

## Reporting Summary

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- For hierarchical and complex designs, identification of the appropriate level for tests and full reporting of outcomes
- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's  $d$ , Pearson's  $r$ ), indicating how they were calculated

*Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.*

### Software and code

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Data collection

Sequencing quality control was performed with FastQC v0.11.8. RNA-seq reads were trimmed, and low-quality reads were removed using Trimgalore v0.6.3\_dev ([https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/trim\\_galore/](https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/trim_galore/)) with the "paired" parameter and length of 150 bps. Trimmed fastq sequences were aligned to the mouse reference genome GRCm38 using STAR aligner v2.5.3a with the produced barn files sorted by coordinate by using the option "--outSAMtype BAM SortedByCoordinate." Raw read gene counts were obtained using STAR aligner with options "--quantMode GeneCounts" and "--sjdbGTFfile" with gene models in GTF format obtained from mouse Ensembl release 94. Alignment quality control and read mapping statistics were obtained from Picard tools v2.20.3 using the function "CollectMultipleMetrics" (<http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/>).

Data analysis

Raw gene counts were used for quality control and differential expression analysis. Raw counts were normalized to the total number of reads by calculating log2CPM (counts per million), and lowly expressed genes (average Log2CPM < -3) were eliminated before differential gene expression analysis. TPM (transcript per million) quantification was done using RSEM v1.3.1, and differential gene expression analysis was performed using the limma-trend (version 3.40.6) in R.

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- A description of any restrictions on data availability
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RNA-Seq Accession code: GSE196237. No restrictions

## Human research participants

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Reporting on sex and gender

NA

Population characteristics

NA

Recruitment

NA

Ethics oversight

NA

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

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## Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size      The sample size was determined based on our previous experience working with these animal models

Data exclusions      No data were excluded

Replication      Each experiment had at least three biological replicates and were repeated at least three times (technical replicates).

Randomization      Animals were randomly assigned to treatment arms.

Blinding      Investigators were not blinded to the treatment or the genotypes of animals.

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## Antibodies

Antibodies used	DBA (Vector Labs, catalog# B-1035), THP (Biomedical Technologies, catalog# BT-590), LTA (Vector Labs, catalog# B-1325), MRC1 (Abeam, catalog# ab64693), pCREB1 (Cell Signaling, catalog# 9198); pHH3 (Sigma, catalog# H0412), PCI (7E12 Santa Cruz, catalog# sc-130554); PC2 (gift from the Baltimore PKD Core); pCREB (Cell Signaling, catalog# 9198); c-Myc (Abeam, catalog# ab185656), YAPI (Cell Signaling, catalog# 4912); Mettl3 (Invitrogen, catalog# MAS-27527) ;PC1 E8-8C3C10 (Baltimore PKD core center)
Validation	These are validated antibodies; We validated the PC1 antibodies in our Pkd1-null cell lines.

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	Primary human ADPKD cyst cells were obtained from PKD Research Biomarker and Biomaterial Core at the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC). The use of surgically discarded kidney tissues complied with federal regulations and was approved by the Institutional Review Board at the University of Kansas Medical Center.
Authentication	Not authenticated
Mycoplasma contamination	The cells were not tested for mycoplasma
Commonly misidentified lines (See <a href="#">ICLAC</a> register)	NA

## Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals	All mice were maintained in C57BL/6J background. At pre-specified time points, mice were anesthetized using an approved protocol, and blood was obtained via cardiac puncture. All studies used equal males and females. The UT Southwestern Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee approved all experiments involving animals.
Wild animals	NA
Reporting on sex	Findings apply to both sexes. Sex was considered in the design of the studies. The sex breakdown for the data is provided in the source data files.
Field-collected samples	NA
Ethics oversight	All experiments involving animals were approved by the UT Southwestern Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

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