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Thanks for sending your work to MBoC. Your paper has now been assessed by two experts in the field. You will see that both reviewers find your work interesting but also raise a number of important questions. Reviewer 1 asks in particular for an important negative control for the cell free expression system, while reviewer 2 expresses concerns on the rate of the calcium flux and use of the Gadolinium inhibitor.

While unable to accept your manuscript at this point, I will be happy to receive a revised version if you are able to address these and the other comments from the reviewers.

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Yours sincerely,

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Response: We thank the reviewer for careful reading of our manuscript and for supporting its publication. We have now addressed all the concerned raised by the reviewer, as detailed below in a point-by-point rebuttal. The changes have also been highlighted in the manuscript for the reviewer's convenience.

1. I think a negative control is needed for the cell free expression (CFE) system: express sfGFP alone or non-channel transmembrane protein-sfGFP to be used in parallel experiments. To be honest, I have not used the CFE system. It's a very cool and efficient way to express a membrane protein. Without the negative control, how are you sure Pkd2 is responsible for the calcium permeation? Is it possible that some human proteins (like human polycystin or other proteins) in the CFE system functions as or help PkD2 to serve as the calcium channels? If you think the control is not necessary, please explain why.

Response: We thank the reviewer for raising this important point. A negative control without the expression of Pkd2 is indeed essential for us to draw such a conclusion. It has been presented in Fig. 2C (top row), in which GUV without Pkd2 did not allow any calcium influx, regardless of the osmotic condition. In this experiment, the G-GECO encapsulated within GUVs was expressed using the same HeLa-based CFE system used to express Pkd2. This negative result thus ruled out the possibility that some human proteins in the CFE system might participate in the forced-activated calcium influx. To highlight this point in the revised manuscript, we added (Line 153-155) *"In comparison, the fluorescence changed very litter under the similar condition in those GUVs without Pkd2 (Fig. 2C)."*.

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Response: In the experiment described in Fig. 1B, Pkd2 was tagged with sfGFP and the protein ladder was fluorescently labeled with DyLight 650. We imaged the gel using a fluorescence gel scanner, not by coomassie staining.

In this experiment, we only expressed Pkd2 fused to sfGFP, so there shall be no untagged Pkd2 in the CFE system. We are not sure whether Pkd2-sfGFP was more abundant than human proteins on SUPER templates. Neither do we know which human proteins becomes incorporated in the SUPER templates. Nevertheless, due to the strong promoter of the expression vector, we assumed that Pkd2-sfGFP was much more abundant than the endogenous human polycystins in our CFE system.

Although Pkd2-sfGFP was also tagged with His₆ tag from the CFE expression vector, we did not utilize this tag for any purification or enrichment of Pkd2.

3. I did not figure out why green lysine was used in the experiments presented in Fig. S2. How specific is green lysine? Why didn't you use Pkd2-sfGFP?

Response: We used green lysine for fluorescent labeling and detection of in vitro synthesized Pkd2 in the place of GFP in the above-mentioned experiment. It is based on a lysine-charged tRNA labeled with the fluorophore BODIPY®-FL at the epsilon amino group. It can incorporate into synthesized proteins during in vitro translation reactions and has been used by many groups. Since there are no other translation reactions happening in the reaction other than the intended expression, this approach specifically labeled untagged proteins.

We agreed with the reviewer that this experiment can equally be done with Pkd2-sfGFP (in some ways similar to Figure 1), but we wanted to test the wild-type untagged protein. Therefore, we used green lysine to track Pkd2.

4. In figures, if n < 100 cells, it is better to give the exact numbers instead of n > 32 cells etc.

Response: We made the changes suggested by the reviewer. Wherever there are <100 cells, we have added the exact number of cells analyzed in figures (Fig. 4 and 5).

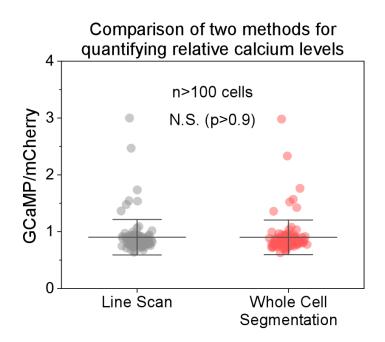
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Response: We thank the reviewer for raising this important point in regard to the choice of fluorescence calcium indicator. We chose GCaMP-mCherry over GCaMP to measure the equilibrated calcium level of the cells without stimulation, (Fig 3) because only the former could be used for the ratio-metric measurement to account for the intracellular concentration of the fluorescence indicator. The concentration of calcium indictors was much higher in the *pkd2* mutant cells, due to their cell size expansion defect, compared to the wild type (Sinha et al., 2022). By measuring the ratio of GCaMP to mCherry fluorescence, we accounted for this difference in cell growth between the wild type and the mutant.

To clarify this method, we have added the following clarification in the Materials and Methods section (Line 513-516) "GCaMP to mCherry fluorescence ratio gave a more accurate measurement than GCaMP alone for quantifying the calcium levels because it took into consideration the intracellular concentration of the calcium reporter."

The reviewer had a good point about the deflation defect. We did take the temporary deflation of the *pkd2* mutant cells (Morris et al., 2019; Sinha et al., 2022) into consideration. We measured the calcium level of both deflated and non-deflated cells separately. However, we did not find a significant difference between them (p>0.05). Therefore, the data presented in Fig. 3A, and B included both deflated and non-deflated cells. To clarify, we added the following in the revised text (Line 181-182) "*However, the calcium levels of deflated and non-deflated pkd2-81KD cells were not statistically different*".

The reviewer was correct that it would have been more straightforward to measure the average intracellular GCaMP fluorescence by segmenting the individual cells, rather than using the line-scan method. However, the manual measurement of single cells by the line-scan method is far less tedious, and it produced almost identical measurements, compared to the whole-cell segmentation (Fig. R1). This is the primary reason that we chose the line-scan method in our study.



Rebuttal Figure R1: Comparison of the line-scan and whole-cell segmentation methods of measuring intracellular calcium level in the wild type fission yeast cells. A scatter plot of the GCaMP to mCherry fluorescence ratio measured by these two methods separately. N.S.: no significant difference (two-tailed student t-tests). Data pooled from two independent biological repeats.

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Response: Thanks for the reviewer pointing this out! We have added the auxotrophic genotype of all the yeast strains in the revised table S1.

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Response: We thank the reviewer for carefully reviewing our manuscript and for providing constructive criticism. We have now addressed all the concerns raised by the reviewer, most importantly in regard to the intracellular localization of fission yeast Pkd2. A point-by-point rebuttal is below. The changes have also been highlighted in the manuscript for the reviewer's convenience.

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Response: We thank the reviewer for raising the critical point of the intracellular localization of Pkd2. Our previous studies have demonstrated that fission yeast Pkd2 mostly localizes to both the plasma membrane and intracellular membrane structures (Morris et al., 2019). However, we never determined whether a fraction of Pkd2 proteins may localize to the ER. To address this question directly, we constructed a new strain expressing both the endogenously tagged Pkd2-GFP and the ER marker mCherry-ADEL and imaged it with confocal fluorescence microscopy.

Our new data strongly supported our previous results that Pkd2 primarily localizes to the plasma membrane instead of the ER (Fig. S5A and replicated below). First, Pkd2-GFP localized to the equatorial plane during cytokinesis (asterisk), while the ER marker mCherry-ADEL did not. Secondly, consistent with other studies (Vjestica et al., 2020; Zhang et al., 2012), the ER distributed prominently both at the perinuclear region (arrowhead) and in the membrane tethers between the cortical and perinuclear ERs (arrow). In contrast, Pkd2 was missing from both locations. Nevertheless, we cannot completely rule out the possibility that a small portion of Pkd2 may localize at the cortical ER, which is separated by a space of mere ~50nm from the plasma membrane in fission yeast (Cortes et al., 2012; Martin-Cuadrado et al., 2005; Wang et al., 2002). We address this possibility in the revised discussion (line 285-287) *"Since the yeast cortical ER is adjoined to the plasma membrane, it is possible that a very small fraction of Pkd2 may localize to the ER like the human polycystin PC-2"*

This primary plasma membrane localization of fission yeast Pkd2 clearly differs from that of human PC-2. However, we would like to point out that there is only one polycystin homologue in fission yeast. Therefore, Pkd2 may represent the ancestor of both PC-2 and PC-1. The latter indeed primarily localizes to the plasma membrane in animal cells (Ibraghimov-Beskrovnaya et al., 1997).

We thank the reviewer for correcting our original statement regarding the localization of human PC-2. We revised it as the following (line 163-172) "Since the human polycystin PC-2 is found in the ER (Cai et al., 1999), we first determined whether Pkd2 also localizes to the fission yeast endoplasmic reticulum (ER). We examined the cells expressing both Pkd2-GFP and the ER marker, mCherry-ADEL with fluorescence microscopy (Fig. S5A). Although both fluorescence proteins localized to the cell periphery, this is most likely due to that Pkd2 localized to the plasma membrane (Morris et al., 2019) which is separated by a distance of less than 100 nm from the yeast cortical ER (Zhang et al., 2010). In

contrary, Pkd2-GFP localized to the equatorial plane during cytokinesis, while the ER marker did not. Moreover, Pkd2 was absent from either the perinuclear ER or the ER tethers, both of which were marked by mCherry-ADEL (Fig. S5A). We concluded that the calcium-permeable Pkd2 primarily localizes to the plasma membrane"

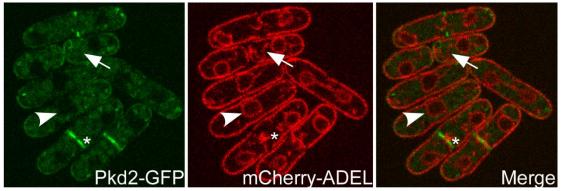


Figure S5A: Pkd2 primarily localizes to the plasma membrane. Fluorescence micrograph of the cells expressing both Pkd2-GFP (green) and the ER marker mCherry-ADEL (red). Only the center slice of the Z-series is shown. Asterisk: Equatorial plane localization, Arrowhead: Perinuclear ER, Arrow: Membrane tethers.

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Response: Thanks for raising this important point in our in vitro study! Actually, the force-activated calcium influx can be detected in 1 minute. However, the fluorescence of G-GECO is visible but very dim at the beginning. It did take some time to reach saturation. This might be due to the small number of reconstituted channels in the membrane as compared to the amount of endogenous Pkd2 in the yeast cells. This may slow the calcium influx. The in vitro experiments were used to establish a relationship between membrane stretching (by osmotic shock) and calcium permeation. We have refrained from drawing any quantitative conclusions on rate of calcium influx as this requires more detailed knowledge on the number of Pkd2 channels and G-GECO expression level that is at present difficult to determine precisely.

We thank the reviewer for pointing out the seemingly backward logic of ours on the lack of calcium buffering contributing to slow calcium flux. We have removed the sentence.

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Response: The molecular weight of fission yeast Pkd2 is 80 KD, not 100KD. Therefore, the molecular weight of Pkd2-sfGFP, detected in the fluorescence gel, is 105 KD. We added the following clarification (Line 106-109) *"The expressed protein appeared as a single band of ~105 kDa on an SDS-PAGE gel (Fig. 1B), which was consistent with the predicted molecular weight of the fusion protein, MW_{Pkd2}=80 kDa and MW_{GFP}=27 kDa".*

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Response: Unlike the human polycystins, the structure of Pkd2 has not been experimentally determined. Its putative structure predicted by AlphaFold, differs significantly from that of mammalian polycystin-2. It possesses 9, instead of 6 transmembrane helices, with an extracellular N-terminus and a cytoplasmic C-terminus, which was described in one of our recent preprint (Malla et al., 2022). We have added the following clarification (line 128-129). "Unlike the human polycystins, the structure of fission yeast Pkd2 has not been experimentally determined".

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Response: Thanks for pointing this out! We have added the recommend references as the following (line 278-280) *"It remains to be determined whether Fission yeast Pkd2 is also permeable to other cations such as potassium, sodium, and organic cations similar to human polycystins (Anyatonwu and Ehrlich, 2005; <i>Ha et al., 2020; Kleene and Kleene, 2017; Liu et al., 2018)"*.

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Response: We have corrected this mistake.

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Response: We revised this sentence for clarification by replacing it with Pkd2. Now it reads (Line 288) "Consistent with the mechanosensitivity in vitro, Pkd2 also plays a critical role in adaptation to hypoosmotic shock when tension of the plasma membrane increases". We have clarified such references in other places in the revised text.

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Response: We found this wording at line 216, not at 260, and corrected it.

Line 265: should be "spikes"

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