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Software and code

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Data collection	Mapping and generation of feature/peak-barcode matrix from fastq files was performed with the use of CellRanger (v6.0.0)/CellRangerATAC (v1.2.0).
Data analysis	Data analysis as described in Method section was performed in R (4.0.4) using the following software packages: Signac (v1.4.0); Seurat (v4.0.0); Monocle 3 (v1.0.0); Cicero (v1.3.5); chromVAR (v1.10.0); DoubletFinder (v2.0.3); Harmony (v1.0); CellChat (v1.1.3); CIBERSORTx (v1.0); pheatmap (1.0.12). No customized code was used for data analyses in this study. Analyses were following publicly available instructions from Seurat (http://satijalab.org/seurat/), Signac (https://satijalab.org/signac/), Cicero (https://cole-trapnell-lab.github.io/cicero-release/docs_m3/), CellChat (http://www.cellchat.org/) and CIBERSORTx (https://cibersortx.stanford.edu/).

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All relevant data are available from the corresponding authors on reasonable request. Sequencing data is deposited in GEO under accession number GSE185948. Previously published snATAC-seq data for five control kidneys are available in GEO (GSE151302). Gene expression, ATAC peaks and gene activities for each cell type

are also available via our interactive website; Kidney Interactive Transcriptomics (<http://humphreyslab.com/SingleCell/>). Public data repositories used for our analyses include Ensembl <http://useast.ensembl.org>, Genome UCSC browser <http://genome.ucsc.edu>, and JASPAR <http://jaspar.genereg.net>.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	No sample size calculation was performed. Samples from 8 ADPKD patients were processed to obtain ~8,000 single nuclei per sample. The number of nuclei analyzed in this study was sufficient to draw the conclusions described in the manuscript.
Data exclusions	For snATAC-seq, low-quality cells were removed from the aggregated snATAC-seq library peak region fragments < 1000, peak region fragments > 12000, %reads in peaks < 15, blacklist ratio > 0.005, nucleosome signal > 3 & TSS enrichment < 2) before normalization with term-frequency inverse-document-frequency (TFIDF). For snRNA-seq, we removed low-quality nuclei (nuclei with top 5% and bottom 1% in the distribution of feature count or RNA count, or those with %Mitochondrial genes > 0.25), and then we used DoubletFinder to remove heterotypic doublets (assuming 8% of barcodes represent doublets).
Replication	For snRNA-seq or snATAC-seq; samples from 8 ADPKD individuals were processed independently to generate libraries and similar results were obtained. Immunofluorescence studies (Fig.5) were performed on n = 3 samples, and similar results were obtained. Three independent experiments were performed for CRISPRi experiments / qPCR experiments, and similar results were obtained (Fig. 8g, i and Fig. S17)
Randomization	Randomization is not relevant to this study because there was a single experimental group with 8 samples.
Blinding	No blinding was used during data collection or analysis. It was not considered necessary for the study, because the measurements could not be affected by the operator.

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Methods

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ChIP-seq
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Flow cytometry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used

The following primary antibodies were used for immunofluorescence studies.

Host; Antigen; (Manufacturer; Catalogue number; Clone; Final dilution)
 rabbit Anti-GPRC5A (Sigma; SAB4503536; 1:100)
 goat Anti-ROR1 (Abcam; Ab111174; 1:125)
 mouse Anti-E-Cadherin (BD Transduction; 610182; 36/E-Cadherin; 1:200)
 rabbit Anti-VCAM1 (abcam; ab134047; EPR5047; 1:200)]
 rabbit Anti-Cubilin (R&D Systems AF3700; 1:200)
 rabbit Anti-LRP2 (Abcam, ab76969; 1:200)]

These sections were subsequently stained with the secondary antibodies listed below

Donkey Anti-Goat (Invitrogen; A11057; 1:200)
 Donkey Anti-Mouse (Invitrogen; A21202; 1:200)
 Donkey Anti-Rabbit (Invitrogen; A10042 or Jackson ImmunoResearch; 711-545-152; 1:200)

Validation

The antibodies were validated by the manufacturer as below.
 Antigen; Species; Application; Link
 VCAM1 (mouse, rat, human; WB, IP, IHC-P, Flow Cyt, ICC/IF, ELISA; <https://www.abcam.com/vcam1-antibody-epr5047-ab134047.html>)
 GPRC5A (human, rat, mouse; ELISA, western blot; <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/US/en/product/sigma/sab4503536>)
 ROR1 (human: IHC-P; <https://www.abcam.com/ror1-antibody-ab111174.html>)
 E-Cadherin (Human, Mouse, Rat, Dog; WB, IF, IHC, Immunoprecipitation; <https://www.bdbiosciences.com/en-eu/products/reagents/Cubilin>)
 Cubilin (Human, Mouse, Rat; ELISAs and Western blots; https://www.rndsystems.com/products/human-mouse-rat-cubilin-antibody_af3700)
 LRP2 (Mouse, Rat, Human, Monkey; IHC-P; <https://www.abcam.com/lrp2--megalin-antibody-ab76969.html?productWallTab=ShowAll>)
 microscopy-imaging-reagents/immunofluorescence-reagents/purified-mouse-anti-e-cadherin.610181)

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	WT9-12cells were purchased from ATCC (https://www.atcc.org/products/crl-2833)
Authentication	Not authenticated by the authors.
Mycoplasma contamination	All cells were negative for Mycoplasma contamination.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used.

Human research participants

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Population characteristics	Supplemental Table 1 lists the metadata for the patients from which the data were generated. There was no genotype information available from the participants.
Recruitment	8 human kidney tissues from nephrectomy were used with informed consent.
Ethics oversight	ADPKD kidney cortical cup samples were obtained from patients undergoing simultaneous native nephrectomy and living donor kidney transplantation at the University of Maryland Medical Center (Baltimore, MD). All participants provided written informed consent for participation and tissue donation. The human subjects protocol was approved by the Institutional Review Board of the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

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