose-1,6-bisphosphate to glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate and dihydroxyacetone phosphate	3,7,8
<i>Alox12</i>	Polyunsaturated fatty acid lipoxygenase ALOX12 (also known as Arachidonate 12-Lipoxygenase)	Cortical afferent arterioles and Glomerular distal afferent arterioles	Product of the arachidonate lipoxygenase; involved in vasoconstriction regulation in response to angiotensin	3,9-11
<i>Apln</i>	Apelin	Cortical angiogenic capillaries and Medullary angiogenic capillaries	Involved in angiogenesis	3,12-14
<i>Aplnr</i>	Apelin Receptor	Cortical angiogenic capillaries and medullary angiogenic capillaries	Involved in angiogenesis	1,12,15
<i>Apoe</i>	Apolipoprotein E	Cortical peritubular capillaries type 1	Involved in lipid metabolism; internalization of lipoproteins or lipid complexes from the plasma to the cells by interacting with specific receptors	3,16
<i>Aqp1</i>	Aquaporin 1	DVR	Passive transport of water along an osmotic gradient; involved in urine concentration	1,3,17-20
<i>Bmp4</i>	Bone morphogenetic protein 4	Large arteries, cortical afferent arterioles and glomerular distal afferent arterioles	Secreted ligand of TGF-β; involved in elastic fiber assembly	1,3,21
<i>Calca</i>	Calcitonin gene-related peptide 1	Cortical efferent arterioles and glomerular distal efferent arterioles	Involved in vasoconstriction regulation; potent renal vasodilator	3,22
<i>Car2</i>	Carbonic anhydrase 2	AVR papilla	Reversible conversion of carbon dioxide and water into carbonic acid; involved in urine concentration by interacting with AQP1	3,23
<i>Cd36</i>	Platelet glycoprotein 4 (Fatty acid translocase)	mRECs; medullary capillaries	Uptake of long-chain fatty acids from the circulation; renal deficiency linked to a higher risk for spontaneous hypertension	3,24-26

<i>Cd9</i>	CD9 antigen (Tetraspanin-29)	Cortical veins and AVR papilla	Osmolarity-induced gene; also involved in immune cell adhesion and extravasation	3,27,28
<i>Cldn5</i>	Claudin-5	Large arteries, cortical afferent arterioles, glomerular distal afferent arterioles and DVR	Endothelial tight junction; expression restricted in arteries and absent in capillaries and veins in the kidney	1,3,12,17,29
<i>Col4a1</i>	Collagen alpha-1 (IV) chain	Cortical angiogenic capillaries and medullary angiogenic capillaries	Involved in angiogenesis	3,12,13
<i>Col4a2</i>	Collagen alpha-2 (IV) chain	Cortical angiogenic capillaries and medullary angiogenic capillaries	Involved in angiogenesis	3,13
<i>Crip1</i>	Cysteine-rich protein 1	DVR papilla and AVR papilla	Stress response factor; cytoprotective	3,30
<i>Cryab</i>	Alpha-crystallin B chain	Cortical efferent arterioles, glomerular distal efferent arterioles and AVR papilla	Part of the small heat shock protein family; hyperosmolarity-induced gene regulated by NFAT5	3,31,32
<i>Cxcl12</i>	Stromal cell-derived factor 1 (also known as C-X-C motif chemokine 12)	DVR and cortical afferent arterioles	Ligand for CxCr4 and CxCr7; important in development of the renal vasculature	3,33,34
<i>Cxcr4</i>	C-X-C Chemokine Receptor type 4 (also known as stromal cell-derived factor 1 receptor)	Glomerular afferent arterioles and JGA	Chemokine receptor; expressed by ECs in contact with renin-positive cells at the JGA	34
<i>Cyp4b1</i>	Cytochrome P450 4B1	gRECs	Monooxygenase	3
<i>Edn1</i>	Endothelin-1	Large arteries, cortical afferent arterioles, glomerular distal afferent arterioles and DVR	Vasotone regulation; potent vasoconstrictor	3,12,35,36
<i>Ehd3</i>	EH domain-containing protein 3	Glomerular capillaries	Regulation of endocytic recycling of VEGFR2	1,3,37,38
<i>Eng</i>	Endoglin	Glomerular capillaries	Associated with the TGF- β -BMP signaling pathway; important in vascular development and disease	3,39,40
<i>Eln</i>	Elastin	Large arteries	Elastic fiber assembly	1,3,12,41
<i>Esm1</i>	Endothelial cell-specific molecule 1	Cortical angiogenic capillaries and medullary angiogenic capillaries	Involved in angiogenesis	3,12-14

<i>Fbln5</i>	Fibulin-5	Large arteries, cortical afferent arterioles, cortical efferent arterioles, glomerular distal afferent arterioles, glomerular afferent arterioles JGA, glomerular efferent arterioles JGA, glomerular distal efferent arterioles, DVR and DVR papilla	Elastic fiber assembly	1,3,12,42,43
<i>Fgfl</i>	Fibroblast growth factor 1	Glomerular capillaries	Growth factor; regulation of renal blood pressure	1,44
<i>Flt1</i>	Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 1	Cortical peritubular capillaries type 1, cortical interferon activated capillaries, cortical angiogenic capillaries, medullary capillaries, medullary interferon activated capillaries, and medullary angiogenic capillaries	VEGF receptor	3
<i>Flt4</i>	Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 3	Lymphatics	VEGF receptor	45
<i>Fscn1</i>	Fascin	Cortical angiogenic capillaries and medullary angiogenic capillaries	Involved in angiogenesis	3,13
<i>Fxyd2</i>	Na(+)/K(+) ATPase subunit gamma	AVR papilla	Hyperosmolarity-induced gene; regulation of the Na ⁺ /K ⁺ ATPase activity	3,31
<i>Fxyd5</i>	FXYD domain-containing ion transport regulator 5	DVR papilla and AVR papilla	Hyperosmolarity-induced gene; regulation of Na ⁺ /K ⁺ ATPase activity	3,46
<i>Fxyd6</i>	FXYD domain-containing ion transport regulator 6	AVR	Regulation of Na ⁺ /K ⁺ ATPase activity	3
<i>Gapdh</i>	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase	AVR papilla	Glycolytic gene; conversion of glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate to D-glycerate 1,3-bisphosphate	3,7,8
<i>Gas6</i>	Growth arrest-specific protein 6	Cortical veins, glomerular efferent arterioles JGA and AVR	Regulation of endothelial permeability	3,47
<i>Gata5</i>	Transcription factor GATA 5	gRECs	Transcription factor; crucial for gREC identity	1,3,24
<i>Gja4</i>	Gap junction alpha-4 protein	Cortical afferent arterioles, glomerular distal afferent arterioles, DVR and DVR papilla	Connexin 37; present in ECs from afferent arterioles but not efferent arterioles	3,33,48
<i>Gja5</i>	Gap junction alpha-5 protein	Glomerular afferent arterioles JGA and large arteries	Connexin 40; regulation of renin release to regulate communication between the endothelium and the granular cells in the JGA	3,12,49-51
<i>Gpihbp1</i>	Glycosylphosphatidylinositol-anchored high density lipoprotein-binding protein 1	Cortical angiogenic capillaries and medullary angiogenic capillaries	Involved in angiogenesis	3,13

<i>Hipk2</i>	Homeodomain-interacting protein kinase 2	Glomerular capillaries	Transcription factor; regulation of TGF- β -dependent angiogenesis during embryonic development	3,52
<i>Hpgd</i>	15-hydroxyprostaglandin dehydrogenase	DVR	Vasotone regulation; involved in prostaglandin metabolism	3,53
<i>Ifi203</i>	Interferon-activable protein 203	Cortical interferon activated capillaries and medullary interferon activated capillaries	Interferon-stimulated gene	3,54
<i>Ifi204</i>	Interferon-activable protein 204	Cortical interferon activated capillaries and medullary interferon activated capillaries	Interferon-stimulated gene	3,54
<i>Ifit1</i>	Interferon-induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 1	Cortical interferon activated capillaries and medullary interferon activated capillaries	Interferon-stimulated gene	3,54
<i>Ifit2</i>	Interferon-induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 2	Cortical interferon activated capillaries and medullary interferon activated capillaries	Interferon-stimulated gene	3,54
<i>Ifit3</i>	Interferon-induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 3	Cortical interferon activated capillaries and medullary interferon activated capillaries	Interferon-stimulated gene	3,54
<i>Ifit3b</i>	Interferon-induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 3B	Cortical interferon activated capillaries and medullary interferon activated capillaries	Interferon-stimulated gene	3,54
<i>Igfbp3</i>	Insulin-like growth factor-binding protein 3	cRECs	Insulin growth factor binding protein	3,55,56
<i>Igfbp7</i>	Insulin-like growth factor-binding protein 7	mRECs	Insulin growth factor binding protein; urinary marker of renal injury and predictor of renal recovery after acute kidney injury	3,57
<i>Insr</i>	Insulin receptor	Cortical peritubular capillaries type 1, cortical interferon activated capillaries and cortical angiogenic capillaries	Insulin growth factor binding receptor	3
<i>Irf7</i>	Interferon regulatory factor 7	Cortical interferon activated capillaries and medullary interferon activated capillaries	Interferon-stimulated gene	3,54
<i>Isg15</i>	Ubiquitin-like protein ISG15	Cortical interferon activated capillaries and medullary interferon activated capillaries	Interferon-stimulated gene	3,54
<i>Jag1</i>	Jagged1	Large arteries	Notch ligand; EC expression important for vascular smooth muscle cells in development	3,58
<i>Jup</i>	Junction plakoglobin	Cortical postcapillary venules and medullary postcapillary venules	Regulation of endothelial permeability by interacting with VE-Cadherin	3,59,60

<i>Kcnn4</i>	Intermediate conductance calcium-activated potassium channel protein 4	Cortical afferent arterioles, glomerular distal afferent arterioles and large arteries	Potassium channel activated by intracellular calcium	1
<i>Kdr</i>	Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2	Cortical peritubular capillaries type 1, cortical interferon activated capillaries, cortical angiogenic capillaries, glomerular capillaries, medullary capillaries, medullary interferon activated capillaries, medullary angiogenic capillaries, cortical postcapillary venules and medullary postcapillary venules	VEGF receptor	3
<i>Klf4</i>	Kruppel-like factor 4	Cortical efferent arterioles and glomerular distal efferent arterioles	Shear stress-induced gene; protective effect in acute kidney injury and regulation of proteinuria	3,61
<i>Ldha</i>	L-lactate dehydrogenase A chain	AVR papilla	Glycolytic gene; conversion of lactate to pyruvate	3,7,8
<i>Lpl</i>	Lipoprotein lipase	Glomerular capillaries	Involved in lipid metabolism; extracellular enzyme on the luminal side of the vascular endothelial surface; degradation of circulating triglycerides in the bloodstream	3,12,62,63
<i>Ltbp4</i>	Latent-transforming growth factor beta-binding protein 4	Large arteries	Elastic fiber assembly by interacting with fibulin-5	1,3,64
<i>Lyve1</i>	Lymphatic vessel endothelial hyaluronan receptor 1	Lymphatics	Hyaluronan receptor	65
<i>Mapt</i>	Microtubule-associated protein tau	Glomerular capillaries	Promotion of microtubule assembly and stability	3,66
<i>Mgp</i>	Matrix Gla protein	Large arteries	Suppression of vascular calcification likely by inhibiting BMP2 and BMP4 signaling	3,12,67
<i>Nostrin</i>	Nostrin (also known as nitric oxide synthase trafficker)	Glomerular capillaries	Triggering of eNOS translocation from the plasma membrane to vesicle-like subcellular structures, attenuating nitric oxide production	24,68
<i>Npr3</i>	Atrial natriuretic peptide receptor 3	cRECs	Regulates blood volume and sodium excretion	3,69,70
<i>Nr2f2</i>	COUP transcription factor 2	Cortical veins; cortical postcapillary venules; medullary postcapillary venules; AVR and AVR papilla	Vein transcription factor	3,12,71
<i>Nrgn</i>	Neurogranin	DVR papilla and AVR papilla	Calmodulin-binding protein	3

<i>Nrp1</i>	Neuropilin-1	Cortical peritubular capillaries type 1, cortical interferon activated capillaries, cortical angiogenic capillaries, medullary capillaries, medullary interferon activated capillaries and medullary angiogenic capillaries	VEGF receptor	3
<i>Pdpn</i>	Podoplanin	Lymphatics	Mucin-type protein; the most reliable marker in humans for lymphatic ECs	72-74
<i>Pi16</i>	Peptidase inhibitor 16	gRECs	Shear stress-induced gene	3,12,75
<i>Plat</i>	Tissue-type plasminogen activator	gRECs	Involved in the breakdown of blood clots; conversion of plasminogen to plasmin, a fibrinolytic enzyme	3,12
<i>Plk2</i>	Serine/threonine-protein kinase PLK2	Cortical angiogenic capillaries and medullary angiogenic capillaries	Involved in angiogenesis	3,76
<i>Plpp3</i>	Phospholipid phosphatase 3	Medullary capillaries and cortical peritubular capillaries type 1	Involved in lipid metabolism; catalyses the dephosphorylation of several lipid substrates; crucial role in vascular development	3,77
<i>Plvap</i>	Plasmalemma vesicle-associated protein	Cortical peritubular capillaries, cortical interferon activated capillaries, cortical angiogenic capillaries, AVR and AVR papilla	PV-1; present in fenestrated ECs with diaphragms	1,3,78
<i>Prox1</i>	Prospero homeobox protein 1	Lymphatics	Transcription factor; required for development of the murine lymphatic system	79
<i>Ptprr</i>	Receptor-type tyrosine-protein phosphatase R	Glomerular efferent arterioles JGA	Hyperosmolarity-responsive gene	3,31
<i>S100a4</i>	Protein S100-A4 (also known as S100 calcium-binding protein A4)	DVR papilla	Hyperosmolarity responsive-gene; NFAT5 target gene	3,46
<i>S100a6</i>	Protein S100-A6 (also known as S100 calcium-binding protein A6)	DVR papilla and AVR papilla	Hyperosmolarity responsive-gene; NFAT5 target gene	3,46
<i>S1pr1</i>	Sphingosine-1-phosphate receptor 1	Large arteries, cortical afferent arterioles and glomerular distal afferent arterioles	Vascular tone regulation by activating eNOS	3,80
<i>Scin</i>	Adseverin (also known as Scinderin)	DVR	Formation of a multiprotein complex, presumably for AQP-2 trafficking	3,81
<i>Scn7a</i>	Sodium channel protein type 7 subunit alpha	Glomerular capillaries	Voltage-gated sodium channel protein; linked to hypertension	1,24,82

<i>Sema3g</i>	Semaphorin-3G	Large arteries, cortical afferent arterioles and cortical efferent arterioles	Control of endothelial and smooth muscle cell functions in an autocrine and paracrine manner; positive angiogenesis regulator	3,83
<i>Sema5a</i>	Semaphorin-5A	Glomerular capillaries	Crucial in vascular development by promoting angiogenesis	1,24,84
<i>Slc14a1</i>	Urea transporter 1 (also known as UT-B)	DVR	Urea transporter; necessary for urine concentration	1,3,17,85,86
<i>Slc2a1</i>	Solute carrier family 2 member 1 (also known as GLUT-1)	Cortical peritubular capillaries type 1, cortical interferon activated capillaries and cortical angiogenic capillaries	Glucose transporter; glucose reabsorption in the blood stream	1,87
<i>Slc26a10</i>	Solute carrier family 26 member 10	Glomerular afferent arterioles JGA	Pseudogene	3
<i>Slc5a3</i>	Sodium/myo-inositol cotransporter	DVR	Myoinositol transporter; maintenance of cell volume during hyperosmolarity; NFAT5 target gene	1,88
<i>Slc6a6</i>	Sodium- and chloride-dependent taurine transporter	Cortical efferent arterioles and glomerular distal efferent arterioles	Taurine transporter; maintenance of cell volume during hyperosmolarity	1,3
<i>Slc8a1</i>	Sodium/calcium exchanger 1	Cortical afferent arterioles, glomerular distal afferent arterioles and large arteries	Na ⁺ /Ca ²⁺ exchanger	1
<i>Smad6</i>	MAD homolog 6 (also known as SMAD family member 6)	Glomerular capillaries	Associated with the TGF-β–BMP signalling pathway; overexpression might prevent excessive TGF-β signalling and glomerular dysfunction	3,39
<i>Smad7</i>	MAD homolog 7 (also known as SMAD family member 7)	Glomerular capillaries	Associated with the TGF-β–BMP signalling pathway; overexpression might prevent excessive TGF-β signalling and glomerular dysfunction	3,39
<i>Sox17</i>	Transcription factor SOX-17	Large arteries, cortical afferent arterioles, cortical efferent arterioles, glomerular distal afferent arterioles, glomerular afferent arterioles JGA, glomerular efferent arterioles JGA, glomerular distal efferent arterioles, DVR and DVR papilla	Arterial transcription factor	1,3,12,89
<i>Tbx3</i>	T-box transcription factor TBX3	gRECs	Transcription factor; crucial for gREC identity	1,3,24
<i>Tek</i>	Angiopoietin-1 receptor	AVR	Angiopoietin-1 receptor; necessary for maintaining medullary vascular bundles and for urine concentration	3,90
<i>Thrsp</i>	Thyroid hormone-inducible hepatic protein	Cortical peritubular capillaries type 1	Involved in lipid metabolism for the de novo synthesis of fatty acids	3,91
<i>Tnxb</i>	Tenascin X	Cortical postcapillary venules and medullary postcapillary venules	Extracellular matrix protein; binding of VEGFA and VEGFB	3,92

<i>Trp53i11</i>	Tumor protein p53-inducible protein 11	Cortical angiogenic capillaries and medullary angiogenic capillaries	Involved in angiogenesis	3,12,13
<i>Tspan7</i>	Tetraspanin-7	gRECs	Present in stalk cells in angiogenesis	3,13
<i>Vegfa</i>	Vascular endothelial growth factor A	Glomerular capillaries	Maintenance of vascular homeostasis in adults	1,93
<i>Xiap</i>	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase XIAP (also known as X-linked inhibitor of apoptosis protein)	Glomerular capillaries	Apoptosis inhibitor; upregulated by TGF-β	3,94

AVR, ascending vasa recta; cRECs, cortical renal endothelial cells; DVR, descending vasa recta; eNOS, endothelial nitric oxide synthase; gRECS, glomerular renal endothelial cells; JGA, juxtaglomerular apparatus; NFAT5, Nuclear Factor Of Activated T Cells 5 (also known as TonEBP); mRECS, medullary renal endothelial cells; PV-1, plasmalemmal vesicle associated protein-1; TGF-β, transforming growth factor beta; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor.

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