

Deducing the decision-making process of a kidney cell

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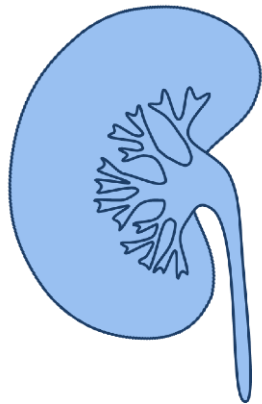
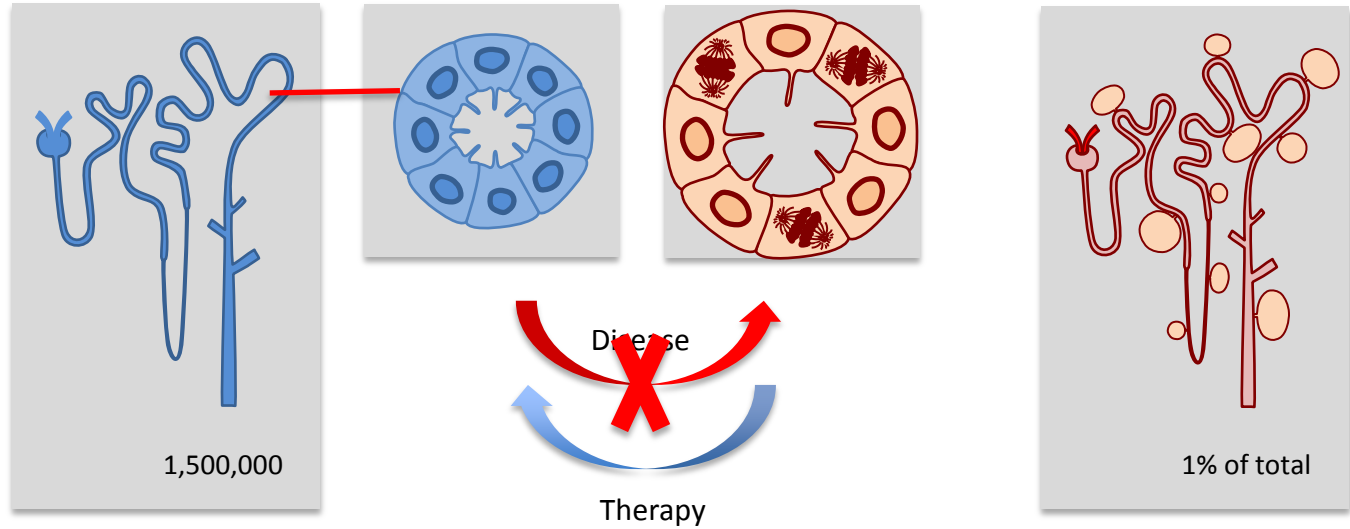
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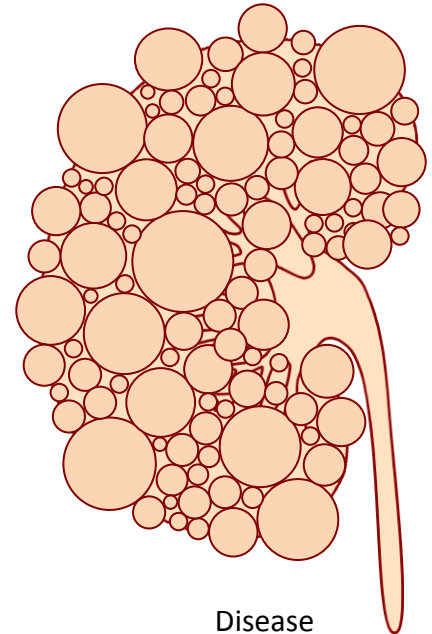
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Normal Human Kidney

150 g
180 L blood



Disease
7,500 g

Morphologic transformation

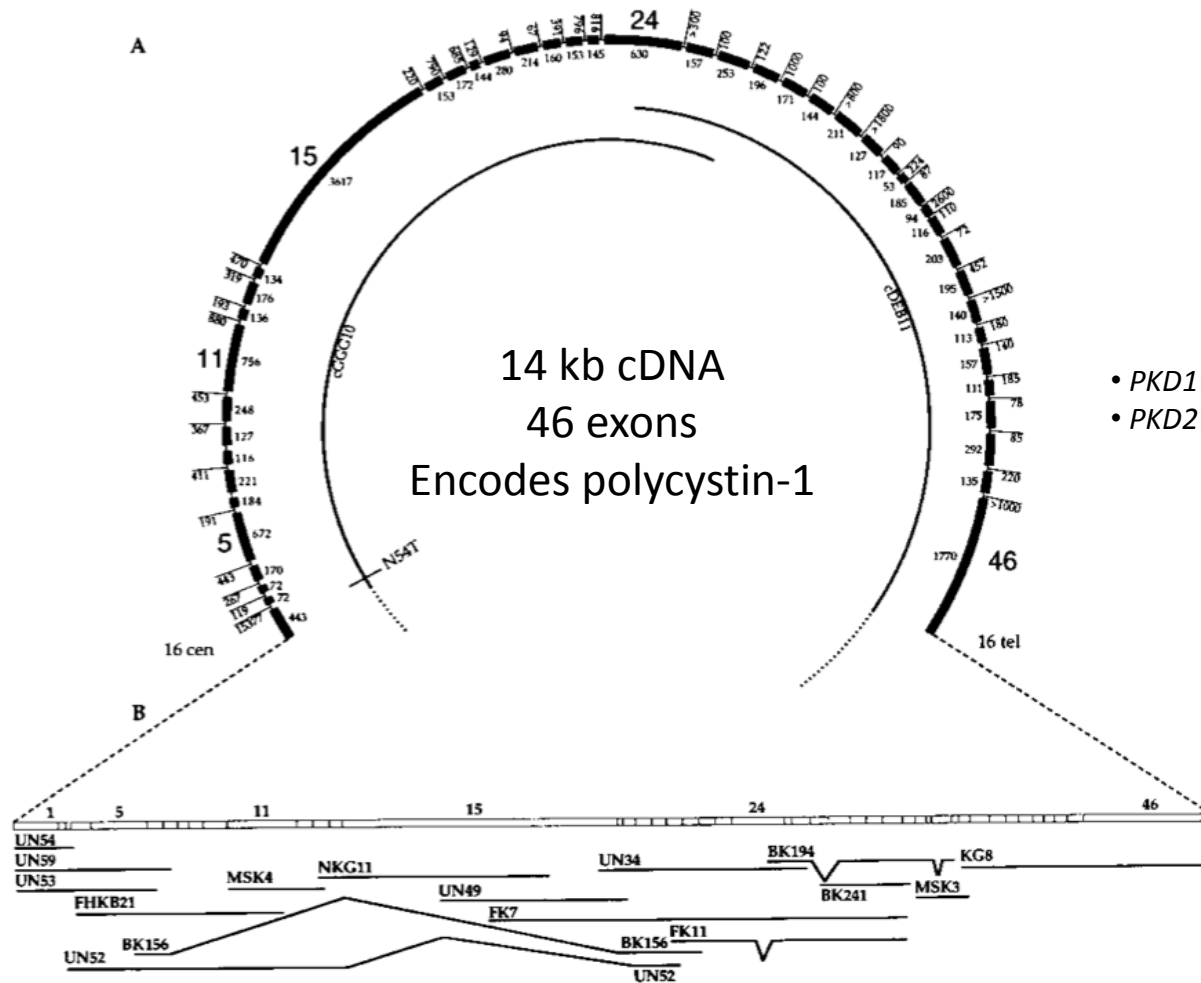
Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (**ADPKD**)



ADPKD Kidney
显性多囊肾

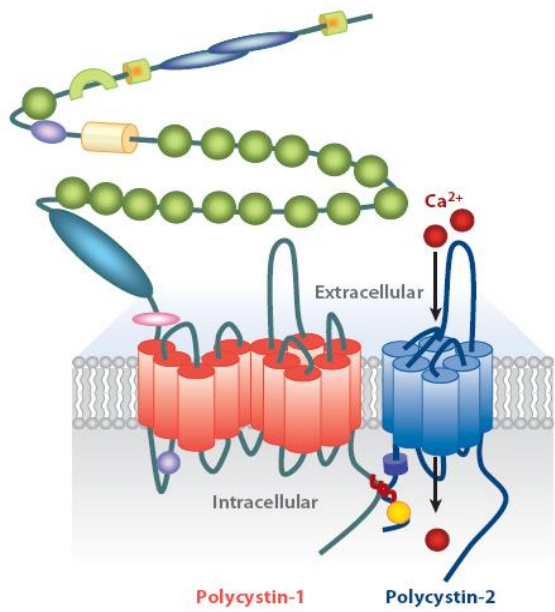
- Caused by mutations in either *PKD1* or *PKD2* genes, respectively encoding polycystin-1 (PC1) and -2 (PC2)
- Affects 1 in 500-1,000 live births, the most common life-threatening monogenic genetic disease, the leading genetic cause of kidney failure
- Adult-onset
- Progressive development and enlargement of epithelial lined, fluid filled cysts in the kidney, also in the liver
- There is no effective treatment for PKD (2 trials)

Mutation in the *PKD1* Gene is Most Common

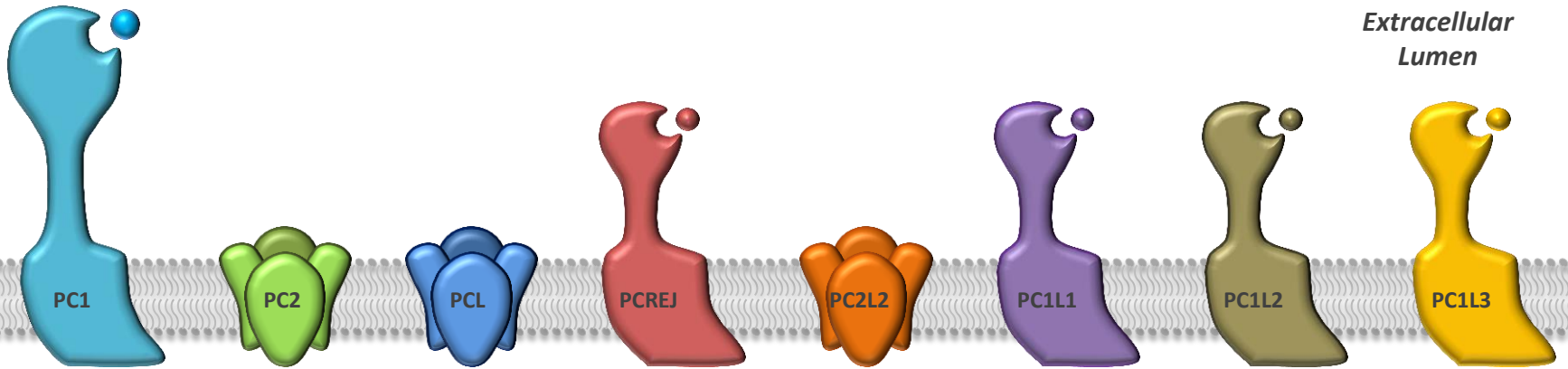


- *PKD1*: 85%, severe, earlier ESRD
- *PKD2*: 15%, mild, later ESRD

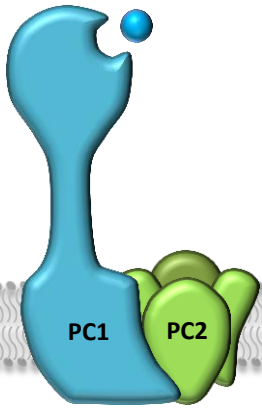




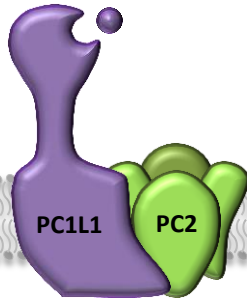
Polycystin Protein Family



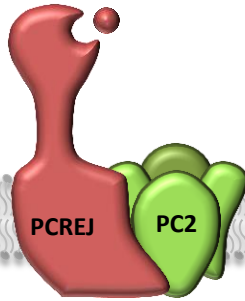
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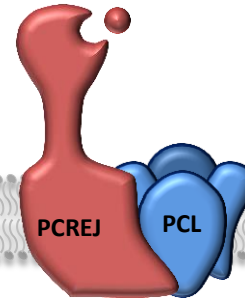
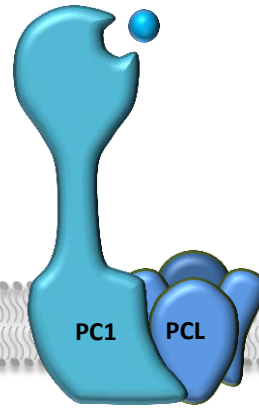
Tubule morphogenesis



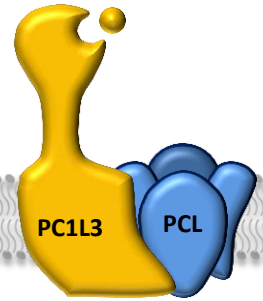
L-R asymmetry



Fertilization



Fertilization



Sour sensation?

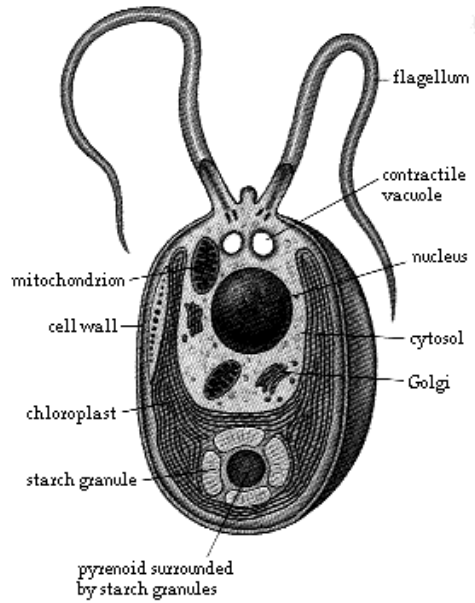
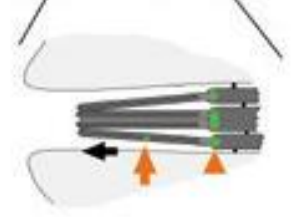


PC2L2

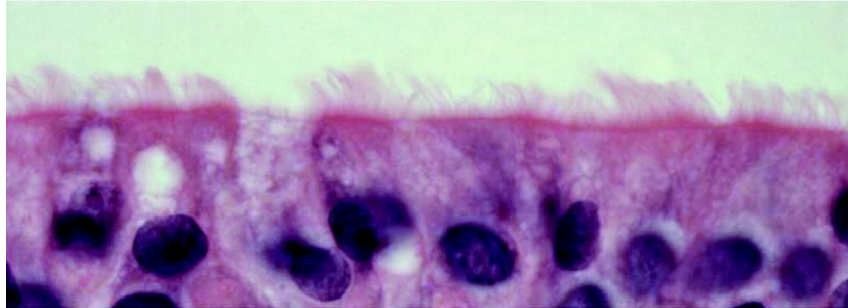


PC1L2

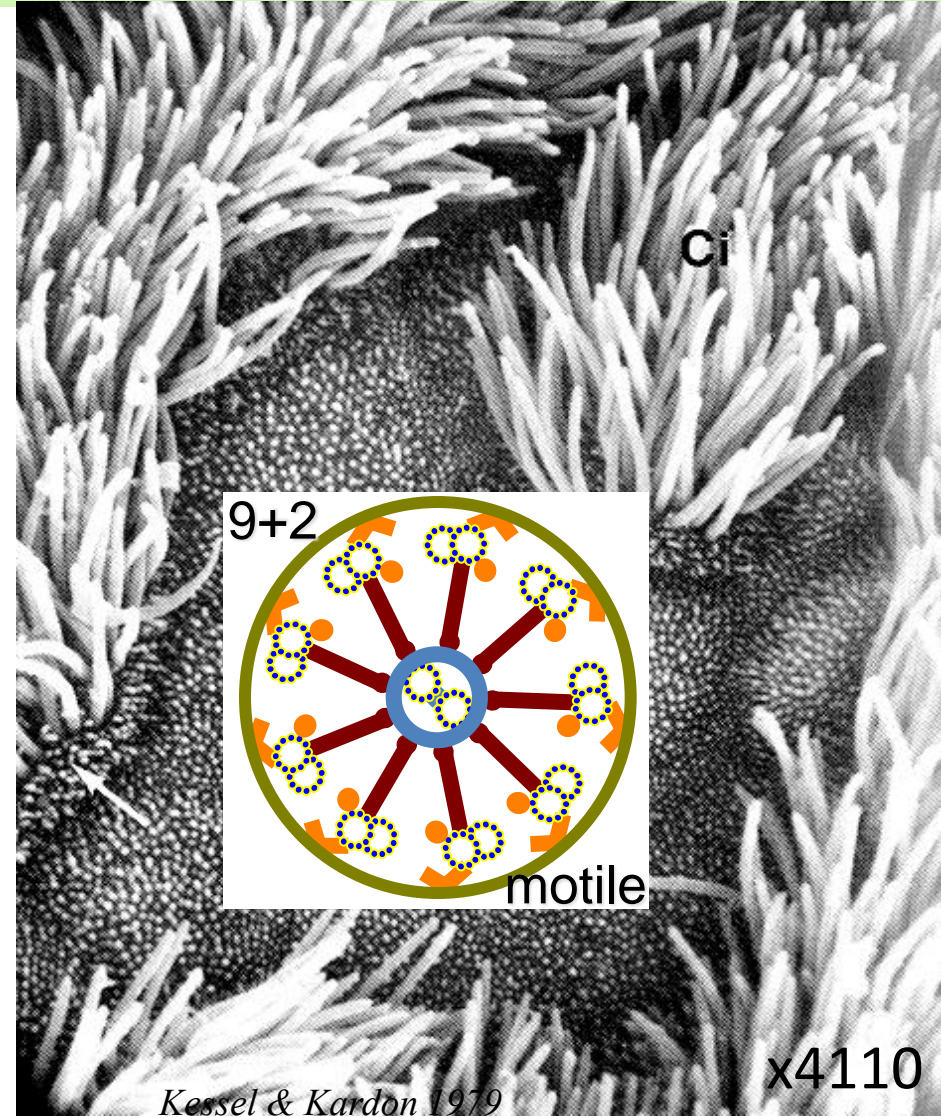
Cilia



Cilia in the Respiratory System



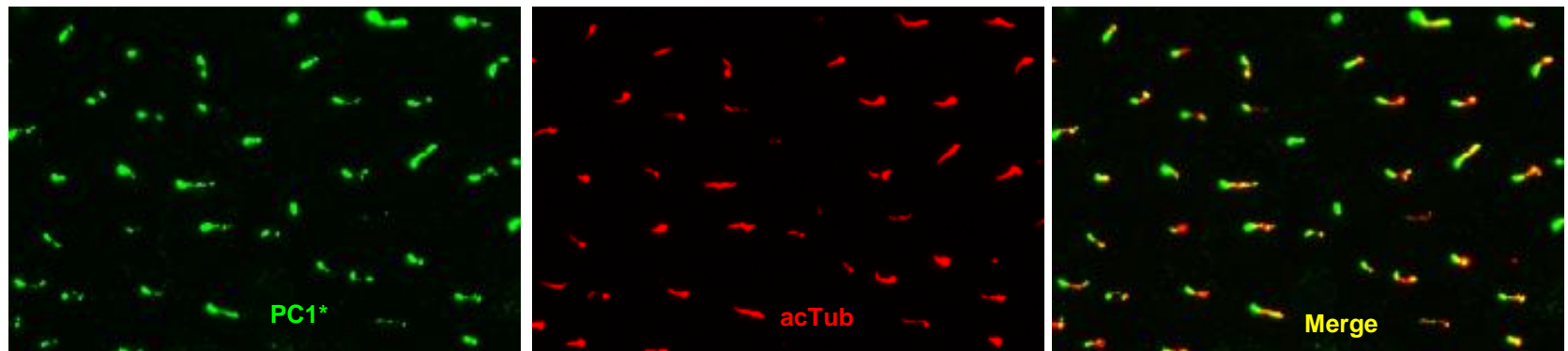
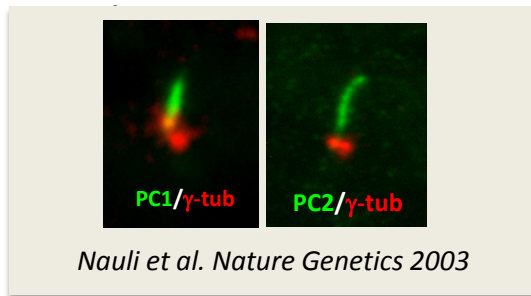
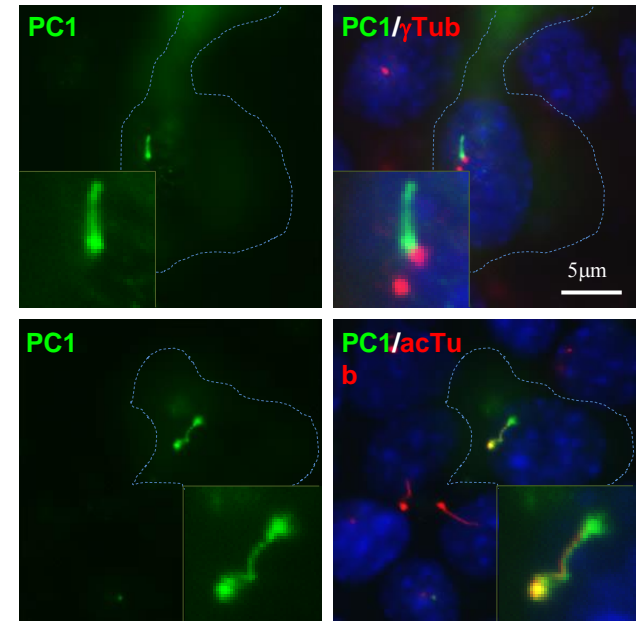
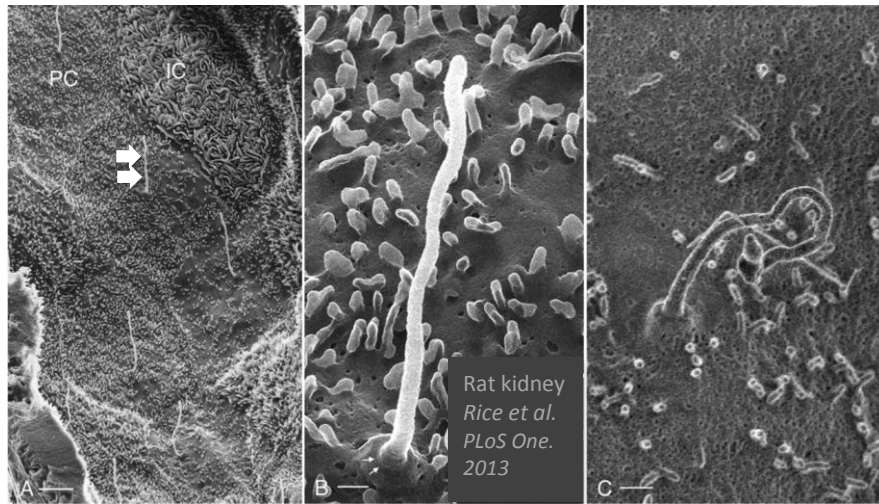
Lung cilia



Kessel & Kardon 1979

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PC1 Goes to the Primary Cilia in Kidney Epithelial Cells



IMCD3/YFP-PC1-AviTag (*surface staining)

Su et al. Hum Mol Genet., 2014

~25% human mutations are missense mutations

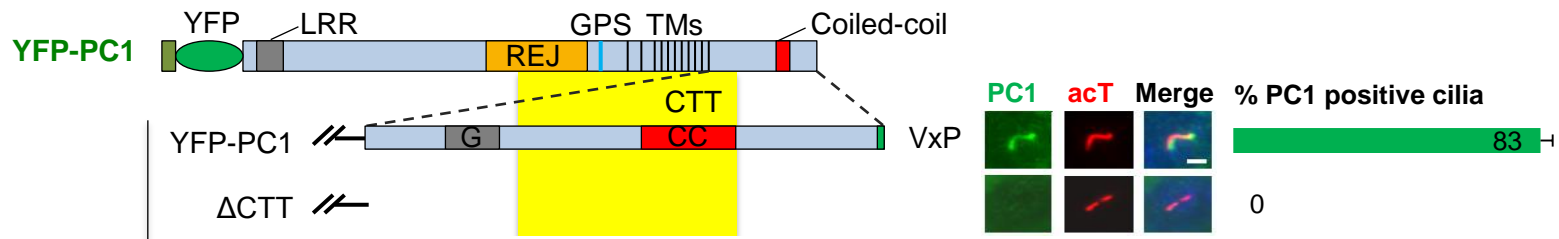
Hot questions:

How does PC1 get to cilia?

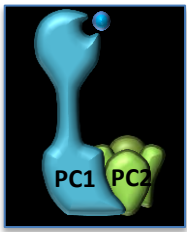
Does mutant PC1 traffic to cilia?

**These patients are candidates for personalized therapy
e.g. chaperone therapy**

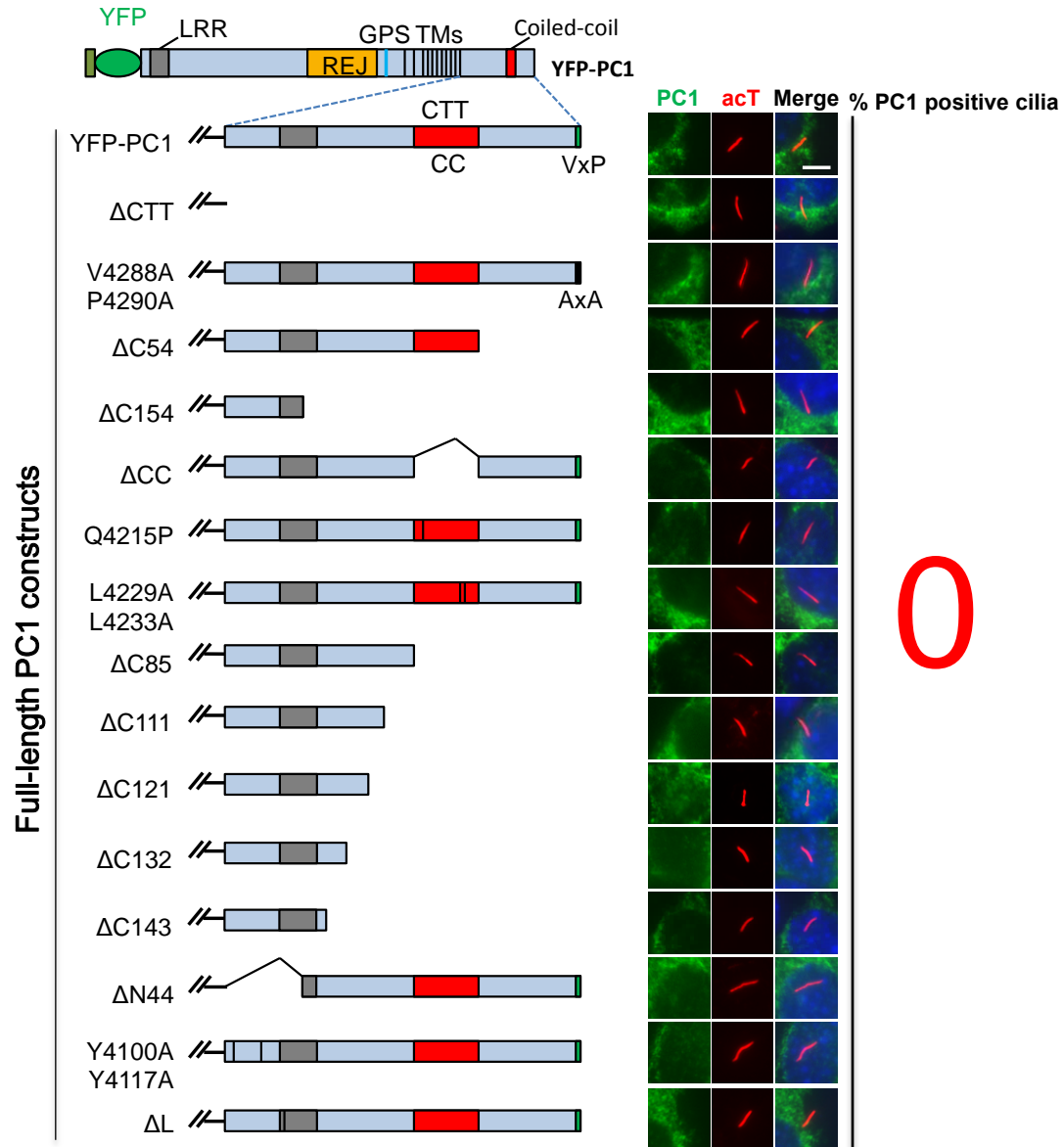
Systemic analysis revealed that multiple sequences in PC1 C-terminal tail (CTT) contribute to ciliary targeting of full-length PC1



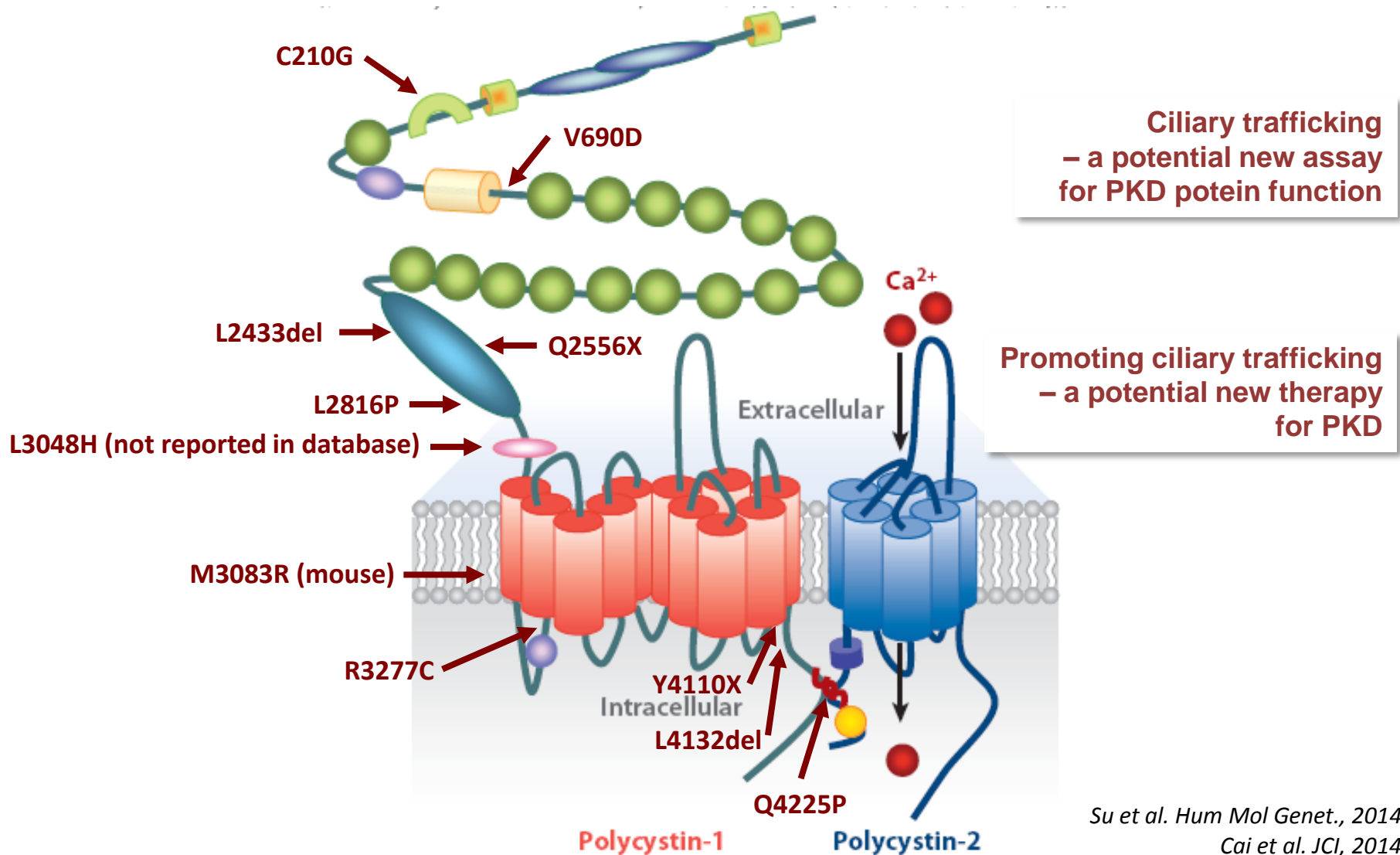
Full-length PC1 (~14 kb cDNA) constructs



PC1 needs PC2 to get to cilia



Pathogenic mutations affecting PC1 trafficking to cilia



Ciliary trafficking
– a potential new assay
for PKD protein function

Promoting ciliary trafficking
– a potential new therapy
for PKD

Su et al. *Hum Mol Genet.*, 2014

Cai et al. *JCI*, 2014

Su et al. *J Cell Sci.* 2015

Cystic Kidney Disease and Ciliopathy



Clinical phenotypes associated with ciliopathies

	AD	MKS	BBS	JBTS	JATD	OFD1	MKKS	SLS	NPH	LCA
Retinopathy	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
Polydactyly	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Kidney disease	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
Situs inversus	?	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Mental retardation/developmental delay	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+
Hypoplasia of cerebellum	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-
Hydrometrocolpos	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Obesity	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hepatic dysfunction	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-

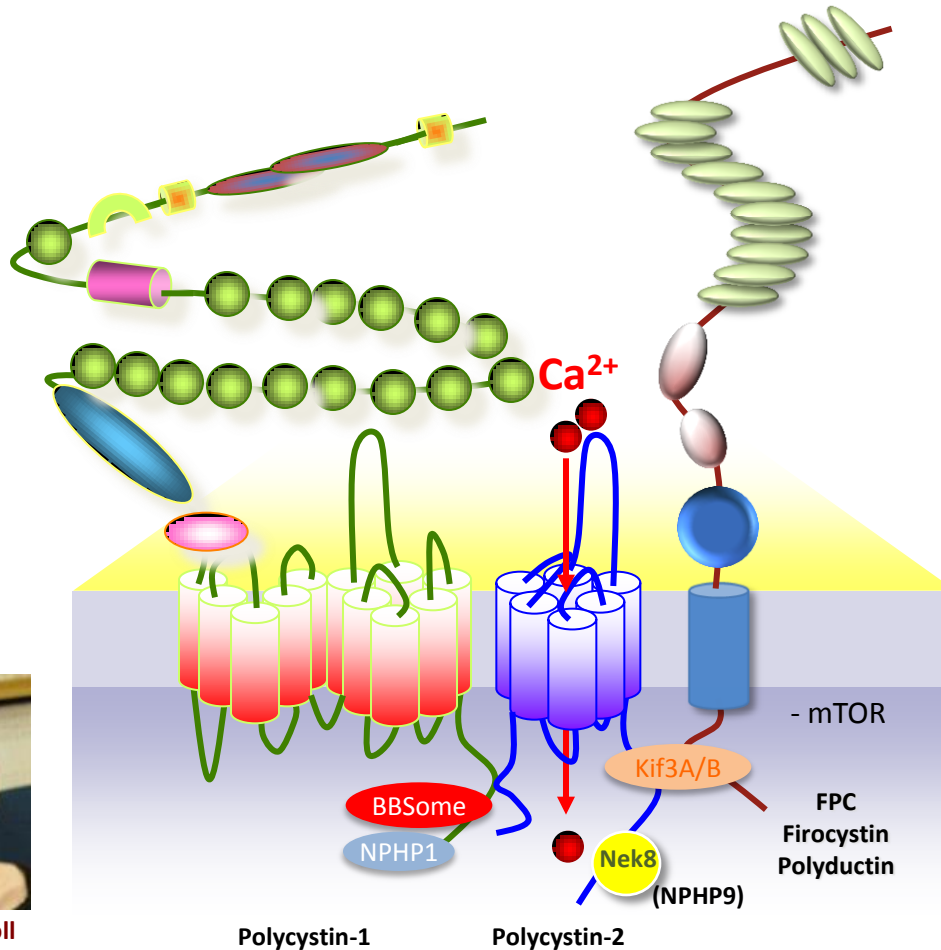
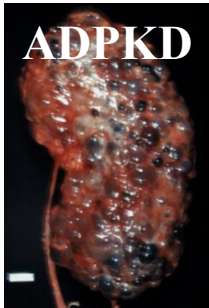
JATD, Jeune syndrome; OFD1, orofaciocigital syndrome 1; MKKS, McKusick-Kaufman syndrome; SLS, Senior-Loken syndrome.

MKS, Meckel-Gruber syndrome; LCA, Leber congenital amaurosis; MKKS, McKusick-Kaufman syndrome

Zaghloul and Katsanis. J Clin Invest (2009) vol. 119 (3) pp. 428-37

All these genes are localized to cilia, basal bodies or centrosomes
 Mutations in the same gene may cause different diseases
 The same disease may be caused by mutations in different genes

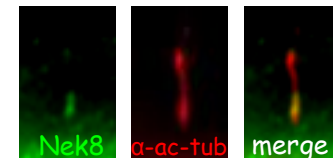
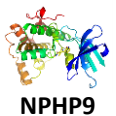
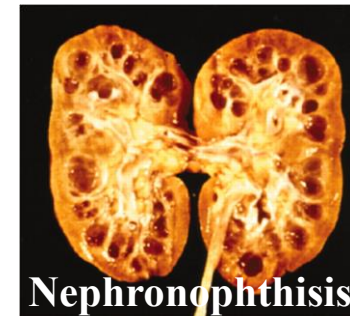
ADPKD Proteins interact with other Ciliopathy Proteins



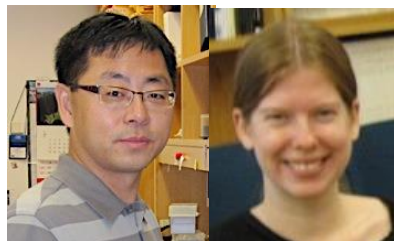
Wang et al. JASN 2004

Wang et al. Mol Cell Biol 2007

Wang et al. PLoS One 2014



Sohara et al. JASN 2008



Xuefeng Su **Kaitlin Driscoll**

Su et al., HMG, 2014

The Bardet Biedl Syndrome

Nineteen genes identified:

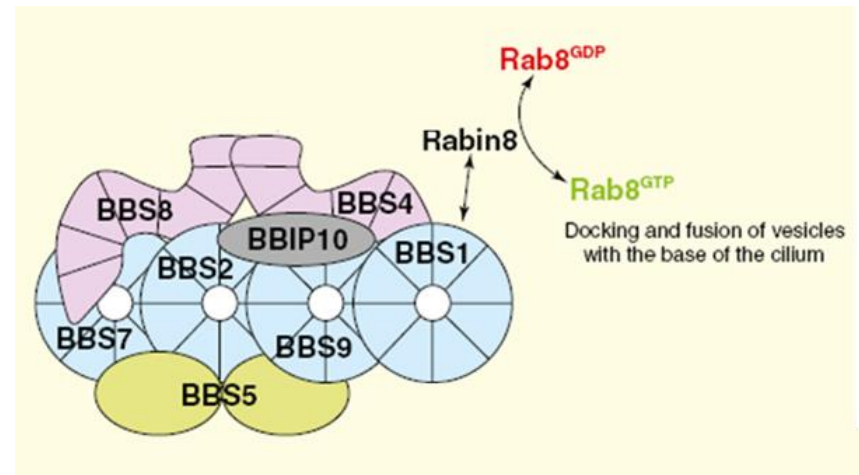
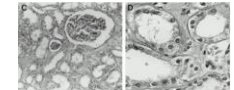
- *BBS1*
- *BBS2*
- *ARL6/BBS3*
- *BBS4*
- *BBS5*
- *MKKS/BBS6*
- *BBS7*
- *TTC8/BBS8*
- *B1/BBS9*
- *BBS10*
- *TRIM32/BBS11*
- *BBS12*
- *MKS1/BBS13*
- *CEP290/BBS14*
- *WDPCP/BBS15*
- *SDCCAG8/NPHP10/BBS16*
- *LZTFL1/BBS17*
- *BBSIP1/BBSIP10/BBS18*
- *IFT27/BBS19*

Six Primary Features:

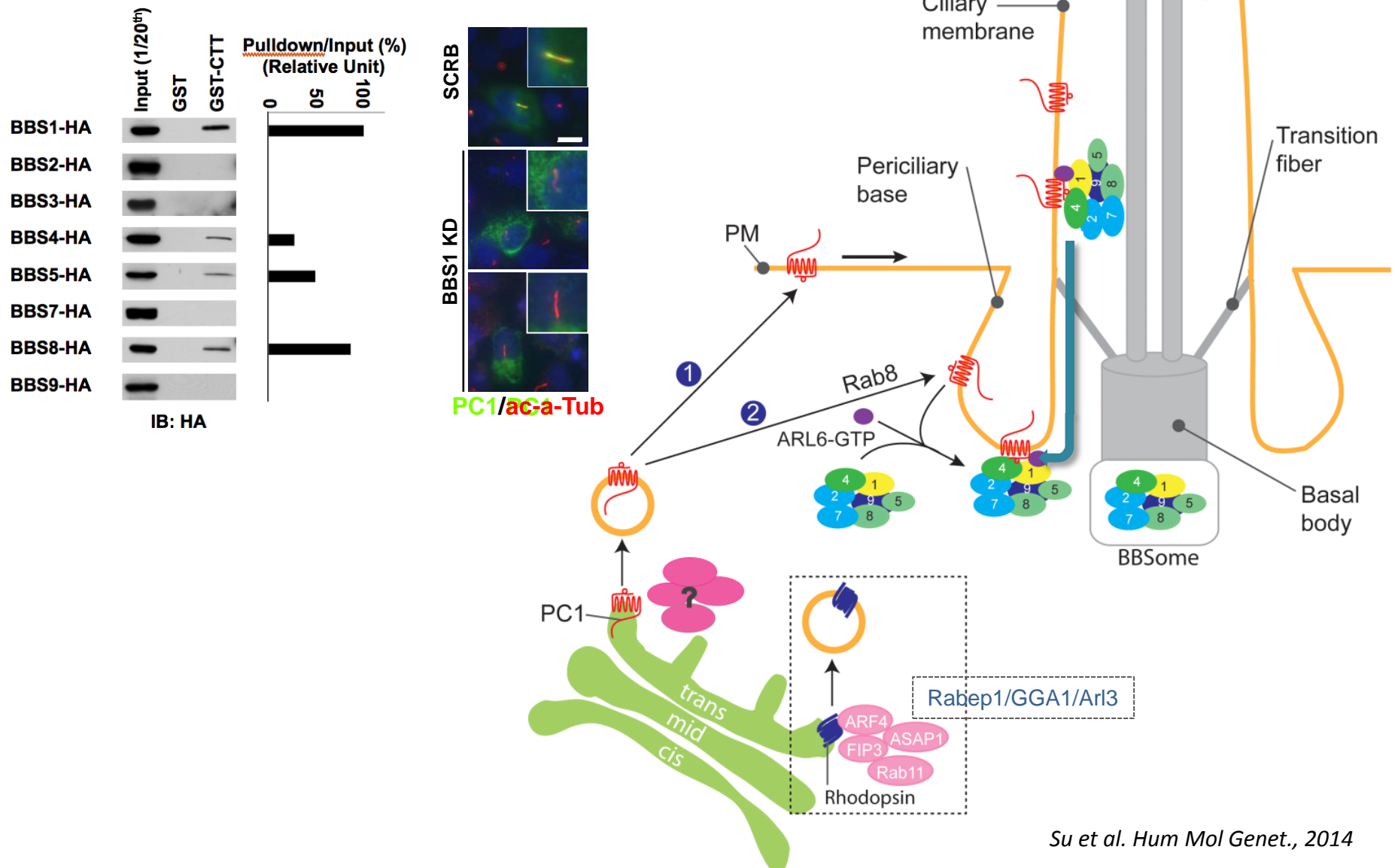
- Postaxial polydactyly
- Rod-cone dystrophy
- Truncal obesity
- Learning disabilities
- Hypogonadism/genital abnormalities
- Renal anomalies



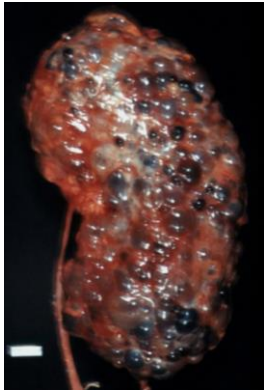
Fig. 1: Loss of secondary sexual characters



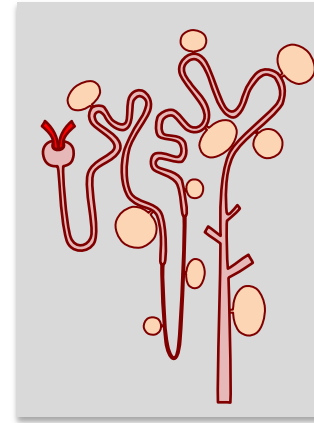
Bardet Biedl syndrome proteins modulate ADPKD protein trafficking to the primary cilia



Cystogenesis Mechanisms in ADPKD

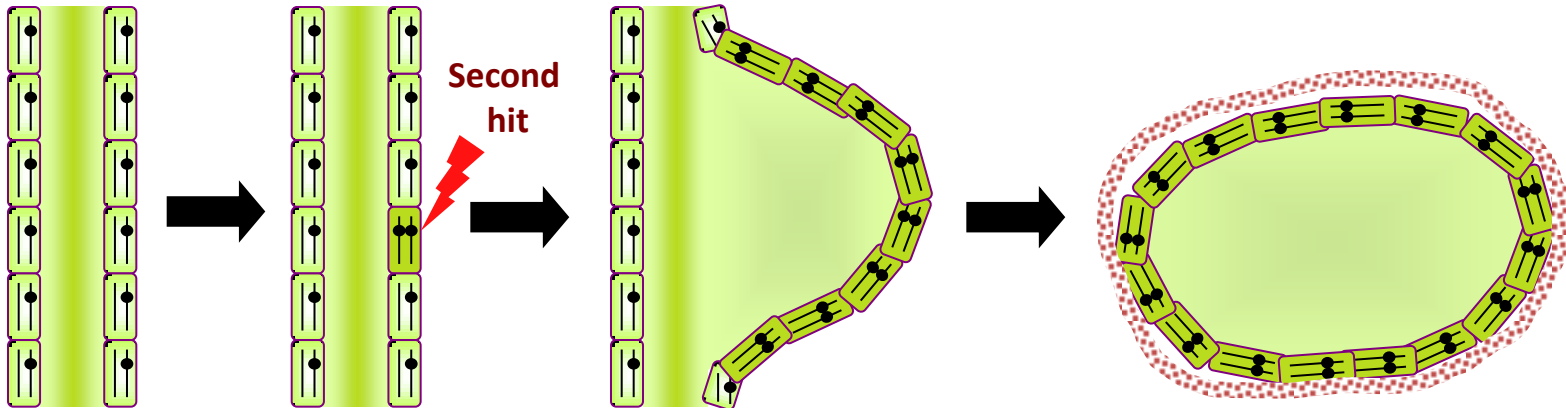


ADPKD
• < 5% of nephrons



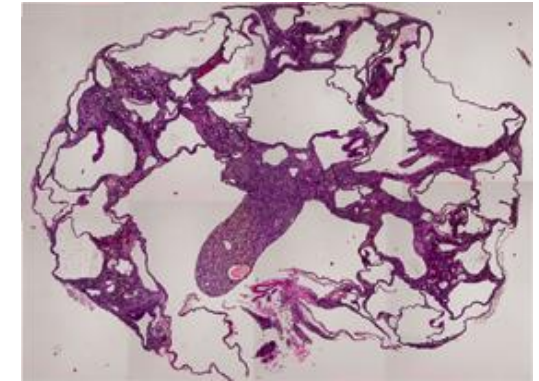
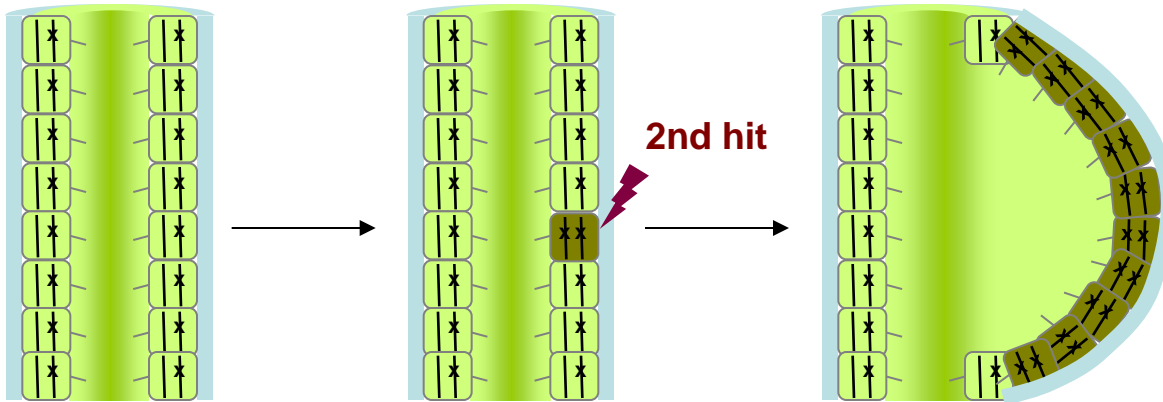
ADPKD
• Focal cysts in a nephron

“Two-Hit” Hypothesis *Reeders, Nature Genetics, 1992*

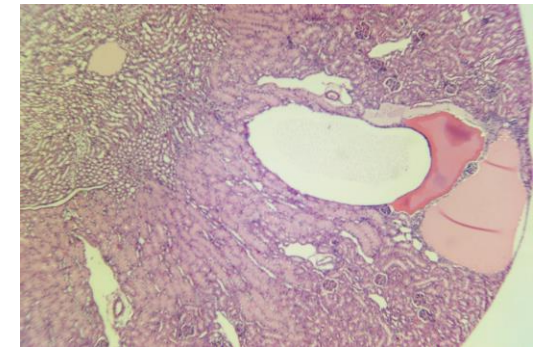
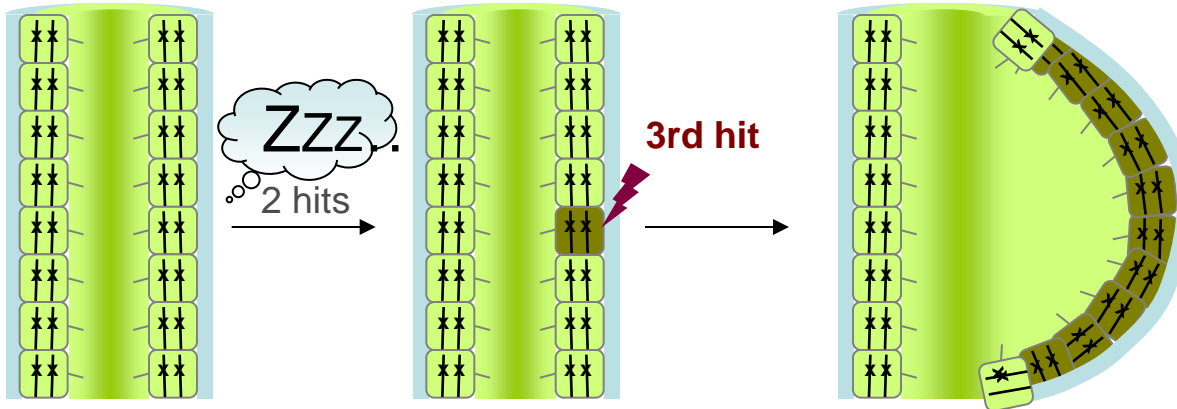


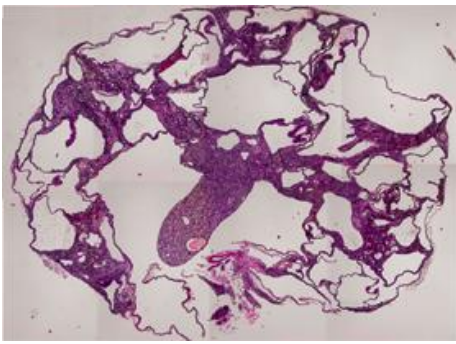
“Two-Hit” v.s. “Three-Hit” Model of Cytogenesis

“two hits” In developing kidney

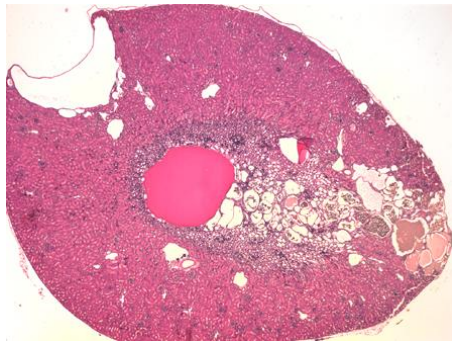


“three hits” In mature kidney





Pkd1 neonatal CT inactivation



Pkd1 adult CT inactivation

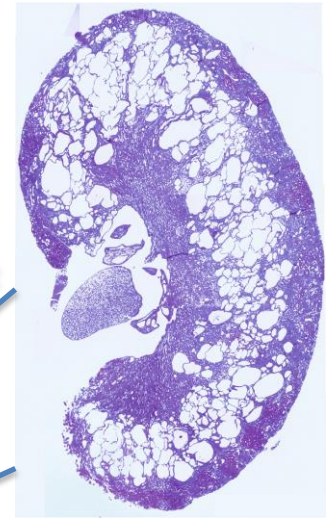
Takakura et al. JASN 2008

Takakura et al. Hum Mol Genetics 2009



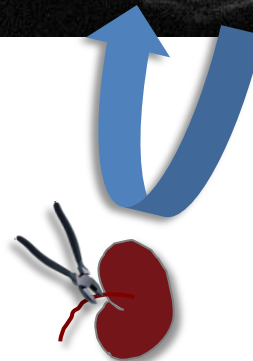
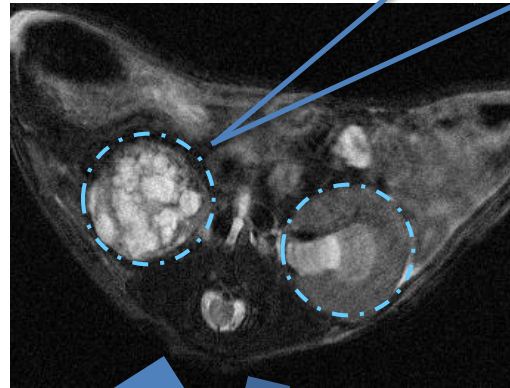
Ayumi Takakura

“A genetic or non-genetic event that reactivates renal developmental programs or triggers cellular repair/cell proliferation (activation of an oncogene, inactivation of a tumor suppressor gene, exposure to cellular stress, toxin, or injury) is required for rapid cyst formation.”

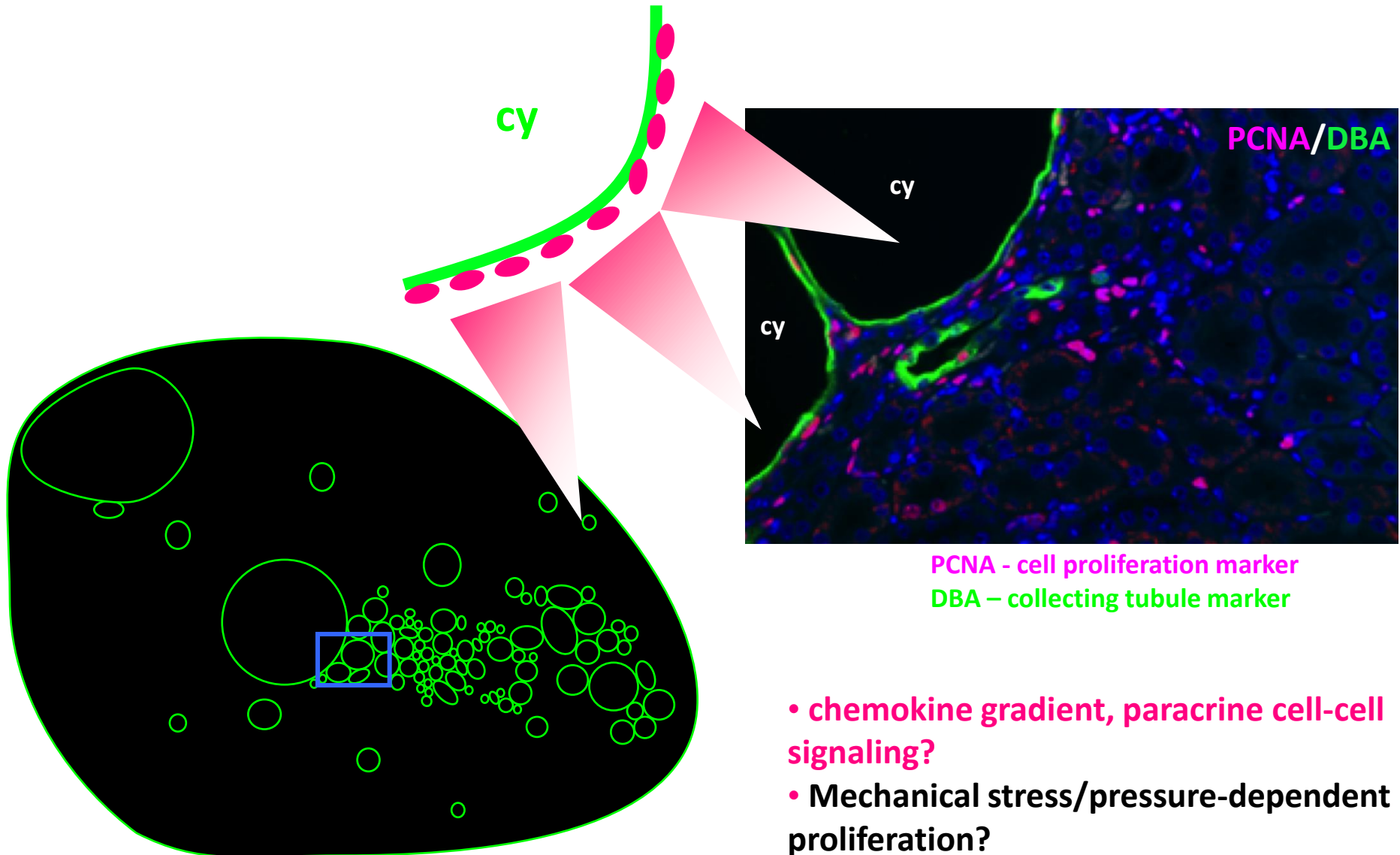


Renal injury is a 3rd hit

“Third Hit” Hypothesis



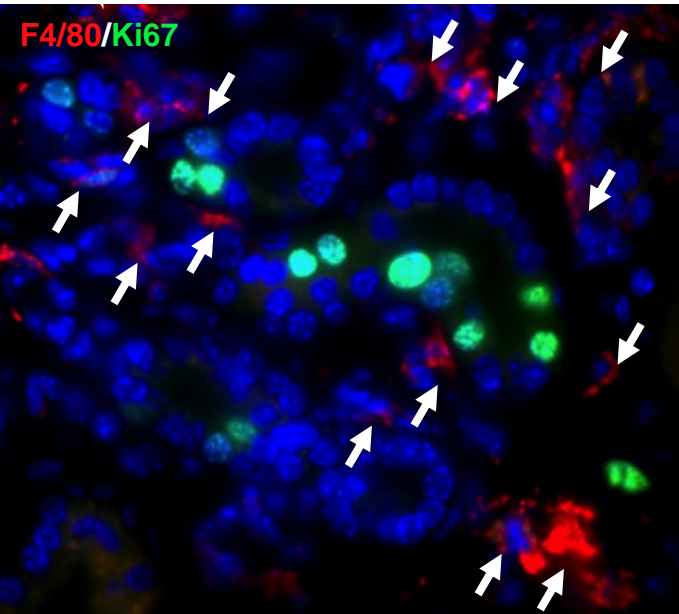
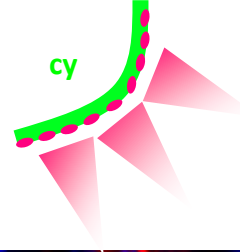
Increased cell proliferation next to cysts



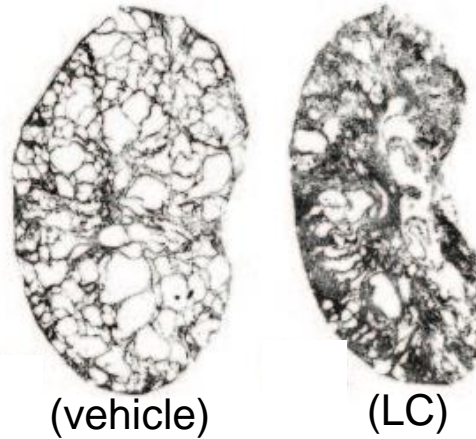
PCNA - cell proliferation marker
DBA – collecting tubule marker

- chemokine gradient, paracrine cell-cell signaling?
- Mechanical stress/pressure-dependent proliferation?

Cell Proliferation, Macrophages, and PKD

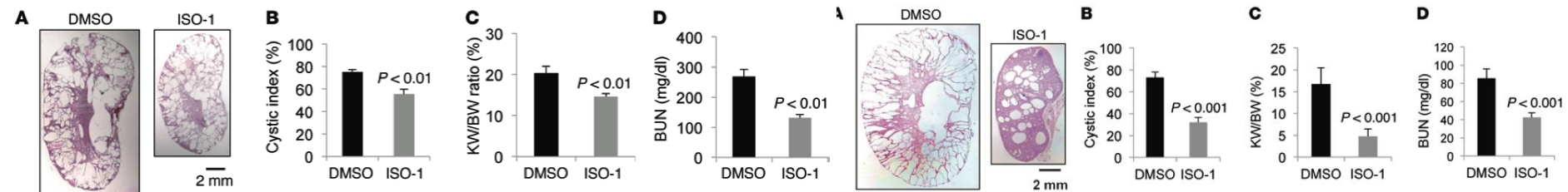
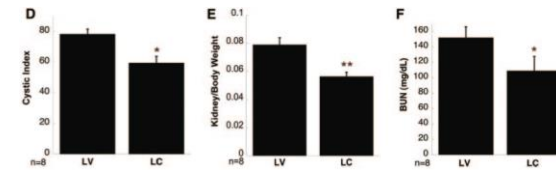


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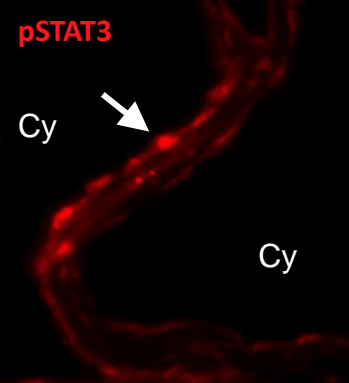
Depletion of macrophages by liposomal clodronate (LC) inhibits cyst formation in *Pkd1*- and *Pkd2*-disease

Karihaloo et al. JASN 2011



Isloxazoline (ISO-1) inhibits microphage migration inhibitory factor (MIF) and reduces cyst formation in *Pkd1*-disease

Chen et al. JCI 2015

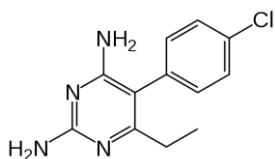


Discovery of Anti-Parasitic Compound Pyrimethamine Inhibits STAT3 and Slows PKD Progression

Chemical Screen



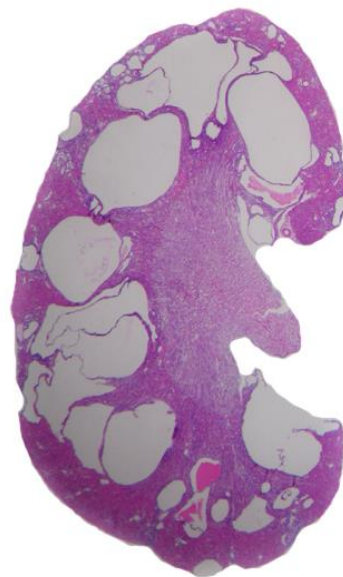
Pyrimethamine
(乙胺嘧啶)



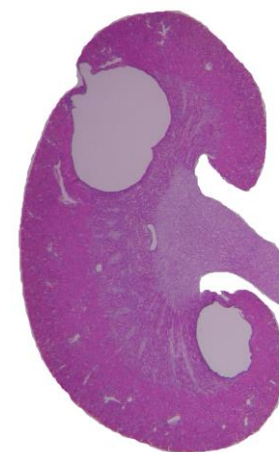
Used for
Malaria and HIV



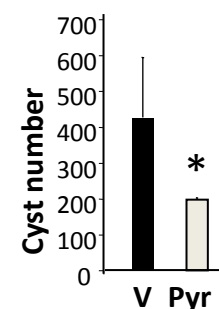
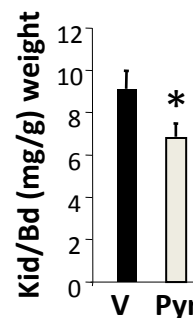
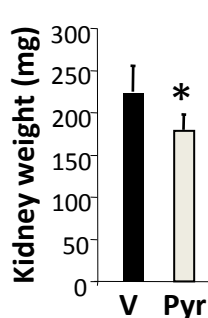
STAT3



Vehicle



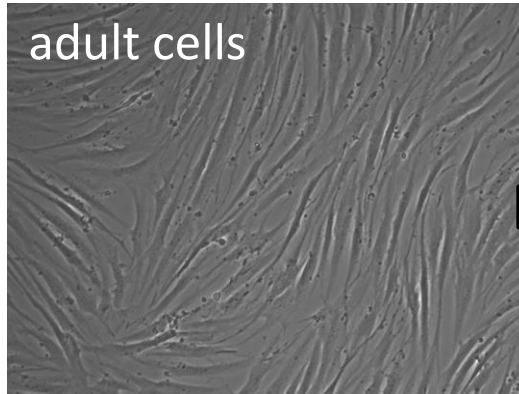
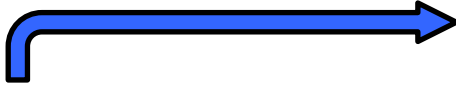
Pyrimethamine



V: Vehicle-treated IKO kidney, Pyr: Pyrimethamine-treated IKO kidney

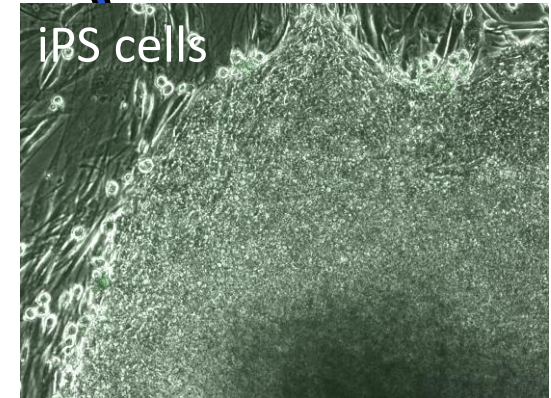
New kidney tissue from patient stem cells

(e.g. urine sample)

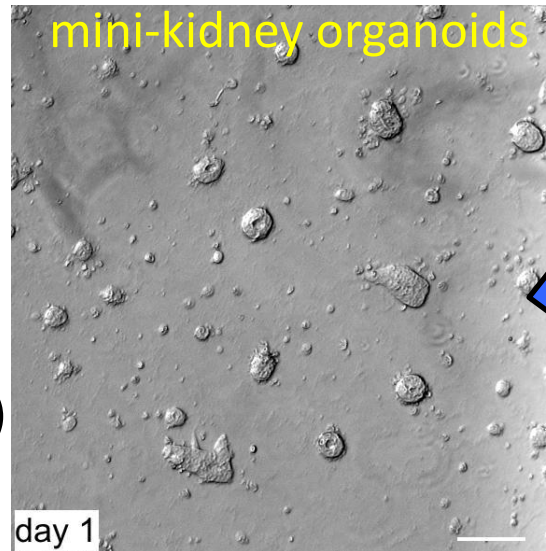


adult cells

*Stem cell genes
and growth signals*



iPS cells



mini-kidney organoids

day 1



*Time frame
~ 1 year*

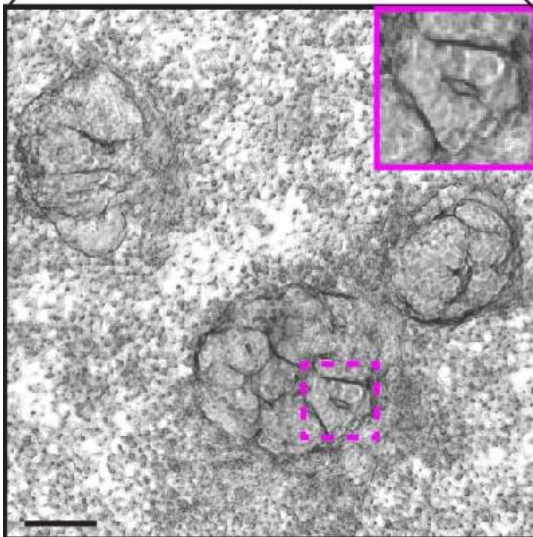
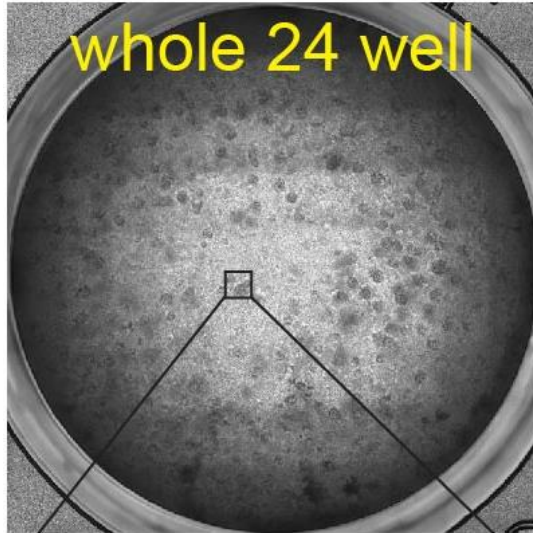
gene-corrected
transplant
(immunocompatible)

disease modeling
drug discovery

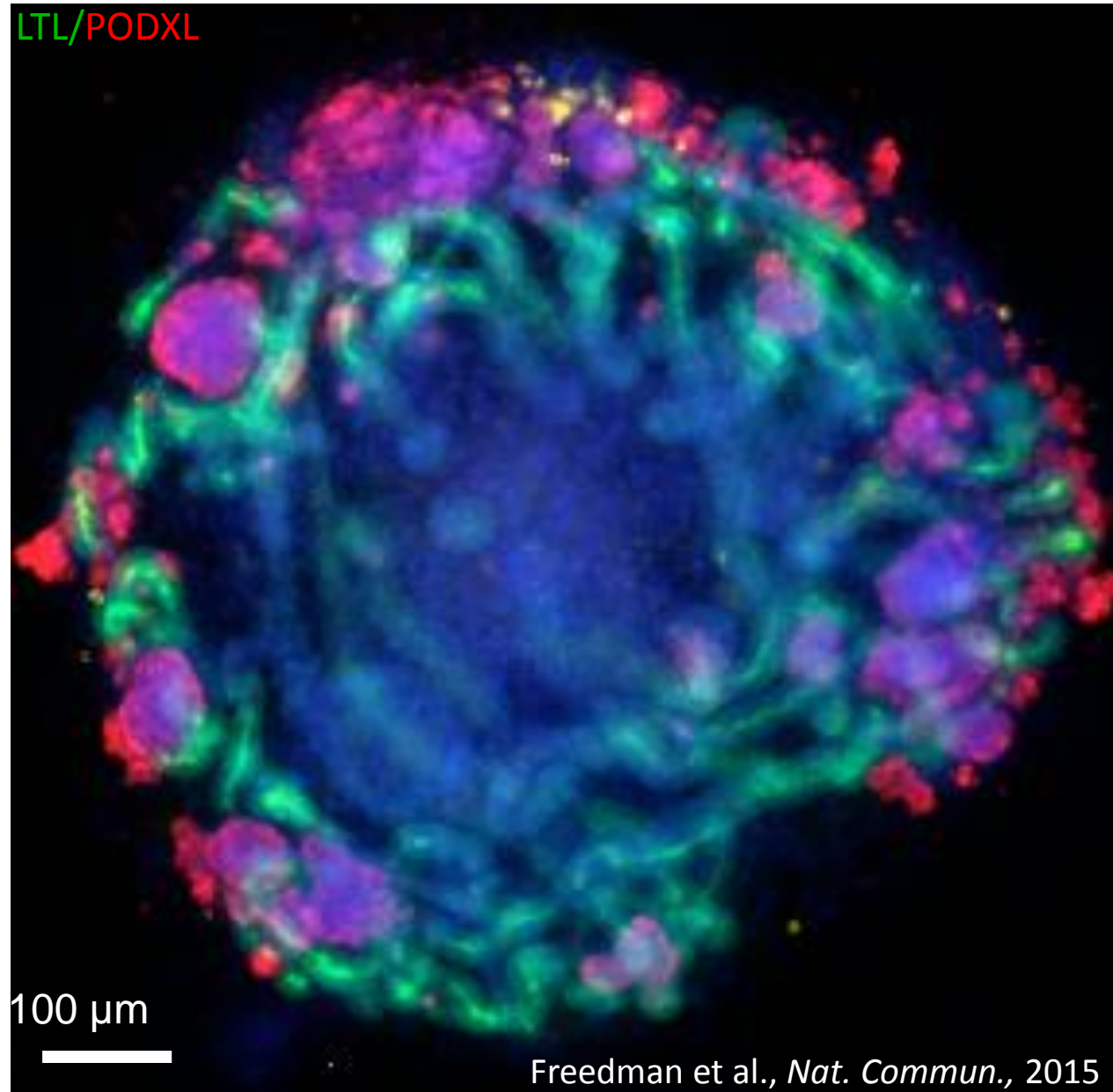


Beno Freedman

Each well contains numerous kidney organoids

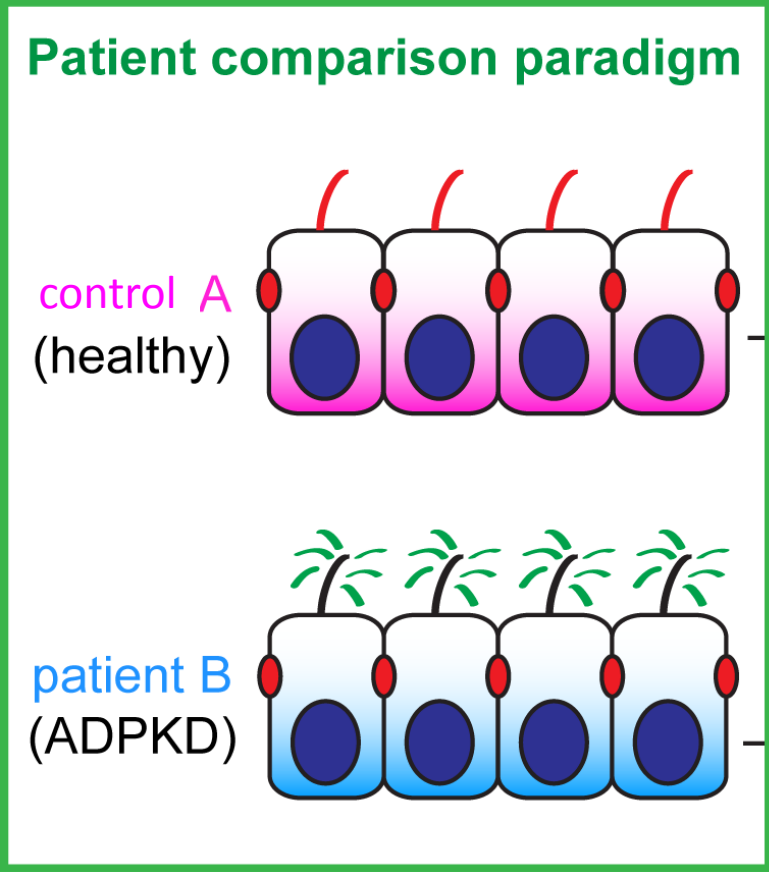


~90 organoids/well



Freedman et al., *Nat. Commun.*, 2015

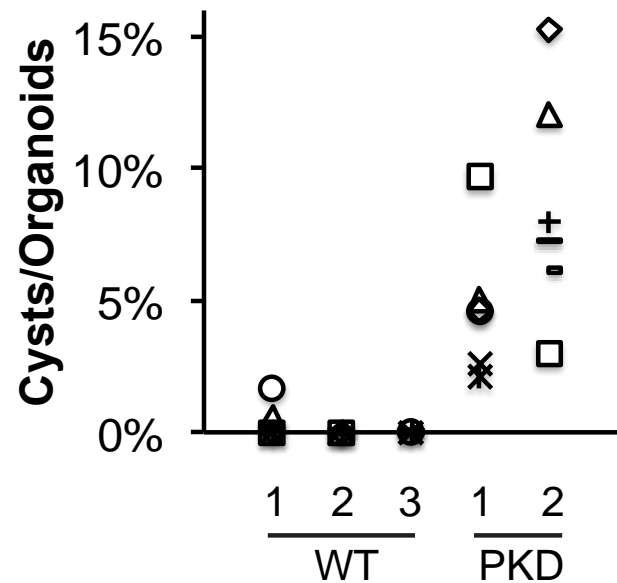
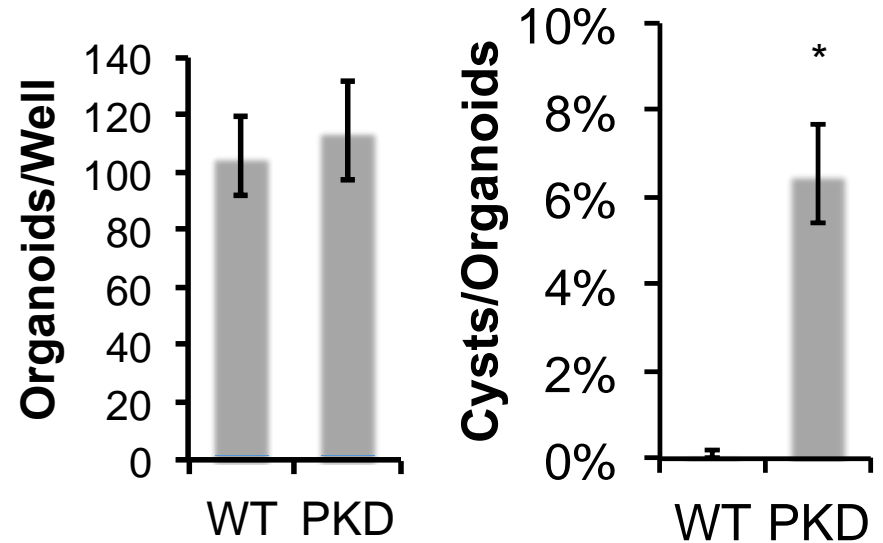
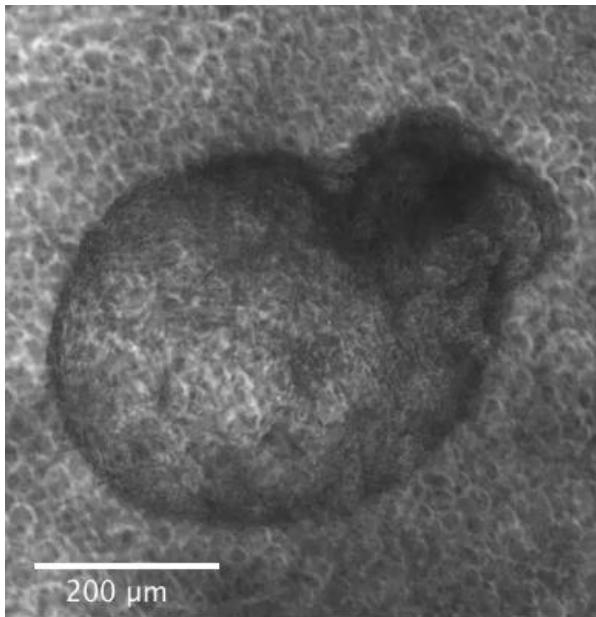
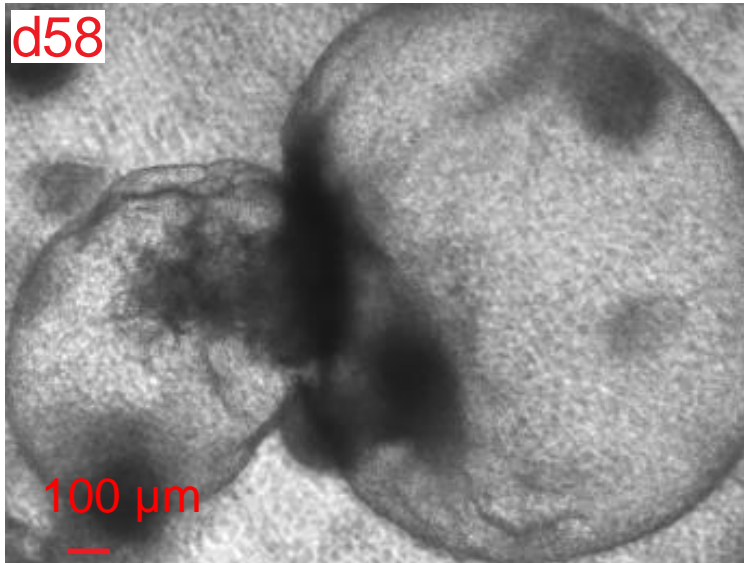
CRISPR mutants for PKD disease genes



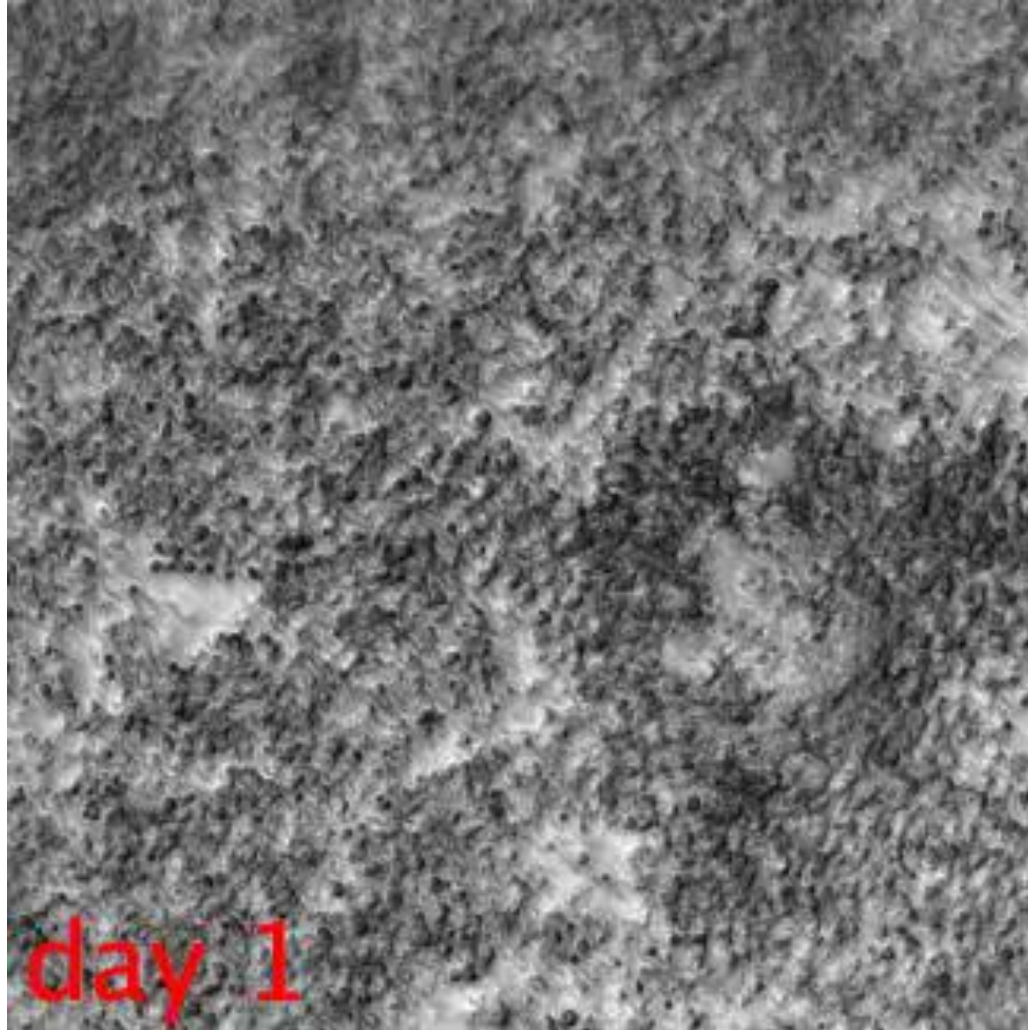
 cilium with PC2  epithelial cell-cell junction

 cilium without PC2 (aberrant signaling)

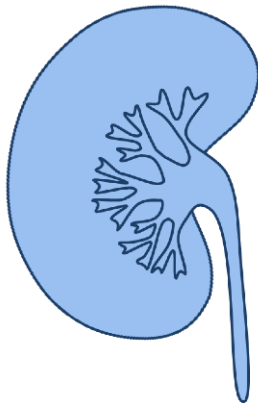
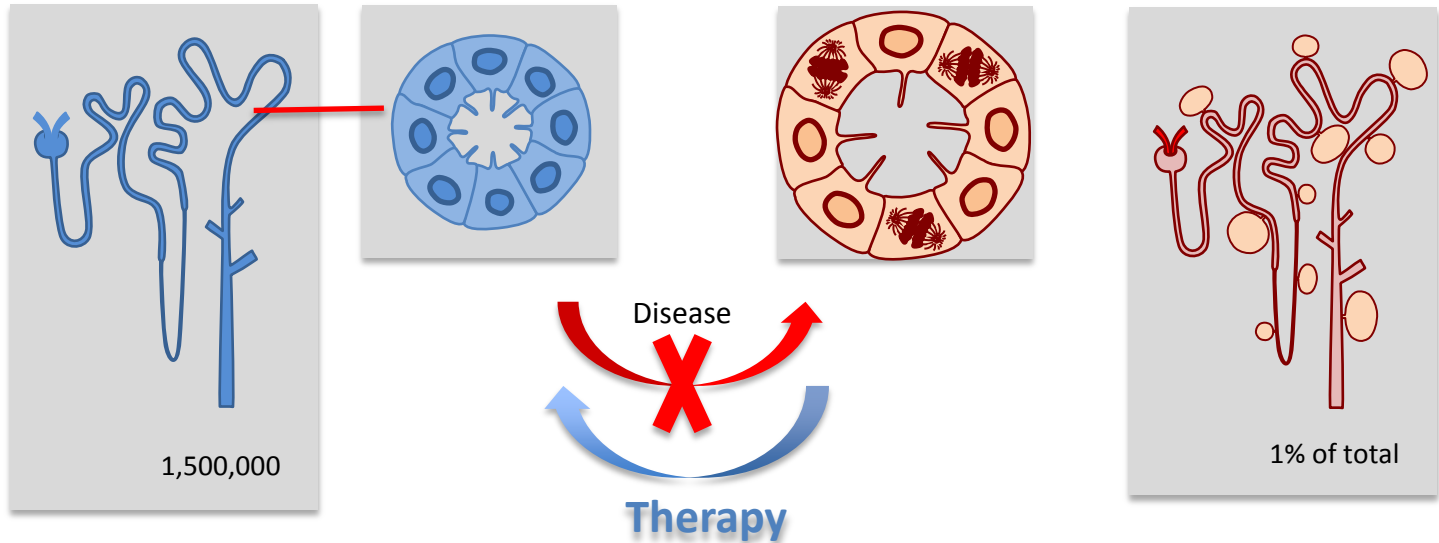
PKD^{-/-} organoids form cysts from tubular cells



Live imaging of PKD cyst formation from tubules



Summary



Normal Human Kidney

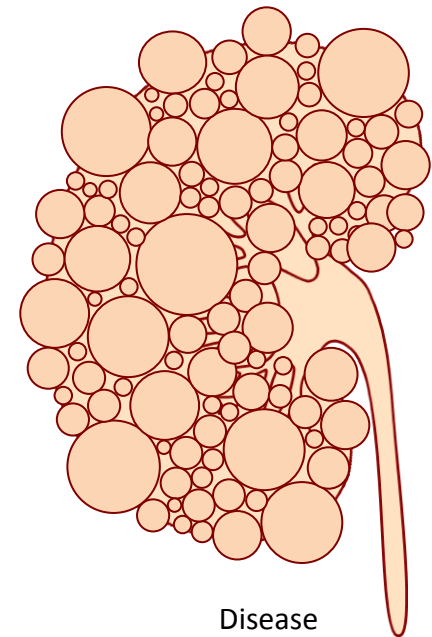
150 g
180 L blood
1.5-2 L urine

Modulating the 3rd hit
e.g. anti-inflammation therapy

Modulating protein trafficking
Chaperone therapy

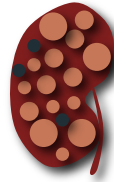
Gene editing
Stem cell therapy

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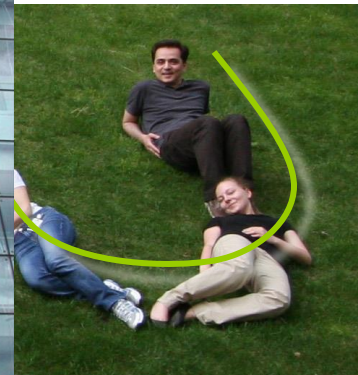
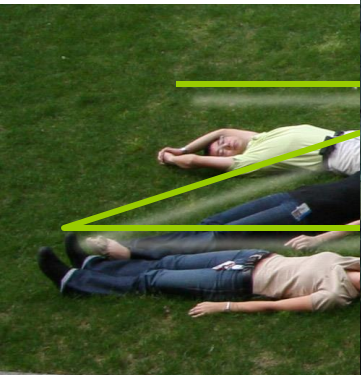


Disease
7,500 g

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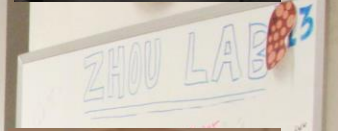
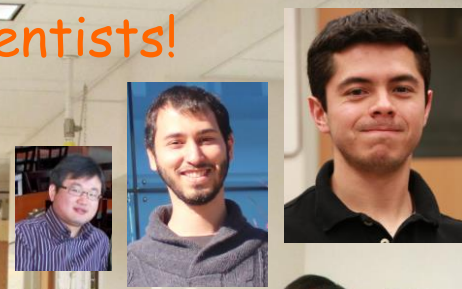


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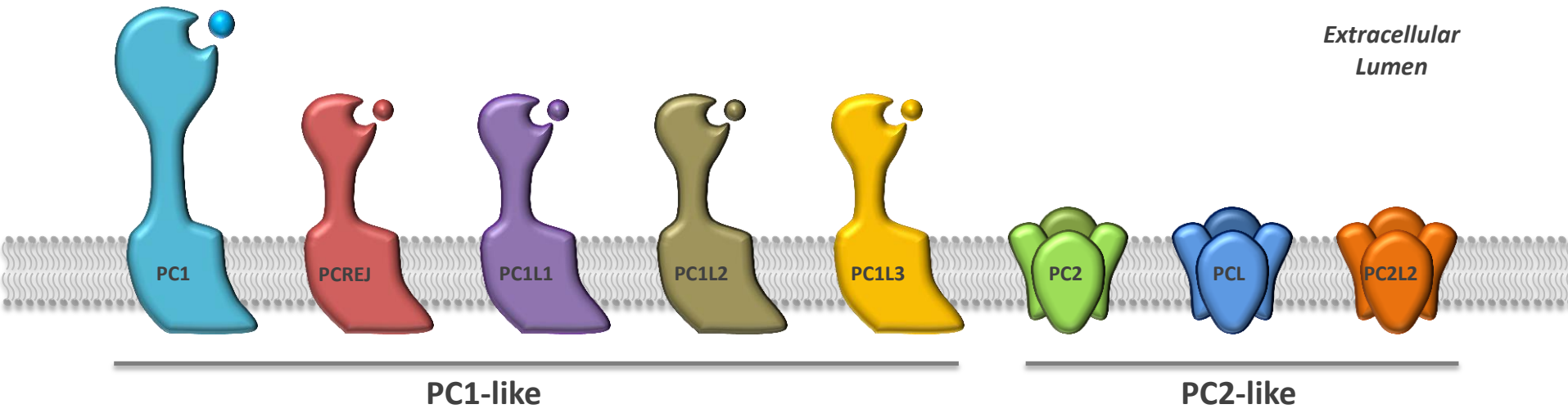


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Polycystin Protein Family



Structural Integrity of Primary Cilia in mouse ortholog of human disease



Surya Nauli

normal

Pkd1 Knockout

