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Supplementary Figure 1: SMAD3 and EZH2 occupied sites in iPSCs and Day 7 intermediate mesoderm cells.

**a.** Histogram showing the proportion of genomic regions bound by SMAD3 (Blue; n=971) and EZH2 (grey; n=8528) with respect to the distance from a neighbouring TSS at 0-5, 5-50, and 50-100 kilobase (kb) intervals in iPSCs. **b.** Histogram showing the proportion of genomic regions bound by SMAD3 (Blue; n=971) and EZH2 (grey; n=8528) with respect to the distance from a neighbouring TSS at 0-5, 5-50, and 50-100 kilobase (kb) intervals. **c.** *Pou5f1* (OCT4) locus showing SMAD3 peaks from iPSCs and hESCs (Geo Accession number: GSE75297) as well as H3K4me1 and H3K27ac ChIP-seq peaks from the ENCODE project. Distribution of genomic features that were bound by both SMAD3 and EZH2 in **d.** iPSCs and **e.** nephron progenitors using ChromHMM annotation from Encode.



#### Supplementary Figure 2: Derivation and characterisation of kidney organoids

a. Kidney organoids were generated from human iPSCs using an adaptation of the protocol as described by Takasato et al. (2016). b. Cells were positive for SIX2 by immunofluorescence on Day 7 of differentiation. Scale: 100µm. c. Networks of tubular epithelial structures were apparent by day 16 and matured up to day 24. Magnification: 4X and 20X. Scale bar: 1mm and 250µm. d. (i) Haematoxylin and Eosin staining of kidney organoids showing developing podocyte-like structures (p) and tubular epithelial structures (TE) surrounded by interstitium (St). Toluidine blue staining of organoids showing the presence of (ii) tubular epithelia (black arrows) and developing podocyte-like structures. Magnification: (i) 20X. (ii) 60X. (iii) 40X. Scale bar: 50µm. e. Organoids contained appropriate (i) tubular epithelial structure with presence of brush-border (bb), tight junctions (tj) and lumen (Lu) and developing podocytes (p) containing tight junctions and microvilli (m). Magnification: (i) 4200X, (ii) 11500X, (iii) 2550X, (iv) 6000X. Scale bar: (i) 5µm, (ii) 1µm, (iii) 5µm, (iv) 2µm. f. Organoids demonstrated (i) a spatially organised segmented structure consisting of proximal (LTL/ZO-1<sup>+ve</sup>) and distal (CDH1/ZO-1<sup>+ve</sup>) tubular epithelial cells, (ii) immature podocytes (WT1<sup>+ve</sup>), and (iii) interstitial cells (MEIS1/2/3<sup>+ve</sup>, PDGFRA<sup>+ve</sup>, PDGFRB<sup>+ve</sup>). Basement membranes were positive for laminin (Lam) (ii). Scale bar: (i) 200µm, (ii-iv) 100µm. g. Organoids showed functionality by the uptake of fluorescently labelled 10 kDa dextran. Scale bar: 50µm. Images are representative of a minimum of three independent experiments.



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#### Supplementary Figure 3. Single cell RNA-seq characterisation of iPSC-derived kidney organoids

**a.** UMAP projection of 4,119 single cells revealing 15 distinct cluster in iPSC-derived kidney organoids, including distinct populations of fibroblasts, interstitial cells, and podocytes. SSB: S-Shaped Body; PT: Proximal Tubule. **b.** Marker genes used to annotate individual cell clusters. **c.** Cell Phate Map illustrating fate trajectories of each cell type within the organoid.

Supplementary Data 2: Gene ontology analysis (Panther) of top 15 differentially expressed genes per cluster iPSC-derived kidney organoids. SSB = S-shaped body, PT= proximal tubule.

Cluster	GO summary for 15 differentially expressed genes						
Cluster 0	Striated muscle tissue development (GO:0014706), Actin-myosin filament sliding (GO:0033275), Muscle						
Fib 1	filament sliding (GO:0030049), Muscle organ development (GO:0007517), epithelial cell differentiation						
	(GO:0007517)						
Cluster 1	Collagen fibril organisation (GO:0030199), Protein complex subunit organisation (GO:0071822), Regulation						
Fib 2	of epithelial to mesenchymal transition (GO:0010717), Extracellular matrix organisation (GO:0030198),						
	Muscle contraction (GO:0006936)						
Cluster 2	Sister chromatid segregation (GO:0000819), Mitotic nuclear division (GO:0140014), Chromosome						
Proliferating fibroblasts	condensation (GO:0030261), Mitotic sister chromatin segregation (GO:0007076), Establishment of mitotic						
	spindle localisation (GO:0040001)						
Cluster 3	Regulation of morphogenesis of a branching structure (GO:0001763), Regulation of morphogenesis of an						
Nephron Progenitor	epithelium (GO:0002009), Regulation of animal organ morphogenesis (GO:0009887), Positive regulation of						
	cell proliferation (GO:00082884), histone-serine phosphorylation (GO:0035404)						
Cluster 4	RNA splicing (GO:0008380), RNA processing (GO:0006396), RNA splicing via transesterification reactions						
Early Nephron Progenitor	(GO:0000377), mRNA splicing via spliceosome (GO:0000398), mRNA processing (GO0006397)						
Cluster 5	Mesenchymal to epithelial transition (GO:0060231), Renal system development (GO:0001822), Branching						
Podocyte/SSB/PT	involved in ureteric bud morphogenesis (GO:0001658), Metanephros development (GO:0001656)						
Cluster 6	Autonomic nervous system development (GO:0048483), Positive regulation of cell junction assembly						
Melanocyte	(GO:1901890), Divalent inorganic cation homeostasis (GO:0072507), Metal ion homeostasis (GO:0055065),						
	Receptor metabolic process (GO:0043112)						
Cluster 7	Regulation of Wnt signalling pathway (GO:0030111), Regulation of planar cell polarity pathway						
Kidney Progenitor 1	(GO:2000095), Positive regulation of gene expression (GO:0010628), Regulation of transcription from RNA						
	Polymerase II (GO:0006357), Transmembrane receptor protein tyrosine phosphatase signalling pathway						
	(GO:0007185)						

Cluster 8	Vascular smooth muscle cell differentiation (GO:0035886), negative regulation of glial cell proliferation
Kidney Progenitor 2	(GO:0060253), Negative regulation of oligodendrocyte differentiation (GO:0048715), Vascular smooth
	muscle cell differentiation (GO:0097084), Regulation of intrinsic apoptotic signalling pathway by p53
	(GO:1902253)
Cluster 9	Chromosome condensation (GO:0030261), Mitotic sister chromatin segregation (GO:0007076), Regulation
Proliferating Kidney	of cell cycle G2/M phase transition (GO:1902749), Mitotic chromosome condensation (GO:0007076),
Progenitor	Regulation of protein localisation to the nucleus (GO:1900180)
Cluster 10	Muscle filament sliding (GO:0030049), Actin-myosin filament sliding (GO:0033275), Muscle contraction
Muscle Progenitor	(GO:0006936), Striated muscle contraction (GO:0006941), Skeletal muscle contraction (GO:0003009)
Cluster 11	Negative regulation of neuron differentiation (GO:0045665), Glial cell differentiation (GO:0010001),
Glial Progenitors	Negative regulation of neurogenesis (GO:0060768), Regulation of cysteine-type endopeptidase activity
	(GO:2000116), Eye development (GO:0001654)
Cluster 12	Regulation of dephosphorylation (GO:0035303), Substantia nigra development (GO:0021762), Nervous
Neural Progenitor 1	system development (GO:0007399), Glomerular epithelial cell differentiation (GO:0072311), Membrane raft
	assembly (GO:0061318)
Cluster 13	Regulation of microtubule depolymerisation (GO:0031114), Neuron migration (GO:0001764), Generation of
Neural Progenitor 2	neurons (GO:0048699), Positive regulation of axon guidance (GO:1902669), Regulation of protein
	depolymerisation (GO:0048666)
Cluster 14	Microtubule depolymerisation (GO:0007019), Central nervous system development (GO:0007417),
Neural Progenitor 3	Regulation of cytoskeleton organisation (GO:0051493), Neuron development (GO:0007399), Nervous system
	development (GO:0007399)







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### Supplementary Figure 4. Additional characterisation of stromal populations present within the untreated and TGFβ1-treated kidney organoids.

**a.** Comparison of Fib 1, Fib 2, MFib 1 and S1 with fibroblast, myofibroblast, pericyte and smooth muscle gene expression from previously published scRNAseq data from patients with renal fibrosis<sup>23</sup>. **b.** Violin plots of additional fibroblast and smooth muscle gene expression in Fib 1, Fib 2, MFib 1 and S1. **c.** UMAP plot of gene expression for smooth muscle genes MYH11 and CNN1 and their corresponding violin plots in Fib 1, Fib 2, MFib 1 and S1.

Supplementary Data 3: Gene ontology analysis (Panther) of top 15 differentially upregulated genes in MFib 1 and S1 in response to TGFβ1.

Cluster	GO Summary for 15 differentially expressed genes									
Cluster 2	Collagen fibril organisation (GO:0030199), Protein complex subunit									
MFib 1	organisation (GO:0071822), Regulation of epithelial to mesenchymal									
	transition (GO:0010717), Extracellular matrix organisation (GO:0030198),									
	Muscle contraction (GO:0006936)									
Cluster 3	Embryonic organ development (GO:0048568), Regulation of cytoskeletal									
S1	organisation (GO:0051493), Negative regulation of platelet-derived growth									
	factor receptor-beta signalling pathway (GO:2000587), Regulation of									
	phosphatidylinositol biosynthetic process (GO:0010511), Left/Right pattern									
	formation (GO:0060972)									



## Supplementary Figure 5: Single cell RNAseq UMAP projections of "matrisome" and "TGFβ-regulated" genes in iPSC-derived kidney organoids treated with TGFβ1.

**a.** Cells within the control and TGF $\beta$ 1-treated organoids were scored for TGF $\beta$  target genes. An increase in TGF $\beta$  associated genes was seen in clusters MFib 1 and S1. **b.** Cells within the control and TGF $\beta$ 1-treated organoids were scored for core matrisome genes and these genes were also increased in MFib 1 and S1.



Supplementary Figure 6. Picrosirius red staining of untreated, TGFβ1, and TGFβ1+GSK343 treated organoids.

**a.** Representative collagen staining with Picrosirius red stain in untreated kidney organoids and organoids treated with TGF $\beta$ 1 or TGF $\beta$ 1+GSK343. Scale bar: 100 $\mu$ m. **b**. Percentage of positively stained picrosirius red area. Bar graph shows semi-quantitative analysis for picrosirius red stained sections, taken from one organoid per condition, from four independent experiments. Data are presented as the mean ± SEM. \*\**P* < 0.0004 (Control versus TGF $\beta$ 1), \*\*\**P* < 0.0019 (TGF $\beta$ 1 versus TGF $\beta$ 1+GSK343).











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**Supplementary Figure 7. Myofibroblast associated genes are enriched in MFib 1 and S1. a.** UMAP plots of genes that are upregulated in MFib 1 compared to Fib 1, 2 and S1 including the expression of POSTN, BGN, FGF18, and MGP. **b.** Protein-protein interactions and gene ontology (biological process) analysis were generated using STRING in Cytoscape for the top 50 differentially upregulated genes in MFib 1. Nodes are coloured based on average log2 fold change (Avg\_log2FC) and line thickness indicates strength of data supporting the interaction. Genes without identified interactions are not shown. The top 5 enriched GO terms for each gene are shown. **c.** UMAP plots of genes that are upregulated in S1 compared to Fib 1,2, and MFib 1 including the expression of *LEFTY2, PAX7, DLK1*, and *SYT6*. **d.** Protein-protein interactions for the top 50 differentially upregulated genes in S1.



### Supplementary Figure 8. Differentially downregulated genes in MFib 1 and S1 compared to parent populations.

**a.** Violin plots of differentially downregulated genes in MFib 1 compared to parent cluster Fib 2 including *ID3, ID1, NR2F1*, and *VEGFD*. **b.** Protein-protein interactions and gene ontology (biological process) analysis were generated using STRING in Cytoscape for the top 50 differentially downregulated genes in S1. Nodes are coloured based on average log2 fold change (Avg\_log2FC) and line thickness indicates strength of data supporting the interaction. Genes without identified interactions are not shown. The top 5 enriched GO terms for each gene are shown. **c.** Violin plots of differentially downregulated genes in S1 compared to parent cluster Fib 2 including *MET, EDN3, IGDCC3,* and *STC1*. **d.** Protein-protein interactions and gene ontology (biological process) analysis for the top 50 differentially downregulated genes in S1.



Supplementary Figure 9: Top upregulated genes in MFib and S1 compared to bulk RNAseq from patients with renal fibrosis.

**A.** Reduced GFR in renal fibrosis is characteristic of loss of renal function. \*\*\*P<0.0006, unpaired t-test. **B.** DEG genes from MFib 1 and Per 1 are like that observed in patients with kidney disease. Data was obtained from healthy donor (n=9) and kidney disease samples (n=10) from the European Renal cDNA bank Nephrotic Syndrome Tubulointerstitial dataset (www.nephroseq.org).



### Supplementary Figure 10. Annotation of scATACseq clusters.

To interpret cluster annotation in the scATACseq dataset, cross-modality integration was performed, and labels were transferred. DotPlot visualisation of shared gene expression and gene-activity patterns for key marker genes in **a**. scRNAseq and **b**. scATACseq datasets.

	group1	group2	n1	n2	statistic	Degrees of freedom	р	p.adjusted	p.adj.signif
TSS_score	Control	ControlTGFB	1292	827	-22.0102	1877.351	1.06E-95	6.36E-95	***
TSS_score	Control	GSK	1292	1625	-5.45908	2745.484	5.21E-08	3.13E-07	****
TSS_score	Control	GSKTGFB	1292	4788	-3.20937	1837.72	0.001	0.006	**
TSS_score	ControlTGFB	GSK	827	1625	18.17448	1775.327	7.90E-68	4.74E-67	***
TSS_score	ControlTGFB	GSKTGFB	827	4788	24.39793	1095.379	2.38E-105	1.43E-104	***
TSS_score	GSK	GSKTGFB	1625	4788	3.80593	2522.189	0.000145	0.00087	***
TSS_score	Control	ControlTGFB	1292	827	-22.0102	1877.351	1.06E-95	6.36E-95	***
promoter_score	Control	ControlTGFB	1292	827	-22.4322	1906.185	4.28E-99	2.57E-98	****
promoter_score	Control	GSK	1292	1625	-5.09476	2744.699	3.73E-07	2.24E-06	***
promoter_score	Control	GSKTGFB	1292	4788	-3.06631	1822.224	0.002	0.012	**
promoter_score	ControlTGFB	GSK	827	1625	18.92771	1812.959	4.69E-73	2.81E-72	* * * *
promoter_score	ControlTGFB	GSKTGFB	827	4788	25.25269	1101.523	2.23E-111	1.34E-110	***
promoter_score	GSK	GSKTGFB	1625	4788	3.490015	2498.132	0.000491	0.002946	***
enhancer_score	Control	ControlTGFB	1292	827	-2.73648	1465.278	0.006	0.036	**
enhancer_score	Control	GSK	1292	1625	9.947646	2730.284	6.31E-23	3.79E-22	* * * *
enhancer_score	Control	GSKTGFB	1292	4788	3.332233	1890.256	0.000878	0.005268	**
enhancer_score	ControlTGFB	GSK	827	1625	10.12127	1330.572	3.01E-23	1.81E-22	* * * *
enhancer_score	ControlTGFB	GSKTGFB	827	4788	5.328039	973.9712	1.23E-07	7.38E-07	* * * *
enhancer_score	GSK	GSKTGFB	1625	4788	-9.64138	2631.47	1.21E-21	7.26E-21	* * * *
DNAse_score	Control	ControlTGFB	1292	827	-24.5392	2085.948	4.88E-117	2.93E-116	* * * *
DNAse_score	Control	GSK	1292	1625	-1.89467	2705.479	0.058	0.348	ns
DNAse_score	Control	GSKTGFB	1292	4788	-2.17128	1751.957	0.03	0.18	ns
DNAse_score	ControlTGFB	GSK	827	1625	24.66932	2096.33	3.47E-118	2.08E-117	* * * *
DNAse_score	ControlTGFB	GSKTGFB	827	4788	30.9395	1195.165	7.20E-155	4.32E-154	* * * *
DNAse_score	GSK	GSKTGFB	1625	4788	0.145638	2431.567	0.884	1	ns

Supplementary Data 5: Global changes in chromatin accessibility between conditions at Transcription Start Site (TSS), promoters, enhancers, and DNase I hypersensitivity sites as measured by pairwise t-tests using post hoc Bonferroni correction. ns = >0.05; \*  $P \le 0.05$ ; \*\*  $P \le 0.001$ ; \*\*\*\*  $P \le 0.0001$ .

	group1	group2	n1	n2	statistic	Degrees of freedom	р	p.adjusted	p.adj.signif
TSS_score	Fib 2_Control	MFib	231	214	-12.41943811	442.731142	1.36E-30	2.72E-30	****
		1_ControlTGFB							
TSS_score	MFib	MFib	214	1839	13.75785879	248.5231876	2.12E-32	4.24E-32	****
	1_ControlTGFB	1_GSKTGFB							
promoter_score	Fib 2_Control	MFib	231	214	-12.74800175	441.6966474	6.49E-32	1.30E-31	***
		1_ControlTGFB							
promoter_score	MFib	MFib	214	1839	14.35913935	249.7537118	1.70E-34	3.40E-34	***
	1_ControlTGFB	1_GSKTGFB							
enhancer_score	Fib 2_Control	MFib	231	214	3.716611109	431.169688	0.000229	0.000458	***
		1_ControlTGFB							
enhancer_score	MFib	MFib	214	1839	-2.730299054	246.8121449	0.007	0.014	**
	1_ControlTGFB	1_GSKTGFB							
DNAse_score	Fib 2_Control	MFib	231	214	-11.24945356	415.9995536	8.18E-26	1.64E-25	* * * *
		1_ControlTGFB							
DNAse_score	MFib	MFib	214	1839	14.71322606	267.898061	2.55E-36	5.10E-36	***
	1_ControlTGFB	1_GSKTGFB							

**Supplementary Data 6:** Changes in chromatin accessibility between Fib 2 and MFib 1 at Transcription Start Site (TSS), promoters, enhancers, and DNase I hypersensitivity sites as measured by pairwise t-tests using post hoc Bonferroni correction. ns = >0.05; \*  $P \le 0.05$ ; \*\*  $P \le 0.001$ ; \*\*\*\*  $P \le 0.0001$ .





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# Supplementary Figure 11. Changes in cis co-accessibility observed in control, TGFβ1, and GSK343+TGFβ1 treated organoids at a putative enhancer region identified to be co-occupied by SMAD3 and EZH2 in human iPSCs and Day 7 cells.

TGFβ1 changes cis co-accessibility at a putative enhancer region in **a.** iPSCs (chr3:108090401-108091801) and **b.** Day 7 cells (chr9:80012751-80015001) compared to control or GSK343 pre-treated organoids. Cis co-accessibility links obtained from Cicero illustrate the probability of increased (red) or decreased (blue) connections between promoter and enhancer regions. Enhancer region is indicated in green.

Regulon	p_val	avg_log2FC	MFib 1	Fib 2	p_val_adj
NUAK1-(+)-motif	7.82E-272	0.359355	0.996	0.93	2.07E-269
HES1-(+)-motif	1.25E-196	0.186447	0.958	0.672	3.33E-194
FOSL2-(+)-motif	4.79E-270	0.153037	1	0.989	1.27E-267
JUNB-(+)-motif	5.13E-162	0.092462	0.999	0.98	1.36E-159
BHLHE40-(+)-motif	1.41E-159	0.092391	0.888	0.479	3.73E-157
ELK3-(+)-motif	9.75E-298	0.090374	1	1	2.58E-295
GATA6-(+)-motif	5.41E-60	0.083474	0.947	0.83	1.43E-57
FOXL2-(+)-motif	6.84E-168	0.082467	0.991	0.85	1.81E-165
RARG-(+)-motif	6.55E-76	0.077709	0.773	0.435	1.74E-73
ETV3-(+)-motif	3.11E-73	0.074807	0.957	0.821	8.25E-71
CREB3L1-(+)-motif	6.58E-128	0.06672	1	1	1.74E-125
ERG-(+)-motif	4.19E-182	0.063093	1	0.996	1.11E-179
FOS-(+)-motif	1.26E-182	0.061631	1	0.934	3.33E-180
HOXA7-(+)-motif	2.97E-98	0.059534	1	1	7.88E-96
FLI1-(+)-motif	2.62E-175	0.058898	1	1	6.93E-173
KLF10-(+)-motif	8.22E-154	0.057612	1	0.989	2.18E-151
KLF2-(+)-motif	5.82E-173	0.057418	1	1	1.54E-170
XBP1-(+)-motif	2.89E-183	0.044966	1	1	7.65E-181
HOXA13-(+)-motif	7.68E-42	0.03963	0.496	0.247	2.04E-39
HIC1-(+)-motif	3.84E-49	0.037685	1	1	1.02E-46
NFIC-(+)-motif	1.39E-33	0.033138	0.702	0.514	3.67E-31
CREB3-(+)-motif	7.27E-64	0.032332	0.929	0.817	1.93E-61
JUN-(+)-motif	3.45E-200	0.031444	1	1	9.13E-198
NFIB-(+)-motif	1.64E-94	0.031232	1	1	4.36E-92
JUND-(+)-motif	4.99E-148	0.03026	1	1	1.32E-145

**Supplementary Data 8:** Top 25 differential regulons identified in MFib 1 compared to its parent population Fib 2. Sorted on average log fold change (Avg\_logFC). P\_val: p-value; P\_val\_adj: adjusted p-value after Bonferroni correction (false discovery rate detection); Pct: percentage of cells where gene is detected in the group.



Supplementary Figure 12. SMAD3 and EZH2 cooperate to regulate chromatin accessibility

**a.** Schematic of TGFβ-induced increased chromatin accessibility. (1) SMAD3 directly interacts with EZH2, (2) SMAD3 indirectly interacts with EZH2, or (3) Smad3 cooperates with a chromatin reader to identify and recognise the H3K27me3 mark. **b.** Schematic showing that SMAD3 may facilitate open chromatin states by displacing the polycomb repressive complex and recruiting chromatin remodellers such as SWI/SNF and/or HDACs such as JMJD3. Interaction with AP-1 and other co-factors during chromatin remodelling may facilitate increased accessibility. To enable the activation of target gene expression, SMAD3 may recruit co-activators, histone methyltransferases, and histone acetyltransferases to catalyse the H3K4me1/3 and H3K27ac marks at enhancer regions. The recruitment of PRC2 may permit the acquisition of poised states. Finally, the recruitment of co-repressors, histone deacetylases, and the PRC2 complex may allow for the silencing of TGFβ1 target genes and the acquisition of the H3K9me2/3 and H3K27me3 histone marks. Created using Biorender.



### Supplementary Figure 13: Uncropped western blots used in Figure 1C.

Western blot analysis of EZH2, Phosphorylated SMAD3 (P-SMAD3), total SMAD3,  $\beta$ -actin, H3K4me3, and H3K27me3 expression in whole cell lysate from iPSCs over the course of nephrogenic specification.