

1 **Kidney organoids recapitulate human basement membrane assembly in health and**
2 **disease**

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33 **SUMMARY**

34 Basement membranes (BMs) are complex macromolecular networks underlying all
35 continuous layers of cells. Essential components include collagen IV and laminins, which are
36 affected by human genetic variants leading to a range of debilitating conditions including
37 kidney, muscle, and cerebrovascular phenotypes. We investigated the dynamics of BM
38 assembly in human pluripotent stem cell-derived kidney organoids. We resolved their global
39 BM composition and discovered a conserved temporal sequence in BM assembly that
40 paralleled mammalian fetal kidneys. We identified the emergence of key BM isoforms, which
41 were altered by a pathogenic variant in *COL4A5*. Integrating organoid, fetal and adult kidney
42 proteomes we found dynamic regulation of BM composition through development to
43 adulthood, and with single-cell transcriptomic analysis we mapped the cellular origins of BM
44 components. Overall, we define the complex and dynamic nature of kidney BM assembly
45 and provide a platform for understanding its wider relevance in human development and
46 disease.

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48 **KEYWORDS**

49 Extracellular matrix, basement membrane, fetal kidney, glomerular development, organoids,
50 matrisome, collagen IV, laminin, Alport syndrome.

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52 **Impact statement**

53 Kidney organoids are a high-fidelity system for investigating basement membrane regulation
54 in development and disease.

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62 INTRODUCTION

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64 Basement membranes (BMs) surround tissues providing cells with an interface for physical
65 and signaling interactions (Jayadev and Sherwood, 2017). They are composed of laminins,
66 collagen IV, nidogens, heparan-sulfate proteoglycans (Kruegel and Miosge, 2010) and many
67 minor components that combine to form biochemically distinct BMs across different tissues
68 (Randles et al., 2017). BMs play active morphogenic roles that are critical for tissue and cell
69 fate specification (Kyprianou et al., 2020; Li et al., 2003), and variants in BM genes are
70 associated with a broad range of human diseases (Chew and Lennon, 2018; Gatseva et al.,
71 2019). Despite increasing knowledge of BM composition and function there is limited
72 understanding about BM regulation, yet this is required for new mechanistic insights into
73 BM-associated human disease.

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75 BMs form early in embryogenesis through binding interactions with cell surface receptors
76 (Miner and Yurchenco, 2004) and typically an initial laminin network is required for further
77 incorporation of collagen IV, nidogen and perlecan into nascent BMs (Jayadev et al., 2019;
78 Matsubayashi et al., 2017) thus following an assembly hierarchy for *de novo* BM formation.
79 BMs are also highly dynamic, remodeling during morphogenesis to form tissue-specific BMs
80 (Bonnans et al., 2014), such as the glomerular basement membrane (GBM) in the kidney,
81 which functions as a size selective filter. Situated between podocytes and endothelial cells in
82 the glomerular capillary wall, the GBM is formed by the fusion of separate podocyte and
83 endothelial BMs, and further remodeled into a mature GBM. This involves replacement of
84 laminin $\alpha1\beta1\gamma1$ (termed laminin-111) and collagen IV $\alpha1\alpha1\alpha2$ networks by laminin-511 then
85 -521, and collagen IV $\alpha3\alpha4\alpha5$ (Abrahamson et al., 2013; Abrahamson and St John, 1993).
86 These transitions are important for long term GBM function and genetic variants in *COL4A3*,

87 *COL4A4* and *COL4A5* or the laminin gene *LAMB2* cause defective GBMs and human
88 disease (Barker et al., 1990; Zenker et al., 2004).

89 The study of BM assembly is challenging due to the technical difficulties in tracking large,
90 spatiotemporally regulated components. Most understanding about vertebrate BMs comes
91 from immunolocalization and genetic knock-out studies (Abrahamson et al., 2013) and for
92 composition, mass spectrometry (MS)-based proteomics has enabled global analysis (Naba
93 et al., 2016; Randles et al., 2015). Proteomics also allows time course studies, which have
94 provided insight into matrix dynamics during development and in disease progression
95 (Hebert et al., 2020; Lipp et al., 2021; Naba et al., 2017). However, proteomics lacks the
96 spatial context that is captured by localization studies including fluorescent tagging of
97 endogenous proteins. Such investigations in *Drosophila* and *C. elegans* have unraveled
98 dynamic features of BM assembly in embryogenesis and repair (Howard et al., 2019; Keeley
99 et al., 2020; Matsubayashi et al., 2020). The development of a system to study human BM
100 assembly would facilitate investigation of both morphogenesis and disease.

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102 Kidney organoids generated from pluripotent stem cells (PSCs) contain self-organised 3D
103 structures with multiple kidney cell types and they represent an attractive system for
104 investigating early development (Combes et al., 2019b; Takasato et al., 2015). Organoids
105 derived from induced PSCs (iPSCs), reprogrammed from patient somatic cells have further
106 use in personalized disease modelling and therapy screening (Czerniecki et al., 2018;
107 Forbes et al., 2018). The nephron is the functional unit of the kidney and during
108 differentiation, kidney organoids pattern into early nephron structures with clusters of
109 podocytes and endothelial cells, and a complex tubular epithelial system. Furthermore
110 organoids show transcriptomic homology to the first trimester human fetal kidney (Takasato
111 et al., 2015) and differentiation is further advanced by *in vivo* implantation (Bantounas et al.,
112 2018). Whilst understanding about cell types in kidney organoids has progressed

113 significantly, there is a knowledge gap about extracellular matrix and BM assembly during
114 differentiation.

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116 We investigated BM assembly during kidney development using organoids and fetal kidney
117 tissue. With proteomics we defined a complex sequence of BM assembly during organoid
118 differentiation and demonstrated the utility of this experimental system for investigating BM
119 remodelling in both early development and human disease. Furthermore, we compared the
120 organoid matrix to the E19 mouse kidney and adult human kidney matrix and defined the
121 cellular origins of BM components. Overall, we demonstrate that kidney organoids represent
122 a high-fidelity system to study the dynamics of human BM assembly.

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124 **RESULTS**

125 **Kidney organoids form BM networks that are altered with defective *COL4A5***

126 To improve understanding of BM assembly and regulation, we investigated human kidney
127 organoids. We differentiated wild-type iPSCs into intermediate mesoderm cells in 2D culture,
128 and then 3D-kidney organoids (**Figures 1A** and **Figure 1–figure supplement 1A**). We
129 confirmed differentiation to glomerular clusters (WT1⁺/NPHS1⁺/CD31⁺) and CDH1⁺ tubular
130 structures in day 18 organoids (**Figure 1B**) and compared morphology to mouse and human
131 fetal kidney tissue. Day 11 organoids had cell clusters amongst mesenchymal tissue, and at
132 day 14, discernable nephron-like structures (**Figure 1–figure supplement 1A**). At day 18,
133 organoids had regions resembling the nephrogenic zone at embryonic day 19 (E19) in the
134 mouse and between 8-10 wpc in human but lacked distinct cortico-medullary differentiation
135 (**Figures 1C** and **Figure 1–figure supplement 1A-B**). By immunofluorescence, we verified
136 the localization of BM integrin receptors adjacent to laminin⁺ BM-like structures at day 25 of
137 organoid differentiation (**Figure 1–figure supplement 1C**). Using transmission electron
138 microscopy and immunoelectron microscopy, we observed advanced podocyte
139 differentiation with primary podocyte processes and confirmed assembly of laminin⁺ BM

140 structures (**Figure 1D** and **Figure 1–figure supplement 2A-B**). We also detected likely
141 endothelial cells present in glomerular structures (**Figure 1B** and **Figure 1–figure**
142 **supplement 2B**) and a BM-like matrix between podocytes and endothelial cells in day 25
143 organoid glomeruli (**Figure 1–figure supplement 2A-B**). Together, these findings
144 demonstrate that kidney organoids mimic the normal progression of kidney differentiation
145 with the concomitant assembly of BM structures *in vitro*.

146 To determine the role of organoids as a model to study abnormal BMs in kidney disease, we
147 investigated iPSC lines from patients with Alport syndrome (AS), a genetic disorder caused
148 by variants in collagen IV genes (Barker et al., 1990). We selected iPSC lines from a mother
149 and son, both carrying a likely pathogenic X-linked missense variant in *COL4A5*
150 (c.3695G>A; p.Gly1232Asp) and a variant of unknown significance in *COL4A4* (c.3286C>T;
151 p.Pro1096Ser; **Figure 1E**; see **Supplementary file 1** and **Supplementary information** for
152 clinical details). AS patient-derived organoids progressed through differentiation and formed
153 WT1⁺/NPHS1⁺/CDH1⁺ glomeruli and CDH1⁺ tubules, (**Figures 1F** and **Figure 1–figure**
154 **supplement 3**) with no evident abnormalities by light microscopy. We found comparable
155 distribution of the collagen IV $\alpha 4$ chain in AS and wild-type organoids (**Figure 1–figure**
156 **supplement 3**) confirming assembly of a collagen IV $\alpha 3\alpha 4\alpha 5$ network, which is described in
157 AS patients with missense variants (Yamamura et al., 2020b). Since laminin compensation
158 is reported in X-linked AS (Abrahamson et al., 2007; Kashtan et al., 2001), we examined the
159 deposition of laminin- $\beta 2$ (LAMB2) in AS organoids. We found increased LAMB2 in AS
160 organoids, most notable in extra-glomerular BM (**Figure 1G**), and further confirmed
161 increased LAMB2 levels with immunoblotting (**Figure 1H**). Together, these findings
162 demonstrate the potential of kidney organoids to reveal abnormal patterns of BM assembly
163 in human development and disease.

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165 **A conserved sequence of BM assembly in kidney organoids**

166 Having identified BM structures in kidney organoids, we next explored the potential for this
167 system to model human BM assembly. Studies in mouse and invertebrate development
168 have shown a sequence of BM assembly with initial laminin deposition followed by
169 incorporation of collagen IV, nidogen and perlecan (Jayadev et al., 2019; Matsubayashi et
170 al., 2017; Urbano et al., 2009). To investigate the assembly sequence in organoids, we used
171 whole-mount immunofluorescence to examine the temporal co-deposition of COL4A1 with
172 laminin (using a pan-laminin antibody), and nidogen with perlecan during differentiation. We
173 found punctate deposits of pan-laminin in interrupted BM networks around cell clusters in
174 day 11 organoids, and in continuous BMs around CD31⁺ endothelial and epithelial structures
175 in day 18 and 25 organoids (**Figure 2A**). Conversely, COL4A1 was weakly detected in day
176 11 organoids, partially co-distributed with laminin by day 18, and within continuous BM
177 networks by day 25 (**Figure 2A**). Nidogen and perlecan colocalized in discrete, interrupted
178 BMs in day 11 organoids and later in linear BM networks around tubules and NPHS1⁺
179 glomerular structures on day 18 and 25 (**Figure 2B**). Together, these findings indicate that
180 kidney organoids recapitulate the sequence of BM assembly described *in vivo*, reinforcing
181 their fidelity as system for investigating BM dynamics.

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183 **Time course proteomics reveals complex dynamics of BM assembly**

184 To understand global BM dynamics, we investigated organoids at day 14, 18 and 25 with
185 time course proteomic analysis. We broadly separated intracellular and extracellular proteins
186 by fractionation (**Figures 3A, 3B and Figure 3–figure supplement 1A**) based on solubility
187 (Lennon et al., 2014). Overall, we detected 5,245 proteins in the cellular fraction and 4,703
188 in the extracellular fraction (**Supplementary file 2**), and by cross-referencing with the
189 human matrisome (Naba et al., 2016) we identified 228 matrix proteins in kidney organoids
190 (**Figure 3–figure supplement 1B and Supplementary file 2**). Principal component analysis
191 highlighted discrete clustering for the organoid time points based on matrix protein
192 abundance (**Figure 3–figure supplement 1C**). There was an increase in matrix abundance

193 from day 14 to 25 (**Figure 3B**) and 203 (~90%) of matrix proteins were detectable at all time
194 points (**Figure 3C**). This initial analysis confirmed a gradual assembly of matrix during
195 organoid differentiation. To address global BM composition, we identified BM proteins using
196 the comprehensive BM gene network (Jayadev et al., 2021) curated in *basement*
197 *membrane*BASE (<https://bmbasedb.manchester.ac.uk/>). The organoid extracellular fraction
198 was enriched for BM proteins compared to the cellular fraction (**Figure 3D**), which was
199 expected as these are large, highly cross-linked proteins and hence, difficult to solubilize.
200 Furthermore, we observed an increasing trend for BM protein levels through day 14 to 25
201 (**Figure 3D**), again indicating BM deposition over time, and corroborating our
202 immunofluorescence findings. In total, we identified 78 BM proteins (**Figure 3E**) including
203 components deposited early in kidney morphogenesis (e.g., COL4A1, COL4A2, LAMA1,
204 LAMB1, LAMC1) (**Figures 3F and Figure 3–figure supplement 1D**). LAMA5 and LAMB2,
205 two key components of the mature GBM, only appeared amongst the most abundant BM
206 components at day 25 (**Figure 3–figure supplement 1D**) indicating a temporal expression
207 of GBM laminins during organoid differentiation (**Figure 3F**). This was confirmed by marked
208 upregulation of mature GBM proteins from day 18 to 25, with LAMB2 scoring with the
209 highest fold-change followed by LAMA5 and COL4A3 (**Figures 3G and 3H**). LAMA5 was
210 also enriched from day 14 to 18 together with other GBM proteins (COL4A3, AGRN) and
211 early BM collagens and laminins (COL4A1, COL4A2, LAMC1, LAMA1) (**Figures 3G, 3H and**
212 **Figure 3–figure supplement 1E**).

213 During GBM assembly, an initial laminin-111 ($\alpha1\alpha\beta1\gamma1$) network is sequentially replaced by
214 laminin-511 then -521 (Abrahamson et al., 2013). We therefore reasoned that day 14 to 18
215 would represent a period of intense BM assembly and initial GBM differentiation. In support
216 of this hypothesis, a pathway enrichment analysis of upregulated proteins from day 14 to 18
217 revealed an overrepresentation of terms associated with BM assembly and remodeling,
218 including laminin interactions, degradation of extracellular matrix (ECM) and collagen chain
219 trimerization (**Figure 3–figure supplement 1F**). Together, this global proteomic analysis

220 revealed new insights into the complexities of BM dynamics and the distinct temporal
221 emergence of BM isoforms required for long term functional integrity of the GBM.

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223 **Tracking collagen IV and laminin isoforms during organoid differentiation**

224 To confirm the temporal sequence of specific BM isoforms we investigated the distribution of
225 COL4A1, COL4A3, LAMA5, LAMB1, LAMB2 in organoid BMs through day 14 to 25 by
226 immunofluorescence (**Figure 4D**). As described earlier, COL4A1 appeared on day 11
227 (**Figure 2A**) and partial colocalization with laminin on day 14, and as continuous BM
228 networks from day 18 (**Figure 4A**). Conversely, COL4A3 was scarce from day 14 to 18, but
229 clearly colocalized with laminin in glomerular structures on day 25 (**Figure 4A**). We detected
230 LAMA5 from day 18 and this increased in glomerular structures at day 25. LAMB1 was
231 widely distributed from day 14 to 25 whereas LAMB2, detected from day 18 onwards, was
232 enriched in glomerular structures at day 25. These findings not only confirm a temporal
233 emergence of specific BM isoforms, but also highlight specific localization to glomerular
234 structures later in differentiation.

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236 We then hypothesized that distinct cell types would express specific BM isoforms to
237 concentrate their distribution and therefore analyzed single-cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-
238 seq) data from day 25 kidney organoids (Combes et al., 2019b) to map the expression
239 profile for BM genes (**Figure 4–figure supplement 1A, Supplementary file 3**). We found
240 *NPHS2⁺/PODXL⁺* podocytes were the main source of *COL4A3*, *COL4A4* (**Figures 4B** and
241 **Figure 4–figure supplement 1A**) and they also had high levels of expression for *LAMA5*
242 and *LAMB2*. *PECAM1⁺/KDR⁺* endothelial cells, *MAB21L2⁺/CXCL14⁺* stromal cells and
243 *PAX8⁺/PAX2⁺* nephron cell lineages all expressed *COL4A1*, *COL4A2*, *LAMB1*, *LAMC1* and
244 *LAMA1* was detected in the nephron cell cluster whereas *LAMA4* was expressed by both
245 endothelial and stroma cells (**Figures 4B** and **Figure 4–figure supplement 1A**). These

246 findings align with current understanding of kidney development *in vivo* and indicate that
247 kidney organoids recapitulate the known cell specific contributions to BM assembly during
248 glomerulogenesis.

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250 Since the developmental transition from the $\alpha1\alpha1\alpha2$ to the $\alpha3\alpha4\alpha5$ network of collagen IV is
251 key for long term GBM function and reduced or absent $\alpha3\alpha4\alpha5$ leads to loss of function
252 (Miner and Sanes, 1996), we mapped the localization of collagen IV isoforms in day 25
253 organoids and compared to laser microdissected E19 mouse glomeruli (**Supplementary file**
254 **4**). With proteomic analysis we identified 25 BM proteins in the maturing E19 glomeruli and
255 these were also detected in kidney organoids. Identifications included COL4A1, COL4A2
256 and COL4A3 (**Figure 4C**) thus indicating presence of $\alpha1\alpha1\alpha2$ and $\alpha3\alpha4\alpha5$ networks. We
257 compared the localization of COL4A1 and COL4A3 by immunofluorescence in the mouse
258 and NPHS2⁺ glomeruli in kidney organoids (**Figure 4D**). We observed a similar distribution
259 of COL4A1, but for COL4A3, we found GBM-like and extraglomerular distribution in kidney
260 organoids (**Figure 4D**). Therefore, kidney organoids initiate collagen IV isoform transitions
261 during glomerulogenesis. To further explore mechanisms of transition, we investigated the
262 expression of LIM homeodomain transcription factor 1-beta (LMX1b) and FERM-domain
263 protein EPB41L5 in day 25 organoids (**Figure 4-figure supplement 1B**). LMX1b and
264 EPB41L5 are proposed regulators of GBM assembly and isoform transitions during
265 development (Maier et al., 2021; Morello et al., 2001). Moreover, EPB41L5 is also implicated
266 in regulating the incorporation of laminin-511 and -521, into stable GBM scaffolds. We found
267 that similar cell populations expressed EPB41L5 and LAMA5 (**Figure 4-figure supplement**
268 **1B**), and there was an increase in EPB41L5 protein levels from day 14 to 18 (**Figure 4-**
269 **figure supplement 1C**), coinciding with an increase in LAMA5 (**Figures 3G-H**). Together,
270 these findings demonstrate that kidney organoids initiate isoform transitions during
271 glomerular differentiation, with the expression of known BM regulators.

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273 **BM in late-stage organoids and fetal kidneys are highly correlated**

274 To relate BM assembly in organoids to a comparable *in vivo* system, we examined whole
275 fetal kidneys. Having verified morphological similarity between day 25 organoids and E19
276 mouse fetal kidney (**Figure 1C**), we used this timepoint for comparison by proteomic
277 analysis. We generated cellular and extracellular fractions from whole fetal kidneys (**Figures**
278 **5A, Figure 5–figure supplement 1A-B**) and identified 208 matrix components from a total
279 of 5,071 proteins (**Figure 5A; Supplementary file 4**). These included 83 BM proteins and
280 the most abundant were those seen early (COL4A1, COL4A2, COL18A1, LAMB1, LAMC1)
281 and later (LAMA5) in BM assembly (**Figure 5–figure supplement 1C**). We compared these
282 findings to a proteomic dataset from the E18.5 mouse kidney (Lipp et al., 2021), and found
283 considerable overlap, with a further 130 matrix protein identifications (**Figure 5C**), including
284 key GBM components COL4A3, COL4A4, COL4A5 and COL4A6. We then compared the
285 BM proteins from each organoid timepoint with E19 mouse kidneys (**Figure 5D**) and found
286 the highest overlap (58.4%) between E19 and day 25 kidney organoids. In line with previous
287 findings (Hale et al., 2018), this comparison highlighted later expression of TINAG and
288 TINAGL1 in day 25 organoids, also detected in E19 mouse kidneys but not in day 14 or day
289 18 organoids. TINAGL1 was also detected in E19 mature glomeruli (**Figure 4C**) and in
290 proteomic studies of adult human glomeruli (Lennon et al., 2014) but its role for BM biology
291 remains unknown. In addition, the overlap for other structural and matrix-associated proteins
292 was lower than for BM proteins (**Figure 5–figure supplement 1D**), which highlights
293 conservation of BM composition between mouse and kidney organoids. To further verify
294 similarities, we performed a Spearman’s rank correlation and found E19 had the higher
295 correlation with more differentiated organoids (**Figures 5E and Figure 5–figure**
296 **supplement 1E**).

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298 Next we analyzed scRNA-seq datasets from E18.5 mouse kidneys (Combes et al., 2019a);
299 **Figure 5F**) and from 8- and 9-wpc human kidneys (Young et al., 2018) (**Figure 5–figure**

300 **supplement 2)** to identify cells expressing specific BM genes (**Supplementary file 3**). In the
301 mouse we found mature GBM components expressed by *Synpo⁺/Nphs2⁺* podocytes
302 (*Col4a3*, *Col4a4*, *Lama5*, *Lamb2*), *Plvap⁺/Pecam1⁺* vascular cells (*Lama5*, *Lamb2*), and
303 *Cited1⁺/Crym⁺* nephron progenitor cell lineages, and *Aldob⁺/Fxyd2⁺* tubular, vascular and
304 *Six2⁺* stromal cells predominantly contributing with *Col4a1*, *Col4a2*, *Lamb1* and *Lamc1*
305 expression (**Figure 5F**). Lama1 was mainly expressed by *Clu⁺/Osr2⁺* S-shaped bodies and
306 *Gata3⁺/Wfdc2⁺* ureteric bud/distal tubular cells, and *Lama4* restricted to vascular and stromal
307 cells. A similar pattern was observed in the embryonic human kidney (**Figure 5–figure**
308 **supplement 2**), and these findings were also consistent with our findings in day 25 kidney
309 organoids (**Figure 4B** and **Figure 4–figure supplement 1**). Interestingly, immune cells also
310 contributed for *Col4a1* and *Col4a2* expression in both mouse and human kidneys.
311 Collectively, these findings highlight the conservation of BM gene expression across
312 organoids and fetal kidneys.

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314 **Basement membranes are dynamic through embryonic development to adulthood**

315 Having observed dynamic BM composition during kidney development we then compared
316 composition in adulthood. For this, we analyzed proteomic data from isolated adult human
317 nephron compartments and identified 71 glomerular BM proteins, and 61 in the
318 tubulointerstitium (**Supplementary file 6**). We compared BM networks in the adult kidney
319 with both developmental systems (day 25 kidney organoids and E19 mouse kidney) and
320 found a significant overlap with 44 of 107 BM proteins shared amongst all datasets. These
321 included core components (COL4A1, COL4A2, LAMA1, LAMB1, LAMC1, HSPG2,
322 COL18A1, NID1, NID2), mature GBM components (COL4A3, COL4A5, LAMA5, LAMB2)
323 and many minor structural proteins (**Figure 6A**). We found a strong correlation between both
324 matrix and BM networks in glomerular and tubulointerstitial compartments, but lower
325 correlation between adult and developmental datasets (**Figures 6B** and **Figure 6–figure**
326 **supplement 1**). Interestingly, the correlation between adult and development data was

327 lower for BM than for all matrix proteins, suggesting that although kidney BMs retain a
328 consistent profile through development to adulthood, there is diversification within distinct
329 kidney compartments.

330 To understand cellular origins of BM components through development to adulthood, we
331 analyzed adult human kidney scRNA-seq data (Young et al. 2018; **Supplementary file 3**),
332 and as with organoids and mouse fetal kidney, we found *COL4A1*, *COL4A2*, *LAMB1* and
333 *LAMC1* predominantly expressed by endothelial and tubular cells. Although podocyte
334 markers were not enriched in the adult dataset, we detected *COL4A3* and *COL4A4*
335 expression by *PAX8*⁺ nephron cell types, and *LAMA5* and *LAMB2* mainly expressed by
336 *KRT5*⁺/*EMCN*⁺ endothelial cells (**Figure 6C**). *LAMA4* was widely detected in both E18.5
337 mouse kidney and day 25 organoids (**Figures 3B, 4F** and **Figure 4–figure supplement 1**),
338 but barely present in the adult kidney (**Figure 6C**), consistent with previous reports of
339 transient expression in human kidney development (Miner, 1999). These findings
340 demonstrate consistent cellular origins for BM components through development to
341 adulthood.

342 To further verify the extent of this consistency, we selected minor BM components across all
343 scRNA-seq datasets (**Figure 6D**). These included: *FBLN1* and *TGFBI* both implicated in BM
344 remodeling (Boutboul et al., 2006; Feitosa et al., 2012); *FRAS1* and *FREM2* important for
345 branching morphogenesis (Chiotaki et al., 2007; Petrou et al., 2008); and *TINAG* and
346 *TINAGL1*, with unknown roles in BM function. We found a common pattern of enrichment
347 amongst the developmental datasets for *FBLN1*, which was expressed by stromal cells;
348 *FRAS1* and *FREM2* were expressed by podocyte and nephron cell clusters; and *TGFBI* by
349 stromal cells, nephron progenitors, and by immune cells. In human adult kidneys *FBLN1*
350 was mainly present in pelvic epithelial cells and *FRAS1/FREM2* in ureteric bud/distal tubule
351 cells, thus indicating spatiotemporal expression of these components. *TINAG* and *TINAGL1*
352 had variable patterns of cell expression across datasets. This comparative analysis shows

353 conservation of distinct cell types contributing to BM assembly during kidney development
354 and uncovers diversification in cellular origins of BM components in adult kidneys.

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356 **DISCUSSION**

357 Mammalian kidney development involves a series of morphogenetic events that proceed in
358 an orchestrated manner to give rise to ~1,000,000 nephrons in the human kidney and 1000's
359 in the mouse. Many of these processes require spatiotemporal assembly and remodeling of
360 BMs throughout nephrogenesis (**Figure 7**). Here we demonstrate the fidelity of kidney
361 organoids as a system for investigating assembly and regulation of kidney BMs in health and
362 disease with the following key findings: 1) the identification of a conserved sequence of BM
363 component assembly during kidney organoid differentiation, 2) evidence of global BM
364 dynamics during organoid differentiation with high correlation to fetal kidney BM composition
365 and 3) the diversification of the cellular origin of BM components during kidney development.

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367 BMs are complex structures and proteomic studies have highlighted this complexity in
368 homeostasis and disease (Lennon et al., 2014; Randles et al., 2015). During development,
369 BMs are also highly dynamic and undergo intense remodeling (Kyprianou et al., 2020) but
370 understanding of BM assembly and regulation is limited by lack of appropriate systems to
371 track components that are spatiotemporally regulated and undergoing turnover (Naylor et al.,
372 2020). Human fetal tissue has limited availability and studies are restricted to static time
373 points and the technical limitations of imaging in mouse models also impairs investigation of
374 the dynamic BM environment *in vivo*. However, BM studies in *Drosophila* and *C. elegans*
375 have provided important insights into BM dynamics and turnover using fluorescent tagging of
376 endogenous proteins (Keeley et al., 2020; Matsubayashi et al., 2020) and these studies
377 highlight the power of studying BM dynamics.

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379 Despite the developmental limitations with iPSC-derived kidney organoids, including lack of
380 directional cues, vascularization, and cortical-medullary segmentation (Romero-Guevara et
381 al., 2020), this system has morphological and molecular features comparable to fetal kidney
382 tissue that overcome species differences and provides a complex *in vitro* environment to
383 examine BM assembly (Bantounas et al., 2018). We demonstrated that kidney organoids
384 differentiate into glomerular structures containing the cells required for GBM assembly and
385 single-cell transcriptomic studies have also shown over 20 other distinct cell populations in
386 kidney organoids (Combes et al., 2019a; Wu et al., 2018). Cross-talk between different cell
387 types is essential for BM assembly and influences composition (Byron et al., 2014) hence,
388 the multiple cell types in the organoid system enable BM formation and remodeling. A key
389 finding from this study is that organoids form BMs early during differentiation, and more
390 importantly, recapitulate a sequence of assembly events with initial deposition of laminin
391 followed by incorporation of collagen IV, nidogen and perlecan (Brown et al., 2017; Sasaki et
392 al., 2004).

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394 Kidney organoids have also provided new insights into disease processes (Rooney et al.,
395 2021; Tanigawa et al., 2018; Tian and Lennon, 2019). We found that organoids with a
396 pathological missense variant in *COL4A5* differentiated and deposited core BM proteins,
397 including a collagen IV $\alpha3\alpha4\alpha5$ network, which is described in missense variants. In one
398 study 64 out of 146 patients with X-linked Alport syndrome had the collagen IV $\alpha5$ chain in
399 the GBM (Yamamura et al., 2020a). Despite evidence of protein secretion, the GBM fails to
400 maintain function in these patients. Interestingly, we found increased deposition of LAMB2 in
401 extraglomerular BMs in Alport organoids. Dysregulation of glomerular laminins, including
402 LAMB2, in patients with Alport syndrome and animal models has been reported
403 (Abrahamson et al., 2007; Kashtan et al., 2001), but the mechanisms are unclear. Our
404 findings in Alport organoids demonstrate the utility of this system to dissect abnormal
405 mechanisms of BM assembly.

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407 To define global BM composition in kidney organoids we used MS-based proteomics and
408 identified 78 BM proteins dynamically expressed throughout the differentiation time course.
409 Core GBM components including laminin-521 and collagen IV $\alpha3\alpha4\alpha5$, which only appear in
410 mature glomeruli, were also detected. Developmental isoform transitions in the GBM
411 involving laminin and collagen IV are described in humans and rodents (Abrahamson and St
412 John, 1993) and in current understanding, immature glomeruli assemble a primary GBM
413 containing laminin-111 and collagen IV $\alpha1\alpha2\alpha1$ that is later replaced by laminin-521 and
414 collagen IV $\alpha3\alpha4\alpha5$ in mature glomeruli. In keeping with these observations, we found a
415 temporal and spatial emergence of mature collagen IV and laminin isoforms within
416 glomerular structures in kidney organoids, and in scRNA-seq data we confirmed podocyte
417 expression of mature GBM markers. These findings demonstrate that kidney organoids can
418 efficiently recapitulate the spatiotemporal emergence of GBM components. The triggers for
419 isoform switching remains unknown but two regulators, LMX1b and EPB41L5, have been
420 implicated. Studies in *Lmx1b* knockout mice suggest that podocyte expression of this
421 transcription factor is not essential for initial GBM assembly but linked to *Col4a3/Col4a4*
422 expression during glomerulogenesis as demonstrated by reduced collagen IV $\alpha3\alpha4\alpha5$
423 network in the GBM in null *Lmx1b* newborn mice (Morello et al., 2001). We found podocyte
424 specific expression of *LMX1b/COL4A3/COL4A4* in day 25 kidney organoids, and moreover,
425 confirmed deposition of COL4A3/COL4A4 in a GBM pattern within NPHS2⁺-glomerular
426 structures in organoids. In addition, podocyte expression of EPB41L5, a component of the
427 podocyte integrin adhesion complex, was linked to GBM assembly *in vivo* and incorporation
428 of laminin-511/521 into extracellular BM networks *in vitro* (Maier et al., 2021). In this study,
429 we detected EPB41L5 in organoid and mouse proteomic datasets, with cell expression
430 patterns matching LAMA5, indicating the potential for this system to unravel further insights
431 into GBM regulation.

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433 There are few proteomic studies addressing the spatiotemporal changes in BM during
 434 development. One study of mouse kidney development, defined the global ECM composition
 435 through development to adulthood and described a sequence of changes in interstitial matrix
 436 over development (Lipp et al., 2021). With our sample fractionation strategy and analytical
 437 pipeline, we detected a further 130 matrix proteins, including key GBM components
 438 (COL4A3, COL4A4, COL4A5, COL4A6) and BM regulators such as PAPLN and HMCN1
 439 (Keeley et al., 2020; Morrissey et al., 2014). Our findings further demonstrated that late-
 440 stage kidney organoids (at day 25) and mouse kidneys on E19 share a very comparable BM
 441 profile. We also verified similar patterns of BM gene expression between kidney organoids
 442 and fetal human and mouse kidneys, especially for collagen IV and laminin isoforms.
 443 Overall, these data demonstrate the high-fidelity with which kidney organoids recapitulate
 444 BM gene expression and protein composition seen *in vivo*. Thus, we conclude that kidney
 445 organoids are a highly tractable model that can be used to study the dynamic nature of
 446 human BM assembly in both health and disease.

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448 MATERIALS AND METHODS

Key Resources Table				
Reagent type (species) or resource	Designation	Source or reference	Identifiers	Additional information
strain, strain background (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	Swiss	University of São Paulo (Brazil)	-	2-months old, male and female mice
cell line (<i>Homo sapiens</i>)	iPSC	HipSci	CGAP-38728; CGAP-4852B; CGAP-581E8	Derived from patients with Alport syndrome
cell line (<i>Homo</i>	iPSC	Wood et al., 2020	-	Derived from

<i>sapiens</i>)				peripheral blood mononuclear cells
biological sample (<i>Homo sapiens</i>)	Embryonic and fetal kidneys	Joint MCR/ Wellcome Trust HDBR	Kidney_ID: 13878; 11295; 13891; 13842; 1358	FFPE samples
antibody	anti-CD31, clone 89C2 (Mouse monoclonal)	Cell Signalling	Cat#: 3582	IF (1:100) WM (1:100)
antibody	anti-E-cadherin, clone M168 (Mouse monoclonal)	Abcam	RRID:AB_1310159	IF (1:300) WM (1:300)
antibody	anti-WT1, clone C-19 (Rabbit polyclonal)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	RRID:AB_632611	IF (1:100) WM (1:100)
antibody	anti-human nephrin (Sheep polyclonal)	R&D Systems	RRID:AB_2154851	IF (1:200) WM (1:400)
antibody	anti-human collagen IV α 1 chain NC1 domain, clone H11 (Rat monoclonal)	Chondrex	Cat#: 7070	IF (1:100) WM (1:400)
antibody	anti-human collagen IV α 3 chain NC1 domain, clone H31 (Rat monoclonal)	Chondrex	Cat#: 7076	IF (1:100)
antibody	anti-human collagen IV α 4 chain NC1 domain,	Chondrex	Cat#: 7073	IF (1:100)

	clone H43 (Rat monoclonal)			
antibody	anti-human collagen IV α 3 chain NC1 domain, clone H63 (Rat monoclonal)	Chondrex	Cat#: 7074	IF (1:50)
antibody	anti-laminin (Rabbit polyclonal)	Abcam	RRID:AB_298179	IF (1:250) Wm (1:250)
antibody	anti- nidogen, clone 302117 (Mouse monoclonal)	Invitrogen	RRID:AB_2609420	IF (8.3 μ g/ml) WM (8.3 μ g/ml)
antibody	anti- perlecan, clone A7L6 (Rat monoclonal)	Millipore	RRID:AB_10615958	IF (1:250) WM (1:250)
antibody	anti-laminin α 5 chain, clone 4C7 (Mouse monoclonal)	Abcam	RRID:AB_443652	IF (1:100)
antibody	anti-laminin β 1 chain, clone 4E10 (Mouse monoclonal)	Millipore	RRID:AB_571039	IF (1:100)
antibody	anti-laminin S/laminin β 2 chain, clone CL2979 (Mouse monoclonal)	Novus Biologicals	Cat#: NBP-42387	IF (1:50) WB (1:1000)

antibody	anti-podocin (Rabbit polyclonal)	Millipore	RRID:AB_261982	IF (1:200)
antibody	anti-NPHS2 (Rabbit polyclonal)	Abcam	RRID:AB_882097	IF (1:200)
antibody	anti-integrin β 1 chain, clone 9EG7 (Rat monoclonal)	(Lenter et al., 1993)	-	IF (1:100)
antibody	anti-rat IgG conjugated with Alexa Fluor 488 (Donkey)	Invitrogen Antibodies	RRID:AB_141709	IF (1:400)
antibody	anti-rat IgG conjugated with Alexa Fluor 594 (Donkey)	Invitrogen Antibodies	RRID:AB_2535795	IF (1:400)
antibody	anti-mouse IgG conjugated with Alexa Fluor 488 (Donkey)	Invitrogen Antibodies	RRID:AB_141607	IF (1:400)
antibody	anti-mouse IgG conjugated with Alexa Fluor 594 (Donkey)	Invitrogen Antibodies	RRID:AB_141633	IF (1:400)
antibody	anti-rabbit IgG conjugated with Alexa Fluor 488 (Donkey)	Invitrogen Antibodies	RRID:AB_2535792	IF (1:400)
antibody	anti-rabbit IgG conjugated with Alexa Fluor 647	Invitrogen Antibodies	RRID:AB_2536183	IF (1:400)

	(Donkey)			
antibody	anti-rabbit IgG conjugated with Alexa Fluor 594 (Goat)	Invitrogen Antibodies	RRID:AB_141359	IF (1:400)
antibody	anti-sheep IgG conjugated with Alexa Fluor 594	Invitrogen Antibodies	RRID:AB_2758365	IF (1:400)
antibody	anti-sheep IgG conjugated with Alexa Fluor 680	Invitrogen Antibodies	RRID:AB_1500713	IF (1:400)
antibody	anti-mouse IgG DyLight 800 4X PEG conjugated (Goat)	Cell Signaling Technology	RRID:AB_10697505	WB (1:1000)
antibody	anti-rabbit IgG labelled with 10-nm gold (Goat)	Abcam	RRID:AB_954434	Immunogold (1:400)
chemical compound, drug	CHIR99021	Tocris Bioscience	4423/10	-
chemical compound, drug	FGF-9	Peprotech	100-23	-
chemical compound, drug	Heparin	Sigma Aldrich	H3393	-
chemical compound, drug	TeSR™-E8 medium	STEMCELL™	05991; 05992	-

chemical compound, drug	STEMdiff™ APEL™2 medium	STEMCELL™	05270	-
software, algorithm	Proteome Discoverer v.2.3.0.523	Thermo Fisher Scientific	RRID:SCR_014477	-

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451 **Human fetal kidney**

452 Formaldehyde-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) human fetal kidney sections were provided
453 by the Joint MRC/Wellcome Trust Human Developmental Biology Resource (HDBR)
454 (<http://hdb.org>). The HDBR obtains written consent from the donors and has ethics approval
455 (REC reference: 08/H0712/34+5) to collect, store and distribute human material sampled
456 between 4- and 21-weeks post conception. All experimental protocols were approved by the
457 Institute's Ethical Committee (reference 010/H0713/6) and performed in accordance with
458 institutional ethical and regulatory guidelines.

459

460 **Induced pluripotent stem cells**

461 Human induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) derived from peripheral blood mononuclear
462 cells (PBMCs) of a healthy individual were generated as previously described (Wood et al.,
463 2020). Whole blood PBMCs were isolated using a Ficoll-Paque (GE17-1440, GE
464 Healthcare) and grown in StemSpan Erythroid Expansion Medium (02692, Stem Cell
465 Technologies) for 8 days before being transduced using CytoTune-iPS 2.0 Sendai virus
466 (A16517, Invitrogen) and grown on vitronectin (A14700, Gibco) coated plates in ReproTeSR
467 medium (05926, Stem Cell Technologies). When large enough, colonies were manually
468 isolated and grown in TeSR-E8 medium (05991, STEMCELL). iPSCs derived from patients
469 with Alport syndrome (see **clinical presentation** below) were generated at the Wellcome
470 Sanger Institute, in collaboration with the Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell Initiative
471 (HipSci, www.hipsci.org; (Kilpinen et al., 2017). Following ethical approval (REC Reference

472 11/H1003/3) and patient consent, dermal fibroblasts were obtained from skin biopsies and
473 programmed to iPSC. For this study, we investigated three members of the same family: a
474 male index patient and his mother carrying a likely pathogenic *COL4A5* variant (c.3695G>A;
475 p.Gly1232Asp, PM1_strong, PM2_moderate, PM5_moderate, PP3_moderate, posterior
476 probability 0.988) and a *COL4A4* variant of uncertain significance (c.3286C>T;
477 p.Pro1096Ser, PM2_moderate, PP3_moderate, posterior probability 0.5), and his sister
478 carrying only the *COL4A5* variant. All human cell lines have been authenticated using short
479 tandem repeat profiling. All experiments were performed with mycoplasma-free cells.

480

481 **Clinical presentation**

482 The male index patient, aged 4, presented with recurrent episodes of macroscopic
483 hematuria and persistent microscopic haematuria and his mother also exhibited microscopic
484 hematuria. He underwent a kidney biopsy, which had normal appearances by light
485 microscopy and immunohistochemical analysis did not show glomerular deposition of
486 immuno-reactants. With electron microscopy the glomerular basement membrane (GBM)
487 was thinned in some glomerular capillary loops. In one or two others the GBM was
488 irregularly thickened with lamination. There were also electron-lucent lacunae between the
489 laminations, some of which contained electron-dense regions and the ultrastructural
490 changes, in combination with the highly suggestive presentation and family history,
491 confirmed a diagnosis of Alport Syndrome. The patient subsequently developed
492 hypertension and was treated with antihypertensive medications, including renin-angiotensin
493 system blockade, and exhibited slow decline in his kidney function. He eventually
494 progressed to end stage kidney disease and received a pre-emptive kidney transplant from
495 his healthy father at the age of 19. Subsequent genetic testing identified a likely pathogenic
496 missense variant in *COL4A5* (c.3695G>A; p.Gly1232Asp) and a variant of unknown
497 significance in *COL4A4* (c.3286C>T; p.Pro1096Ser). Further genetic testing in the family
498 confirmed that both the patient's mother and sister carried one or both variants. His mother

499 had both the *COL4A5* and *COL4A4* variants and exhibited persistent microscopic hematuria
500 and urine protein:creatinine ratios (uPCR) ranging from 17 to 30 mg/mmol and estimated
501 glomerular filtration rate steady between 74 to 85 ml/min/1.73m² body surface area over 5
502 years to most recent follow-up aged 55. The index patient's sister shared only the *COL4A5*
503 variant and exhibited persistent hematuria with proteinuria (uPCR 264 mg/mmol falling to 45-
504 89 mg/mmol on institution of renin-angiotensin system blockade aged 25). Serum creatinine
505 was normal with eGFR >90 ml/min/1.73m² body surface area at last follow-up aged 30. The
506 *COL4A4* variant was also detected in the index case's healthy maternal grandmother (in
507 whom urinalysis was normal) but the *COL4A5* variant was absent from both maternal
508 grandparents, suggesting a *de novo* variant in his mother. Pathogenicity was assessed
509 following ACMG coding criteria (*COL4A5* variant: PM1_STR, PM2_MOD, PM5_MOD,
510 PP3_MOD; *COL4A4* variant: PM2_MOD, PP3_MOD).

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512 **Kidney organoid differentiation**

513 We differentiated human iPSCs (**Supplement file 1**) to kidney organoids as previously
514 described (Takasato et al., 2015). iPSCs were maintained at 37 °C in TeSR™-E8 medium
515 with 25x Supplement (05991, 05992, STEMCELL) in 6-well plates (3516, Corning) coated
516 with vitronectin (A14700, Gibco). Prior to differentiation (day 0) cells were dissociated with
517 TrypLE (12563029, Thermo Fisher Scientific), counted with a hemocytometer and seeded in
518 vitronectin-coated 24-well plates (3524, Corning) at a density of 35,000 cells/cm² in TeSR™-
519 E8™ medium with Revitacell 10 µl/ml (A2644501, Gibco). Intermediate mesoderm induction
520 was performed by changing medium after 24 hours to STEMdiff™ APEL™2 (05270,
521 STEMCELL™) with 3% protein free hybridoma medium (12040077, Gibco) and 8 µM
522 CHIR99021 (4423/10, Tocris Bioscience) for 4 days. On day 5, CHIR99021 was replaced by
523 200 ng/ml FGF-9 (100-23, Peprotech) and 1 µg/ml Heparin (H3393, Sigma Aldrich). On Day
524 7, cells were dissociated with TrypLE, counted, and pelletized into organoids (250,000 cells
525 each) by centrifuging them at 400x g/min four times. Organoids were carefully placed on 0.4

526 μ m Millicell Cell Culture Insert in 6-well plates (PICM0RG50, Millipore), and cultured for 1
527 hour in APEL™2 medium with 5 μ M CHIR99021 and subsequently in APEL™2 medium
528 supplemented with 200 ng/mL FGF9 and 1 μ g/mL Heparin until Day 11. From day 12,
529 organoids were grown in STEMdiff™ APEL™2 without growth factors, with medium changed
530 at every 2 days.

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532 **Mice**

533 All mouse handling and experimental procedures were approved by the Animal Ethics
534 Committee of the Institute of Biomedical Sciences (ICB) - University of São Paulo (USP),
535 Brazil; reference 019/2015). Two-month-old *Swiss* female mice were housed in an
536 experimental animal facility (ICB, USP) kept in groups of 3-4 subjects per cage (41x34x16
537 cm) at 12-hour light/dark cycle at 25 °C, with free access to water and chow. Mating
538 occurred overnight, and females were checked for vaginal plugs on the next morning to
539 determine if mating had occurred and gestation was timed accordingly (embryonic day 1).
540 Pregnant dams were separate and kept in individual cages (30x20x13 cm) under the same
541 conditions mentioned previously. Fetuses were collected on the embryonic day 19 (E19),
542 following C-section surgery in the pregnant mice under anesthesia with 25 mg/kg avertin
543 (T48402, Sigma-Aldrich). Fetal kidneys were dissected and processed for histological
544 analysis, or snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen for proteomic analysis.

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546 **Whole mount immunofluorescence**

547 Whole organoids were fixed with 2% (wt/vol) paraformaldehyde at 4 °C for 20 minutes,
548 washed with Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS; D8537, Sigma-Aldrich) and blocked with 1x
549 casein blocking buffer (B6429, SigmaAldrich) for 2 hours at room temperature. Samples
550 were incubated at 4 °C overnight with primary antibodies diluted in blocking buffer. After
551 thoroughly washing with 0.3% (vol/vol) Triton X-100 in PBS, the samples were incubated at
552 4 °C overnight with Alexa Fluor-conjugated secondary antibodies. Nuclei were stained with
553 HOECHST 33342 solution (B2261, SigmaAldrich). Samples were mounted in glass-

554 bottomed dishes (P35G-1.5-10-C, MatTek) with ProLong Gold Antifade mountant (P36934,
555 Invitrogen), and imaged with a Leica TCS SP8 AOBS inverted confocal microscope, using
556 hybrid detectors with the following detection mirror settings: FITC 494-530 nm; Texas red
557 602-665 nm; Cy5 640-690 nm. When it was not possible to eliminate fluorescence crosstalk,
558 the images were collected sequentially. When acquiring 3D optical stacks, the confocal
559 software was used to determine the optimal number of Z sections. Only the maximum
560 intensity projections of these 3D stacks are shown in the results. 3D image stacks were
561 analyzed with ImageJ v 1.53g software (Rasband, W.S., ImageJ, U. S. National Institutes of
562 Health, Bethesda, Maryland, USA; available at <https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/>, 1997-2018).

563

564 **Histology and immunofluorescence**

565 For light microscopy, FFPE sections were stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) for
566 morphological analysis. Images were acquired on a 3D-Histech Panoramic-250 microscope
567 slide-scanner (Zeiss) using the Case Viewer software (3D-Histech). For
568 immunofluorescence microscopy, either cryosections or FFPE were subjected to nonspecific
569 binding site blocking with 10% normal donkey serum in 1% BSA/PBS, and treated with
570 primary and secondary antibody solutions (see **Key Resources Table**). FFPE samples were
571 submitted to heat-induced antigen retrieval with 10 mM sodium citrate buffer (pH 6.0) in a
572 microwave for 15 min and treated with 0.1M glycine/6M urea solution for 30 minutes at room
573 temperature prior to blocking. The slides were mounted and analyzed with a Zeiss
574 Axioimager.D2 upright microscope equipped with a Coolsnap HQ2 camera (Photometrics).
575 Images were acquired with the Micromanager Software v1.4.23 and processed using
576 ImageJ.

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578 **Electron microscopy**

579 Whole mount primary antibody labelling was performed as described above. After overnight
580 incubation at 4 °C with a rabbit pAb anti-laminin antibody (ab11575, Abcam), organoids were
581 washed with PBS-Triton and incubated overnight at 4 °C with a goat anti-rabbit IgG labelled

582 with 10nm gold (ab39601, Abcam) diluted 1:400. Samples were then fixed with 4%
583 paraformaldehyde and 2.5% (wt/vol) glutaraldehyde (Agar Scientific, UK) in 0.1 M HEPES
584 (H0887, SigmaAldrich) pH 7.2, and postfixed with 1% osmium tetroxide (R1024, Agar
585 Scientific) and 1.5% potassium ferrocyanide (214022, The British Drug House, Laboratory
586 Chemicals Division) in 0.1M cacodylate buffer (pH 7.2) (R1102, Agar Scientific) for 1 hour,
587 then with 1% uranyl acetate (R1100A, Agar Scientific) in water for overnight. Samples were
588 dehydrated, embedded with low viscosity medium grade resin (T262, TAAB Laboratories
589 Equipment Ltd) and polymerized for 24 hours at 60 °C. For transmission EM, sections were
590 cut with Reichert Ultracut ultramicrotome and observed with FEI Tecnai 12 Biotwin
591 microscope at 80kV accelerating voltage equipped a Gatan Orius SC1000 CCD camera.

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593 **SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting**

594 Organoid samples were homogenized in ice cold Pierce™ IP Lysis Buffer Proteins (87787,
595 ThermoFisher) supplemented with EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail (04-693-159-001,
596 Roche) to extract proteins. Following, proteins were resolved by SDS-PAGE in a NuPAGE
597 4-12% Bis-Tris gel (NP0322, Invitrogen) and wet-transferred to nitrocellulose membrane
598 (Z612391, Whatman). Gel loading was assessed by Ponceau S staining (P7170,
599 SigmaAldrich). Membranes were blocked with Odyssey blocking buffer (927-40000, LI-COR)
600 for 1 hour, and were probed with specific primary and secondary antibodies (see **Key**
601 **Resources Table**) diluted in Tris-buffered saline soliton (TBS). Protein bands were
602 visualized using the Odyssey CLx imaging system (LI-COR Biosciences), and background-
603 corrected band optical densitometry was determined using ImageJ.

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605 **Sample enrichment for proteomics analysis**

606 Kidney organoids samples (days 14, 18 and 25 of differentiation) were pooled accordingly
607 ($n=3$ pools per time point), and E19 mouse fetal kidneys ($n=6$) were enriched for matrix
608 proteins as previously described (Lennon et al., 2014). Briefly, samples were manually
609 homogenized and incubated in a Tris-buffer (10 mM Tris pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 25 mM

610 EDTA, 1% Triton X-100 and EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail) for 1 hour to extract
611 soluble proteins. The supernatant (fraction 1) was collected by centrifuging (at 14,000x g for
612 10 min) and the remaining pellet was resuspended in an alkaline detergent buffer (20 mM
613 Na₄OH, 0.5% in PBS-Triton) and incubated for 1 hour to solubilize and disrupt cell-matrix
614 interactions. The supernatant (fraction 2) was collected by centrifugation and the pellet
615 treated with 0.4 µg Benzonase (E1014-25KU, Sigma-Aldrich) in PBS (D8537, Sigma-Aldrich)
616 for 30 min at room temperature to remove DNA/RNA contaminants. After inactivating
617 Benzonase at 65 °C for 20 min, samples were centrifuged and the remaining pellet was
618 resuspended in a 5x reducing sample buffer (100 mM Tris pH 6.8, 25% glycerol, 10% SDS,
619 10% β-mercaptoethanol, 0.1% bromophenol blue) to yield the ECM fraction. Fractions 1 and
620 2 were combined (1:1) into a cellular fraction.

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622 **Laser microdissection microscopy**

623 E19 mouse kidneys (*n*=4) were embedded in OCT for cryosectioning. 10-µm-thick
624 cryosections were acquired and placed onto MMI membrane slides (50102, Molecular
625 Machines and Industries), fixed with 70% ethanol and stained with haematoxylin and eosin
626 to allow visualization of maturing mouse glomeruli using a 40x/0.5 FL N objective. 150
627 glomeruli (per samples) were laser dissected around the Bowman's capsule using an
628 Olympus IX83 Inverted fluorescence snapshot microscopy equipped with MMI CellCut
629 Microdissection system and the MMI CellTools software v.5.0 (Molecular Machines and
630 Industries). Laser settings were speed = 25 µm/s, focus = 16.45 µm, power = 72.5%.
631 Sections were collected onto sticky 0.5 ml microtube caps (Molecular Machines and
632 Industries) and stored at -80°C.

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634 **Trypsin digestion**

635 For in-gel digestion, protein samples from E19 mouse kidneys were briefly subjected to
636 SDS-PAGE to concentrate proteins in the gel top, and stained with Expedeon InstantBlue

637 (Z2, Fisher Scientific). After destaining, gel-top protein bands were sliced and transferred to a
638 V-bottomed perforated 96-wells plate (Proxeon) and incubated with 50% acetonitrile (ACN)
639 in digestion buffer (25 mM NaHCO₃) for 30 min at room temperature. After centrifuging
640 (1500 rpm for 2 min), gel pieces were shrunk with 50% ACN and completely dried by
641 vacuum centrifugation for 20 min at -120 °C. After rehydrating gel pieces, proteins were
642 reduced with 10 mM dithiothreitol (DTT; D5545, Sigma-Aldrich) in digestion buffer for 1 hour
643 at 56 °C and alkylated with 55 mM iodoacetamide (IA; I149, Sigma-Aldrich) in digestion
644 buffer for 45 min at room temperature in the dark and spun down. Gel pieces were shrunk
645 with alternating 100% ACN and dried by vacuum centrifugation. Protein digestion with 1.25
646 ng/l trypsin (V5111, Promega) was carried out at 37 °C overnight, followed by centrifugation
647 to collect the resulting peptides. Finally, samples were dried by vacuum centrifugation and
648 resuspended in 50% ACN in 0.1% formic acid. For in-solution digestion, samples were
649 sonicated in lysis buffer (5% SDS in 50 mM TEAB pH 7.5) using a Covaris LE220+ Focused
650 Ultrasonicator (Covaris), reduced with 5 mM DTT for 10 min at 60 °C and alkylated with 15
651 mM IA for 10 min at room temperature in the dark. After quenching residual alkylation
652 reaction with 5 mM DTT, samples were spun down, acidified with 1.2% formic acid and
653 transferred to S-Trap Micro Spin columns (Protifi). Contaminants were removed by
654 centrifugation, and protein digestion with 0.12 g/l trypsin (in 50 mM TEAB buffer) was carried
655 out 1 hour at 47 °C. Trapped peptides were thoroughly washed with 50 mM TEAB, spun
656 down, washed with 0.1% formic acid, and eluted from the S-trap columns with 30% ACN in
657 0.1% formic acid solution.

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659 **Offline peptide desalting**

660 Peptide samples were incubated with 5.0 mg OligoTM R3 reverse-phase beads (1133903,
661 Applied Biosystems) in 50% ACN in a 96-well plate equipped with 0.2 µm polyvinylidene
662 fluoride (PVDF) membrane filter (3504, Corning). After centrifuging, the bead-bound
663 peptides were washed twice with 0.1% formic acid, spun down and eluted with 30% ACN in
664 0.1% formic acid. Retrieved peptides were dried by vacuum centrifugation and sent to the

665 Bio-MS Core Research Facility (Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health, University of
666 Manchester) for mass spectrometry analysis.

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668 **Mass spectrometry data acquisition and analysis**

669 Peptide samples were analyzed by liquid chromatography (LC)-tandem mass spectrometry
670 using an UltiMate[®] 3000 Rapid Separation LC (RSLC, Dionex Corporation, Sunnyvale, CA)
671 coupled to a Q Exactive[™] Hybrid Quadrupole-Orbitrap[™] (Thermo Fisher Scientific,
672 Waltham, MA) mass spectrometer. Peptides were separated on a CSH C18 analytical
673 column (Waters) using a gradient from 93% A (0.1% formic acid in water) and 7% B (0.1%
674 formic acid in ACN) to 18% B over 57 min followed by a second gradient to 27% B over 14
675 min both at 300 nl/min. Peptides were selected for fragmentation automatically by data
676 dependent acquisition. Raw spectra data were acquired and later analyzed using Proteome
677 Discoverer software v.2.3.0.523 (Thermo Fisher Scientific). MS data was searched against
678 SwissProt and TrEMBL databases (v. 2018_01; OS = *Mus musculus* for mouse samples;
679 OS=*Homo sapiens* for kidney organoids) using SEQUEST HT and Mascot search tools.
680 Tryptic peptides with ≤ 1 missed cleavage were considered for the search, and mass
681 tolerance for precursor and fragment ions were 10 ppm and 0.02 Da, respectively.
682 Carbamidomethylation of cysteine was as fixed modification, oxidation of methionine, proline
683 and lysine, and N-terminal acetylation as dynamic modifications. False discovery rate (FDR)
684 for peptide/protein identifications was set to 1%, and protein validation was performed using
685 Target/Decoy strategy. Label-free protein abundances were determined based on precursor
686 ion intensity, and relative changes in protein abundance by calculating abundance ratios
687 accordingly. Results were filtered for significant FDR master proteins identified with ≥ 1
688 unique peptide detected in 2/3 of replicates. The mass spectrometry proteomics data have
689 been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE partner repository
690 (Perez-Riverol et al., 2019) with the dataset identifiers: PXD025838, PXD025874,
691 PXD025911 and PXD026002.

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693 **Enrichment and interactome analyses**

694 Gene ontology (GO) enrichment analysis was performed using the DAVID bioinformatics
695 resource v.6.8 ((Huang et al., 2009); available at <https://david.ncifcrf.gov>), and term
696 enrichment was determined through Fisher's exact test with Benjamini-Hochberg correction,
697 with a term selected as enriched when FDR < 0.1. Pathway enrichment was performed for
698 proteins differentially expressed using the Reactome database ((Jassal et al., 2020);
699 available at <https://reactome.org/>). To generate interactome figures, a list of proteins was
700 uploaded to STRING v.11.0 (Szklarczyk et al., 2015) to obtain a collection of high confident
701 protein-protein interactions (combined score \geq 70%), which was further uploaded into
702 Cytoscape v.3.8.1 (Shannon et al., 2003) to customize the interactomes.

703

704 **Single cell RNA-sequencing analysis**

705 We selected three published single cell-RNA sequencing datasets generated from kidney
706 organoids (GSE114802), fetal and adult human kidneys (EGAS00001002325,
707 EGAS00001002553), and fetal mouse kidney (GSE108291) to identify the cellular origins of
708 BM genes. We first removed the low-quality cells from the dataset to ensure that the
709 technical noise do not affect the downstream analysis. We also remove the lowly expressed
710 genes as they do not give much information and are unreliable for downstream statistical
711 analysis (Bourgon et al., 2010). In order to account for the various sequencing depth of each
712 cell, we normalized the raw counts using the deconvolution-based method (Lun et al.,
713 2016a). We then identified the genes that have high variance in their biological component
714 and use these genes for all downstream analysis. We then applied PCA and took the first 14
715 components of PCA as input to tSNE and used the first 2 components of tSNE to visualize
716 our cells. The cells were then grouped into their putative clusters using the dynamic tree cut
717 method. We used the *findMarkers* function from *Scran* package to identify the marker genes
718 for each of the clusters (Lun et al., 2016b). *findMarkers* uses t-test for the statistical test and
719 reports p-value of the high rank genes that are DE between the group and all other group.
720 These marker genes were then used to manually annotate the cell types of a cluster (see

721 **Supplementary file 3** for clustering annotation details). We also applied SingleR to define
722 the cell types based on matched with annotated bulk datasets (Aran et al., 2019). We used
723 the *plotDots* function from scater package to produce the dotplots (McCarthy et al., 2017).

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726 **Statistical analysis**

727 Statistical analysis was carried out within Proteome Discoverer using an in-built Two-way
728 ANOVA test with post-hoc Benjamini-Hochberg correction. Principal component analysis
729 (PCA) and unsupervised hierarchical clustering based on a Euclidean distance-based
730 complete-linkage matrix were performed using Rstudio (v. 1.2.5042, <http://rstudio.com>) with
731 the ggplot2 package (v.3.3.2, <https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org>) that was also used to generate
732 PCA plots and heat maps. For the integrated proteomic analysis, previously published young
733 human glomerular and kidney tubulointerstitial data (PRIDE accession PXD022219) was re-
734 processed with Proteome Discoverer to allow direct comparisons with newly acquired data.
735 Then, kidney organoid, mouse and human proteomics datasets were compared using
736 Spearman Rank correlation. Dataset comparisons, for both cellular and ECM cellular
737 fractions, were performed separately for the matrixome proteins only and basement
738 membrane proteins only. The ComplexHeatmap package (v2.2.0, (Gu et al., 2016);
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1037 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

1038 **Figure 1. Kidney organoid basement membranes are altered in human disease.** (A)
 1039 Schematic representing the differentiation of iPSC's to 3D kidney organoids. (B) Whole-
 1040 mount immunofluorescence for kidney cell types: left image shows glomerular structures (g)
 1041 with WT1⁺ cells and CDH1⁺ tubule segments (dashed line); right image shows a glomerular-
 1042 like structure (g) containing podocytes (NPHS1⁺) and endothelial cells (CD31⁺). (C)
 1043 Representative photomicrographs of day 18 kidney organoids (left) and human and mouse
 1044 fetal kidneys (right) to demonstrate the comparable histological structure; inset shows an
 1045 organoid glomerular structure (g). (D) Transmission electron photomicrographs of a
 1046 glomerular- (upper panels) and tubule-like structures (lower panels) in a day 25 kidney
 1047 organoid. In the top-right zoomed area, note features of organoid podocytes (P): a primary
 1048 process (PP) and distinct intercalating foot processes (thin arrowheads) lining a basement
 1049 membrane (arrows). Asterisks indicate glycogen granules. In the lower panels, a tubule-like
 1050 structure in the organoid, and a basement membrane (arrows) labelled with a 10-nm gold-
 1051 conjugated anti-laminin antibody (see large arrowheads in the zoomed area). (E) Right,

1052 pedigree from a family with a pathogenic missense variant in *COL4A5* (c.3695G>A;
1053 p.Gly1232Asp, posterior probability 0.988) and a uncertain significance variant in *COL4A4*
1054 (c.3286C>T; p.Pro1096Ser [VUS], posterior probability 0.5). Left, Sanger sequencing data
1055 for the *COL4A5* variant found in the mother and 2 siblings, which changes the amino acid
1056 from glycine to aspartic acid located in the triple-helical region of the collagen IV trimer. (F)
1057 Representative whole mount immunofluorescence images of wild-type and Alport kidney
1058 organoids show glomerular structures (g) containing WT1⁺ cells, and an intricate cluster of
1059 CDH1⁺ epithelial tubules. (G) Immunofluorescence for LAMB2 shows increased protein
1060 deposition in extraglomerular sites (*). NPHS2 was used as a podocyte marker to identify
1061 glomerular structures (g). (H) Immunoblotting for LAMB2 using total lysates from wild-type
1062 (*n*=3) and Alport organoids (*n*=3 per group): bar chart shows relative fold change (to wild-
1063 type). LAMB2 band optical density was normalized by Ponceau stain and compared by one-
1064 way ANOVA and Tukey's multiple comparison tests (**p*-value < 0.05; ns: not significant).
1065 Pooled data are presented as median, error bars indicate the 95% confidence interval for the
1066 median. See Figure 1-Data source 1. See Figure 1-figures supplement 1-3.

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1068 **Figure 2. Sequential assembly of basement membranes components.** (A) Confocal
1069 immunofluorescence microscopy of wild-type kidney organoids showing the temporal
1070 emergence and BM co-distribution of COL4A1 and panlaminin and (B) perlecan and nidogen
1071 on days 11, 18 and 25 of differentiation. NPHS1 and CD31 were used respectively as
1072 markers for podocyte and endothelial cells in glomerular like structures (g). Arrowheads
1073 indicate interrupted BM segments, large arrows indicate diffuse BM networks, and thin
1074 arrows indicate intracellular droplets of BM proteins.

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1076 **Figure 3. Time course proteomics reveals complex dynamics of basement membrane**
1077 **assembly.** (A) Schematic for sample enrichment for matrix (ECM) proteins for tandem MS
1078 analysis (created with BioRender.com). (B) Bar graphs show the relative abundance of
1079 matrix proteins and non-matrix proteins identified by MS analysis in the cellular and ECM

1080 fractions of kidney organoids on days 14, 18 and 25 ($n=3$ pools per time point). Pooled data
1081 are presented as median, error bars indicate the 95% confidence interval for the median. (C)
1082 Venn diagrams showing identification overlap for matrix proteins detected in organoids on
1083 days 14, 18 and 25. (D) Matrix proteins are classified as basement membrane, other
1084 structural and ECM-associated proteins. Bar charts show the number of matrix proteins per
1085 each category in both cellular and ECM fractions, and line charts show the changes in the
1086 relative abundance (percentage of total matrix abundance) for the matrix categories over the
1087 time course differentiation. Pooled data are presented as median, error bars indicate the
1088 95% confidence interval for the median. (E) Protein interaction network showing all BM
1089 proteins identified over the kidney organoid time course MS study (nodes represent proteins
1090 and connecting lines indicate protein-protein interaction). (F) Heat map showing the \log_{10} -
1091 transformed abundance levels of BM proteins identified in the ECM fraction along kidney
1092 organoid differentiation time course (proteins detected only in one time-point are not shown).
1093 (G) Volcano plots show the \log_2 -fold change (x-axis) versus $-\log_{10}$ - p -value (y-axis) for
1094 proteins differentially expressed in the ECM fraction of kidney organoids from day 14 to 18,
1095 and 18 to 25 ($n=3$ per time point). Key BM proteins significantly up-regulated ($FC \geq 1.5$, p -
1096 value < 0.05 , Two-way ANOVA test, $n=3$) are indicated. (H) Time-dependant changes in the
1097 relative abundance (percentage of total protein intensity) of key BM proteins in the ECM
1098 fraction of kidney organoids during differentiation. Pooled data are presented as median.
1099 See Figure 3-figure supplement 1.

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1101 **Figure 4. Key collagen IV and laminin isoform transitions occur during kidney**
1102 **organoid differentiation.** (A) Immunofluorescence for key collagen IV and laminin isoforms
1103 showing their emergence and distribution in kidney organoid BM. Panlaminin antibody was
1104 used to co-label organoid BM; glomerular structures are indicated (g). (B) Re-analysis of a
1105 kidney organoid scRNA-seq dataset GSE114802, (Combes et al., 2019b) confirms cellular
1106 specificity for collagen IV and laminin isoform gene expression. tSNE plots represent the cell
1107 type clusters identified, and colour intensity indicate the cell-specific level of expression for

1108 the selected BM genes. (C) Proteomic analysis of laser-captured maturing glomeruli from
1109 E19 mouse kidneys ($n=4$). Histological images show the laser dissected glomeruli, and the
1110 protein interaction network shows 25 BM proteins identified (nodes represent proteins and
1111 connecting lines indicate protein-protein interaction). (D) Immunofluorescence for specific
1112 collagen IV isoforms in maturing glomeruli in E19 mouse kidney and in glomerular structures
1113 (indicated by dashed lines) in day 25 organoids. NPHS2 was used to label podocytes.
1114 Arrowheads indicate outer Bowman's capsule (mouse) or glomerular surface (organoid),
1115 large arrows indicate GBM (mouse) or GBM-like deposition (organoid); thin arrows indicate
1116 mesangial matrix (mouse) or internal glomerular deposition (organoid). See Figure 4-figure
1117 supplement 1.

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1119 **Figure 5. Basement membranes in mouse fetal kidneys are comparable to kidney**
1120 **organoids.** (A) Schematic representation of the E19 mouse kidney sampled for MS-based
1121 proteomics, and a Venn diagram showing the overlap for matrix proteins identified in the
1122 cellular and ECM fractions. (B) Bar charts show enrichment for matrix proteins in both
1123 cellular and ECM fractions ($n=6$), as indicated by the number and relative abundance of
1124 proteins in each matrix category. Pooled data are presented as median, error bars indicate
1125 the 95% confidence interval for the median. (C) Expanded fetal mouse kidney matrisome
1126 represented as a protein interaction network (nodes represent proteins identified in this and
1127 in a previous study (Lipp et al., 2021), and connecting lines indicate protein-protein
1128 interaction). (D) Comparison of BM proteins identified in the E19 mouse fetal kidney* (MFK)
1129 and human kidney organoids (HKO) during differentiation (asterisks indicate that
1130 corresponding human ortholog proteins are shown). (E) Spearman rank correlation analysis
1131 for matrix and BM protein abundance (ECM fraction) comparisons between E19 mouse fetal
1132 kidney (MFK) and human kidney organoids (HKO). (F) Re-analysis of a E18.5 mouse kidney
1133 scRNA-seq dataset GSE108291, (Combes et al., 2019a) confirms cellular specificity for
1134 collagen IV and laminin isoform gene expression. tSNE plots represent the cell type clusters

1135 identified, and colour intensity indicate the cell-specific level of expression for the selected
1136 BM genes. See Figures 5-figures supplement 1 and 2.

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1138 **Figure 6. Basement membranes are dynamic through embryonic development to**
1139 **adulthood.** (A) Integrative interactome showing a common core of 44 BM proteins across
1140 day 25 organoid, E19 mouse kidney, adult human glomerular and tubulointerstitial
1141 compartments. Venn diagrams indicate in which dataset each BM protein was detected.
1142 Nodes represent proteins, and lines indicate protein-protein interactions. (B) Spearman rank
1143 correlation analysis for matrix and BM protein abundance (ECM fraction) comparisons
1144 between E19 mouse fetal kidney (MFK), human kidney organoids (HKO) and adult human
1145 glomerulus and kidney tubulointerstitium. (C) Re-analysis of an adult human kidney scRNA-
1146 seq dataset EGAS00001002553, (Young et al., 2018)) confirms cellular specificity for
1147 collagen IV and laminin isoform gene expression. tSNE plots represent the cell type clusters
1148 identified, and colour intensity indicate the cell-specific level of expression for the selected
1149 BM genes (*proximal tubule cells were not included). (D) Cell expression of minor BM
1150 components through kidney development to adulthood. Dot plots show the level of
1151 expression of target genes in all published datasets re-analysed in this study (*proximal
1152 tubule cells were not included). See Figure 6-figure supplement 1.

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1154 **Figure 7. Overview of the developmental milestones in human and mouse kidney**
1155 **morphogenesis, and a comparison human kidney organoids.** Differentiation is dated in
1156 human as week-post conception (**wpc**), in mouse as embryonic days (**E**) and in kidney
1157 organoids as **day** of differentiation, and measures (cm or mm) indicate specimen size in
1158 each model. Three sets of embryonic kidneys develop in mammals in a temporal sequence:
1159 from the pronephros to the mesonephros (both temporary), and then to the metanephros
1160 (permanent). Metanephric nephron formation (nephrogenesis) commences in humans at 5
1161 wpc, in mice at E10.5, and in kidney organoid from day 11, when the laminin starts to
1162 deposit as basement membrane networks. Following the same developmental stage in

1163 human and mouse kidneys, kidney organoids start to form discernable renal vesicles on day
1164 14, and distinct comma- and S-shaped bodies on day 18; day 25 organoids, which most
1165 closely resemble late capillary loop stage nephrons *in vivo*, comprise more mature structures
1166 including glomeruli with capillary lumens, proximal tubules, and distal tubules. Meanwhile a
1167 conserved sequence of basement membrane assembly was detected in kidney organoids,
1168 and laminin and collagen IV developmental isoform transitions were identified between day
1169 14 and day 25.

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1171 **SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES AND FILES**

1172 **Figure 1–figure supplement 1. Morphological characteristics of wild-type kidney**
1173 **organoids and fetal human kidney.** (A) Bright field images (left) and H&E staining (right) of
1174 human kidney organoids on day 11, 14, 18 and 25 of differentiation. (B) H&E staining of
1175 human fetal kidney at 8 wpc, 12 wpc, 17 wpc, and 21 wpc highlights normal human kidney
1176 development. (C) Immunofluorescence for integrin beta-1 (ITGB1) in day 25 kidney organoid
1177 (wild-type). Anti-panlaminin or anti-collagen IV antibodies were used to label basement
1178 membranes. In the glomerulus (g), note the distribution of ITGB1 adjacent to the basement
1179 membrane.

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1181 **Figure 1-figure supplement 2. Ultrastructure of glomerular-like structures in day 25**
1182 **human kidney organoids.** (A) Transmission electron microscopy of day 25 kidney
1183 organoids shows advanced differentiation of glomerular structures. In the zoomed areas (1
1184 and 2) note podocytes (P) displaying long branching primary processes (PP) and a layer of
1185 intercalated foot processes (thin arrow) lining a distinct basement membrane (thin arrows).
1186 Asterisks indicate accumulation of glycogen granules, and large arrowheads tight cell
1187 junctions between maturing podocyte processes. In the lower panels, note in the zoomed
1188 area (3) a deposition of basement membrane-like matrix between podocyte processes within
1189 a glomerular structure. (B) Note the presence of likely endothelial cells (E) and podocytes
1190 (P). In the zoomed area, note a layer of podocyte foot processes (arrowheads) and an

1191 endothelial cell (E), but deposition of matrix- and BM-like electron-dense material in between
1192 (asterisks).

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1194 **Figure 1–figure supplement 3. Differentiation of wild-type and Alport kidney**
1195 **organoids.** Whole-mount immunofluorescence of wild-type and Alport kidney organoids
1196 shows comparable deposition of COL4A4 in BM-like structures (arrows) within
1197 NPHS1+/CD31+ glomerular-like structures (g).

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1199 **Figure 3–figure supplement 1. Time course proteomic analysis of kidney organoid**
1200 **differentiation.** (A) Gene ontology (GO) term enrichment analysis for cellular component
1201 annotations associated with proteins detected in the cellular and ECM fractions of kidney
1202 organoids by mass spectrometry (MS). GO terms were considered enriched when False
1203 Discovery Rate (FDR) < 0.10. (B) Protein interaction network depicts matrixome proteins
1204 identified in kidney organoids by MS over the differentiation time course (nodes represent
1205 proteins and connecting lines indicate a reported protein-protein interaction). (C) Principal
1206 component analysis (PCA) for the matrix proteins identified by MS in the cellular (left plot)
1207 and ECM (right plot) fractions of kidney organoids. (D) Top 15 most abundant BM proteins
1208 found in kidney organoids by MS. Proteins were ranked according to their normalized
1209 abundance levels (LFQ-intensities). Pooled data are shown as median, error bars indicate
1210 the 95% confidence interval for the median. (E) Volcano plots show the log₂-fold change (x-
1211 axis) vs. -log₁₀-p-value (y-axis) for proteins differentially expressed in the cellular fraction of
1212 kidney organoids from day 14 to 18, and 18 to 25. Key BM proteins significantly up-regulated
1213 (FC>1.5, *p*-value < 0.05, Two-way ANOVA test, *n*=3) are indicated (F) Pathway enrichment
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1215 charts depict log-transformed FDR for the top-most enriched pathways (FDR<0.10).
1216 Pathway terms shown were simplified.

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1218 **Figure 4–figure supplement 1. Single cell-RNA sequencing data analysis of human**
1219 **kidney organoids.** (A) Dotplot depicting the cell-specific level of expression of 160 BM gene
1220 collection in 25 days kidney organoids. (B) tSNE plot indicates gene expression of LIMX1b
1221 and EPB41L5 in day 25 kidney organoids. Arrows indicate podocyte clusters. Data shown in
1222 (A) and (B) were obtained from a re-analysis of a publicly available scRNA-seq dataset
1223 GSE114802; (Combes et al., 2019b). (C) Bar charts show the time-dependent changes in
1224 protein abundance of EPB41L5 in kidney organoids ($n=3$ per time point). Pooled data are
1225 shown as median, error bars indicate the 95% confidence interval for the median. Two-way
1226 ANOVA test: * p -value <0.05 .

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1228 **Figure 5–figure supplement 1. Proteomic analysis of E19 mouse fetal kidney and**
1229 **correlational comparison with kidney organoid proteomics.** (A) Gene ontology (GO)
1230 term enrichment analysis for cellular component annotations associated with proteins
1231 detected by MS in the cellular and ECM. (B) GO biological process annotations enriched for
1232 top 100 most abundant proteins detected by MS in the cellular and ECM. (C) Top 20 most
1233 abundant BM proteins found in the E19 mouse kidney by MS. Proteins were ranked
1234 according to their normalized abundance levels (LFQ-intensities). Pooled data are presented
1235 as median, error bars indicate the 95% confidence interval for the median. (D) Comparison
1236 of other structural matrix and ECM-associated proteins identified in the E19 mouse kidney
1237 and kidney organoids over differentiation. (E) Spearman rank correlation plots depicting the r
1238 coefficient values for matrix and BM protein abundance (ECM fraction) comparisons
1239 between the E19 mouse kidney and kidney organoids.

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1241 **Figure 5–figure supplement 2. Single-cell RNA sequencing analysis of human fetal**
1242 **kidney.** Re-analysis of 8/9-wpc human kidney scRNA-seq datasets (EGAS00001002325,
1243 EGAS00001002553; Young et al., 2018) confirms cellular specificity for collagen IV and
1244 laminin isoform gene expression. tSNE plots represent the cell type clusters identified, and
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Figure 6–figure supplement 1. Integrated correlational analysis of organoid and *in vivo* kidney datasets. Spearman rank correlation plots depicting the r coefficient values for matrix and BM protein abundance (ECM fraction) between E19 mouse kidney, kidney organoids and adult human kidney proteomic datasets.

Supplementary file 1. Human fetal kidney and hiPSC general information.

Supplementary file 2. Human kidney organoid proteome and matrix proteins

Supplementary file 3. scRNA-seq kidney datasets- cell clustering and expression data.

Supplementary file 4. E19 mouse maturing glomerulus proteome and matrix proteins.

Supplementary file 5. E19 mouse kidney proteome and matrix proteins.

Supplementary file 6. Human adult kidney glomerular and tubulointerstitial proteome and matrix proteins.

SOURCE DATA

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1276 **Figure 1** Original TEM Images: **D** Transmission electron micrographs of tubular BM in day
1277 25 kidney organoid and E19 mouse fetal kidney.

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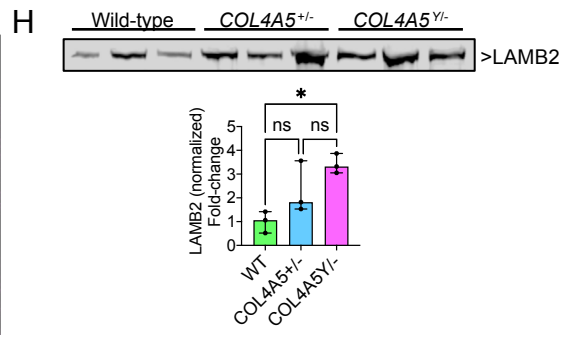
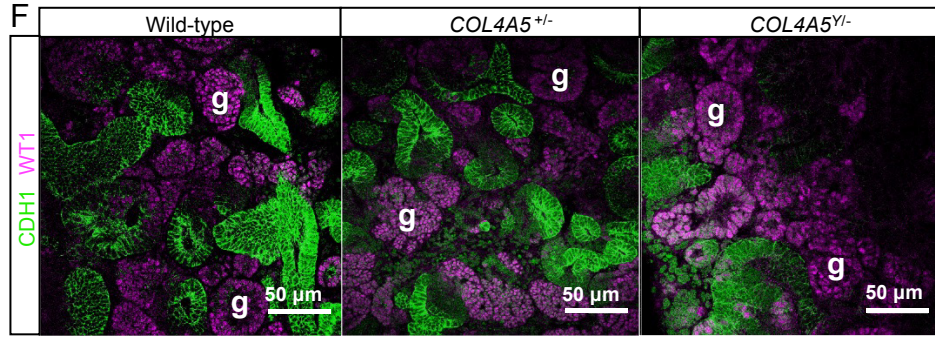
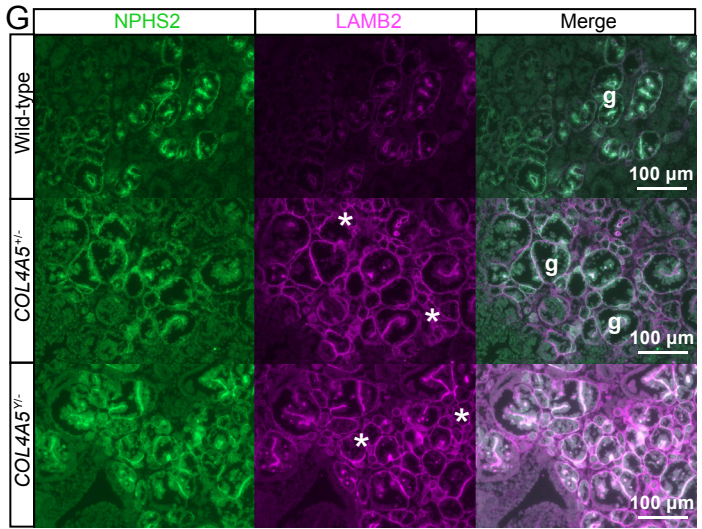
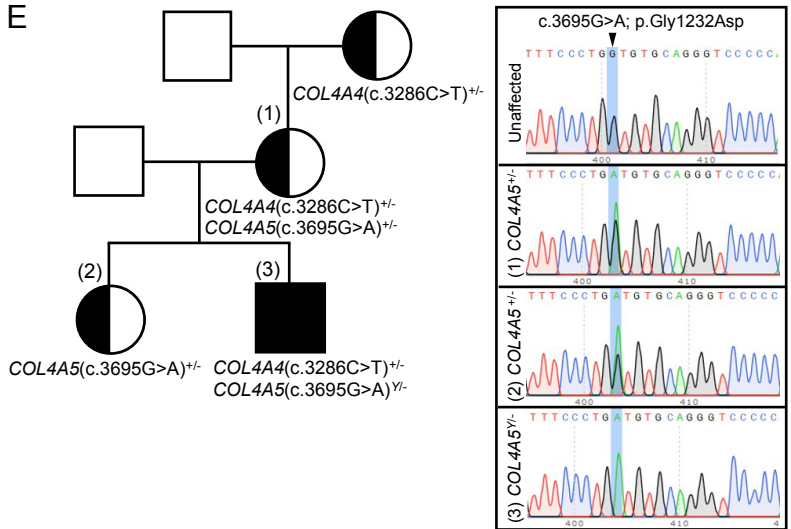
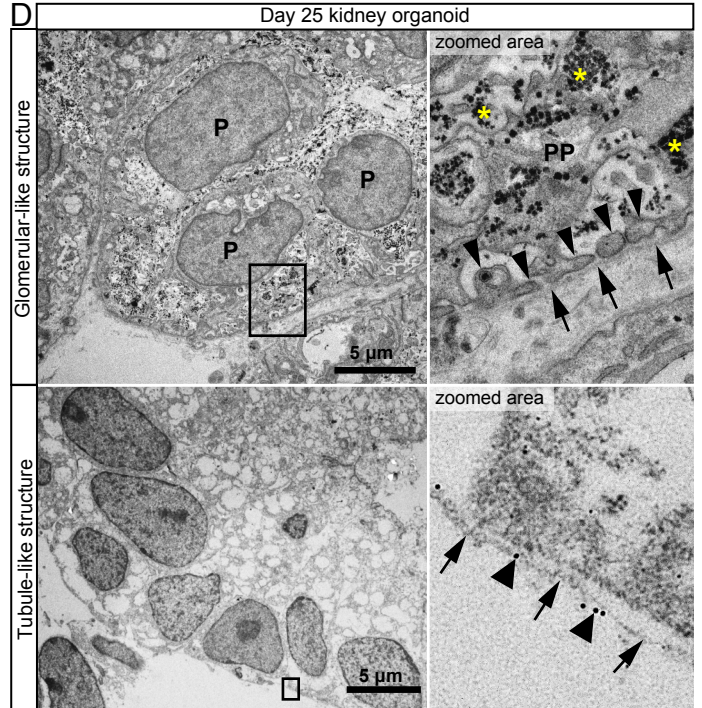
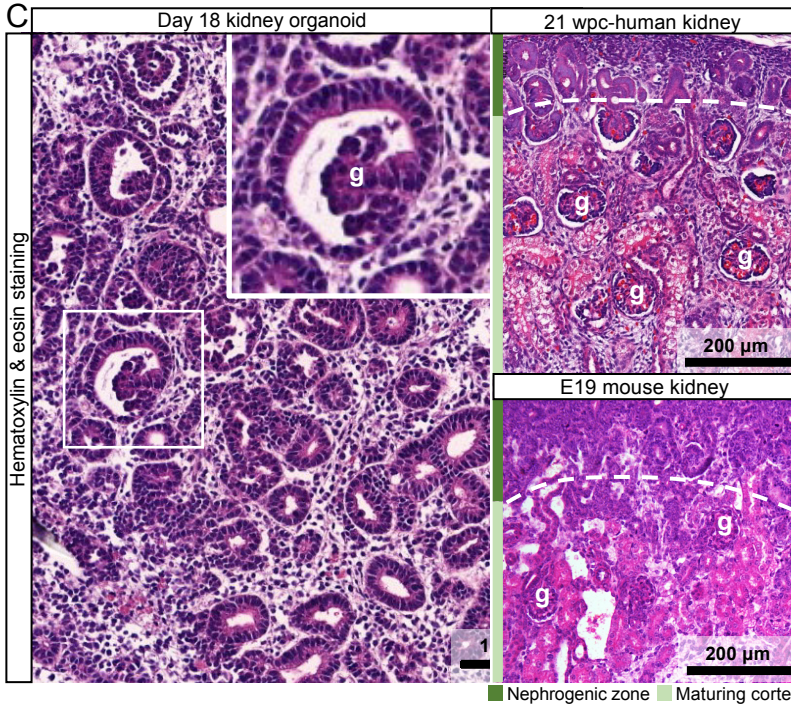
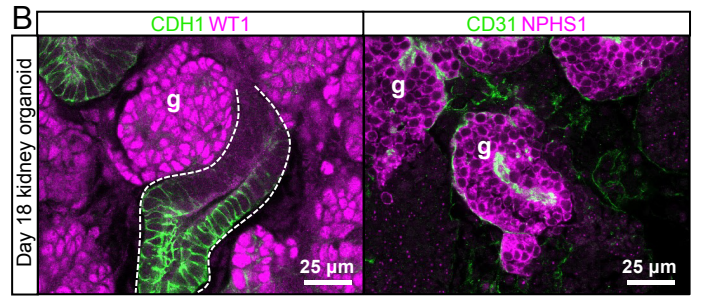
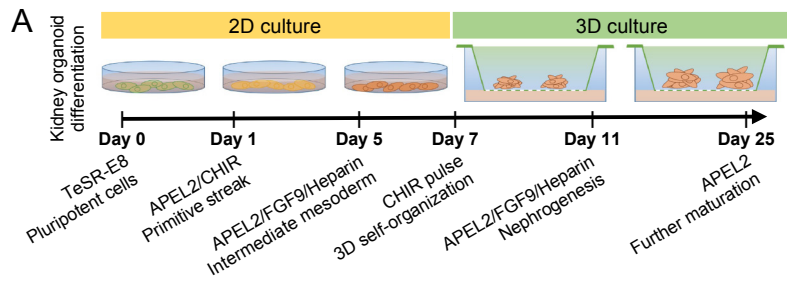
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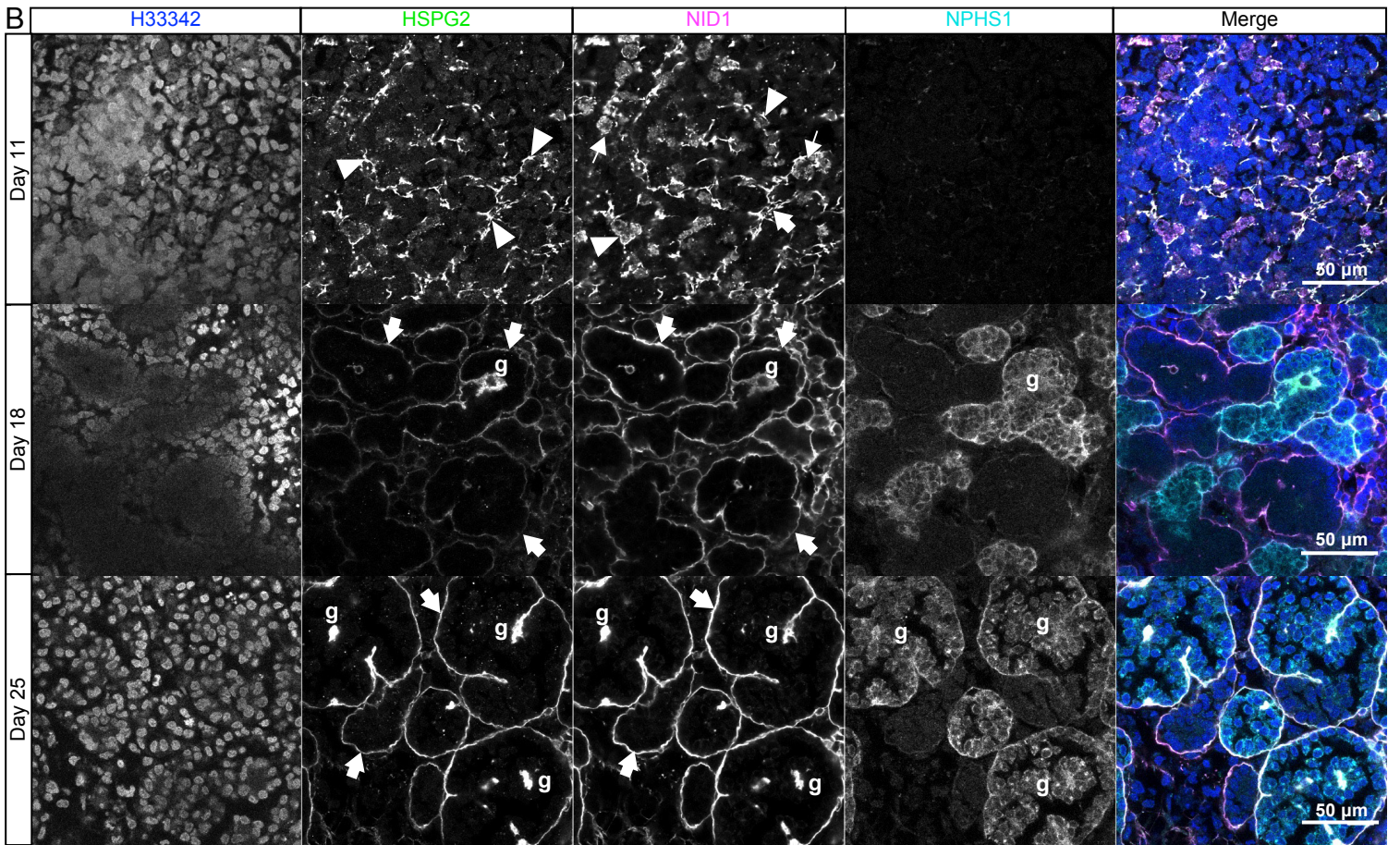
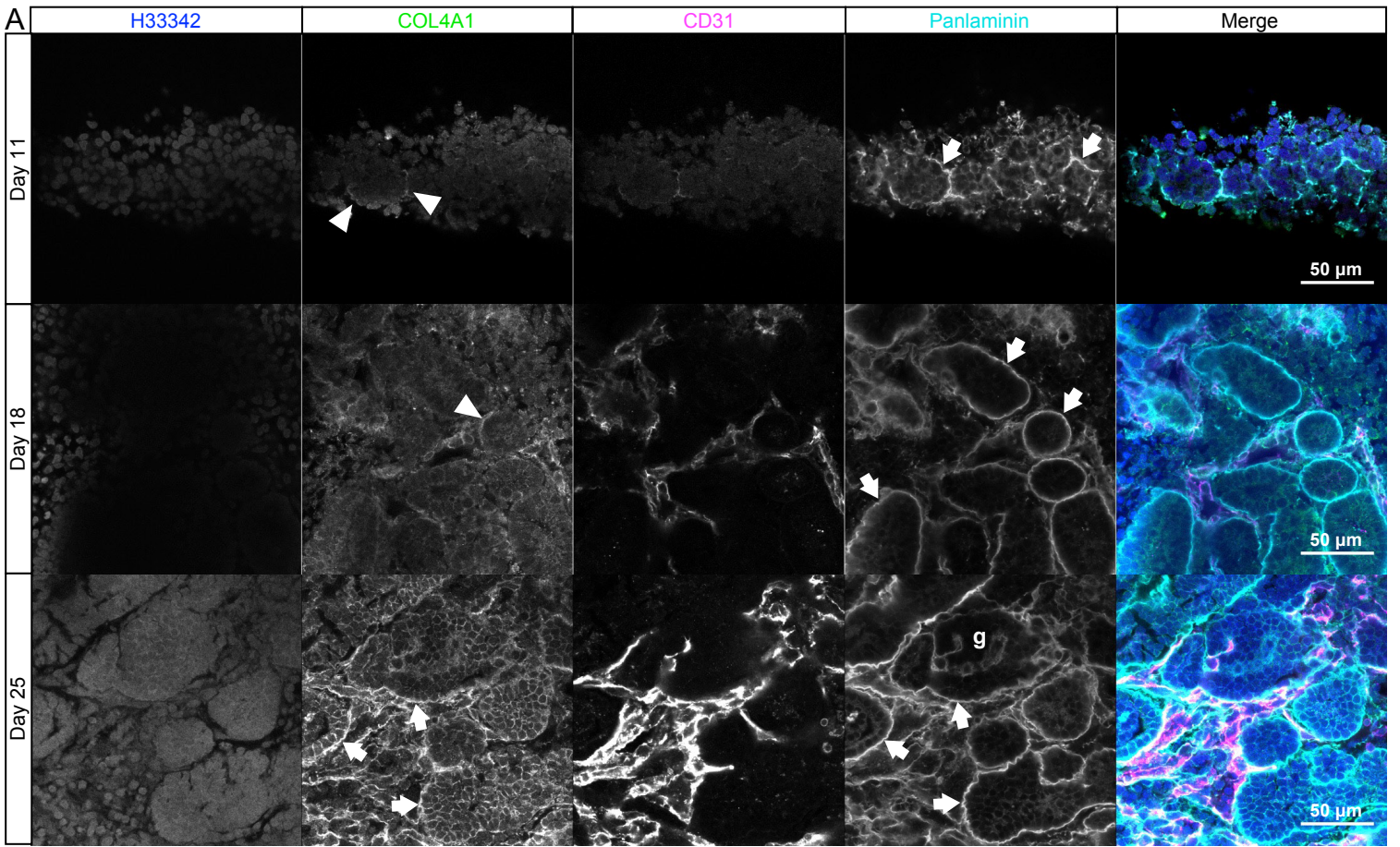
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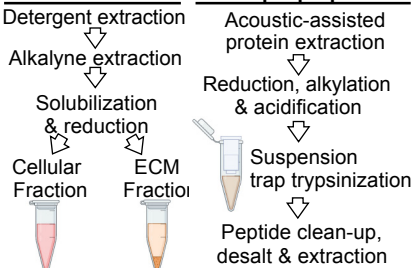
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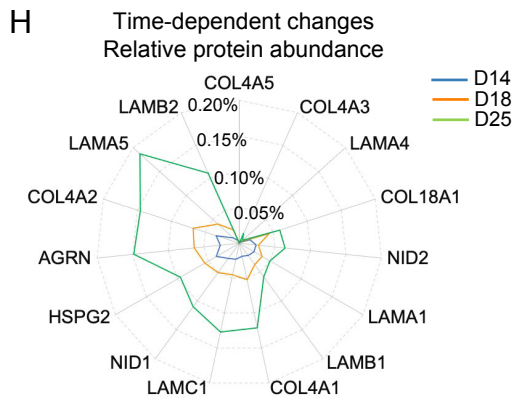
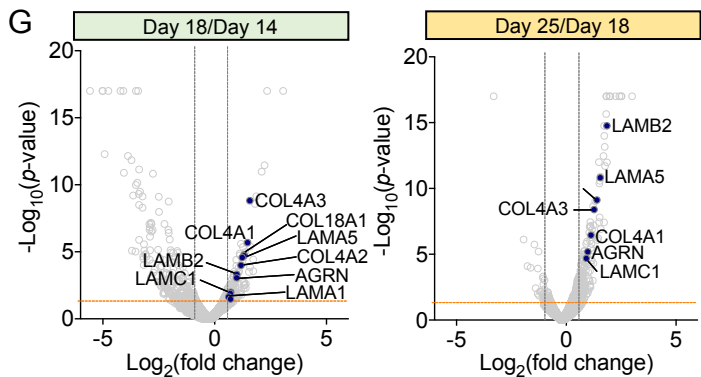
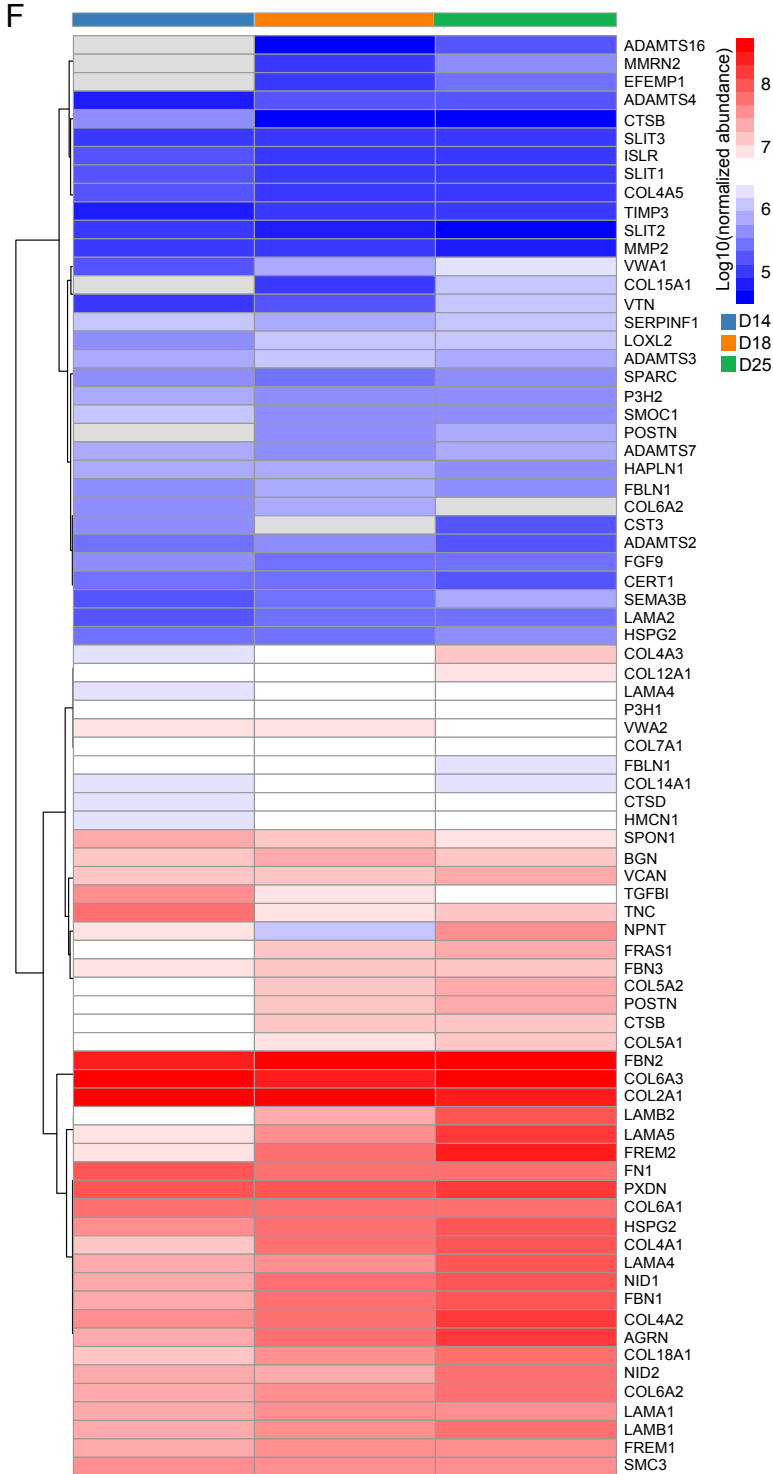
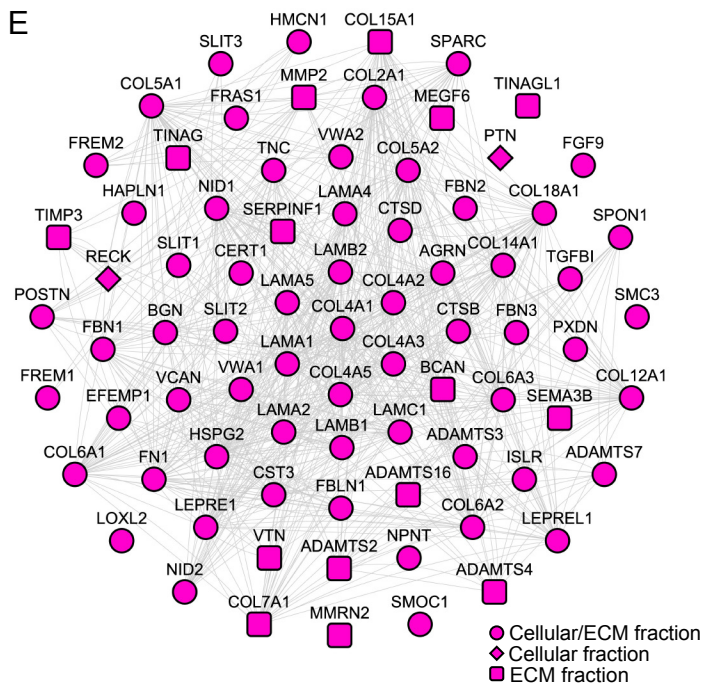
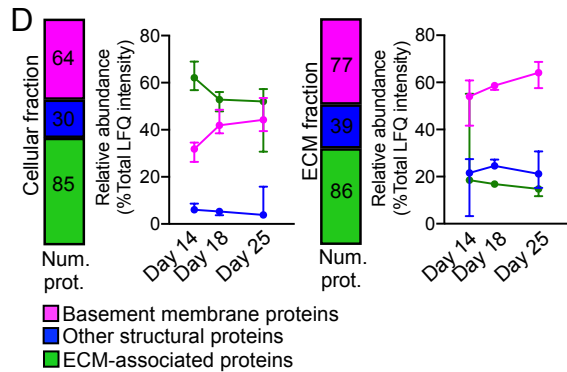
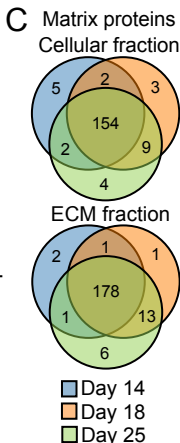
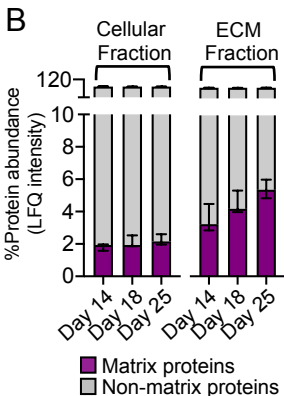
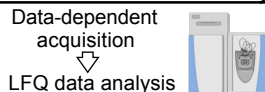


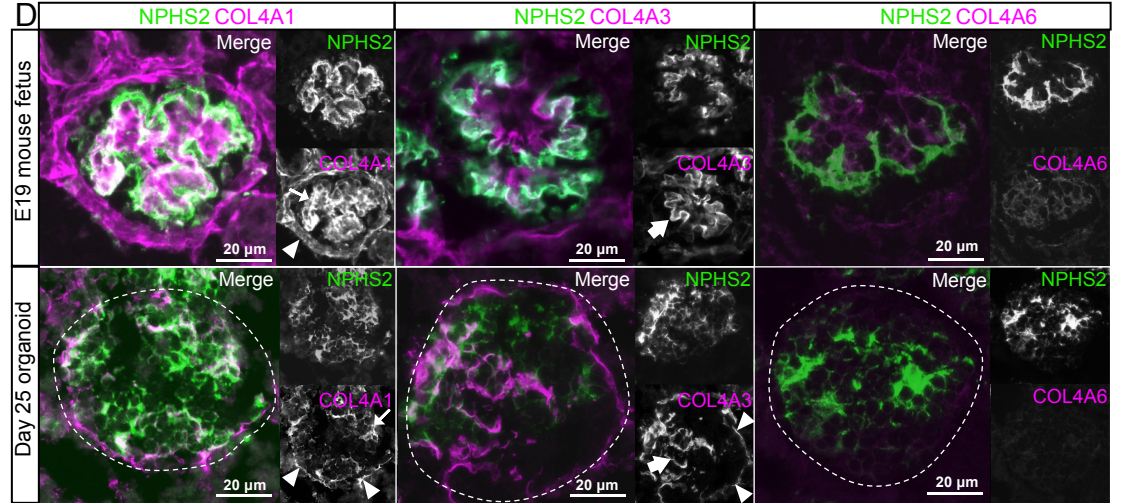
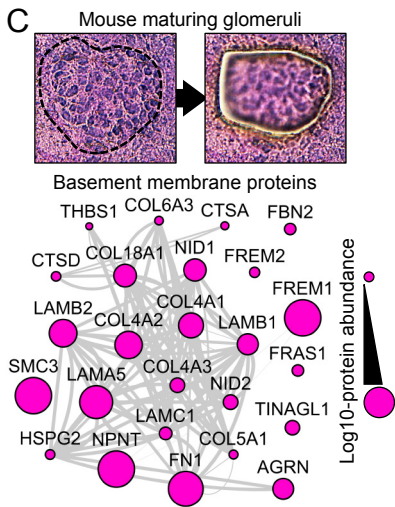
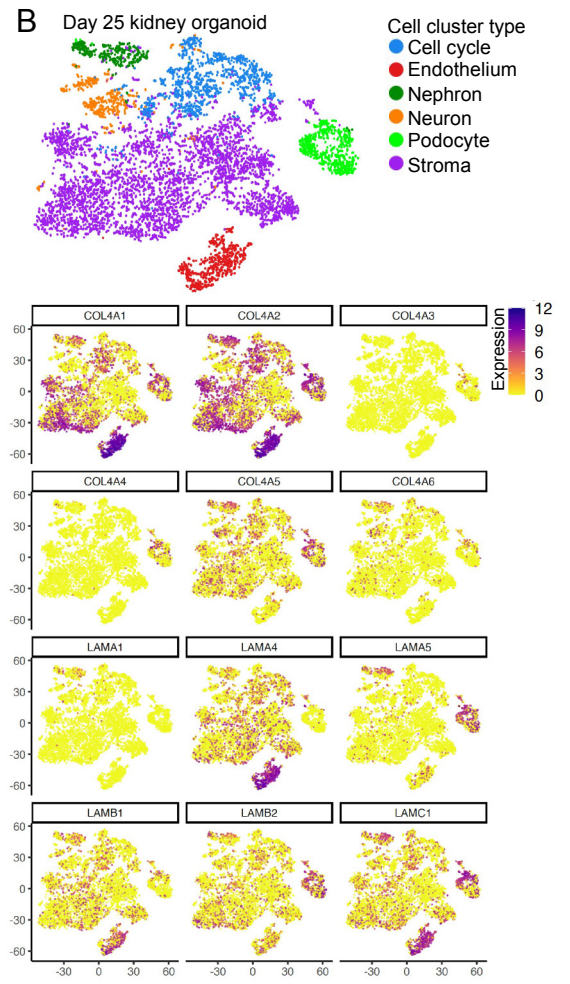
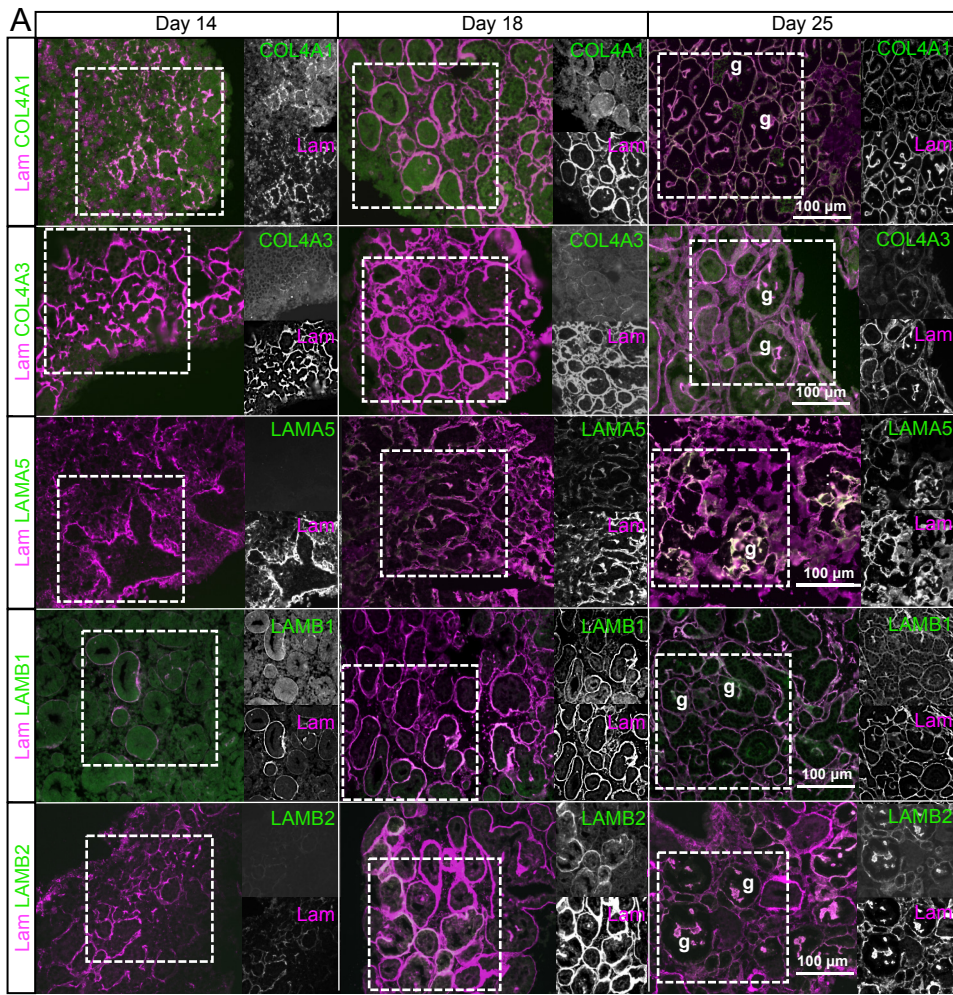


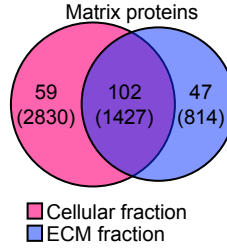
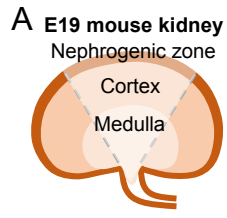
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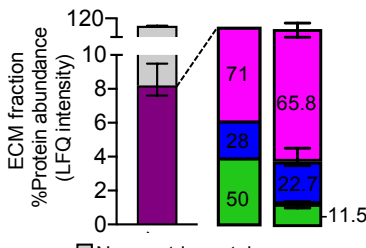
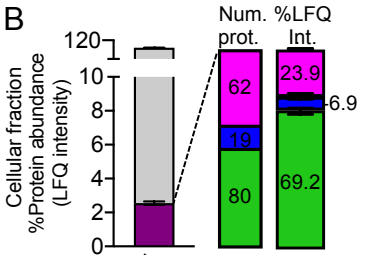
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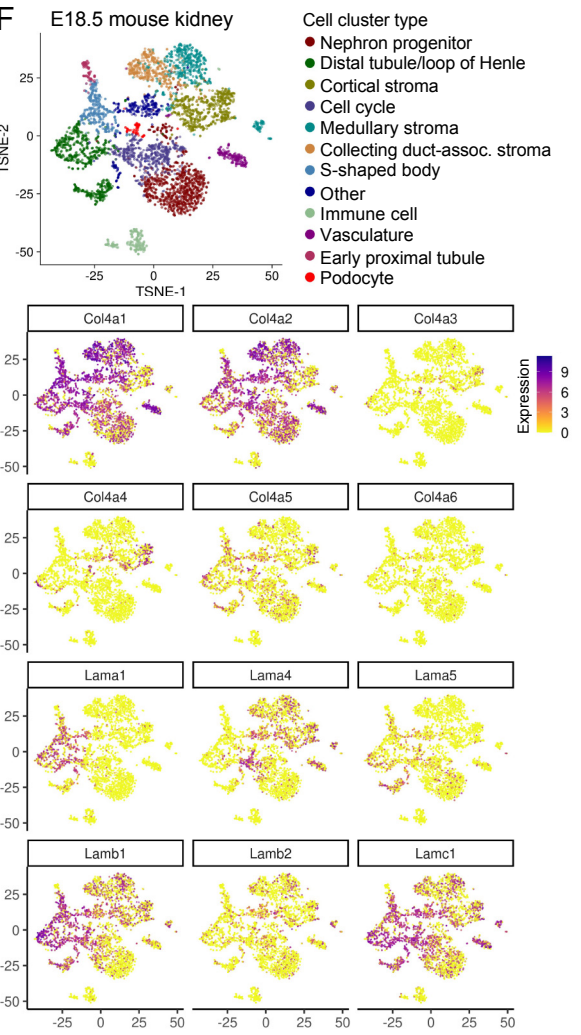
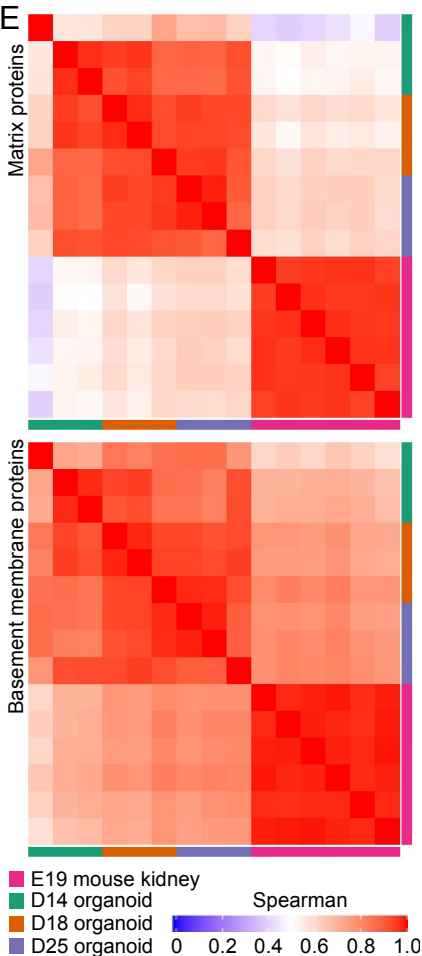
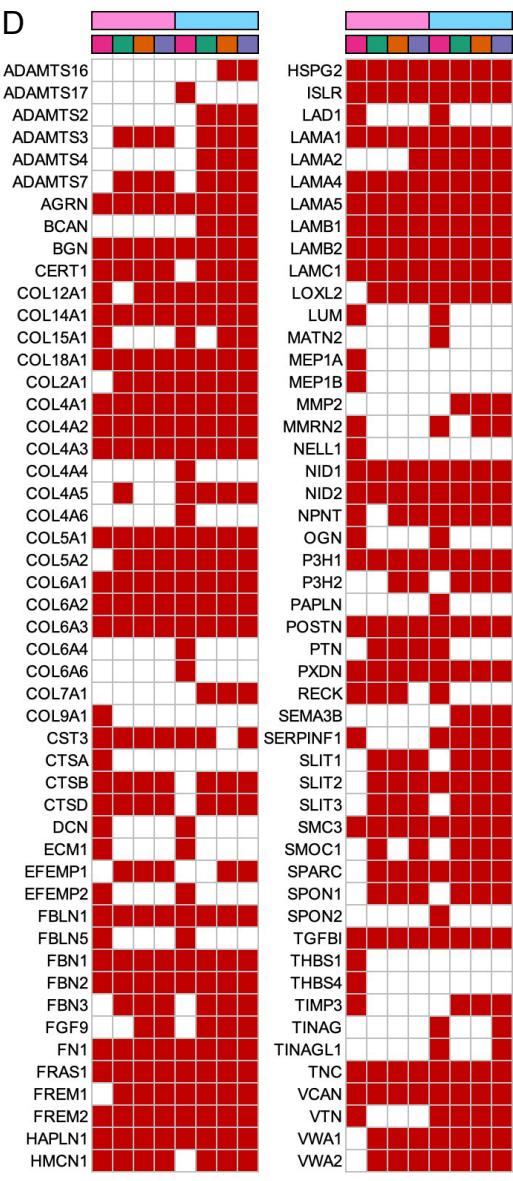
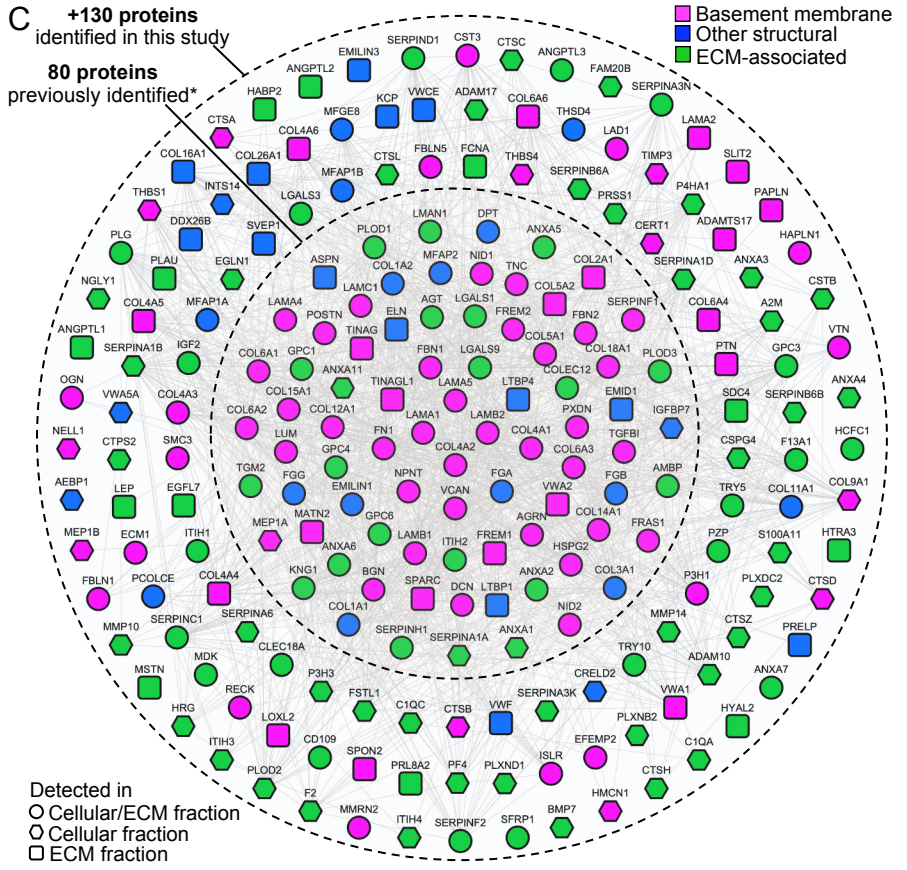


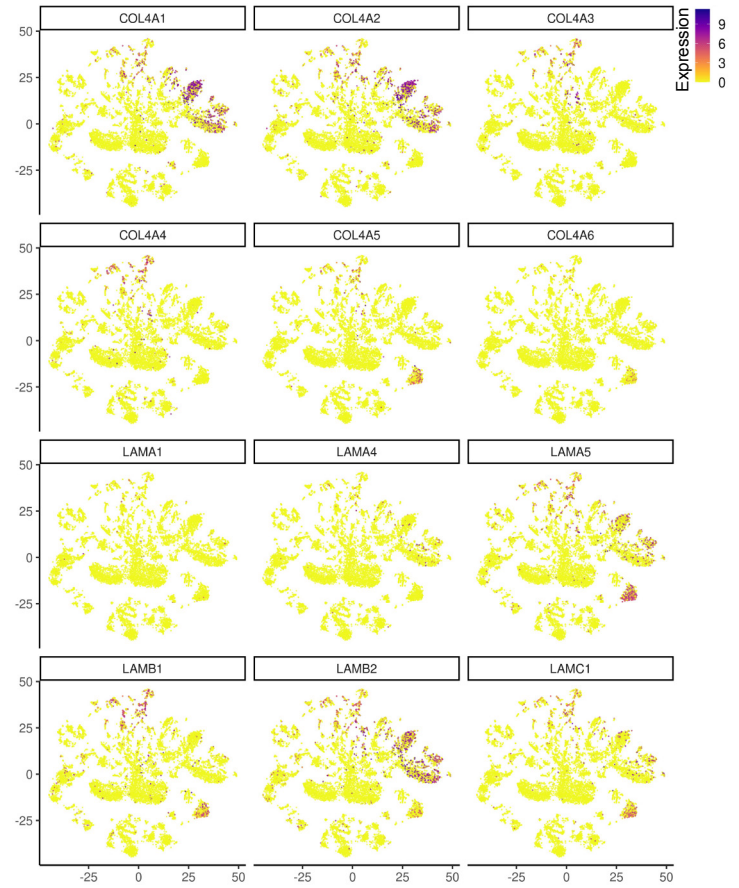
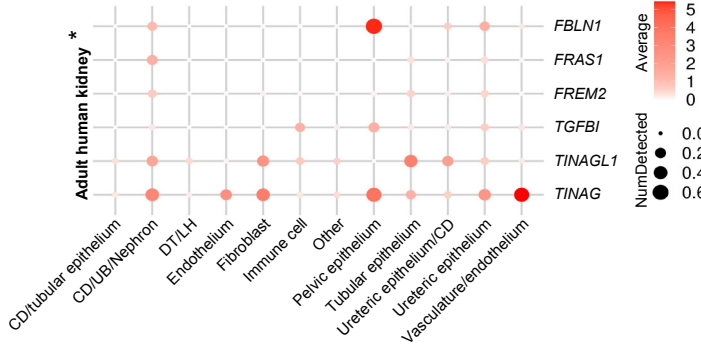
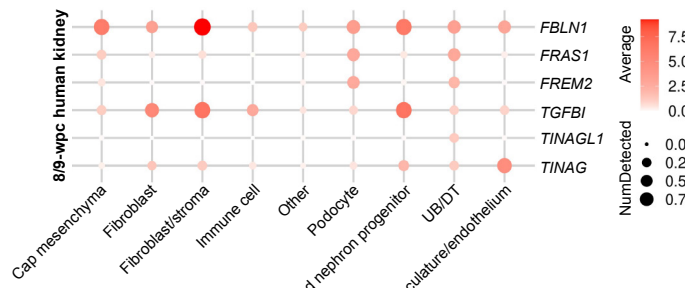
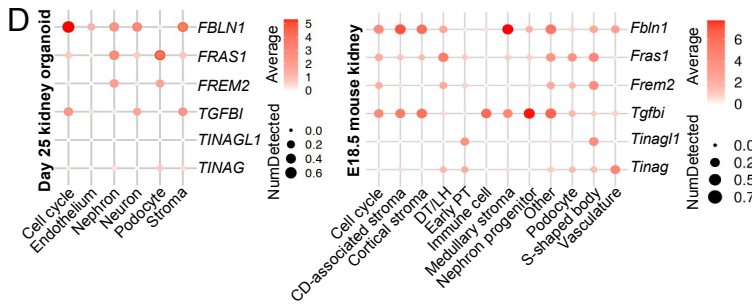
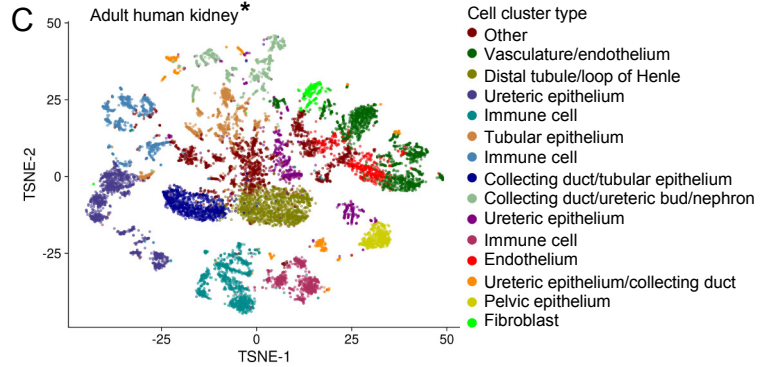
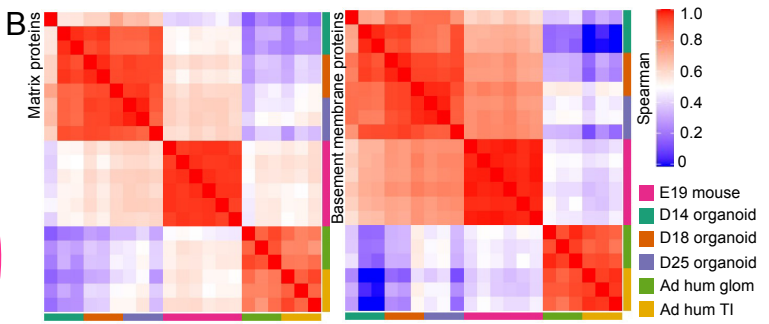
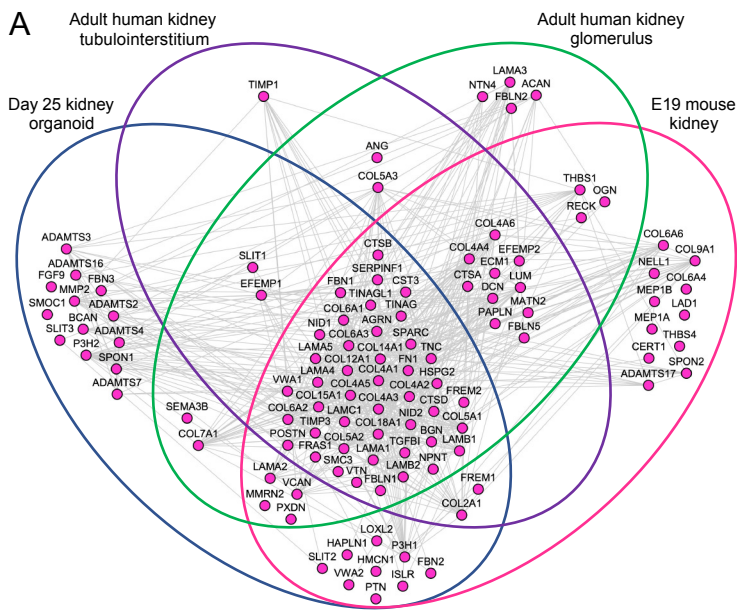


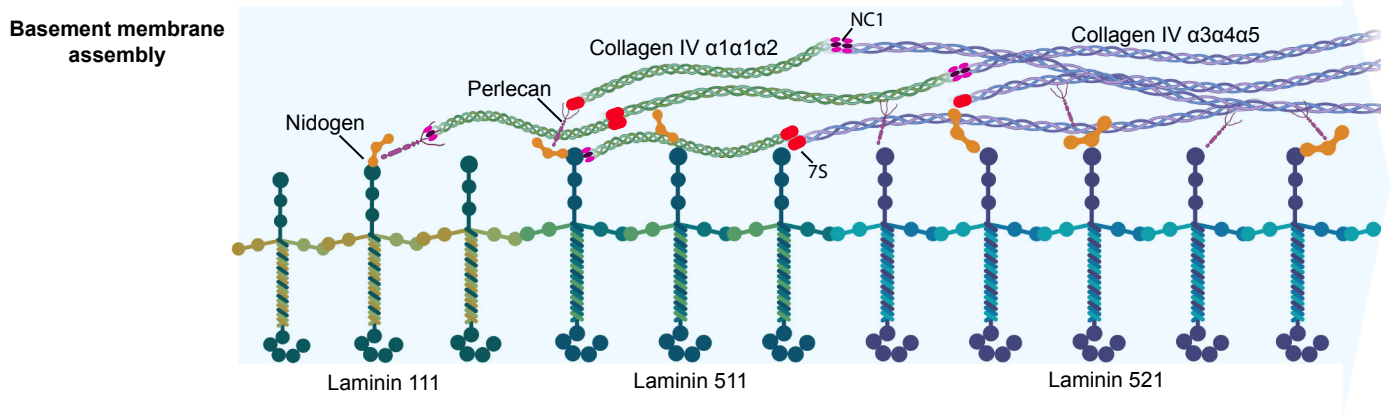
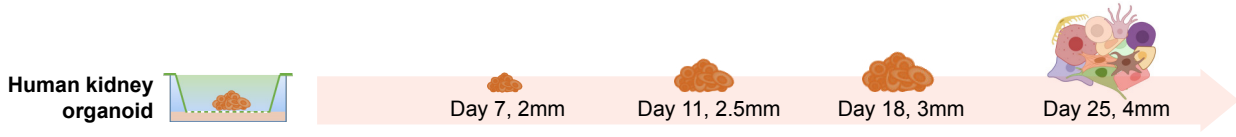
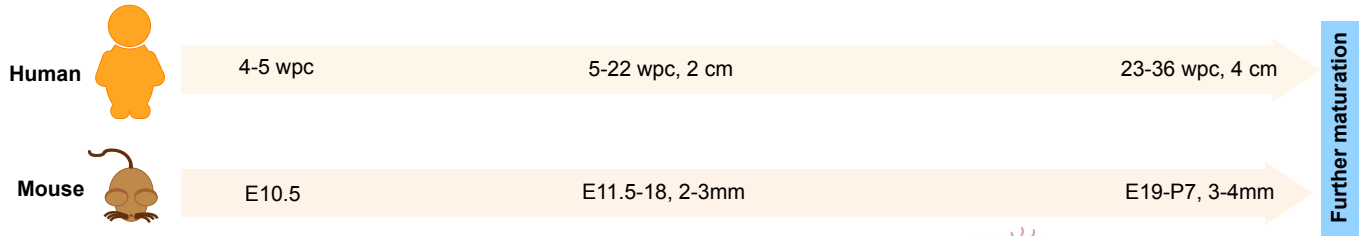
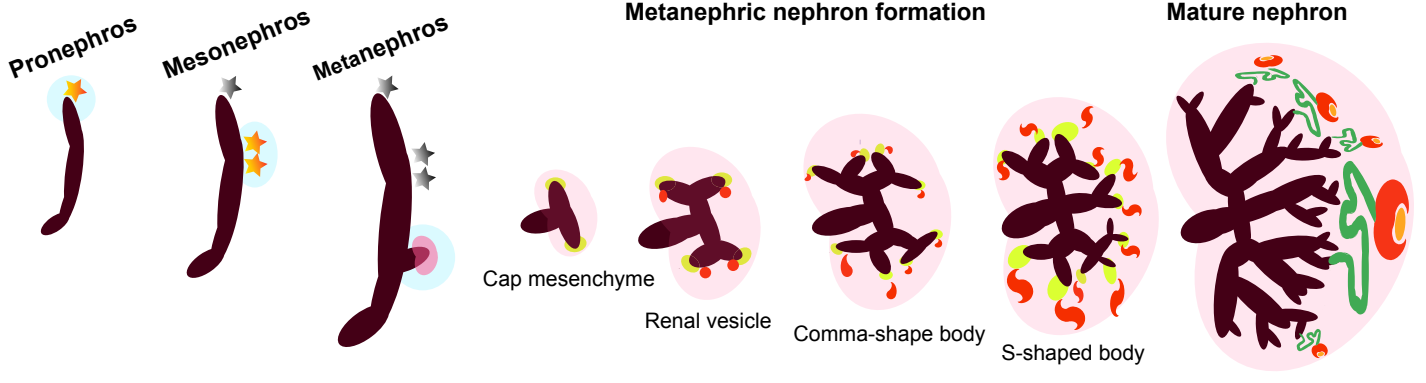
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Matrix proteins
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Other structural protein
ECM-associated proteins







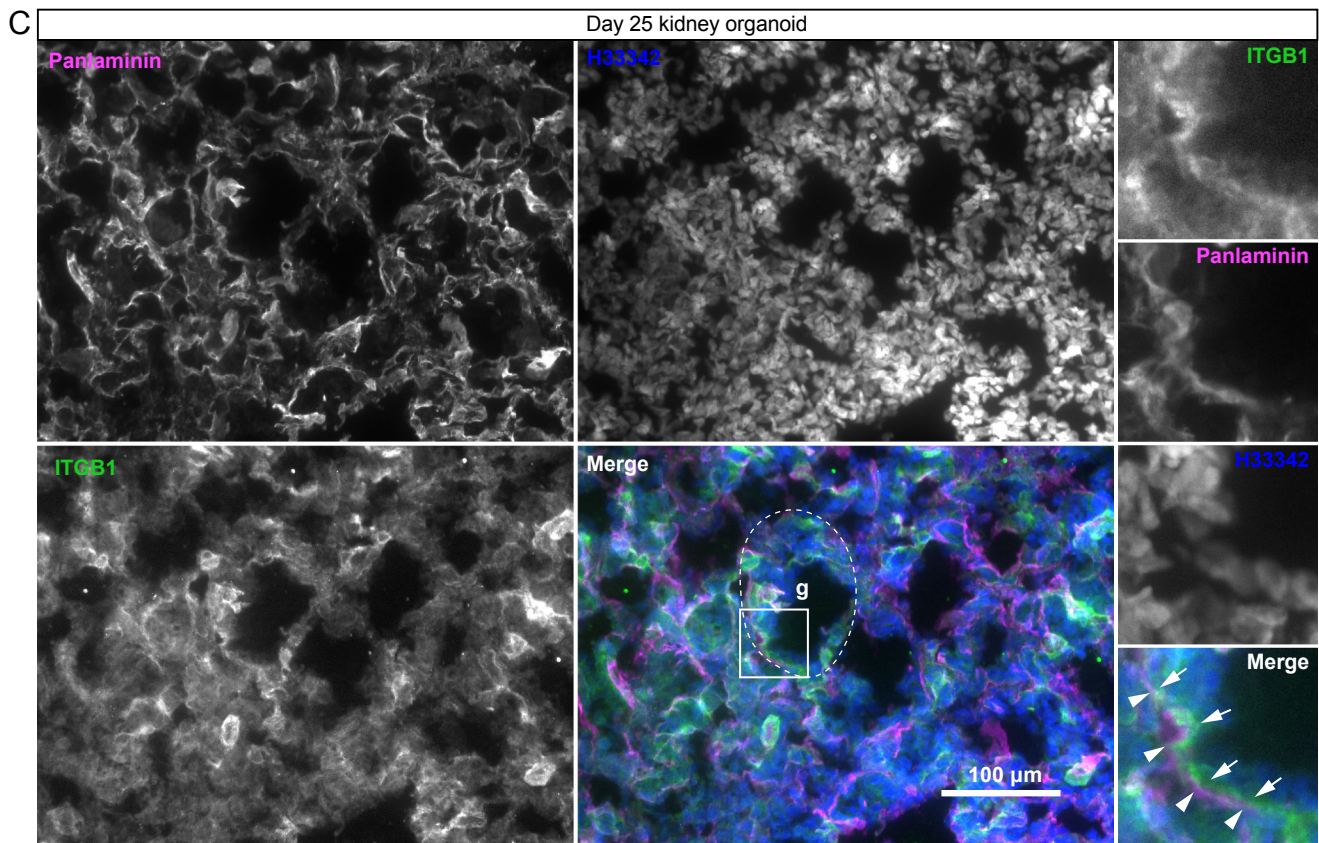
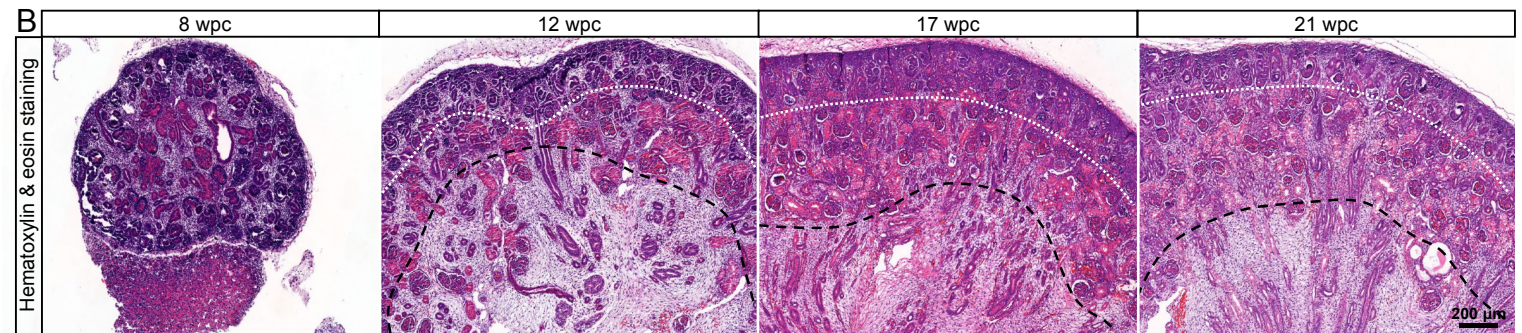
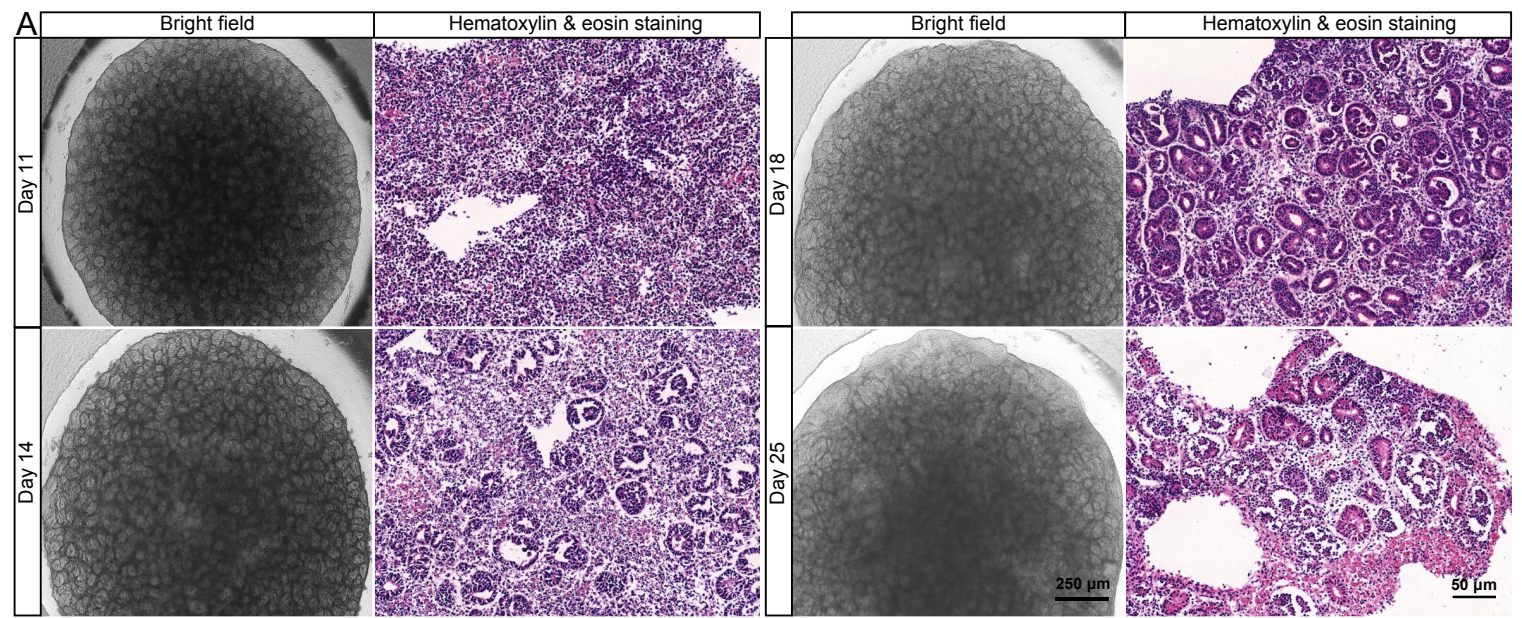


Figure 1-figure supplement 1. Morphological characteristics of wild-type kidney organoids and fetal human kidney. (A) Bright field images (left) and H&E staining (right) of human kidney organoids on day 11, 14, 18 and 25 of differentiation. (B) H&E staining of human fetal kidney at 8 wpc, 12 wpc, 17 wpc, and 21 wpc highlights normal human kidney development. (C) Immunofluorescence for integrin beta-1 (ITGB1) in day 25 kidney organoid (wild-type). Anti-panlaminin or anti-collagen IV antibodies were used to label basement membranes. In the glomerulus (g), note the distribution of ITGB1 adjacent to the basement membrane.

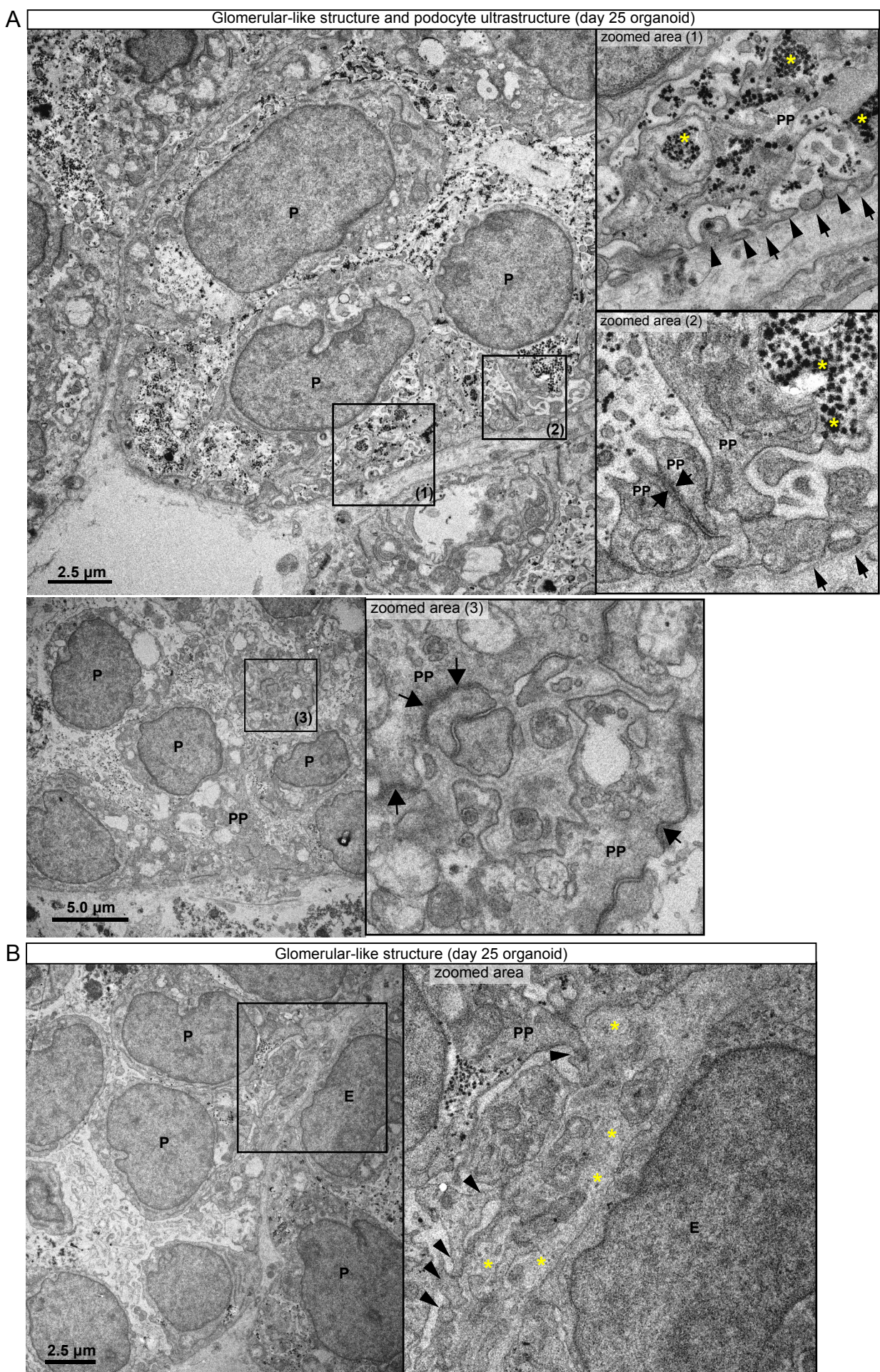


Figure 1-figure supplement 2. Ultrastructure of glomerular-like structures in day 25 human kidney organoids. (A) Transmission electron microscopy of day 25 kidney organoids show advanced differentiation of glomerular structures. In the zoomed areas (1 and 2) note podocytes (P) displaying long branching primary processes (PP) and a layer of intercalated foot processes (thin arrow) lining a distinct basement membrane (thin arrows). Asterisks indicate accumulation of glycogen granules, and large arrowheads tight cell junctions between maturing podocyte processes. In the lower panels, note in the zoomed area (3) a deposition of basement membrane-like matrix between podocyte processes within a glomerular structure. (B) Note the presence of likely endothelial cells (E) and podocytes (P). In the zoomed area, note a layer of podocyte foot processes (arrowheads) and an endothelial cell (E), but deposition of matrix- and BM-like electron-dense material in between (asterisks).

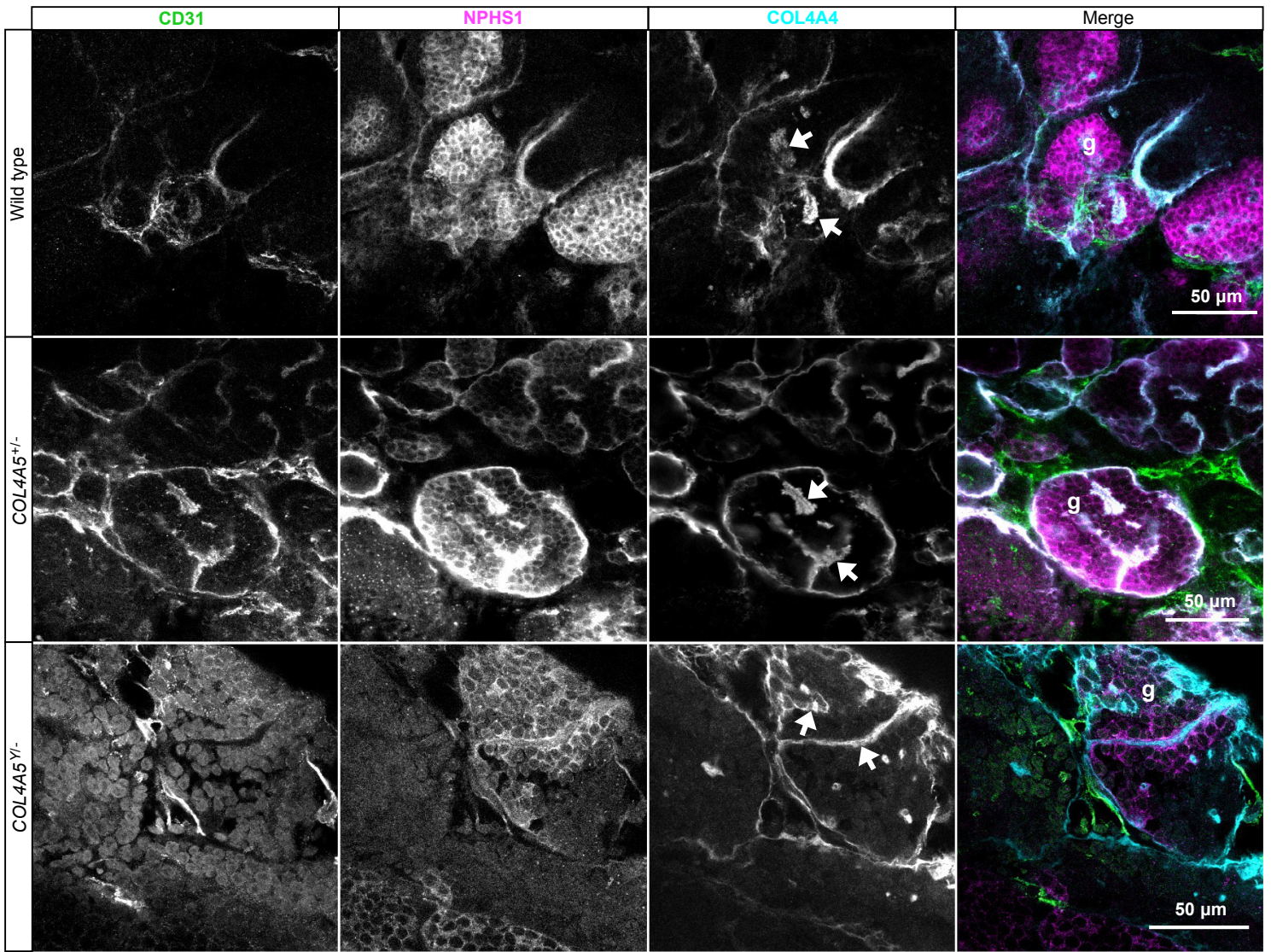
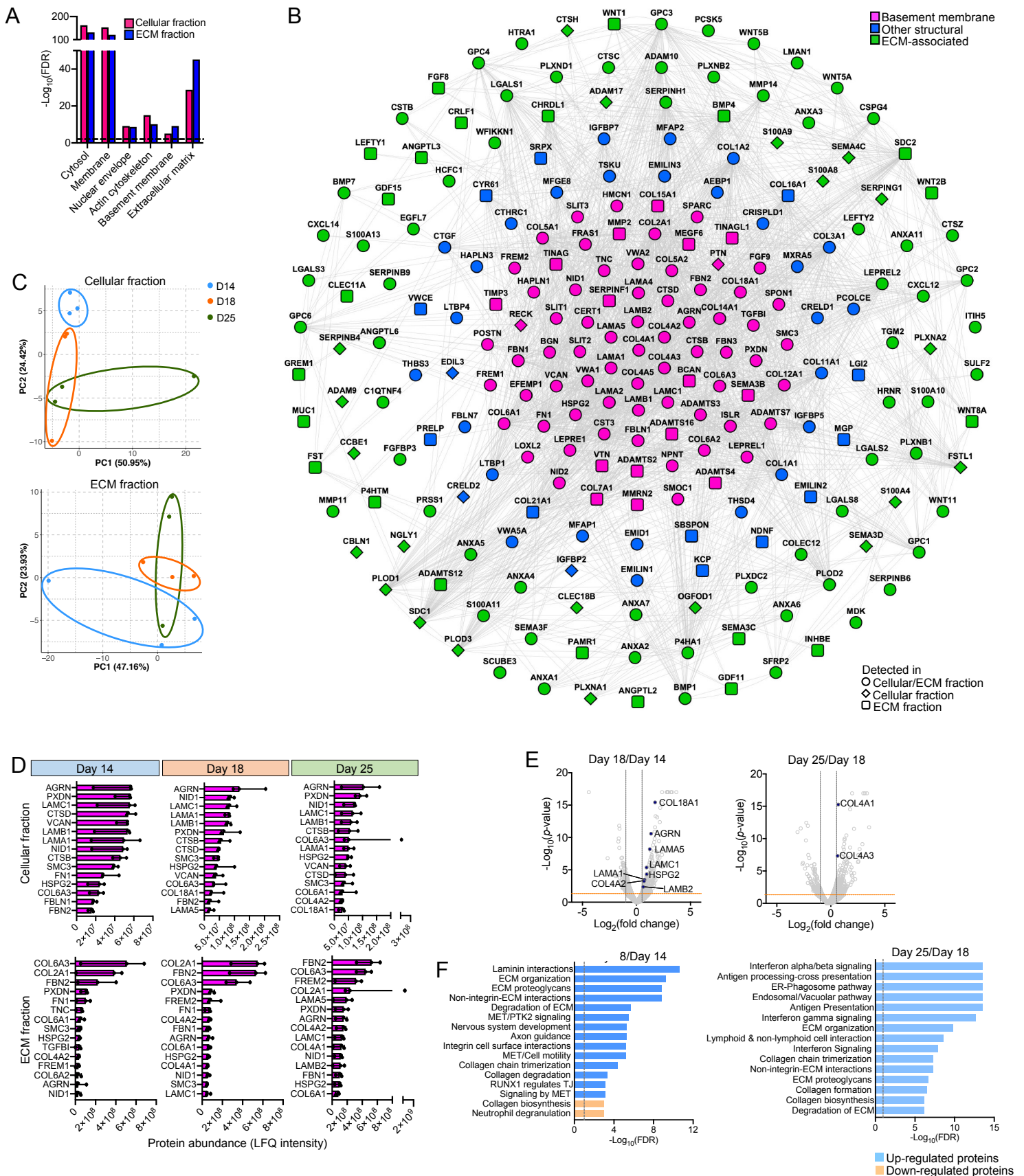
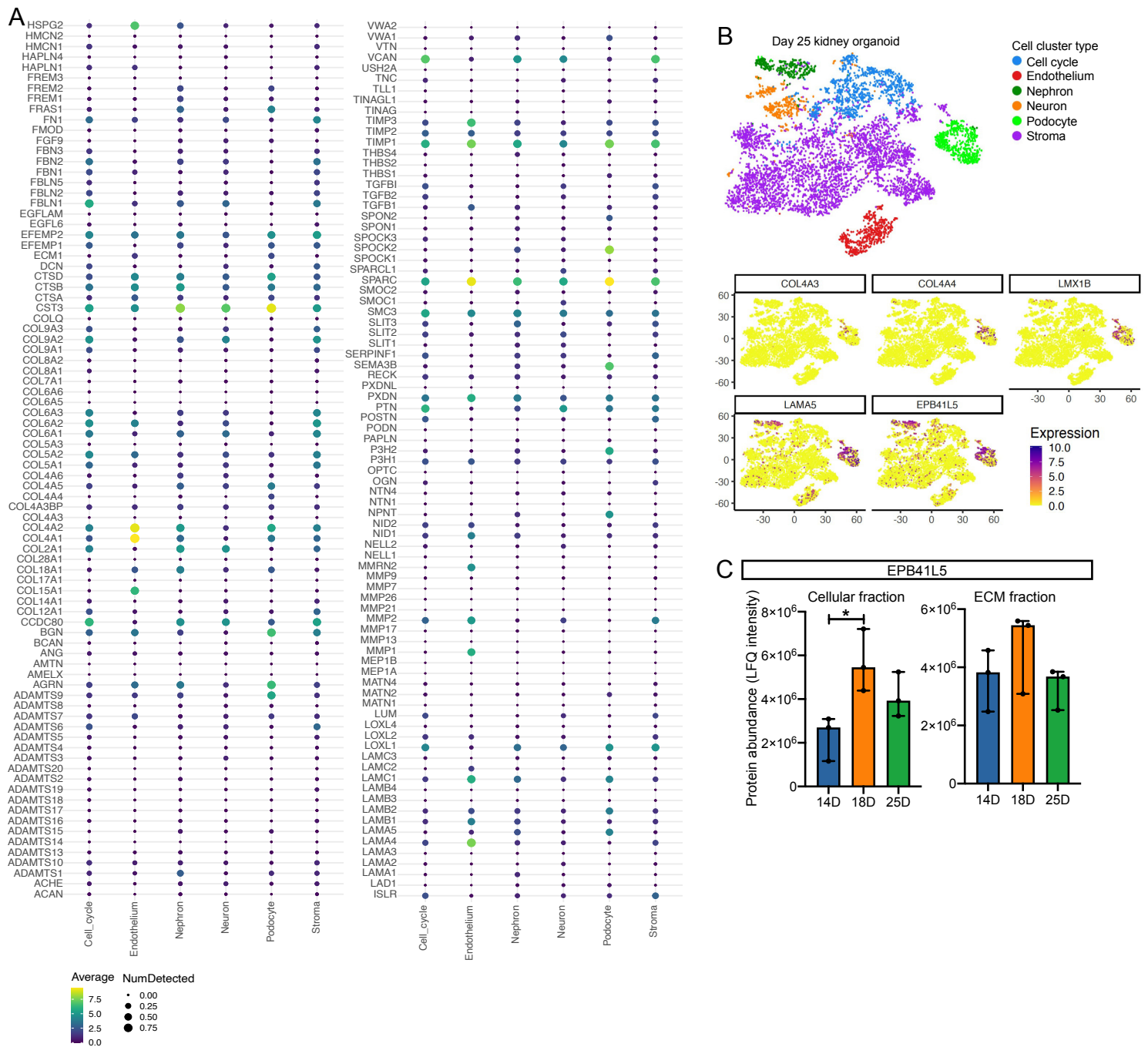


Figure 1-figure supplement 3. Differentiation of wild-type and Alport kidney organoids.

Whole-mount immunofluorescence of wild-type and Alport kidney organoids shows comparable deposition of COL4A4 in BM-like structures (arrows) within NPHS1+/CD31+ glomerular-like structures (g).





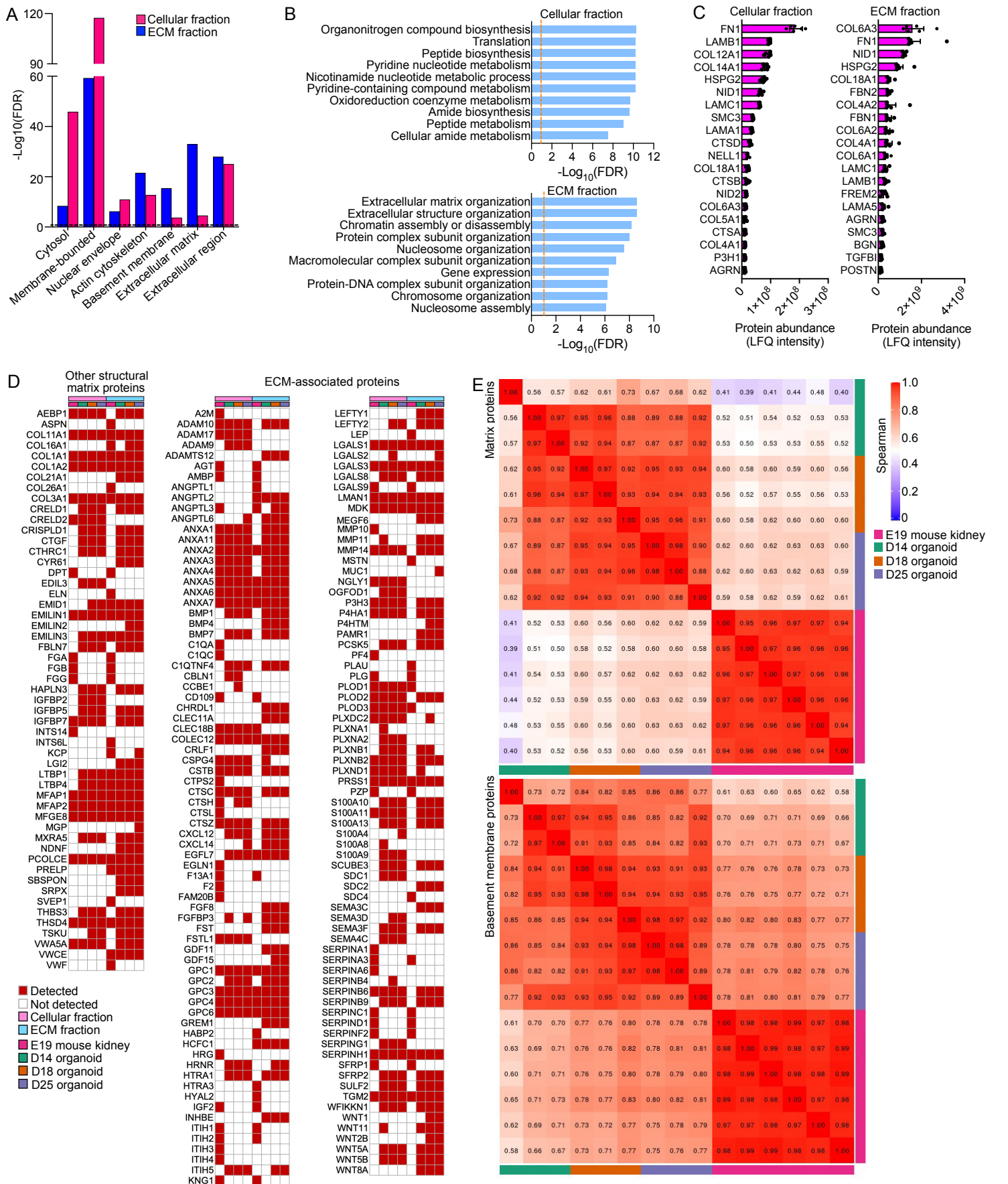


Figure 5-figure supplement 1. Proteomic analysis of E19 mouse fetal kidney and correlational comparison with kidney organoid proteomics. (A) Gene ontology (GO) term enrichment analysis for cellular component annotations associated with proteins detected by MS in the cellular and ECM. (B) GO biological process annotations enriched for top 100 most abundant proteins detected by MS in the cellular and ECM. (C) Top 20 most abundant BM proteins found in the E19 mouse kidney by MS. Proteins were ranked according to their normalized abundance levels (LFQ-intensities). Pooled data are presented as median, error bars indicate the 95% confidence interval for the median. (D) Comparison of other structural matrix and ECM-associated proteins identified in the E19 mouse kidney and kidney organoids over differentiation. (E) Spearman rank correlation plots depicting the r coefficient values for matrix and BM protein abundance (ECM fraction) comparisons between the E19 mouse kidney and kidney organoids.

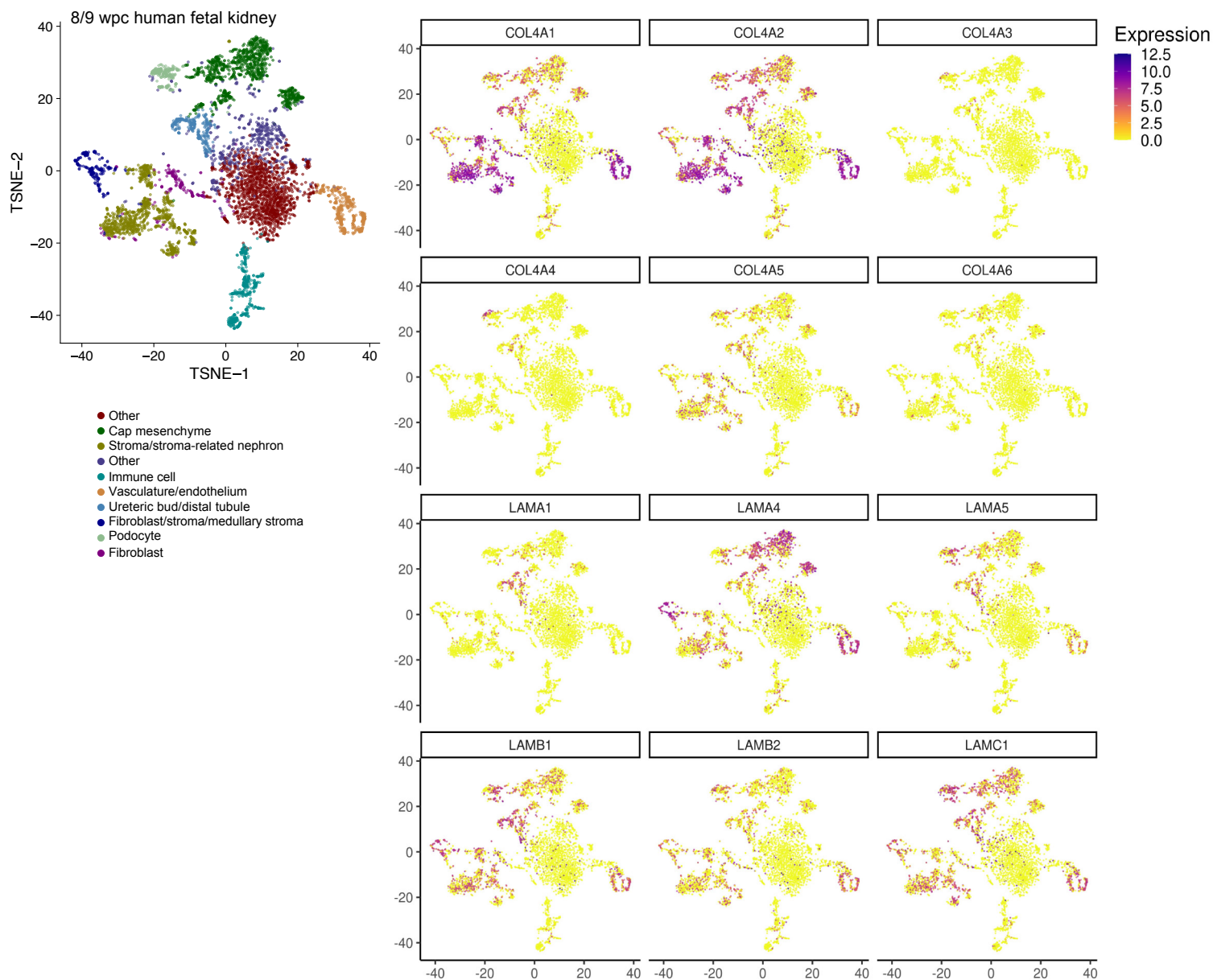


Figure 5-figure supplement 2. Single-cell RNA sequencing analysis of human fetal kidney.

Re-analysis of 8/9-wpc human kidney scRNA-seq datasets (EGAS00001002325, EGAS00001002553; Young et al., 2018) confirms cellular specificity for collagen IV and laminin isoform gene expression. tSNE plots represent the cell type clusters identified, and colour intensity indicates the cell-specific level of expression for the selected BM genes.

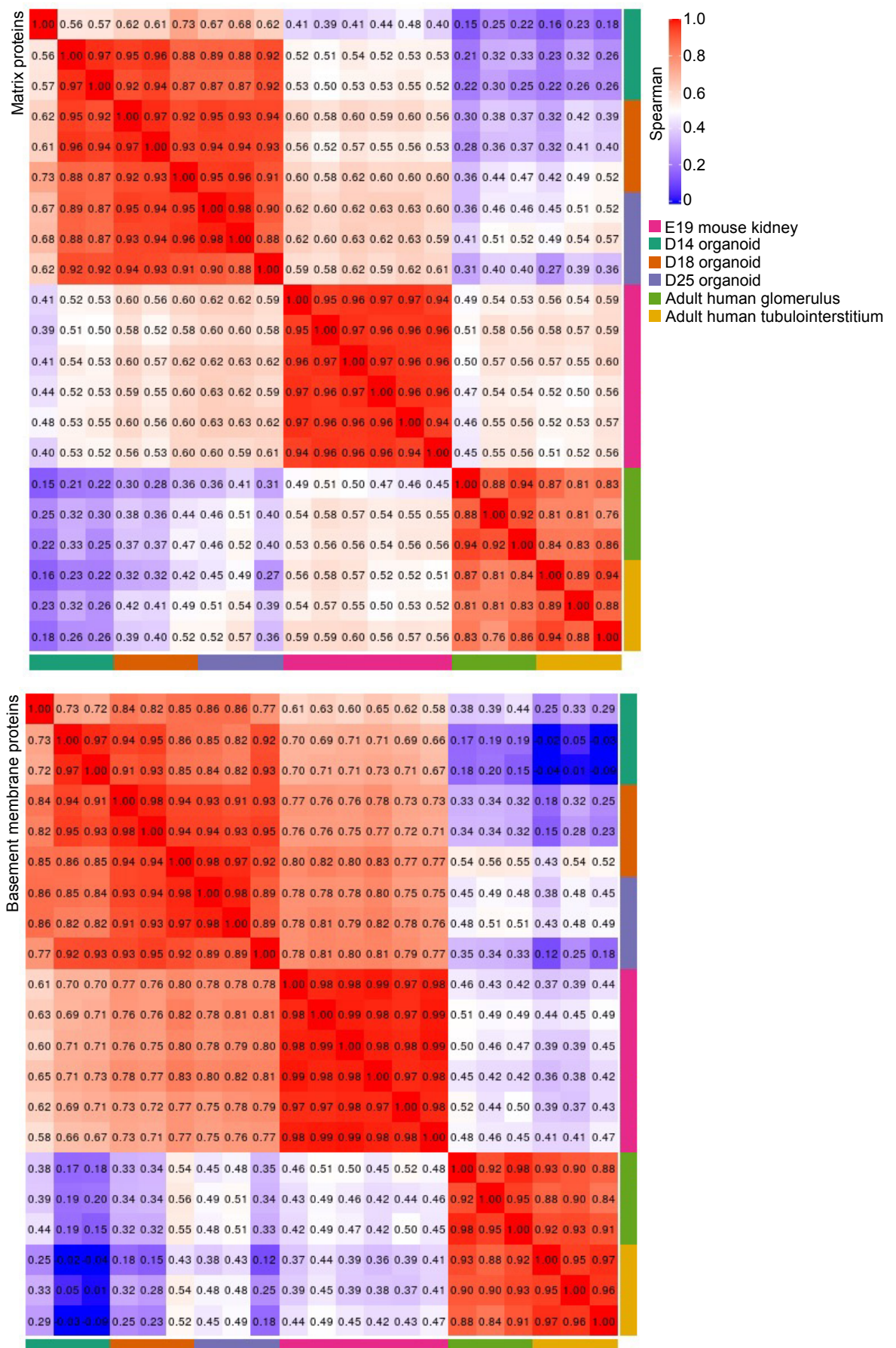


Figure 6-figure supplement 1. Integrated correlational analysis of organoid and *in vivo* kidney datasets. Spearman rank correlation plots depicting the r coefficient values for matrix and BM protein abundance (ECM fraction) between E19 mouse kidney, kidney organoids and adult human kidney proteomic datasets.