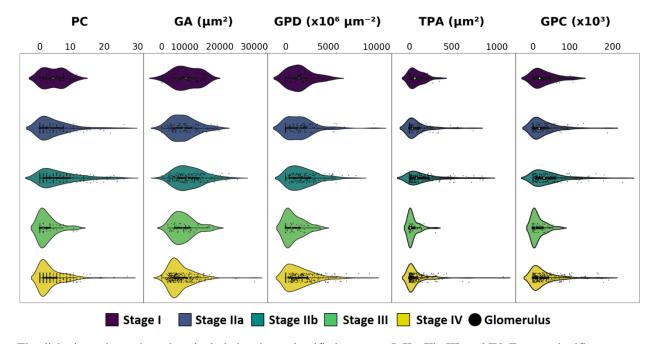
SUPPLEMENT:

PodoCount: A robust, fully automated whole-slide podocyte quantification tool



The diabetic nephropathy cohort included patients classified as stages I, IIa, IIb, III, and IV. Feature significance was compared between diabetic nephropathy stages. Plots illustrate the distribution of feature values across disease stages with each black dot corresponding to a single glomerulus or data point.

 $\label{thm:comprehensive} \textbf{Table S1: A comprehensive feature list including definitions is provided for ease of biological interpretation of computational findings.}$

Feature	Definition
PC	Also referred to as absolute podocyte count. The quantity of podocyte nuclei per glomerulus unit. Given that bi-nucleate podocytes are rare, nuclear enumeration provides an accurate estimation of glomerular podocyte count.
GA	The cross-sectional area of the glomerulus unit.
GPD	Also referred to as glomerular podocyte density. Computed as the ratio of podocyte count to glomerulus area. Approximates the spatial density of podocytes.
TPA	Also referred to as cumulative podocyte area. Computed as the cumulative area of podocyte nuclei for a given glomerulus.
GPC	Also referred to as glomerular podocyte coverage. Computed as the ratio of total podocyte nuclear area to glomerulus cross-sectional area.
PN Area	The cross-sectional area of a podocyte nucleus (PN). Computed as the total number of pixels comprising a segmented PN.
PN Bounding Box Area	The total number of pixels comprising the bounding box of a given PN. Here, the bounding box is the minimum or smallest enclosing box for a point set (PN pixels).
PN Convex Area	The total number of pixels comprising the convex hull of a given PN. Here, the convex hull is the smallest convex polygon enclosing the PN.
PN Eccentricity	The eccentricity of an ellipse fit to the PN. Here, the eccentricity is the ratio of the focal distance over the major axis length. Eccentricity ranges between zero and one, where a value of zero indicates a perfect circle.
PN Equivalent Diameter	The diameter of a circle with the same area as the PN.
PN Extent	The ratio of the PN's area to the PN's bounding box area.
PN Major Axis	The length of the major axis of the ellipse fit to the PN.
PN Minor Axis	The length of the minor axis of the ellipse fit to the PN.
PN Max Pixel Value	The maximum pixel value enclosed within the PN region.
PN Mean Pixel Value	The mean pixel value enclosed within the PN region.
PN Min Pixel Value	The minimum pixel value enclosed within the PN region.
PN Orientation	Given an ellipse fit to the PN, the angle between the ellipse's major axis and a horizontal line through the ellipse.
PN Perimeter	The number of pixels comprising the boundary of the PN.
PN Solidity	The ratio of the PN's area to the PN's convex area.
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PC, podocyte count; GA, glomerulus area, GPD, glomerular podocyte density; TPA, total podocyte area; GPC, glomerular podocyte coverage; PN, '...', podocyte nuclear '...'.

All podocyte nuclear features are recorded as the average value for each glomerular podocyte population.