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4 **Detection of hematopoietic stem cell transcriptome in human fetal kidneys**
5 **and kidney organoids derived from human induced pluripotent stem cells**
6 **(iPSC)**

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24 **Abstract**

25 **Background:** In mammals, hematopoietic stem cells (HSC) arise in the dorsal aorta from the
26 hemogenic endothelium, followed by their migration to fetal liver and to bone marrow. In zebrafish,
27 kidney is the site of primary hematopoiesis. In humans, the presence of HSC in the fetal or adult kidney
28 has not been established.

29 **Methods:** We analyzed the presence of HSC markers in human fetal kidneys by analysis of single-cell
30 datasets. We then analyzed in kidney organoids derived from iPSC, the presence of hematopoietic
31 markers using transcriptome analyses.

32 **Results:** 12 clusters were identified of stromal, endothelial, and nephron cell type-specific markers in
33 the two fetal stage (17 weeks) kidney datasets. Among these, expression of hematopoietic cells in
34 Cluster 9 showed expression of primitive markers. Moreover, whole transcriptome analysis of our iPSC-
35 derived kidney organoids revealed induction of the primitive hematopoietic transcription factor RUNX1
36 as found in the human fetal kidney cortex.

37 **Conclusions:** These finding support the presence of cells expressing HSC transcriptome in human
38 kidney. The mechanisms of the appearance of the cells with the same transcriptional features during
39 iPSC-derived kidney organoid generation requires further investigation.

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41 **Keywords:** Transcriptome analysis, hematopoietic stem cells (HSC), human fetal kidney, human
42 kidney organoids, human induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSC)

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44 **Introduction**

45 Hematopoietic stem cells (HSC) are characterized by their capacity of both self-renewal and
46 differentiation into blood and immune cell lineages throughout the life of the individual in a stem cell-
47 regulating microenvironment, or HSC niche. HSC-niche interactions in bone marrow, liver and kidney
48 have been extensively studied using vertebrate animal models, including mice, frogs, zebrafish, and
49 chickens [1,2]. During mammalian hematopoiesis, the most primitive hematopoietic cells migrate from
50 the aorta–gonad–mesonephros (AGM) region to the fetal liver and to the bone marrow which is the site
51 of adult hematopoiesis [1]. However, the persistence of some degree of hematopoietic activity in adult
52 tissues is possible as this has been suggested by the discovery of donor-derived chimeric hematopoiesis
53 after liver transplantation showing the contribution of donor-derived cells to hematopoiesis [3]. To our
54 knowledge, there has been no study analyzing the possibility of donor-derived hematopoiesis after
55 kidney transplantation. It should be reminded that in the majority of cases, kidney transplants are
56 performed using kidneys from deceased donors [4,5]. HSC-kidney niche interactions have been studied
57 in many reports. For example, zebrafish kidney stromal cell lines can support and maintain early
58 hematopoietic precursors and differentiation of lymphoid, myeloid, and erythroid precursors [4].

59 Recent advances in single-cell RNA sequencing technology are leading to new discoveries and
60 validation in fetal organs and organoids [5–7]. Here, we first analyzed the presence of transcriptional
61 markers of HSC in fetal kidneys through analysis of a single-cell dataset described by Lindström NO
62 et al [5–7]. We then performed a transcriptome analysis of iPSC-derived kidney organoids. We show
63 that HSC-related markers can be detected in both in fetal kidneys and the human iPSC-derived kidney
64 organoids.

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66 **Results**

67 **Human fetal kidney cortex harbors cells expressing hematopoietic transcripts**

68 Single cell transcriptome is a powerful technology to investigate cell heterogeneity in a tissue.
69 Lindström NO et al [5–7] performed these experiments in cortexes tissues isolated from two human
70 fetal kidneys (17 weeks) by 10X genomics technology. This work allowed us to perform in silico

71 analyses. To this end, we merged and analyzed with Seurat package the 2 respective MTX files
72 generated by cell ranger in order to suppress batch error and performed downstream unsupervised
73 analysis. To build the common matrix of the two samples, genes which were found expressed in
74 minimum 5 cells by sample were conserved. After merging of the data from the two kidney samples,
75 the Seurat digital matrix comprised 7860 cells for 18119 transcripts. During batch correction with
76 canonical correlation, we observed that the 2 kidney samples were found well superposed in first
77 factorial map of canonical correlation (Fig. S1a) and the shared correlation strength decrease on the
78 thirty components of canonical correlation (Fig. S1b). tSNE analysis on the common variable genes on
79 the 40 principal components of the principal component analysis allowed to identify 12 clusters (Fig.
80 1a) reproducible in both kidneys (Fig. S1c). Major of the tSNE central cells comprising clusters 3,2,0,1
81 expressed mesoderm transcription factor TCF21 (Fig. 1a and Fig. S2), also expression of TCF21 is
82 positive in cells from cluster 6 which highly expressed matrix molecules such as Lumican (LUM) (Fig.
83 1a and Fig. S2) Decorin (DCN) and Collagens (COL3A1, COL1A1, COL1A2) (Fig. 1b). In cluster 4,
84 cells were found to be positive for KDR (Fig. 1a) and CD34 (data not shown), suggesting an expression
85 profile corresponding to endothelial cells. Cells identified in cluster 7 have a high expression of
86 downstream NOTCH pathway transcription factor HEY1 such as cells from cluster 0 which are central
87 proximal from this position during tSNE analysis (Fig. 1a). Some cluster of cells which are left eccentric
88 (clusters 8 and 11) expressed tubular markers such as FXYD2 (Fig. 1a and Fig. S2) encoding the
89 sodium/potassium-transporting ATPase subunit gamma. Cluster of cells number 10, also left eccentric
90 during tSNE analysis expressed some podocyte markers such as PTPRO: Protein Tyrosine Phosphatase,
91 Receptor Type O (Fig. 1a and Fig. S2), but also SOST: Sclerostin and PODXL: podocalyxin like (Fig.
92 1b). Cluster of cells number 5 expressed specifically the renin molecule a well-known renal molecule
93 (Fig. 1a and Fig. S2). These results suggest that tSNE analysis performed post canonical analysis in
94 these 2 merged samples reflect the cell diversity compatible with kidney organ at this stage of
95 development described in the original paper [8]. Surprisingly, in unsupervised tSNE analysis of human
96 kidney cortex, we found the left-top eccentric cluster number 9 (Fig. 1a) which is principally defined
97 by the specific expression of SRGN (Fig. 1a, Fig. 2a and Table S1). Serglycin (SRGN) is known to be

98 a hematopoietic cell granule proteoglycan. In this cluster of cells, there is also a specific expression of
99 hematopoietic cluster of differentiation such as PTPRC alias CD45 and CD44 (Fig. 2b). Some
100 molecules such as CD74 and HLA-DRA implicated in antigen presenting cells functionalities are also
101 expressed in this cluster of cells (Fig. 2c). Interestingly, a fraction of cells from cluster 9 also expressed
102 primitive hematopoietic transcription factors such as SPI1 (alias PU.1) and RUNX1 (Fig. 2d). Some of
103 the cells from the same cluster also expressed CXCR4 receptor which is well known to be expressed
104 on primitive human hematopoietic cells for their homing function. This original results on cluster 9
105 suggest the presence of cells with hematopoietic transcriptome with some of them expressing primitive
106 markers in the human kidney cortex at fetal stage (17 weeks).

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108 **Generation and characterization of iPSC-derived kidney organoids.**

109 Human iPSC-derived kidney organoids have been generated as previously described [9]. Briefly, iPSC
110 aggregates were generated in E8 media and Geltrex matrix leading to spontaneous formation of complex
111 kidney organoids at days 12-14 of the culture. (Fig. 3a). We characterized iPSC-derived kidney
112 organoids using whole-mounting staining with confocal imaging. As can be seen in Fig. 3b, glomeruli-
113 like structures, which contained cells that stained for the nephron marker Nephtrin were easily identified
114 [10]. Moreover, ultrastructure analyses revealed cell-cell junctions and the podocyte foot process
115 formation in kidney organoids (Fig. 3c).

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117 **Detection of a hematopoietic transcriptome program iPSC-derived kidney organoids**

118 We performed, in duplicate, whole transcriptome analysis of iPSC derived kidney organoids as
119 compared to native iPSC with Clariom S human technology. After RMA normalization, we identified
120 3546 differentially expressed genes (DEG) with LIMMA algorithm (Fig. 4a) comprising 1432 up-
121 regulated genes. This DEG profile allowed to discriminate experimental sample groups by unsupervised
122 classification (Fig. 4b). After functional enrichment on WikiPathway database, we identified a
123 hematopoietic program in iPSC-derived kidney organoids. Especially, we uncovered an up regulation
124 of RUNX1 and CD34 corresponding to genes expressed in hematopoietic stem cells and that of FLI1,

125 CXCR4, MXI1 downstream at erythrocyte and megakaryocyte progenitor levels. There was also a
126 repression of MYB megakaryocytic repressor (Fig. 4c). These results suggest the implication of a
127 hematopoietic transcriptional program in our iPSC-derived kidney organoids and especially induction
128 of the primitive hematopoietic transcription factor RUNX1 which was also detectable at the single cell
129 level (Fig. 2d) in human ex vivo fetal kidney cortex.

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131 **Discussion**

132 The involvement of kidney in hematopoiesis has been clearly demonstrated in zebrafish [11]. In
133 humans, the most primitive hematopoietic cells arise from mesodermal lineage in AGM through
134 hemogenic endothelium [12]. Kidney is also a tissue developed from mesoderm but the presence of
135 cells with HSC transcriptome has not been studied. Here, we first analyzed the HSC markers in fetal
136 kidney through analysis of fetal kidney single cell dataset analyses. In human fetal kidney cortex, we
137 found some cells expressing RUNX1 in a cluster of cells which harbored expression hematopoietic
138 markers (Cluster 9 on Fig. 1a and 1b). In cluster 9 of human fetal kidney sc-RNAseq, high expression
139 of hematopoietic markers was confirmed by the presence of Serglycin (SRGN)-positive cells (Fig. 2a)
140 as well as cells expressing PTPRC alias CD45 Leukocyte Common Antigen and CD44 (receptor of
141 hyaluronic acid) (Fig. 2b). Serglycin (alias hematopoietic proteoglycan core protein) is a protein found
142 in secretory granules of myeloid cells as well as in platelets. Our analysis showed also the presence of
143 cells positive for MHC class II molecule HLA-DRA and CD74 (Fig. 2c) and most interestingly, cells
144 expressing of hematopoietic transcription factors SPI1 and RUNX1 (Fig. 2d). Finally, in this cluster 9
145 of fetal kidney we found a higher expression of CXCR4 receptor of CXCL12 implicated in migration
146 properties of HSCs (Fig. 2e). All these results allowed to suggest the presence of cells harboring
147 hematopoietic transcriptome in human fetal kidney.

148 We then analyzed the transcriptome of iPSC-derived kidney organoids and performed differential
149 expression analysis of the kidney organoid versus parental iPSCs. Microarray analysis revealed
150 important regulation of transcriptional program of these cells during their differentiation (Fig. 4a). This
151 differentially expressed program allowed to discriminate group samples by unsupervised classification

152 (Fig. 4b). After functional enrichment performed on up-regulated genes during the differentiation
153 process of the iPSC-derived kidney organoids, we observed the induction of HSC markers such as
154 RUNX1 and CD34 (Fig. 4c). It is well established that RUNX1 along with a cis-regulatory elements
155 integrating the GATA, ETS, and SCL transcriptional networks, plays a major role in HSC generation
156 [13]. We also found induction of FLI1 during the differentiation of iPSC-derived kidney organoid. SPI1
157 (alias PU.1), the main target downstream RUNX1 [14] is also a master regulator of hematopoiesis as
158 it prevents excessive HSC division and exhaustion by controlling the transcription of multiple cell-
159 cycle regulators [15]. Association of SPI1 and RUNX1 are comprised in a combination of 7
160 transcription factors which are sufficient to convert hemogenic endothelium into hematopoietic stem
161 and progenitor cells that engraft myeloid, B and T cells in primary and secondary mouse recipients [16].
162 In transcriptome analyses of iPSC-derived kidney organoids, we found an up-regulation of MYB which
163 is known to participate to cell fate decisions between erythropoiesis and megakaryopoiesis in human
164 hematopoiesis [17]. Amongst the hematopoietic transcripts identified in human fetal kidney cortex, we
165 have also detected the expression of which, CXCR4 in relation with its ligand CXCL12, is involved in
166 homing of hematopoietic cells to the bone marrow [18].

167 Our data has some limitations including the fact we can not exclude the presence of mesodermal cells
168 undergoing the fate of hematopoietic differentiation during our kidney organoid differentiation.
169 Secondly, we could not identify the presence of cells with HSC functionality (self-renewal;
170 differentiation) in the current experiments. However these data suggest that at some point during
171 embryonic development, a special “kidney niche” could appear transiently in humans. The
172 identification of such a niche or its molecular counterparts could be of major interest to amplify human
173 HSC for transplantation purposes, such has been described in zebrafish [4,19]. It is known that zebrafish
174 embryonic stromal trunk (ZEST) cells derived from the HSC emergence site are functionally similar to
175 the mammalian AGM niche cells. Moreover, ZEST cells and kidney cell lines have similar signaling
176 properties. [19,20]. Our results suggest that a “kidney microenvironmental niche” niche could be of
177 interest to generate conditions for HSC culture and expansion.

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179 **Materials and Methods**

180 • **KEY RESOURCES TABLE**

| REAGENT or RESOURCE | SOURCE | IDENTIFIER |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Antibodies | | |
| Nephrin | Abcam | ab85379 |
| DAPI | Sigma-aldrich | D9542 |
| Chemicals, Peptides, and Recombinant Proteins | | |
| Essential 8 basal medium | Thermo Fisher Scientific | A1516901 |
| Essential 8 supplement | Thermo Fisher Scientific | A1517101 |
| Geltrex® LDEV-Free Reduced Growth Factor Basement Membrane Matrix | Thermo Fisher Scientific | A1413202 |
| ROCK inhibitor | Global stem | GSR-6102 |
| REAGENT or RESOURCE | SOURCE | IDENTIFIER |
| Experimental Models : Cell Lines | | |
| Human iPSC: PB33 | Human | - |
| Osmium tetroxide solution | Sigma-aldrich | 75632 |
| Glutaraldehyde grade I | Sigma-aldrich | G5882 |
| Software and Algorithms | | |
| ImageJ | | |

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182 **Generation of iPSC**

183 The iPSC line used in this study was generated using Sendai virus-mediated gene transfer of the four

184 “Yamanaka” factors as previously described (9).

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186 **Generation of Kidney organoids**

187 iPSCs were maintained on Geltrex (Stem Cell Technologies, Inc) coated flat culture dish in E8 media
188 (Stem Cell Technologies, Inc) according to manufacturer's guidelines. Colonies were manually
189 harvested at 60-80% confluence. Cells were then collected and dissociated into single cells using EDTA.
190 Cells (1×10^6 or 1×10^5 /well) were put onto ultra low attachment 24 well or 96 well plate (Corning,
191 Inc) to allow them to form aggregated in suspension with ROCK inhibitor (2-5 μmol). Cell aggregates
192 were cultured in E8 medium (Stem Cell Technologies) with daily medium change for 6-7 days. Control
193 iPSC-A (iPSC-aggregates) were plated on a Geltrex (Stem Cell Technologies) in 96 well plate or 8 well
194 culture chamber. And then aggregates were treated E8 medium (Stem Cell Technologies) with daily
195 medium change for 12-14 days. Images were taken using a NIKON microscope.

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197 **Whole-mount immunostaining of 3D kidney organoids**

198 Kidney organoids cultured on 96-well culture dishes were washed with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS),
199 fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde in PBS for 120 min, permeabilized with 0.2% Triton X-100 (Sigma)
200 in PBS and blocked in 10% serum. For nephrin staining, the antibody (Nephrin (Cat#ab85379; Abcam)
201 was diluted in PBS containing 10% serum and washed in PBS. Samples were incubated with secondary
202 antibodies in antibody dilution buffer, then washed in PBS. Nuclei were labeled with DAPI mounting
203 medium. Visualization and capture were realized with a Zeiss confocal microscope.

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205 **Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)**

206 Kidney organoids were gently centrifuged, and pelleted before the TEM process as follows. The cells
207 were fixed in 2.5% glutaraldehyde in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) for 1h at 4°C, washed in PBS,
208 and fixed in 1% osmium tetroxide in PBS for 1h. They were dehydrated in ascending series of graded
209 ethyl alcohols, then in acetone. Each sample was infiltrated with the resin before being embedded in
210 epoxy resin and polymerized for 72h. Semi-thin sections of about 0.5 to 1 μm were obtained and colored
211 with Toluidine blue before being examined via a light microscope with an associated digital camera,

212 hooked to a computer for image processing and editing (Leica DC 300). Ultra thin sections of about
213 60/90 nm were contrasted with heavy metals (uranyl acetate and lead citrate) and were examined using
214 a Jeol 1010 transmission electron microscope at an accelerated voltage of 80kV. Images were
215 photographed on digital images Gatan Digital Micrograph : brure Erlangen 500w : camera and edited
216 by Image J and Microsoft Power Point.

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218 **Human fetal single cell transcriptome analysis**

219 Dataset GSE112570 of Single Cell RNA-Sequencing allow to explore cellular heterogeneity of human
220 kidney cortical nephrogenic niche [8]. Experiments were performed with technology 10X Genomics
221 single-cell RNA sequencing on two human kidney samples (17 weeks) respectively indexed in Gene
222 Expression Omnibus (GEO) database: GSM3073088, GSM3073089. Molecular index was realized:
223 Chromium Single Cell 3' v2 single cell RNA-Seq of poly A selected mRNA kit (10X Genomics) and
224 Sequencing was processed on NextSeq 500 (Illumina). Bioinformatics base call by bcl2fastq v. 2.17;
225 reads were mapped using STAR 2.5.1b (Genome: GRCh37) and count tables were generated using the
226 Cell Ranger software version 1.3.1. Downstream bioinformatics single cell transcriptome analyses were
227 performed in R software version 3.4.3. Digital matrix were built with both 10X MTX files and merged
228 in Seurat R-package version 2.3.0 [5] with package dependencies of matrix version 1.2-12, cowplot
229 0.9.2 and ggplot2 version 2.2.1 [21]. Batch correction was performed with canonical correlation on
230 thirty dimensions before mathematical dimension reduction with tSNE algorithm. Also, dplyr library
231 version 0.7.4 was used to generate intermediate table of best genes by cluster. Bioinformatics code to
232 perform these single cell analyses was deposited at the following web address:
233 <https://github.com/cdesterke/hskidney/>.

234 **Kidney organoid microarray analysis**

235 Microarray Clariom S human was done on process total RNA from human WT iPSC and its derived
236 kidney organoids in duplicates [9]. Expression matrix was built with CEL files generated on Affymetrix
237 Station and normalized by RMA method with TAC version 4.0 software (Appliedbiosystems) (Irizarry
238 et al., 2003). Differential expressed genes were estimated with linear models for microarray data

239 (LIMMA) algorithm by using a false discovery rate threshold less 5 percent [22]. Functional enrichment
240 analysis on differential expressed genes was performed on WikiPathway database.

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242 **Author Contributions**

243 JWH and AGT conceived, designed, analyzed data and wrote the manuscript. JWH performed all
244 organoids experiments and performed confocal laser scanning microscopy with analysis. JLD
245 performed TEM, CD analyzed bioinformatics data, ABG, FG, AGT analyzed data and supervised the
246 project. JWH, CD and AGT wrote the paper.

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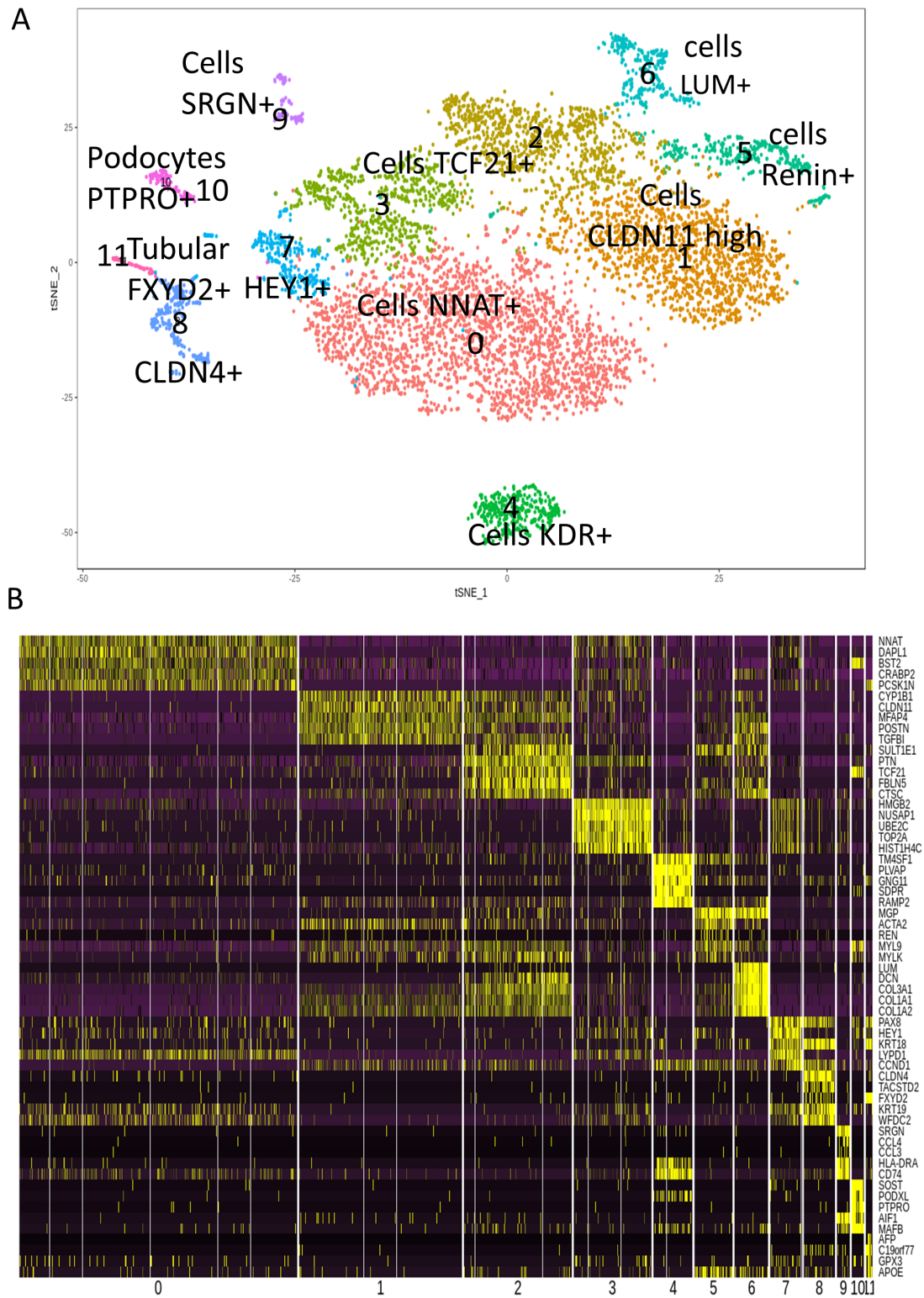
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303 **Figures**



305 **Fig. 1 Cell heterogeneity in human fetal kidney cortex by single cell transcriptome.**

306 **a** tSNE plot with eleven cell clusters from the combined analysis of the merged fetal kidney cortex (2
307 human kidneys 17 weeks; 7860 cells) after canonical correlation.

308 **b** Heatmap with the expression pattern of the top five cluster-specific genes in 11 clusters identified in
309 human fetal kidney cortex.

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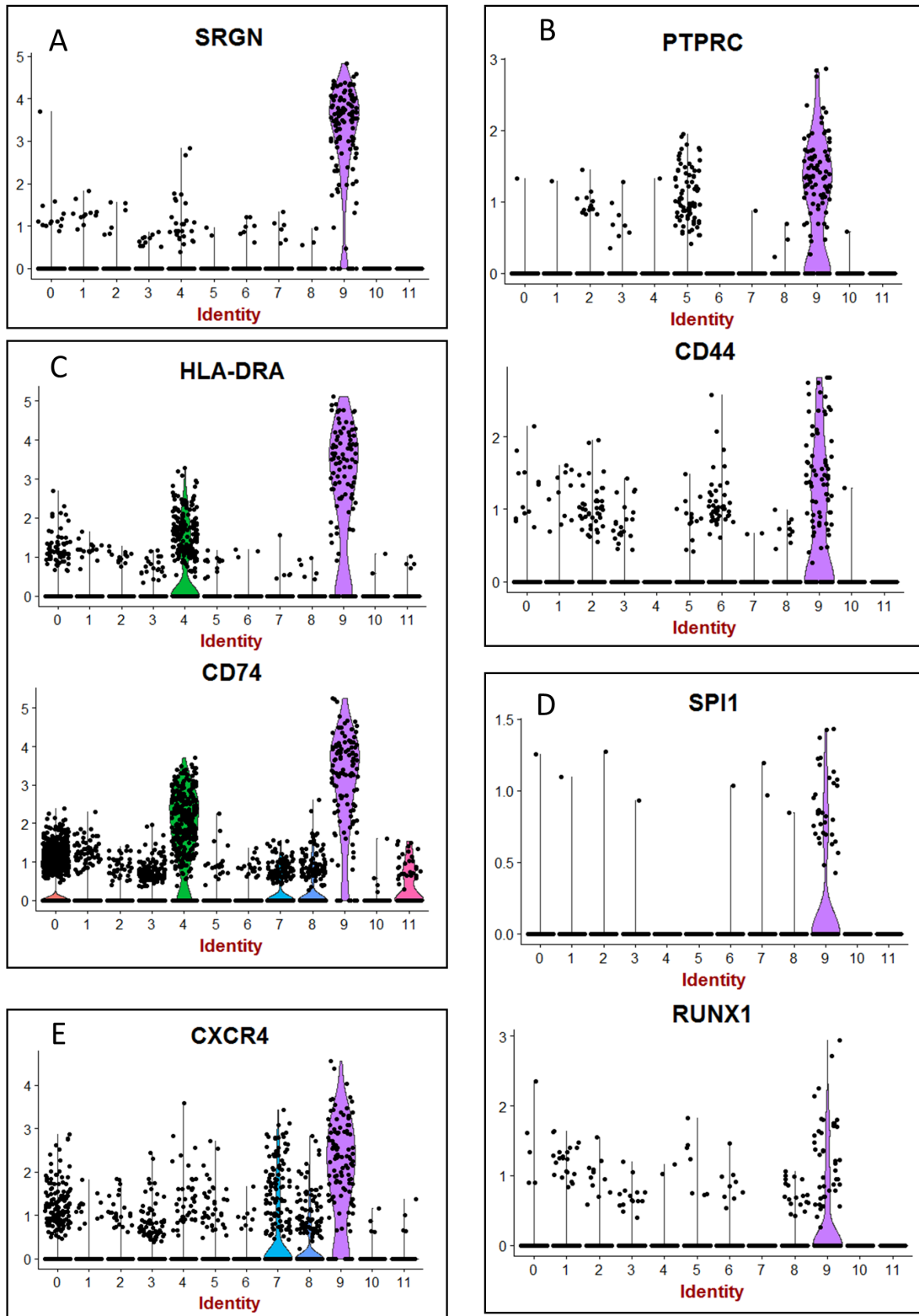


Figure 2

327 **Fig. 2 Hematopoietic transcripts detected in human fetal kidney cortex by single cell RNA**
328 **sequencing.**

329 **a** Violinplot of SRGN expression.

330 **b** Violinplot of hematopoietic clusters of differentiation (PTPRC Alias CD45).

331 **c** Violinplot of expression of transcripts of differentiated hematopoietic cells (HLA-DRA: HLA-DR
332 Alpha).

333 **d** Violinplot of expression of SPI1 (PU.1) and RUNX1.

334 **e** Violinplot of expression for CXCR4 receptor.

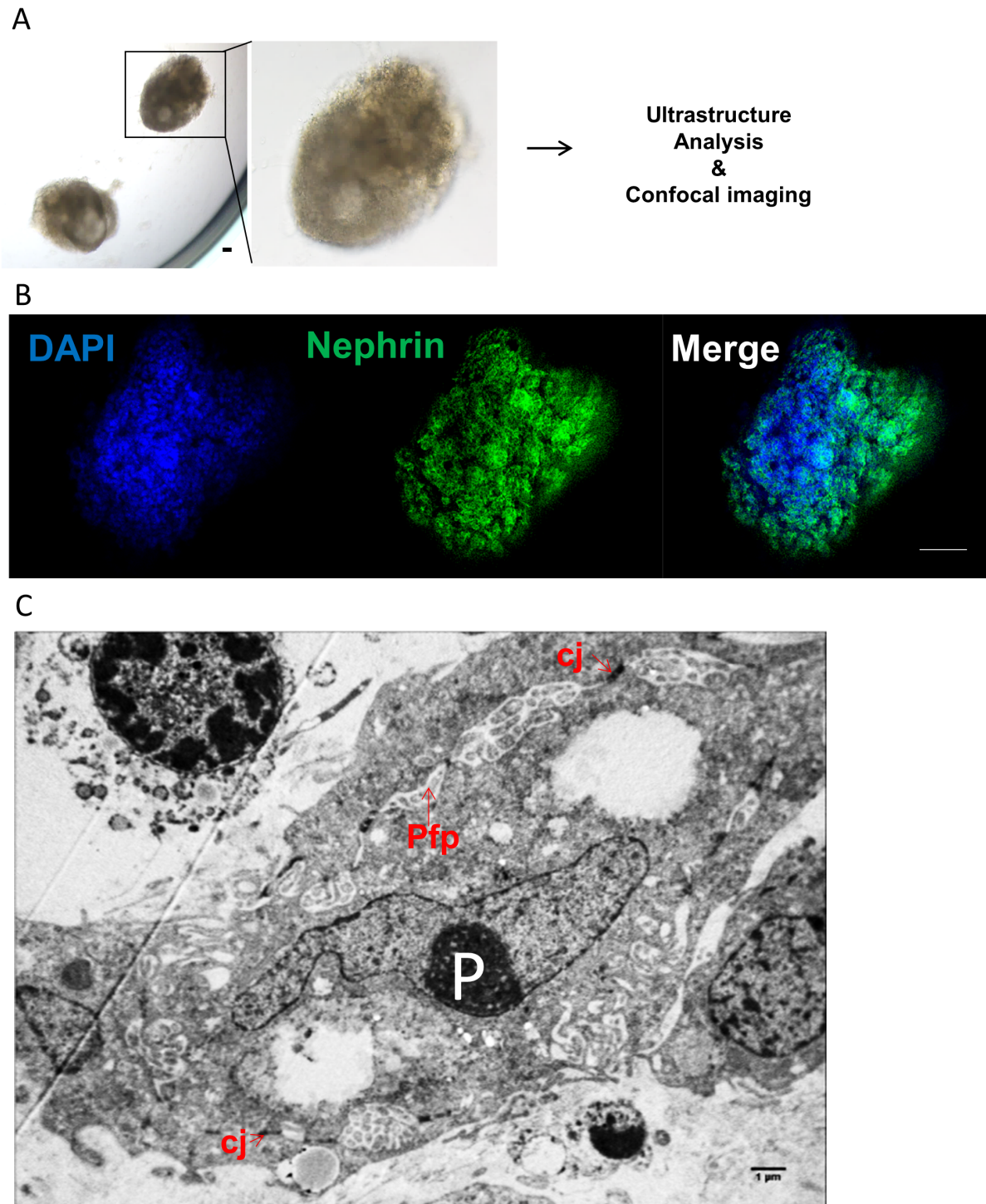


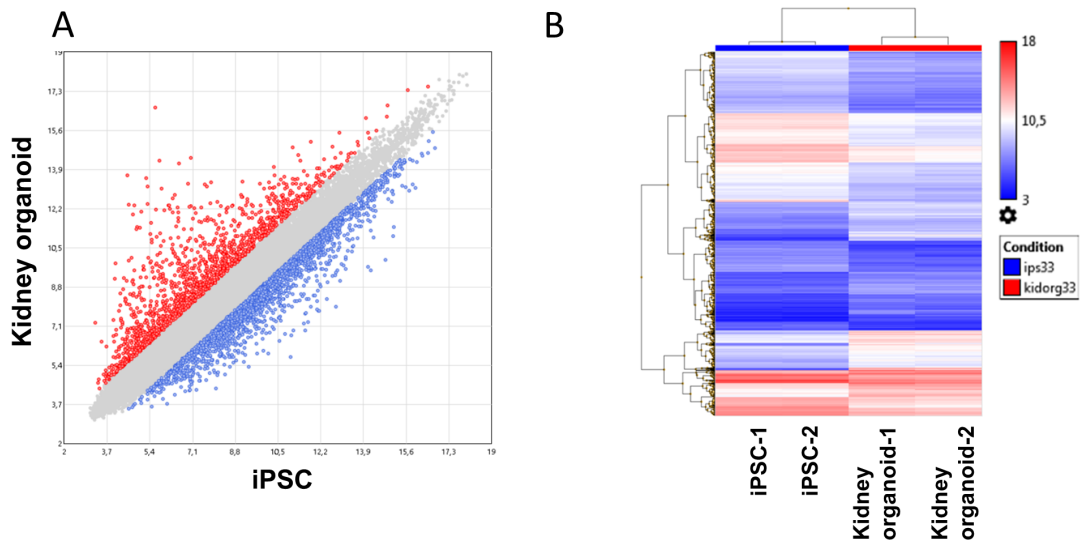
Figure 3

336 **Fig. 3 Characterization of human iPSC-derived kidney organoids.**

337 **a** Optical image of iPSC-derived kidney organoids at day+14. Scale bar : 100 μm .

338 **b** Confocal analysis and whole-mount staining for Nephtrin in iPSC-derived kidney organoids showing
339 nephron vesicles. Scale bar : 50 μm .

340 **c** Representative electron microscopy image of podocytes in iPSC-derived kidney organoid at day+ 14
341 showing podocytes (P), podocyte foot process (Pfp) and cell-cell junctions (cj). Scale bar : 1 μm .



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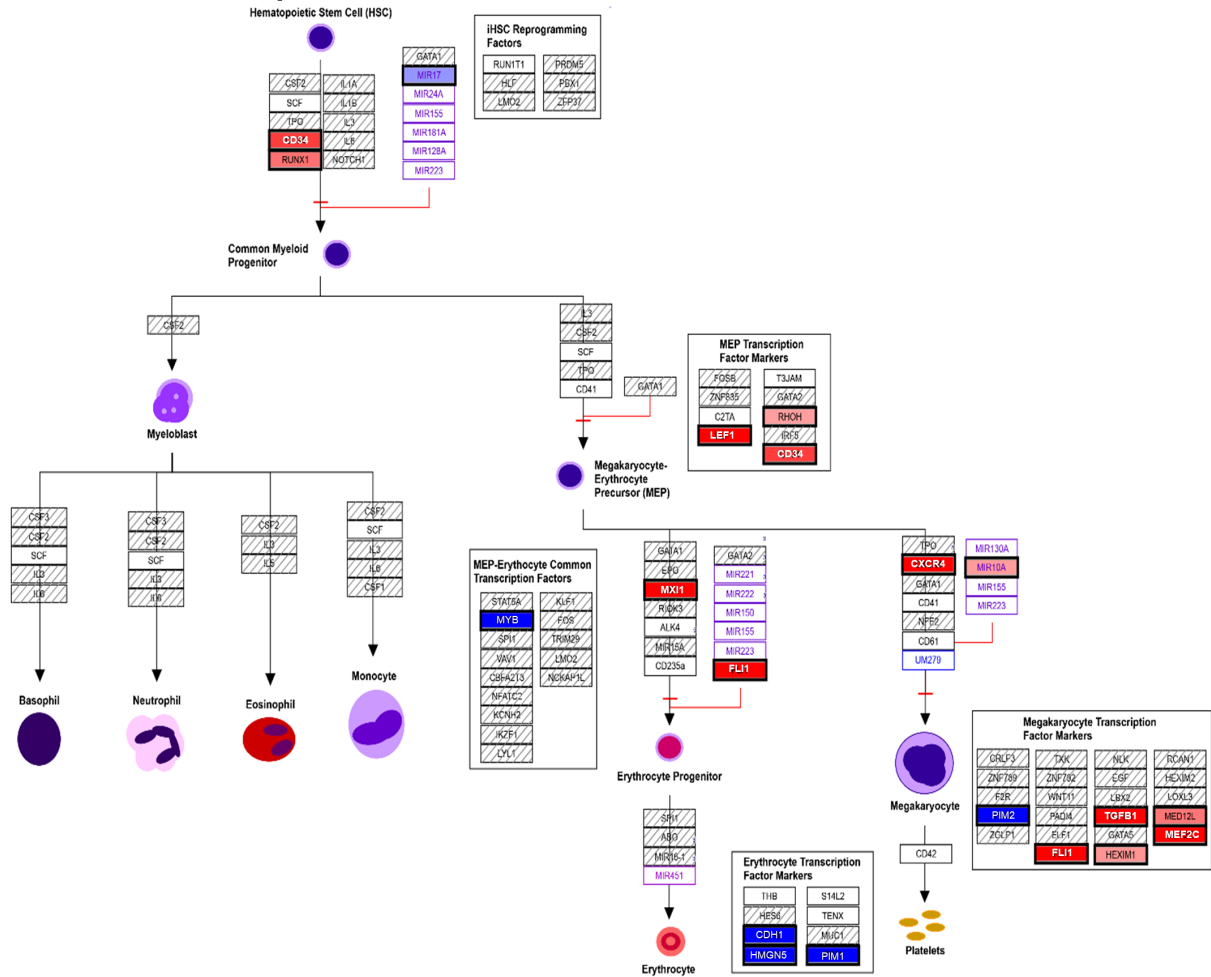


Figure 4

343 **Fig. 4 Transcriptional program induced in kidney organoid derived from human iPSC.**

344 **a** Scatterplot of differential expressed genes found in transcriptome of kidney organoid versus iPSC.

345 **b** Expression heatmap with unsupervised classification performed on differentially expressed genes
346 induced during kidney organoid differentiation from iPSC.

347 **c** Functional enrichment performed on WikiPathway database showing potential implication
348 hematopoietic stem cell function during differentiation of kidney organoid derived from human iPSC.

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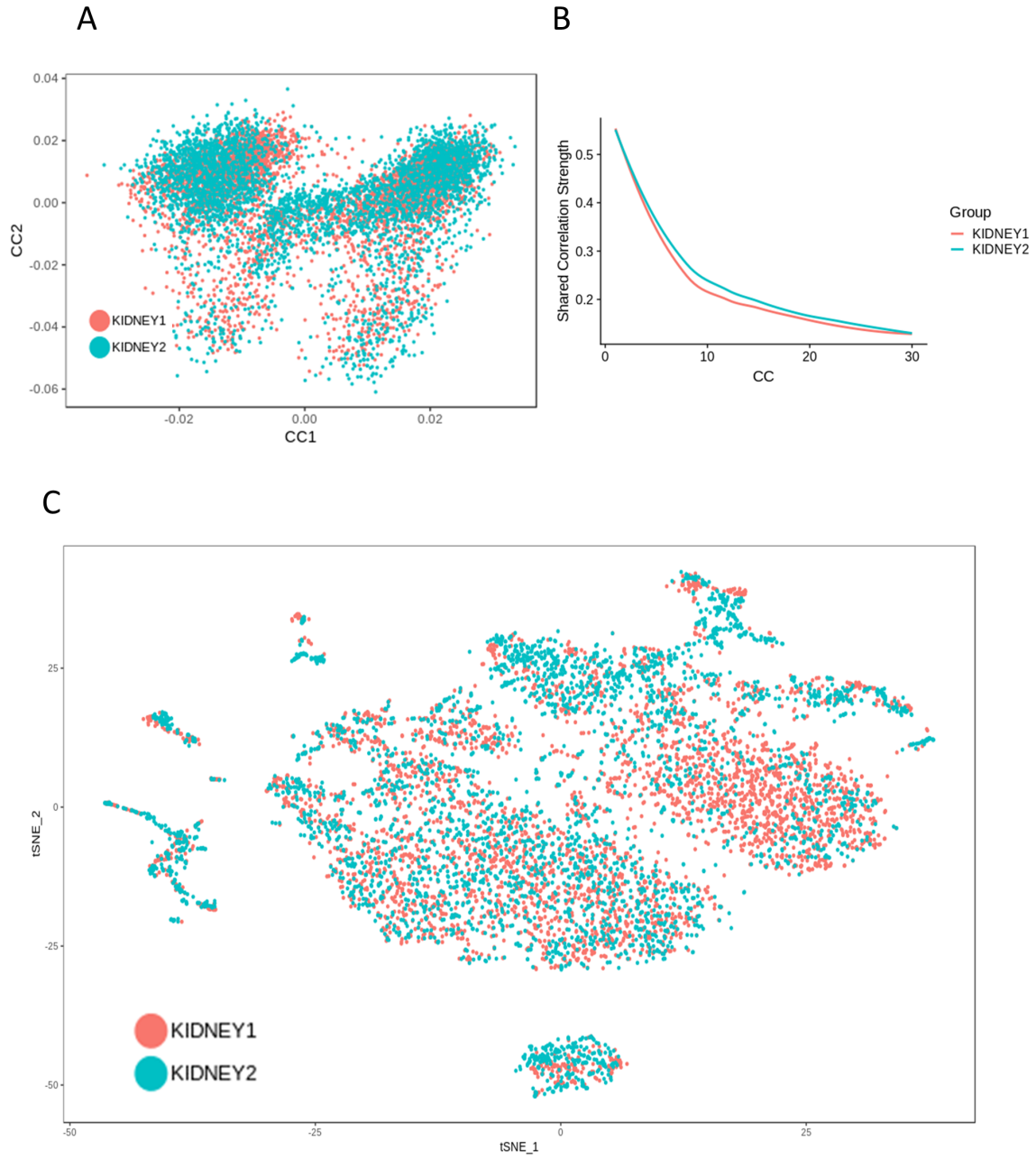
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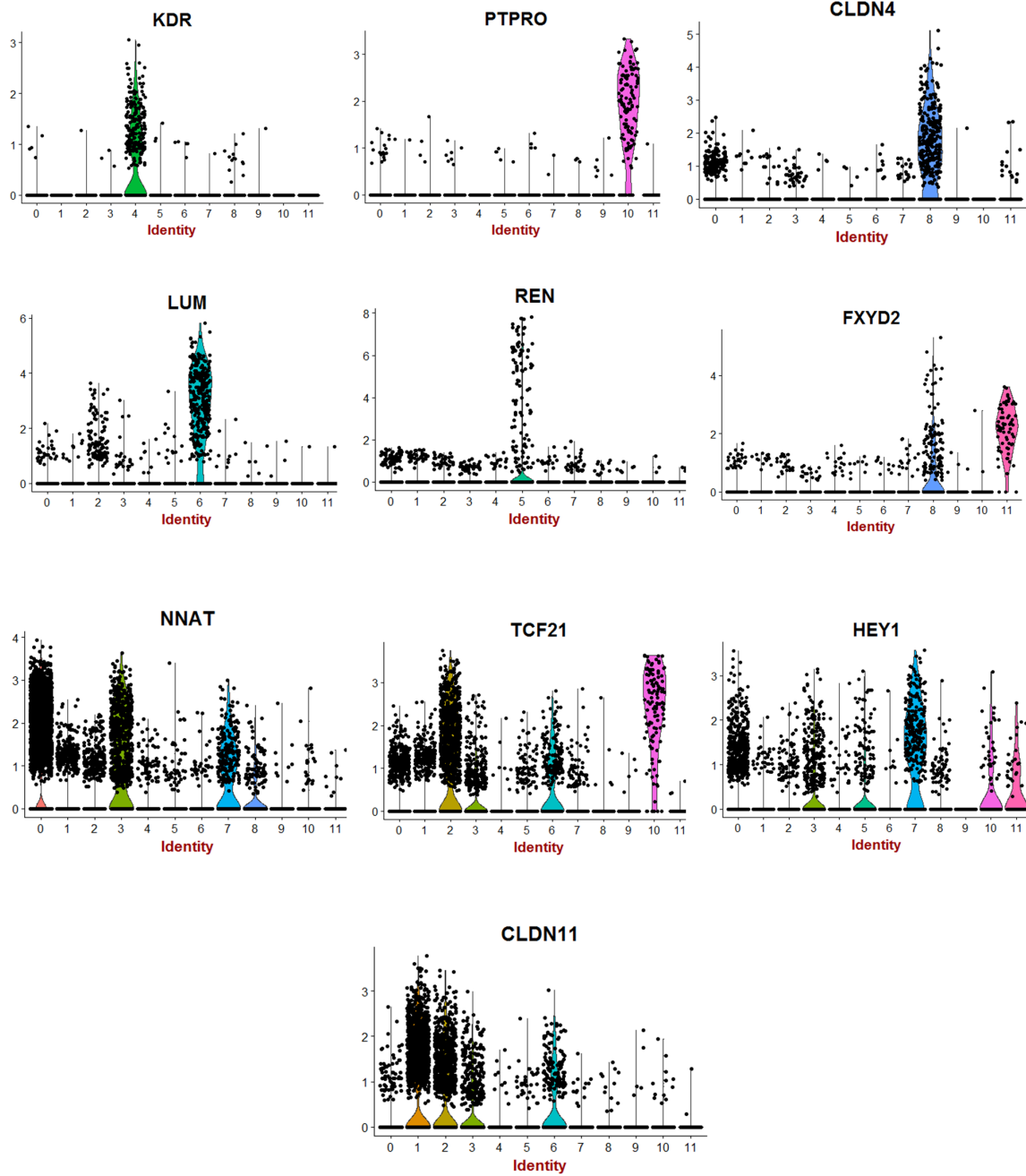
365 **Fig. S1. Canonical correlation with batch correction between the two foetal kidneys process in**
366 **single cell transcriptome.**

367 **(a)** Factorial map showing superposition of the cells from the respective kidney during the canonical
368 correlation.

369 **(b)** Profile of the shared correlation strength between the respective kidneys (30 dimensions); tSNE plot
370 post canonical correlation on the merged 2 kidneys.

371 **(c)** t-SNE dimension reduction of single cell transcriptome from human fetal kidney after batch
372 correction, cells from each kidney (respectively green and red) are plotted with t-SNE dimension
373 reduction algorithm and their distribution in the map confirmed a good batch correction during the
374 analyses (canonical correlation with Seurat R-package).

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Sup fig 2

377 **Fig. S2. Violinplot of cluster markers found in single cell sequencing after merging the fetal cortex**
378 **of two human kidneys.**

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| gene symbol | description | p_val | p_val_adj | avg_logFC cluster 9 / other clusters | percent of cells positives in cluster 9 | percent of cells positives in others clusters |
|-------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| SRGN | serglycin | 0.00000 0e+00 | 0.00000 0e+00 | 3.5101006 | 0.908 | 0.011 |
| TYROBP | TYRO protein tyrosine kinase binding protein | 0.00000 0e+00 | 0.00000 0e+00 | 2.6363035 | 0.842 | 0.003 |
| AIF1 | allograft inflammatory factor 1 | 0.00000 0e+00 | 0.00000 0e+00 | 2.5726665 | 0.875 | 0.039 |
| FCER1G | Fc fragment of IgE receptor Ig | 0.00000 0e+00 | 0.00000 0e+00 | 2.0257601 | 0.825 | 0.007 |
| CORO1A | coronin 1A | 0.00000 0e+00 | 0.00000 0e+00 | 1.952294 | 0.825 | 0.028 |
| LAPTM5 | lysosomal protein transmembrane 5 | 0.00000 0e+00 | 0.00000 0e+00 | 1.8567379 | 0.883 | 0.012 |
| HLA-DRA | major histocompatibility complex, class II, DR alpha | 8.59067 3e-278 | 1.55654 4e-273 | 3.3328299 | 0.758 | 0.044 |
| ARHGDI1B | Rho GDP dissociation inhibitor beta | 1.05485 4e-240 | 1.91129 0e-236 | 1.7169804 | 0.825 | 0.063 |
| CXCR4 | C-X-C motif chemokine receptor 4 | 5.16156 8e-214 | 9.35224 5e-210 | 2.3270686 | 0.808 | 0.068 |
| HLA-B | major histocompatibility complex, class I, B | 3.57343 7e-157 | 6.47471 1e-153 | 1.7383077 | 0.858 | 0.109 |
| CD74 | CD74 molecule | 3.49344 9e-115 | 6.32978 0e-111 | 3.0782853 | 0.892 | 0.193 |
| HLA-C | major histocompatibility complex, class I, C | 3.00488 0e-94 | 5.44454 3e-90 | 1.6342965 | 0.908 | 0.219 |
| ARPC1B | actin related protein 2/3 complex subunit 1B | 2.54694 4e-90 | 4.61480 9e-86 | 1.4584647 | 0.800 | 0.183 |
| CYBA | cytochrome b-245 alpha chain | 5.40233 4e-76 | 9.78848 9e-72 | 1.268269 | 0.758 | 0.184 |
| EZR | ezrin | 3.36348 2e-69 | 6.09429 3e-65 | 1.3665193 | 0.800 | 0.226 |
| B2M | beta-2-microglobulin | 3.75702 2e-62 | 6.80734 8e-58 | 1.6959188 | 0.992 | 0.874 |
| FTL | ferritin light chain | 2.62243 9e-52 | 4.75159 7e-48 | 2.2176857 | 0.983 | 0.991 |
| PFN1 | profilin 1 | 3.77142 4e-51 | 6.83344 4e-47 | 1.1018237 | 0.975 | 0.837 |
| GPX1 | glutathione peroxidase 1 | 2.41810 7e-47 | 4.38136 9e-43 | 1.647589 | 0.883 | 0.556 |
| OAZ1 | ornithine decarboxylase antizyme 1 | 2.88077 6e-45 | 5.21967 7e-41 | 0.9077703 | 0.983 | 0.903 |
| ARPC3 | actin related protein 2/3 complex subunit 3 | 2.47218 9e-44 | 4.47935 9e-40 | 1.0166798 | 0.917 | 0.663 |
| SH3BGR1L3 | SH3 domain binding glutamate rich protein like 3 | 2.34788 3e-43 | 4.25412 9e-39 | 1.2094052 | 0.908 | 0.559 |
| SAT1 | spermidine/spermine N1-acetyltransferase 1 | 4.57738 6e-41 | 8.29376 5e-37 | 2.4506195 | 0.883 | 0.584 |
| TMSB4X | thymosin beta 4 X-linked | 2.35164 6e-39 | 4.26094 8e-35 | 0.9379118 | 1.000 | 0.997 |
| TPM3 | tropomyosin 3 | 4.03955 9e-39 | 7.31927 7e-35 | 0.9303993 | 0.867 | 0.486 |
| SQSTM1 | sequestosome 1 | 1.19626 1e-37 | 2.16750 5e-33 | 1.2387851 | 0.833 | 0.377 |
| ARPC2 | actin related protein 2/3 complex subunit 2 | 1.54151 1e-36 | 2.79306 4e-32 | 0.9370998 | 0.908 | 0.695 |
| NEAT1 | nuclear paraspeckle assembly transcript 1 | 1.67148 0e-36 | 3.02855 4e-32 | 1.6546878 | 0.917 | 0.674 |
| CST3 | cystatin C | 1.99687 7e-33 | 3.61814 2e-29 | 2.1934329 | 0.792 | 0.581 |
| REL | REL proto-oncogene, NF-kB subunit | 7.49099 5e-33 | 1.35729 3e-28 | 1.104068 | 0.758 | 0.357 |
| TPT1 | tumor protein, translationally-controlled 1 | 1.07574 0e-32 | 1.94913 4e-28 | 0.5573017 | 1.000 | 0.999 |
| HSPD1 | heat shock protein family D | 6.13724 3e-31 | 1.11200 7e-26 | 0.7874673 | 0.975 | 0.933 |
| FTH1 | ferritin heavy chain 1 | 1.73854 8e-29 | 3.15007 6e-25 | 1.4701043 | 1.000 | 0.999 |
| UBA52 | ubiquitin A-52 residue ribosomal protein fusion product 1 | 2.63523 9e-28 | 4.77478 9e-24 | 0.4379137 | 0.983 | 0.994 |

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| MCL1 | MCL1, BCL2 family apoptosis regulator | 9.75888 7e-28 | 1.76821 3e-23 | 0.9316168 | 0.758 | 0.393 |
| HSPH1 | heat shock protein family H | 4.92136 8e-26 | 8.91702 7e-22 | 0.8444851 | 0.942 | 0.796 |
| RPLP1 | ribosomal protein lateral stalk subunit P1 | 7.35494 2e-26 | 1.33264 2e-21 | 0.3610463 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| COTL1 | coactosin like F-actin binding protein 1 | 3.24024 6e-25 | 5.87100 1e-21 | 1.0506476 | 0.817 | 0.520 |
| CALM1 | calmodulin 1 | 1.19590 2e-23 | 2.16685 5e-19 | 0.7064824 | 0.900 | 0.609 |
| CLIC1 | chloride intracellular channel 1 | 2.35357 1e-23 | 4.26443 6e-19 | 0.7654192 | 0.850 | 0.560 |
| HSPE1 | heat shock protein family E | 8.89503 9e-23 | 1.61169 2e-18 | 0.6329032 | 0.975 | 0.936 |
| EEF1B2 | eukaryotic translation elongation factor 1 beta 2 | 3.57260 7e-22 | 6.47320 6e-18 | 0.580957 | 0.933 | 0.876 |
| UBC | ubiquitin C | 1.03192 8e-21 | 1.86975 1e-17 | 0.8486491 | 0.992 | 0.950 |
| ATP5E | | 3.13017 8e-21 | 5.67156 9e-17 | 0.4818868 | 0.967 | 0.966 |
| FAU | FAU, ubiquitin like and ribosomal protein S30 fusion | 2.20199 2e-20 | 3.98979 0e-16 | 0.3237957 | 0.992 | 0.998 |
| NPC2 | NPC intracellular cholesterol transporter 2 | 2.95118 1e-20 | 5.34724 6e-16 | 1.1277988 | 0.783 | 0.594 |
| RPLP2 | ribosomal protein lateral stalk subunit P2 | 4.54839 7e-18 | 8.24124 1e-14 | 0.2593048 | 0.992 | 1.000 |
| SERP1 | stress associated endoplasmic reticulum protein 1 | 1.03484 0e-17 | 1.87502 7e-13 | 0.4892011 | 0.867 | 0.669 |
| PABPC1 | poly | 1.15185 5e-15 | 2.08704 5e-11 | 0.4134638 | 0.967 | 0.948 |
| SLC25A5 | solute carrier family 25 member 5 | 1.77520 5e-14 | 3.21649 3e-10 | 0.5403144 | 0.808 | 0.737 |
| EIF1 | eukaryotic translation initiation factor 1 | 2.33957 3e-14 | 4.23907 2e-10 | 0.3121184 | 1.000 | 0.998 |
| SELK | | 2.54124 0e-14 | 4.60447 3e-10 | 0.7817369 | 0.842 | 0.716 |
| S100A11 | S100 calcium binding protein A11 | 6.34918 7e-14 | 1.15040 9e-09 | 0.8247093 | 0.758 | 0.633 |
| SERF2 | small EDRK-rich factor 2 | 9.11704 4e-14 | 1.65191 7e-09 | 0.2917475 | 0.992 | 0.986 |
| NOP10 | NOP10 ribonucleoprotein | 1.15830 4e-13 | 2.09873 1e-09 | 0.5102016 | 0.758 | 0.487 |
| RPS28 | ribosomal protein S28 | 3.75832 5e-13 | 6.80970 9e-09 | 0.2564121 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| CAPZB | capping actin protein of muscle Z-line subunit beta | 4.34631 3e-13 | 7.87508 4e-09 | 0.5952878 | 0.758 | 0.592 |
| RPS29 | ribosomal protein S29 | 8.45317 6e-13 | 1.53163 1e-08 | 0.2746119 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| DNAJB1 | DnaJ heat shock protein family | 1.98858 2e-12 | 3.60311 3e-08 | 0.5654268 | 0.933 | 0.841 |
| SDCBP | syndecan binding protein | 2.47872 7e-12 | 4.49120 5e-08 | 0.6616057 | 0.758 | 0.557 |
| BTG1 | BTG anti-proliferation factor 1 | 2.74069 2e-12 | 4.96586 0e-08 | 0.8923802 | 0.775 | 0.601 |
| PSAP | prosaposin | 9.04875 2e-12 | 1.63954 3e-07 | 0.6605145 | 0.833 | 0.767 |
| DUSP1 | dual specificity phosphatase 1 | 3.68232 5e-11 | 6.67200 4e-07 | 0.4921929 | 0.817 | 0.564 |
| COX4I1 | cytochrome c oxidase subunit 4I1 | 5.71414 4e-11 | 1.03534 6e-06 | 0.2968962 | 0.933 | 0.936 |
| UBE2D3 | ubiquitin conjugating enzyme E2 D3 | 1.19968 1e-10 | 2.17370 2e-06 | 0.3807076 | 0.883 | 0.792 |
| HSP90A A1 | heat shock protein 90 alpha family class A member 1 | 3.30009 0e-10 | 5.97943 4e-06 | 0.4127855 | 1.000 | 0.999 |
| PCBP1 | poly | 5.38698 2e-10 | 9.76067 2e-06 | 0.4278739 | 0.842 | 0.716 |
| YBX1 | Y-box binding protein 1 | 7.68621 0e-10 | 1.39266 4e-05 | 0.3772188 | 0.833 | 0.837 |
| CFL1 | cofilin 1 | 7.88459 0e-10 | 1.42860 9e-05 | 0.2672531 | 0.983 | 0.974 |
| ACTB | actin beta | 1.05218 7e-09 | 1.90645 8e-05 | 0.3932285 | 1.000 | 0.999 |

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| PGK1 | phosphoglycerate kinase 1 | 3.33086 6e-09 | 6.03519 6e-05 | 0.4577908 | 0.758 | 0.643 |
| SUB1 | SUB1 homolog, transcriptional regulator | 3.34726 4e-09 | 6.06490 9e-05 | 0.3576456 | 0.908 | 0.857 |
| H3F3B | H3 histone family member 3B | 3.75381 7e-09 | 6.80154 1e-05 | 0.3144709 | 0.992 | 0.993 |
| DNAJB6 | DnaJ heat shock protein family | 2.32612 9e-07 | 4.21471 3e-03 | 0.4016447 | 0.925 | 0.868 |
| CSTB | cystatin B | 3.19623 7e-07 | 5.79126 1e-03 | 0.4852028 | 0.767 | 0.624 |
| RHOA | ras homolog family member A | 1.30452 7e-06 | 2.36367 2e-02 | 0.2910496 | 0.858 | 0.814 |
| HSPA1A | heat shock protein family A | 2.97978 5e-06 | 5.39907 2e-02 | 0.331032 | 0.942 | 0.994 |
| HSPB1 | heat shock protein family B | 3.51673 7e-06 | 6.37197 5e-02 | 0.4753915 | 0.925 | 0.941 |
| GPBP1 | GC-rich promoter binding protein 1 | 5.38740 6e-06 | 9.76144 1e-02 | 0.4378892 | 0.800 | 0.769 |
| EIF4A1 | eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4A1 | 2.65684 0e-05 | 4.81392 8e-01 | 0.2558842 | 0.958 | 0.966 |
| SRSF7 | serine and arginine rich splicing factor 7 | 1.01351 1e-03 | 1.00000 0e+00 | 0.3631672 | 0.800 | 0.726 |
| GPX4 | glutathione peroxidase 4 | 1.38276 5e-03 | 1.00000 0e+00 | 0.2528755 | 0.817 | 0.758 |
| ENO1 | enolase 1 | 2.66107 9e-02 | 1.00000 0e+00 | 0.2645355 | 0.742 | 0.769 |

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382 **Table S1-Table presenting differential expressed genes found in cluster 9 as compared to others**

383 **clusters in human fetal kidney cortex.**

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