

1 **Supporting Information for**
2 **WT1⁺ glomerular parietal epithelial progenitors promote renal proximal tubule**
3 **regeneration after severe acute kidney injury**

4
5 Xizhen Hong^{1,2,3,4,5,6,9#}, Hao Nie^{7,8#}, Juan Deng^{1,2,3}, Shiting Liang^{1,2,3}, Liting Chen^{1,2,3}, Jing Li^{1,2,3},
6 Siqiao Gong^{1,2,3}, Guobao Wang^{1,3,4}, Wei Zuo^{7,8*}, Fanfan Hou^{1,2,3,4,5,6*}, Fujian Zhang^{1,2,3,4,5,6,10*}

7
8 * Fujian Zhang

9 **Email:** flykidney@163.com

10
11 **This PDF file includes:**

12
13 Supplementary Methods
14 Figures S1 to S7
15 Tables S1 to S5
16 Legends for Datasets S1 to S3
17 SI References

18
19
20 **Other supporting materials for this manuscript include the following:**

21
22 Datasets S1 to S3

23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32

1

2 **1 . Supplementary Methods**

3 **Animal Models**

4 WT1^{CreERT2/+} transgenic mice [1] and Rosa26-tdTomato^{fl/+} mice were a kind gift from Dr. Bin Zhou
5 and Dr. Ting Chen. Wt1^{fl/fl} mice [2] were offered free by Dr. Fei Gao. Podocin-GFP transgenic mice
6 [3] were kindly provided by Dr. Paul Epstein. B6/JGpt-H11em1Cin (Pax8^{CreERT2})/Gpt mice were
7 designed and provided by GemPharmatech Co., Ltd. Male C57BL/6 mice, weighing approximately
8 20-22 g, were purchased from Southern Medical University Animal Center (Guangzhou, China).
9 Male mice above 8-week-old were used in the study and were housed in a standard environment on
10 a regular light/dark cycle with free access to water and chow.

11 Renal ischemia-reperfusion injury (IRI) was established as previously described [4]. Briefly,
12 animals were anesthetized with pentobarbital sodium (50 mg/kg body weight, intraperitoneally).
13 Bilateral renal pedicles were clipped using microaneurysm clamps, 26 minutes for mild injury and
14 32 minutes for severe damage. During the ischemic period, body temperature was maintained
15 between 37.5°C and 38°C using a temperature-controlled heating system. After removal of the
16 clamps, reperfusion of the kidneys was visually confirmed. The sham group underwent the same
17 procedure without clipping.

18 To establish unilateral ureteral obstruction model, the left ureter was exposed via a left flank
19 incision, ligated with 4-0 silk at two points, and cut between the 2 ligation points after anesthesia.
20 The sham operated group had no ligation.

21 For cisplatin nephrotoxicity, mice were given a single intraperitoneal injection of cisplatin (Sigma,
22 P4394, USA) at 20 mg/kg body weight.

23 **Genomic PCR**

24 Genomic DNA was prepared from mouse tail. Tissues were lysed by incubation with proteinase K
25 overnight at 55 °C, followed by centrifugation at 12000 g for 10 min to obtain supernatant with
26 genomic DNA. All mice were genotyped with specific primers that distinguished the knock-in allele
27 from the wild-type allele. The genotyping primers are listed Table S3.

28 **Tamoxifen Administration**

29 4-Hydroxytamoxifen (Sigma, USA) was dissolved in ethanol and corn oil at a 1:4 ratio. Tamoxifen

1 was introduced by intraperitoneal injection at the indicated time (0.15-0.2 mg/g body weight). The
2 time of tamoxifen washout was referred to the previous paper [5].

3 **Tissue Preparation and Histology**

4 Kidneys were processed according to previously described protocols [6]. Briefly, mice were
5 anesthetized, sacrificed, and immediately perfused via the left ventricle with ice-cold PBS. Kidneys
6 were hemi-sectioned, and portions were snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen. Other kidneys were fixed in
7 4% neutral buffered formalin at 4°C for 12h, processed, embedded in paraffin wax, sectioned for
8 the following analyses. A part of kidney was fixed in 4% PLP fixative (4% paraformaldehyde,
9 75mM L-lysine, 10mM sodium periodate) for 2h at 4°C, cryoprotected in 30% sucrose, and snap-
10 frozen in optimal cutting temperature compound (OCT, ThermoFisher, USA).

11 **Immunostaining**

12 3-5µm sections were prepared using a cryotome (Leica microsystem, Germany) and mounted on
13 microscope slides for immunofluorescence staining. Briefly, kidney cryosections were washed with
14 PBST (PBS, 0.3% Triton X-100), then blocked with 5% normal donkey serum in PBST at room
15 temperature for 1 hour. After that, slides were incubated with primary antibodies at 4°C overnight.
16 After washing, the slides were incubated with secondary antibodies. Nuclei were stained with DAPI
17 (Beyotime, Shanghai, China) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Images were captured
18 by confocal fluorescence microscopy (Leica DMI8; Leica Microsystems, Buffalo Grove, IL). The
19 antibodies are listed in Table S4.

20 **Western Blot Analysis**

21 Protein expression was analyzed by Western blot analysis as described previously [7]. The
22 antibodies used are listed in Table S5.

23 **H&E Staining and Semi-quantitative Analysis**

24 Paraffin-embedded mouse kidney sections were prepared by routine procedure. 4µm sections were
25 stained with H&E reagents (Solarbio, G1121, Beijing, China) according to a standard protocol.

26 Semi-quantitative analysis of tubular morphology was performed in a blinded fashion. Briefly, more
27 than ten random fields (magnification, × 200) encompassing the entire cortical region per slide was
28 assessed by quantitative measurement of tubular injury. A percentage of the area affected was
29 estimated for the number of necrotic cells, cellular debris in the tubular lumen, cast formation,

1 tubular dilatation, and sloughing of the epithelial layer, and acute tubular injury score was
2 determined as follows: 0, 0% - 5%; 1, 5% - 10%; 2, 11% - 25%; 3, 26% - 45%; 4, 46% - 75%; and
3 5, > 76% [8].

4 **PAS Staining**

5 Paraffin-embedded mouse kidney sections were prepared by routine procedure. 4µm sections were
6 stained with PAS reagents (Baso, BA4114, China) according to a standard protocol.

7 **EdU Proliferation Assay**

8 For EdU proliferation assessment, mice were injected i.p. with 50 mg/kg EdU (ThermoFisher
9 Scientific, E10187, USA) daily immediately after the injury for three times. Kidneys were dissected
10 the next day after the last EdU injection and stained using Click-iT® Plus EdU Alexa Fluor™ 488
11 Imaging Kits (ThermoFisher Scientific, C10637, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

12 **BSA-FITC and Dextran Uptake Assay**

13 For BSA-FITC uptake assay, mice were injected with 100 mg/kg BSA-FITC (Sigma, A9771, USA)
14 through the tail vein and sacrificed 15 min after injection. For dextran uptake assay, mice were
15 injected with 10 mg/kg Dextran, Texas Red™, 10kD (Invitrogen, D1828, USA) through the tail vein
16 and sacrificed 1 day after injection. Dissected kidneys were fixed in 4% PLP fixative for 30 minutes
17 at room temperature and snap-frozen in OCT. Cryosections were mounted on Fisher Superfrost Plus
18 microscope slides for immunofluorescence examination under a confocal microscope.

19 **Determination of Serum Creatinine and Blood Urea Nitrogen**

20 Serum creatinine and blood urea nitrogen level was determined by an automatic chemistry analyzer
21 (AU480; Beckman Coulter, Pasadena, CA) as described previously [9].

22 **Preparation of Single Cell Suspension**

23 Euthanized mice were perfused with chilled 1x PBS via the left heart. For each sample, kidneys
24 from two WT1^{CreERT2}; Rosa26-tdTomato^{fl/+} mice underwent sham or severe IRI were harvested,
25 respectively. Renal cortex was minced into approximately 1 mm³ cube and washed with
26 DMEM/F12 (Gibco, USA) for three times. After that, tissues were digested using Multi Tissue
27 Dissociation Kit 2 (Miltenyi, #130-110-203, Germany): 3.84 mL Buffer X, 40 µL Enzyme P, 40 µL
28 of Buffer Y, 80 µL Enzyme D, and 16 µL Enzyme A, adding 1 mg/mL Pronase E (Roch, 459643,
29 Switzerland), 2 mg/mL collagenase type II (Sigma, MB2665, USA). The cell suspension was

1 incubated for 30 mins at 37°C, then homogenized using 21G and 26 1/2G syringes. Reaction was
2 terminated by adding 10% FBS (Gibco, USA). The solution was then passed through a 40-µm cell
3 strainer for three times and centrifugated at 800 rpm for 5 min. The cell pellet was resuspended with
4 5mL DMEM/F12, incubated with 5 µL LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Dead Cell Stain Kits (ThermoFisher,
5 L34369, USA) on ice for 30 minutes. After that, dead cells were removed and tdT⁺ cells were
6 enriched by FACS. Cell number and viability were analyzed using Countess AutoCounter
7 (Invitrogen, C10227, USA). This method can generate single cell suspension with about 90%
8 viability.

9 **Single-cell RNA Sequencing**

10 BD Rhapsody system was used to capture the transcriptomic information of the single cells. Single-
11 cell capture was achieved by random distribution of a single-cell suspension across > 200000
12 microwells through a limited dilution approach. Beads with oligonucleotide barcodes were added
13 to saturation so that a bead was paired with a cell in a microwell. After cell lysis, beads were
14 collected into a single tube for reverse transcription. Upon cDNA synthesis, each cDNA molecule
15 was tagged on the 5' end with a unique molecular identifier (UMI) and a barcode. Whole
16 transcriptome libraries were prepared using the BD Rhapsody single-cell whole-transcriptome
17 amplification workflow. Sequencing libraries were prepared using random priming PCR of the
18 whole-transcriptome amplification products to enrich the 3' end of the transcripts linked with the
19 barcode and UMI and quantified using a High Sensitivity DNA chip (Agilent, USA) on a
20 Bioanalyzer 2200 and the Qubit High Sensitivity DNA assay (ThermoFisher, USA). The library for
21 each sample was sequenced by Illumina sequencer (Illumina, San Diego, CA) on a 150 bp paired-
22 end run.

23 **Analysis of Single-cell RNA Sequencing Data**

24 The data analysis of scRNA-seq was performed by NovelBio Co., Ltd with NovelBrain Cloud
25 Analysis Platform. We applied fastp [10] with default parameter filtering the adaptor sequence and
26 removed the low-quality reads to achieve the clean data. Cells contained over 200 expressed genes
27 and mitochondria UMI rate below 50% passed the cell quality filtering and mitochondria genes
28 were removed in the expression table. Combined datasets were integrated using the “RunHarmony”
29 function in the Harmony package. Then PCA was constructed with top 2000 variable genes and top

1 10 principals were used for UMAP construction. To identify differentially expressed genes among
2 samples, the function FindMarkers with Wilcox rank sum test algorithm was used under following
3 criteria: 1. $\lnFC > 0.25$; 2. $p \text{ value} < 0.05$; 3. $\text{min.pct} > 0.1$.

4 Gene ontology (GO) analysis [11] was performed to facilitate elucidating the biological implications
5 of marker genes and differentially expressed genes. We downloaded the GO annotations from NCBI
6 (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>), UniProt (<http://www.uniprot.org/>) and the Gene Ontology
7 (<http://www.geneontology.org/>). Fisher's exact test was applied to identify the significant GO
8 categories and FDR was used to correct the p-values.

9 QuSAGE analysis: The R package QuSAGE was used as described for gene set enrichment analysis
10 to achieve the enrichment status and enrich significance of each gene sets [12].

11 Cell communication analysis was based on the CellPhone DB [13], a public repository of ligands,
12 receptors and their interactions. Significant mean and Cell Communication significance ($p \text{ value} <$
13 0.05) was calculated based on the interaction and the normalized cell matrix achieved by Seurat
14 Normalization.

15 Pseudo-time Analysis: We applied the Single-Cell Trajectories analysis utilizing Monocle2 [14]
16 using DDR-Tree and default parameter. Before Monocle analysis, we select marker genes of the
17 Seurat clustering result and raw expression counts of the cells passed filtering criteria.

18 **Fluorescence *in situ* Hybridization (FISH)**

19 The primers for Cp probe preparation were designed according to the mRNA sequence of Mus
20 musculus Cp from NCBI and T7 RNA polymerase promoter sequence was added to the 5' primer.

21 The primers were synthesized by BGI Co., Ltd and the sequences were as follows:

22 Forward : 5'- TAATACGACTCACTATAGAGGTCCTGTCATTTGGGCAG -3'

23 Reverse : 5'- GCTGCCACATAGTAGGTCCT -3'

24 The FISH probe for Cp was synthesized with primers above by *in vitro* transcription and labeled
25 with Digoxin. Kidney sections were stained with an Enhanced Sensitive ISH Detection Kit IV (Cy3)
26 (Boster biotechnology, MK1033, China) according to a standard protocol. Briefly, cryosections of
27 mice kidneys were washed with 0.1M PBS twice, fixed (10 min with 4% formaldehyde), and
28 permeabilized with 70% ethanol. Before the hybridization, the cryosections were incubated with
29 prehybridization solution at 37°C for 30 min. Then samples were hybridized with the probes for Cp

1 in hybridization solution at 37°C overnight. After hybridization, the sections were washed in
2 washing buffer (2 × SSC, 0.5 × SSC, 0.2 × SSC) at 37°C for 10 min and blocked with blocking
3 solution at 37°C for 30 min. After that, the cryosections were incubated with mouse anti-DIG
4 antibody at 37°C for 1 hour and washed with 0.5M PBS for 4 times. Then the slides were incubated
5 with Cy3-Donkey Anti-Mouse IgG at 37°C for 30 min. After washed with 0.5M PBS for 3 times,
6 the samples were stained with DAPI and images were captured by a fluorescence microscopy.

7 **Isolation and Expansion of WT1⁺ Parietal Epithelial Cells (PECs) Labeled by tdT**

8 The minced renal tissue, 0.2-0.5 mm³ sizes, from WT1^{CreERT2}; Rosa26-tdTomato^{fl/+} mouse, were
9 directly digested with ice-cold buffer including DMEM/F12 (Gibco, USA), 5% FBS (Hyclone,
10 Australia), 1% peni/strep (Life , USA), and 1 mg/mL collagenase type IV (Gibco ,USA). Then
11 incubated at 37°C for 30-40min with gentle rocking. Dissociated cell suspensions were passed
12 through 70-µm Nylon mesh (Falcon, USA) to remove aggregates and then washed twice with cold
13 wash buffer (F12 medium, 5% FBS (Hyclone, Australia), 1% peni/strep (Life,USA) ,1% L-
14 glutamine(Life, USA)). Cell viability was assessed by trypan blue dye staining. Cell pellets were
15 collected by centrifuge at 200 g and seeded onto a feeder layer of lethally irradiated 3T3 cells in
16 culture medium for kidney, including DMEM/F12 (Life, USA), 10% FBS (Hyclone, Australia),
17 antibiotics, amphotericin and growth factor cocktail as previously described [15] under 37°C , 7.5%
18 CO₂ culture condition.

19 **Non-adhered 3D Culture of WT1⁺ PECs *in vitro***

20 Non-adhered WT1⁺ PECs organoid differentiation was carried out as follows. WT1⁺ PECs were
21 seeded at 10⁴ cells/well in 96-well U-bottom low cell-binding plates (S-bio, Japan) for organoid
22 formation. The medium was changed to organoid differentiation medium (Advanced DMEM/F12
23 (Life Technologies, USA) supplemented with 1% penn/strep (Life, USA), 1X GlutaMAX (Life,
24 USA), BSA (Sigma, USA), transferrin (PeproTech, USA), RA (Solarbio, China)). The 3D organoid
25 structures were harvested and immunofluorescence staining was performed for further analysis of
26 tubule and glomerulus markers followed by counterstaining with DAPI.

27 **WT1⁺ PECs Differentiation *in vivo* by Intra-renal Transplantation**

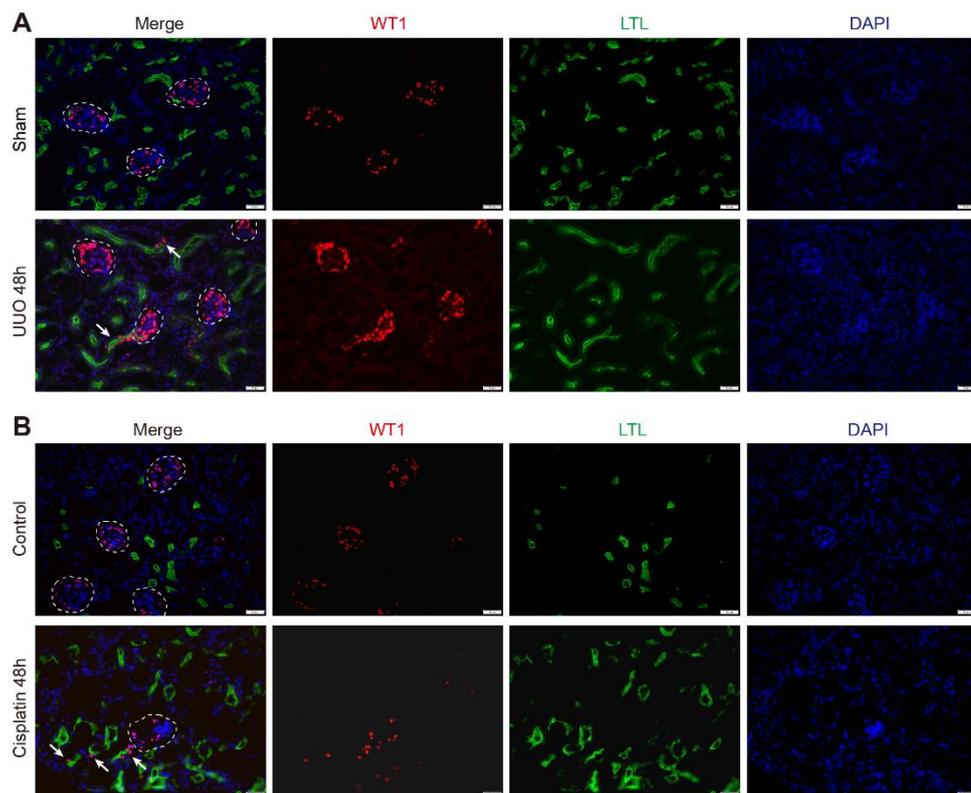
28 Animal experiments were performed according to guidelines approved by the University
29 Association for Laboratory Animal Science. Firstly, the 6-8-week C57/B6 male mouse was

1 anesthetized using pentobarbital sodium. Left lateral peritoneum was cut open to expose the kidney.
 2 Kidney pedicle was clamped. Then a straight incision was made on the kidney using a surgical blade.
 3 After cleaning off the blood, the kidney was sealed with medical-grade glue (Fuaile, China). TdT-
 4 labeled WT1⁺ PECs were injected into the kidney. For each mouse, 4×10^6 cells were used.
 5 Implants formed by the WT1⁺ PECs were harvested one week post transplantation and analyzed for
 6 the expression of different tubule markers.

7

8 2. Supplementary Figure Legends

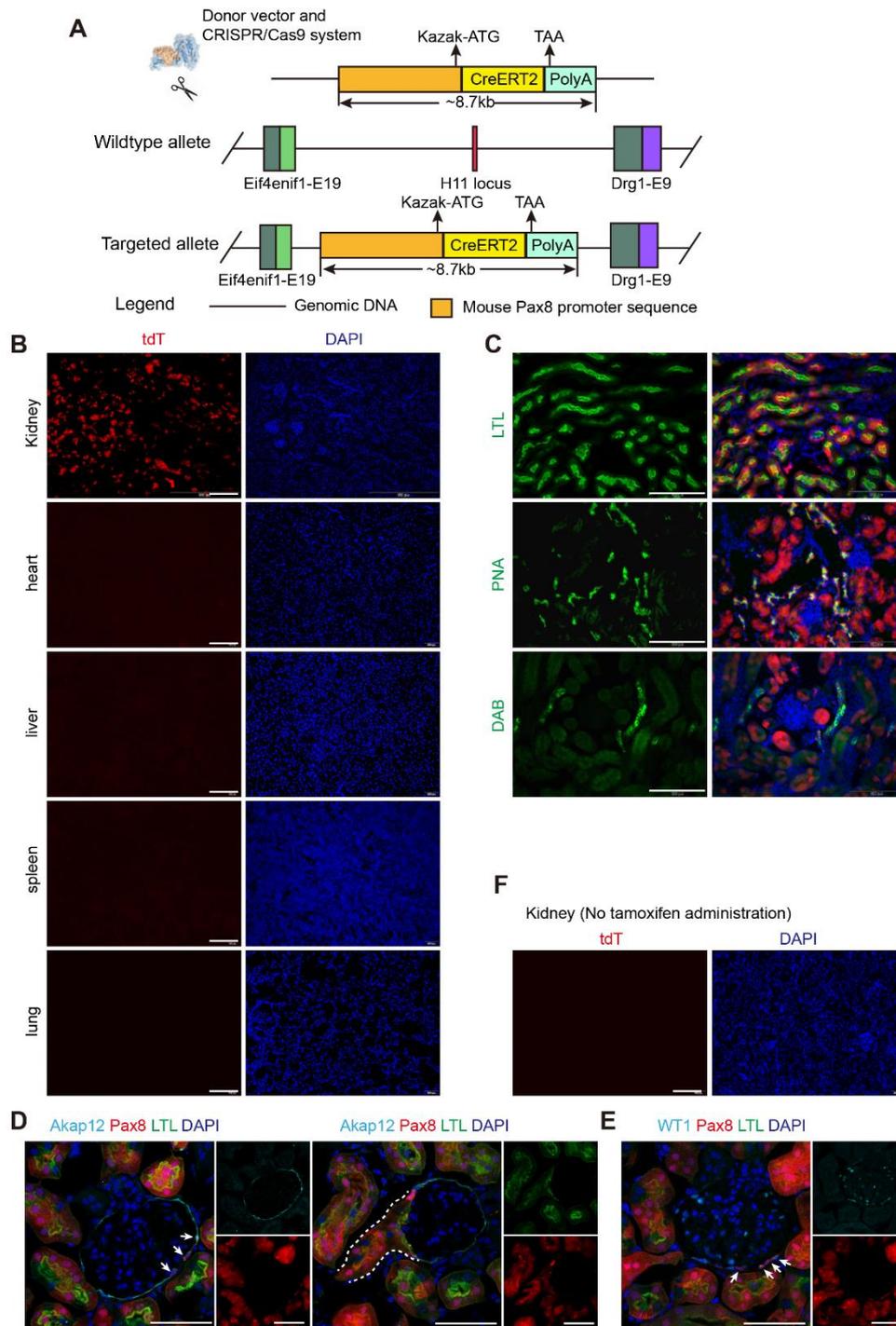
9 **Fig. S1 WT1 expresses ectopically in PTECs in severe AKI mouse models.** (A) Representative
 10 WT1 immunostaining in unilateral ureteral obstruction induced severe AKI model at 48 h. (B)
 11 Representative WT1 immunostaining in cisplatin-induced severe AKI model at 48 h. The dotted
 12 line sketches glomeruli and arrows indicate WT1⁺ PTECs. Scalebar = 50 μ m. PTECs, proximal
 13 tubular epithelial cells; AKI, acute kidney injury.



14

15 **Fig. S2 The construction of Pax8^{CreERT2} and its reporter activity.** (A) Diagram of targeting
 16 strategy of H11-Pax8-CreERT2-polyA knock-in (Pax8^{CreERT2}) mouse via CRISPR/Cas9 system. (B)
 17 The expression of Pax8 in kidney, heart, liver, spleen, lung. Pax8^{CreERT2} mice were crossed to

1 Rosa26-loxp-Stop-loxp-tdT fluorescent reporter strain, and tdT represents Pax8⁺ reporter activity.
2 Scalebar = 200µm. (C) The reporter activity of Pax8 in kidney. LTL, proximal tubules; PNA, distal
3 tubules; DBA, collecting ducts. Scalebar = 200µm. (D) Representative images of Pax8⁺ reporter
4 activity in kidney. Akap12, parietal epithelial cell (PEC) marker. Arrows indicate Pax8⁺ PECs and
5 the dotted line sketches tubule-glomerular junction. Scalebar = 50µm. (E) Representative images of
6 WT1 immunostaining. Arrows indicate WT1⁺Pax8⁺ PECs. Scalebar = 50µm. (F) Renal sections of
7 Pax8^{CreERT2}; Rosa26-tdT^{fl/+} mouse without tamoxifen administration. Scalebar = 200µm.



1

2 **Fig. S3 WT1 conditional knockout did not affect the physiological function of the kidney.** (A)

3 Experimental setup. WT1^{fl/fl} mice (wild-type, WT) and Pax8^{CreERT2}; WT1^{fl/fl} mice (knockout, KO)

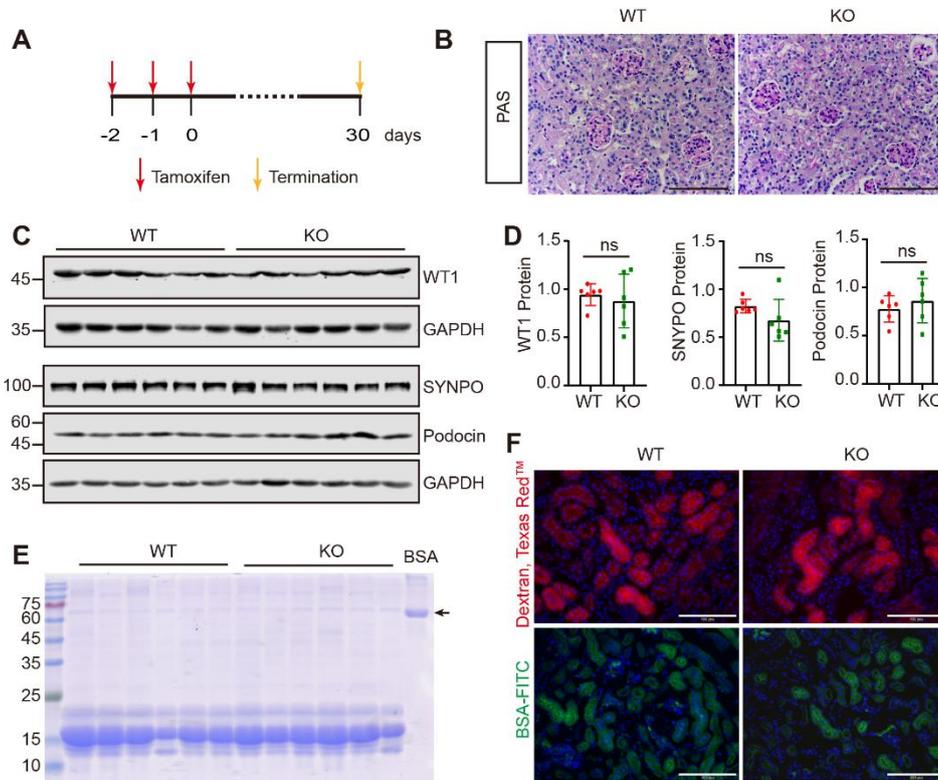
4 are injected with tamoxifen, then sacrificed after 30 days, n = 5 biological replicates. (B)

5 Representative images of PAS-stained kidney sections. Scalebar = 200μm. (C, D) Representative

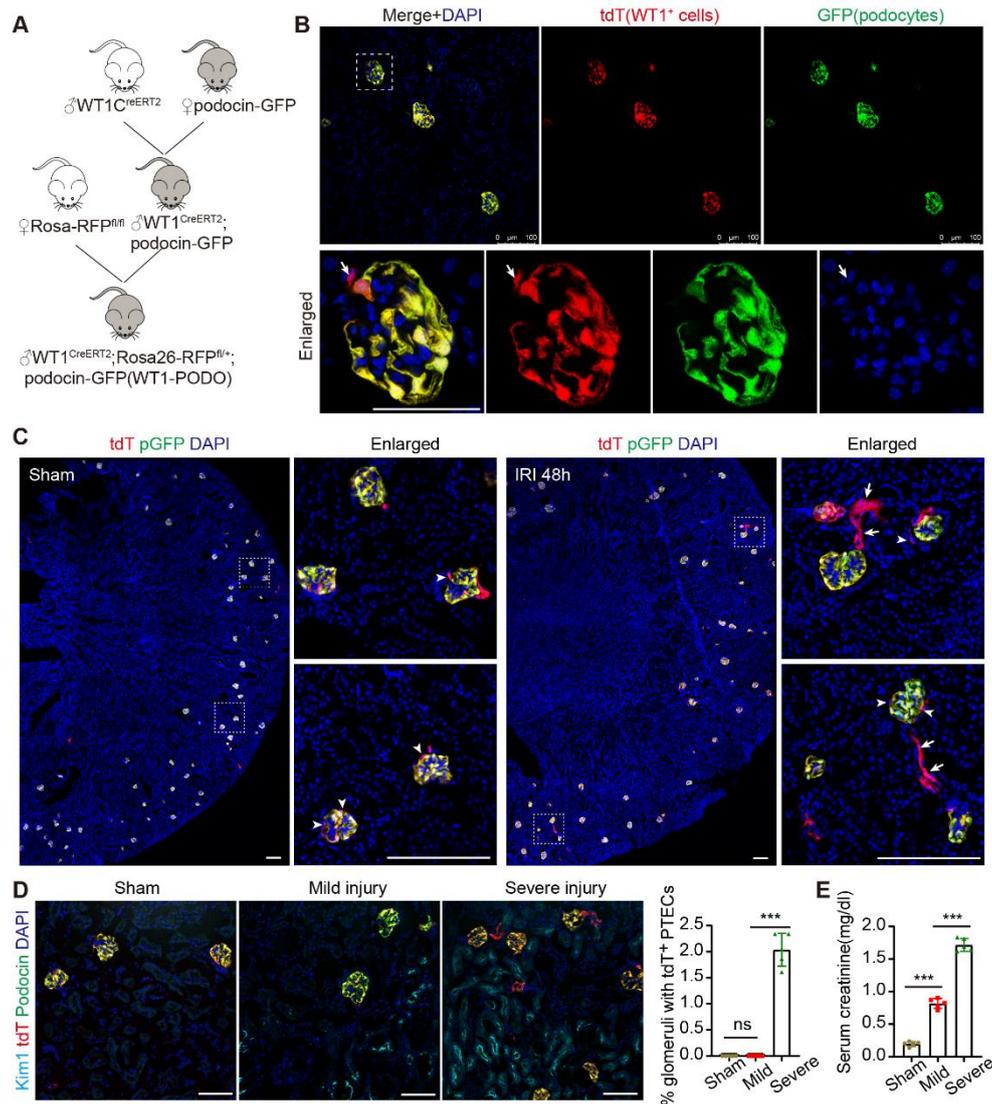
6 western blots showing the renal expression and graphical representations of WT1, SYNPO, Podocin

7 in wild-type and WT1 knockout mice. ns, no significance. (E) Coomassie blue staining of urine

1 protein. An equal amount of mice urine was loaded. (F) Representative images of Dextran, Texas
 2 Red™ and BSA-FITC reabsorption of proximal tubules in wild-type and WT1 knockout mice.
 3 Scalebar = 200µm.

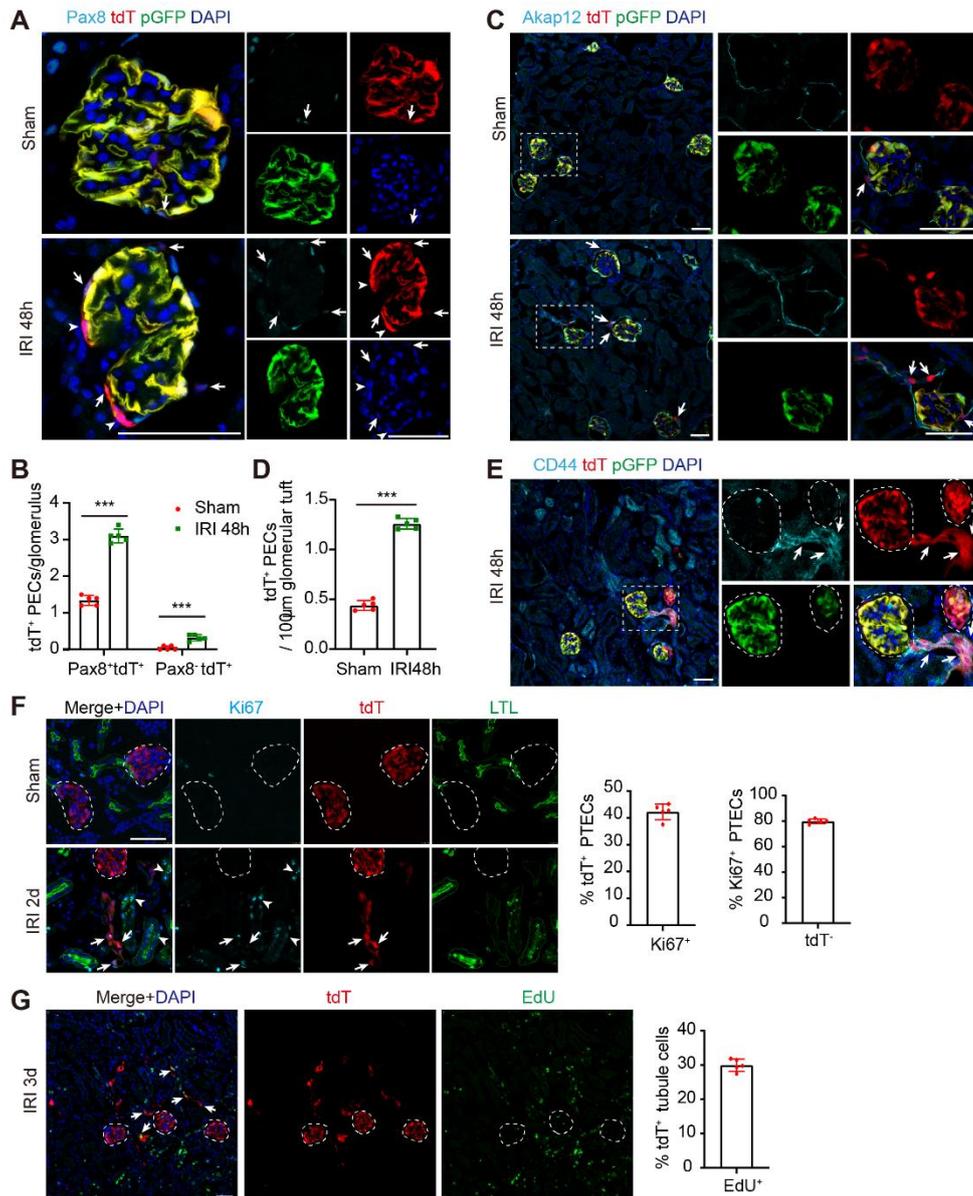


4
 5 **Fig. S4 Dual lineage tracing system shows tdT⁺GFP⁻ cells in renal proximal tubule in severe**
 6 **ischemia-reperfusion injury (IRI), but detects no tdT⁺ proximal tubular epithelial cells**
 7 **(PTECs) in mild IRI model.** (A) Schematic diagram of the generation of WT1^{CreERT2}; Rosa26-
 8 tdTomato^{fl/+}; podocin-GFP (WT1-PODO) mice. (B) Frozen kidney sections show WT1⁺ cells are
 9 labeled with tdT and podocytes are permanently labeled with GFP. Rare tdT⁺GFP⁻ cells (WT1⁺
 10 PECs) along the glomerular tuft are clearly recognized (Arrows). Scale bar = 100µm. (C)
 11 Representative images of kidney sections of WT1-PODO mice 48 h after sham or severe IRI. GFP
 12 labels podocytes and tdT represents WT1⁺ cells. Arrowheads indicate tdT⁺ GFP⁻ cells along the
 13 glomerular tuft. Arrows indicate tdT⁺ GFP⁻ cells along the tubule-glomerular junction. Scalebar =
 14 150µm. (D) Representative micrographs and quantification show no tdT-labeled WT1 expression in
 15 tubules in sham or mild injury mice models, but the percentage of nephrons with tdT⁺ PTECs
 16 increases (2.04 ± 0.14%) after severe IRI. 3 slides from one mouse were analyzed and the mean data
 17 was presented as one point per mouse. Scalebar = 100µm. (E) Serum creatinine analysis. * *P* < 0.05,
 18 *** *P* < 0.001. n = 5 biological replicates.

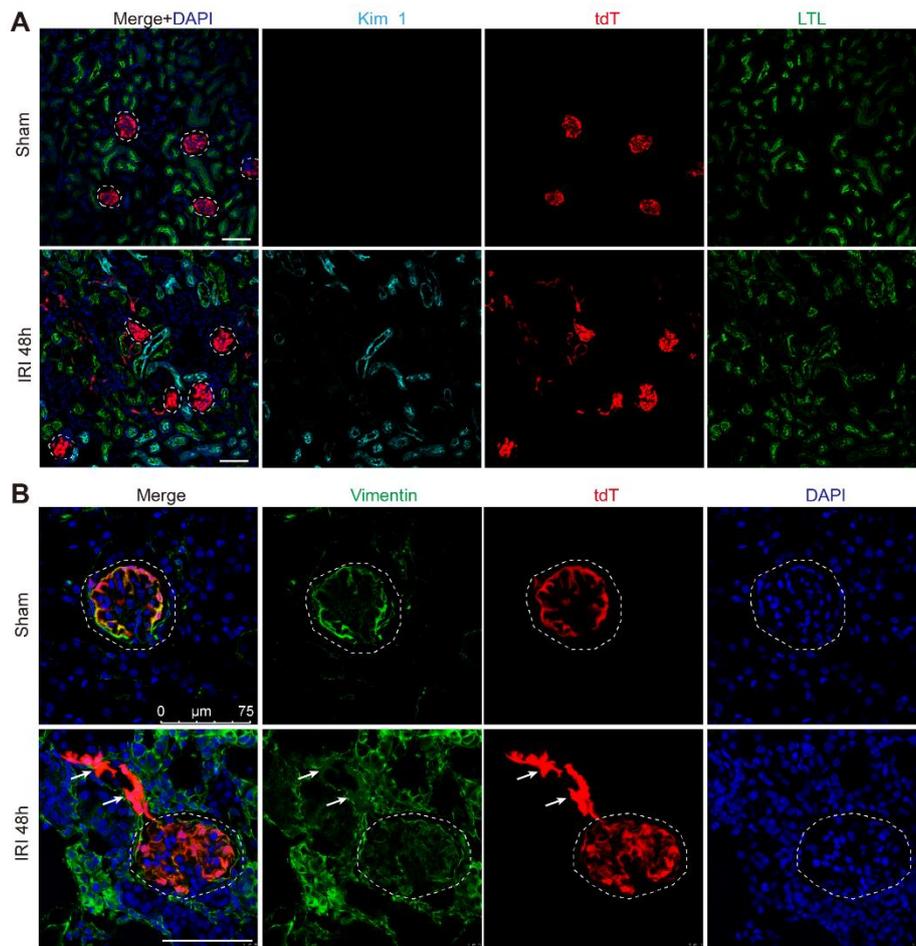


1
2 **Fig. S5 The newly generated tdT-labeled PTECs are derived from activated WT1⁺ PECs.** (A)
3 Double staining for Pax8, the marker of PECs. Arrows indicate Pax8⁺ tdT⁺ PECs subpopulation and
4 arrowheads indicate Pax8⁻ tdT⁺ PECs subpopulation. Scalebar = 50μm. (B) Quantification of the
5 number of tdT⁺ PECs per glomerulus (3.10 ± 0.08 vs. 1.34 ± 0.06 for Pax8⁺ tdT⁺ PECs, 0.32 ± 0.04
6 vs. 0.04 ± 0.02 for Pax8⁻ tdT⁺ PECs). *** $P < 0.001$. (C) Double staining for Akap12, PEC marker.
7 Arrows indicate Akap12⁺ tdT⁺ PECs subpopulation. Scalebar = 50μm. (D) Quantification of the
8 number of tdT⁺ PECs per 100μm glomerular tuft (1.26 ± 0.02 vs. $0.44 \pm 0.02/100\mu\text{m}$). *** $P < 0.001$.
9 (E) Double staining for CD44, the marker of activated PECs. Arrows denote activated tdT⁺ PECs.
10 Scalebar = 50μm. (F) Immunostaining for Ki67. Arrows indicate Ki67⁺ tdT⁺ PTECs and arrowheads
11 indicate Ki67⁺ tdT⁻ PTECs. The dotted line sketches glomeruli. Scalebar = 50μm. Quantification
12 analysis shows $42.28 \pm 2.91\%$ tdT⁺ PTECs co-expressed Ki67, and $79.91 \pm 1.83\%$ Ki67⁺ PTECs

1 were tdT⁻. At least 7 microscope fields were analyzed and the mean data were presented as one point
 2 per mouse. n = 5 biological replicates. (G) Representative images of EdU staining. Scalebar = 50μm.
 3 Arrows indicate EdU⁺ tdT⁺ cells. Quantification analysis shows 29.98 ± 0.80% tdT⁺ cells are EdU⁺.
 4 At least 7 microscope fields were analyzed and the mean data were presented as one independent
 5 point. n = 5 biological replicates. PECs, parietal epithelial cells; PTECs, proximal tubular epithelial
 6 cells.

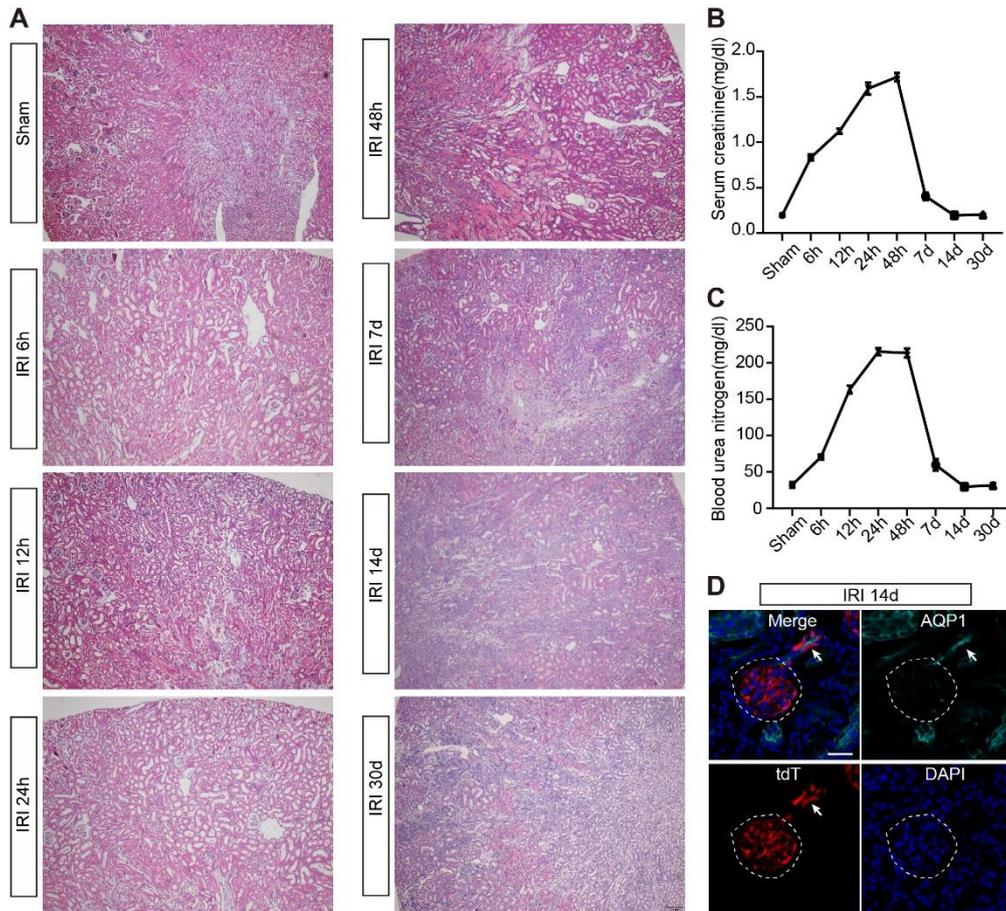


7
 8 **Fig. S6 tdT⁺ proximal tubular epithelial cells (PTECs) share no scattered tubular cell (STC)**
 9 **markers in IRI-induced severe acute kidney injury model at 48 h.** (A, B) Representative
 10 micrographs show that tdT⁺ PTECs do not express the STC markers Kim1(A) and Vimentin (B) at
 11 48 h post IRI. Scalebar = 75μm. IRI, ischemia-reperfusion injury.



1

2 **Fig. S7 Kidney injury assessment during 30 days after severe IRI.** (A) Representative images of
 3 H&E staining. Scalebar = 200µm. (B, C) Kidney function assessment. Quantification of serum
 4 creatinine (B) and blood urea nitrogen (C) levels. (D) Immunostaining for AQP1 in kidney
 5 sections of 14 days after IRI. Scalebar = 20µm. IRI, ischemia-reperfusion injury.



1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10

3. Supplementary Tables

Table S1: The cell viability and cell doublet rate of single cell suspension

Sample	Sham	IRI24h-TD	IRI24h-TDN
cell viability	88.06%	95.62%	92.59%
cell doublet rate	5.20%	5.20%	5.20%

1

2 **Table S2: The parameters of cell capture**

Sample	Sham	IRI24h-TD	IRI24h-TDN
Number of wells with viable cells at cell load	14094	16837	15777
Number of viable cells captured in wells at cell load	14969	18114	16846
Cell multiplet rate at cell load	5.8%	7.1%	6.2%
Number of wells with viable cells and a bead	12444	16005	14803
Number of viable cells captured in wells with a bead	13088	17222	15714
Cell multiplet rate	4.8%	7.1%	5.7%

3

4 **Table S3. Primer sequences used in genotyping.**

Gene	Primer Sequence
WT1-Cre (Mutant: 286bp, WT: Negative)	Forward: GCATAACCAGTGAAACAGCATTGCTG
	Reverse: GGACATGTTTCAGGGATCGCCAGGCG
Rosa26 (Mutant:196bp, WT:297bp)	Pr1590: AAGGGAGCTGCAGTGGAGTA
	Pr1591: CCGAAAATCTGTGGGAAGTC
	Pr1592: GGCATTAAAGCAGCGTATCC
	Pr1593: CTGTTCCCTGTACGGCATGG
WT1 ^{fl/fl} (Mutant: 210bp, WT: 150bp)	Forward: TGCCTACCCAATGCTCATTG
	Reverse: GAAACTGTTTGTAAACGAGAG
Pax8-Cre (Mutant: 121bp, WT: Negative)	Forward: CTATTGGACTTTGACTGCAGGGGC
	Reverse: CTGATCCACAGCCAGGTTTTGC

5

6 **Table S4. Antibodies for immunostaining.**

Antibody	Source	Cat#	Dilution ratio
----------	--------	------	----------------

Akap12	Proteintech	25199-1-AP	1:100
AQP1	Proteintech	20333-1-AP	1:100
ATP1A1	Proteintech	14418-1-AP	1:100
ATP5B	Proteintech	17247-1-AP	1:100
CD44	Boster biotechnology	A00052	1:200
Ki67	Genetex	GTX16667	1:500
Kim1	Boster biotechnology	BA3537	1:100
Krt18	Boster biotechnology	A01357-1	1:100
NPHS2	Abcam	ab181143	1:200
Pax8	Abcam	ab189249	1:200
S100A6	Proteintech	10245-1-AP	1:100
SLC22A6	Abcam	ab135924	1:200
SYNPO	Proteintech	21064-1-AP	1:200
Vimentin	Abcam	ab92547	1:100
WT1	Abcam	ab89901	1:50
SLC12A1	Proteintech	18970-1-AP	1:200
Cy5-AffiniPure Donkey Anti- Rabbit IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	711-175-152	1:200
Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor® 488)	Abcam	ab150077	1:500
Cy3-AffiniPure Donkey Anti- Rabbit IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	711-165-152	1:200

1

2

3

4 **Table S5. Antibodies for western blot.**

Antibody	Source	Cat#	Dilution ratio
NPHS2	Abcam	ab181143	1:2000
SYNPO	Proteintech	21064-1-AP	1:1000
WT1	Proteintech	12609-1-AP	1:1000
Kim1	R&D Systems	AF1817	1:2000
NGAL	Abcam	ab63929	1:1000
GAPDH	Affinity	T0004	1:3000
goat anti-mouse IRDye 800CW	LI-COR	926-32210	1:20000
goat anti-rabbit IRDye 800CW	LI-COR	926-32211	1:20000
Donkey anti-Goat IRDye 800CW	LI-COR	926-32214	1:20000

1

2

3 Reference

- 4 1. Zhou B, Ma Q, Rajagopal S, Wu SM, Domian I, Rivera-Feliciano J, et al. Epicardial progenitors
5 contribute to the cardiomyocyte lineage in the developing heart. *Nature*. 2008; 454: 109-13.
- 6 2. Gao F, Maiti S, Alam N, Zhang Z, Deng JM, Behringer RR, et al. The Wilms tumor gene, *Wt1*, is
7 required for *Sox9* expression and maintenance of tubular architecture in the developing testis. *Proc Natl*
8 *Acad Sci U S A*. 2006; 103: 11987-92.
- 9 3. Xu J, Zheng S, Kralik PM, Krishnan L, Huang H, Hoying JB, et al. Diabetes Induced Changes in
10 Podocyte Morphology and Gene Expression Evaluated Using GFP Transgenic Podocytes. *Int J Biol Sci*.
11 2016; 12: 210-8.
- 12 4. Wei Q, Dong Z. Mouse model of ischemic acute kidney injury: technical notes and tricks. *Am J*
13 *Physiol Renal Physiol*. 2012; 303: F1487-94.
- 14 5. Sun T, Pikiolek M, Orsini V, Bergling S, Holwerda S, Morelli L, et al. AXIN2(+) Pericentral
15 Hepatocytes Have Limited Contributions to Liver Homeostasis and Regeneration. *Cell Stem Cell*. 2020;
16 26: 97-107 e6.
- 17 6. Humphreys BD, Valerius MT, Kobayashi A, Mugford JW, Soeung S, Duffield JS, et al. Intrinsic
18 epithelial cells repair the kidney after injury. *Cell Stem Cell*. 2008; 2: 284-91.
- 19 7. Feng X, Hong X, Fan Q, Chen L, Li J, Deng J, et al. dCubilin- or dAMN-mediated protein
20 reabsorption in *Drosophila* nephrocytes modulates longevity. *Disease models & mechanisms*. 2021; 14.
- 21 8. Kumar S, Liu J, Pang P, Krautzberger AM, Reginensi A, Akiyama H, et al. *Sox9* Activation
22 Highlights a Cellular Pathway of Renal Repair in the Acutely Injured Mammalian Kidney. *Cell Rep*.
23 2015; 12: 1325-38.
- 24 9. Luo C, Zhou S, Zhou Z, Liu Y, Yang L, Liu J, et al. *Wnt9a* Promotes Renal Fibrosis by Accelerating

- 1 Cellular Senescence in Tubular Epithelial Cells. *J Am Soc Nephrol.* 2018; 29: 1238-56.
- 2 10. Chen S, Zhou Y, Chen Y, Gu J. fastp: an ultra-fast all-in-one FASTQ preprocessor. *Bioinformatics*
- 3 (Oxford, England). 2018; 34: [i884-i90](#).
- 4 11. Ashburner M, Ball CA, Blake JA, Botstein D, Butler H, Cherry JM, et al. Gene ontology: tool for
- 5 the unification of biology. The Gene Ontology Consortium. *Nat Genet.* 2000; 25: 25-9.
- 6 12. Yaari G, Bolen CR, Thakar J, Kleinstein SH. Quantitative set analysis for gene expression: a method
- 7 to quantify gene set differential expression including gene-gene correlations. *Nucleic acids research.*
- 8 2013; 41: e170.
- 9 13. Vento-Tormo R, Efremova M, Botting RA, Turco MY, Vento-Tormo M, Meyer KB, et al. Single-
- 10 cell reconstruction of the early maternal-fetal interface in humans. *Nature.* 2018; 563: 347-53.
- 11 14. Trapnell C, Cacchiarelli D, Grimsby J, Pokharel P, Li S, Morse M, et al. The dynamics and
- 12 regulators of cell fate decisions are revealed by pseudotemporal ordering of single cells. *Nature*
- 13 *biotechnology.* 2014; 32: 381-6.
- 14 15. Zuo W, Zhang T, Wu DZ, Guan SP, Liew AA, Yamamoto Y, et al. p63(+)Krt5(+) distal airway stem
- 15 cells are essential for lung regeneration. *Nature.* 2015; 517: 616-20.
- 16