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Multiple Novel Loci are Associated with Indices of Renal Function and Chronic Kidney Disease

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Abstract

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) has a heritable component and is an important global public health problem because of its high prevalence and morbidity.¹ We conducted genome-wide association studies (GWAS) to identify susceptibility loci for glomerular filtration rate estimated by serum creatinine (eGFR_{crea}), cystatin C (eGFR_{cys}), and CKD (eGFR_{crea}<60 ml/min/1.73m²) in European-ancestry participants of four populations-based cohorts (ARIC, CHS, FHS, RS; n=19,877, 2,388 CKD cases), and tested for external replication in 21,466 participants (1,932 CKD cases). Significant associations ($p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$) were identified for SNPs with [1] CKD at the *UMOD* locus; [2] eGFR_{crea} at the *UMOD*, *SHROOM3*, and *GATM/SPATA5L1* loci; [3] eGFR_{cys} at the *CST* and *STC1* loci. *UMOD* encodes the most common protein in human urine, Tamm-Horsfall protein,² and rare mutations in *UMOD* cause Mendelian forms of kidney disease.³ Our findings provide new insights into CKD pathogenesis and underscore the importance of common genetic variants influencing renal function and disease.

Keywords

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CKD affects 10–3% of US adults.⁴ Estimates from Europe are similar,⁵ and incidence and prevalence are increasing worldwide. Its most severe form, end-stage renal disease, requires dialysis and currently affects over 500,000 US adults.⁶ In addition to conferring risk for end-stage renal disease, CKD increases the risk of cardiovascular disease⁷ and all-cause mortality.⁸

Multiple studies such as familial aggregation studies have provided evidence for a genetic component to kidney disease. Heritability estimates of eGFR_{crea} are reported between 0.41 and 0.75 in individuals with the major CKD risk factors hypertension or diabetes,^{9, 10} and as 0.33 in a population-based sample.¹¹ Heritability estimates of GFR_{cys} are similar. While rare genetic variants causing different forms of monogenetic kidney disease have been identified, common CKD susceptibility variants have been difficult to detect reproducibly by linkage or candidate gene studies.¹²

To discover such variants, we conducted meta-analyses of study-specific GWAS for indices of renal function, eGFR_{crea} and eGFR_{cys}, and for CKD from four population-based, unselected cohorts of the CHARGE Consortium¹³: Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study, Cardiovascular Health Study (CHS), Framingham Heart Study (FHS), and Rotterdam Study (RS). As a direct measurement of kidney function is not feasible in population-based studies, we applied commonly used estimating equations to determine eGFR_{crea}¹⁴ and eGFR_{cys}.¹⁵ Population-based measures of GFR are imperfect,¹⁶ and using two different biomarkers to estimate GFR can therefore help to uncover true signals. CKD was defined as eGFR_{crea} <60 ml/min/1.73m² according to National Guidelines,¹⁷ as detailed in the methods. Genotypes for >2.5 million SNPs were imputed within each study using reference

genotype data from the HapMap CEU population. Study-specific details on genotyping and imputation are provided in Supplementary Table 1. SNPs showing evidence of suggestive ($p < 4 \times 10^{-7}$) or significant ($p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$) genome-wide association were tested for *in silico* replication in independent study samples, the Age Gene/Environment Susceptibility-Reykjavik Study (AGES) and the Women's Genome Health Study (WGHS). Detailed information on the study samples are provided in the Supplementary Methods.

Characteristics of the four discovery and two validation study samples are shown in Table 1; 19,877 participants with 2,388 CKD cases and 21,466 participants with 1,932 CKD cases contributed information, respectively. CKD prevalence was higher in cohorts with older participants, ranging from 6.3% (WGHS) to 24.3% (AGES). Characteristics among CKD cases are provided in Supplementary Table 2. Figure 1 summarizes meta-analysis results for CKD, eGFR_{crea}, and eGFR_{cys} across the discovery samples. The observed versus expected p-value distributions (quantile-quantile plots) are shown in Supplementary Figure 1: study-specific genomic inflation factors did not indicate substantial inflation of the test statistics for any of the traits.

Table 2 lists the most significant SNP at each genomic locus associated with CKD, eGFR_{crea}, and eGFR_{cys}, and replication results. Study-specific results are presented in Supplementary Table 3. For CKD, we identified SNP rs12917707 in a highly evolutionary conserved region 3.6 kb upstream from the uromodulin (*UMOD*) gene on chromosome 16 (Fig. 2A, $p = 5 \times 10^{-16}$ across discovery and replication samples, Table 2). Seven SNPs in or upstream of *UMOD* in high LD ($r^2 > 0.8$) with rs12917707 were also associated with CKD at a genome-wide significant level. The minor T allele at rs12917707 was associated with 20% reduced risk of CKD (meta-analysis OR=0.80, p -value= 2×10^{-12} , Table 2). The association of rs12917707 with CKD, which was not significant in the FHS Study, showed some heterogeneity across studies (p -heterogeneity=0.02). Findings were consistent in models adjusting for major CKD risk factors including systolic blood pressure, hypertension medication intake and diabetes mellitus, as well as stratified for age, sex, hypertension, and diabetes status (Figure 3). Prospective information from the ARIC Study demonstrated that the T allele of rs12917707 was associated with a lower relative risk of incident CKD (HR 0.81, 95% CI 0.72–.92, $p=0.001$) over 14.7 years of follow-up ($n=952$ cases, see Methods).

Rare *UMOD* mutations cause autosomal-dominant forms of kidney disease, medullary cystic kidney disease type 2 (MCKD2), familial juvenile hyperuricemic nephropathy (FJHN), and glomerulocystic kidney disease (GCKD) (OMIM #603860; #162000; #609886).^{3, 18, 19} As the syndromes caused by rare *UMOD* mutations are often accompanied by hyperuricemia and gout, we explored the association of rs12917707 with these traits; no significant associations were observed. While this does not exclude the presence of rare *UMOD* variants among our study participants, our study identifies another example of a genomic risk locus containing susceptibility variants across the spectrum of risk allele frequencies.

UMOD knock-out mice are reported to have 63% lower creatinine clearance than wildtype mice.²⁰ *UMOD* encodes for the most abundant protein in the urine of healthy individuals, Tamm-Horsfall protein. The physiological functions of Tamm-Horsfall protein are not well understood but may include protection against inflammation and infection.² A possible role of the *UMOD* gene in renal development was also recently reported.²¹ *UMOD* is transcribed exclusively in renal tubular cells of the thick ascending limb of the loop of Henle. Our findings therefore suggest a common mechanism for CKD pathogenesis localized to the nephron's loop of Henle, which has previously received little attention. The major risk factors for kidney disease, hypertension and diabetes, are thought to affect the glomerulus primarily, and glomerular damage is typically characterized by albuminuria. Our findings, however, indicate that the association is consistent across strata of hypertension and

diabetes, and we observed no association with albuminuria. Thus, our findings provide new insights into CKD pathogenesis and highlight the need to understand the production and functions of Tamm-Horsfall protein within the kidney. The very broad CKD definition we chose, including a variety of causes of CKD such as hypertension and diabetes, indicates that the search for susceptibility variants for complex diseases may not only benefit from phenotypic refinement, but also from evaluating a broad phenotype definition in order to identify common disease mechanisms.

Four loci were identified in association with eGFR_{crea}: the strongest association was for SNP rs12917707 at the *UMOD* locus (p -overall= 5×10^{-16} , Table 2). The top SNP at the second significant eGFR_{crea} locus was the intronic SNP rs17319721 located in a highly evolutionary conserved region in shroom family member 3 (*SHROOM3*) on chromosome 4 (Fig. 2B, p -overall= 1×10^{-12} , Table 2). The *SHROOM3* gene product is expressed in human kidney and reported to play a role in epithelial cell shape regulation.²² The association at the third eGFR_{crea} locus, the intronic SNP rs6040055 in jagged 1 (*JAG1*) on chromosome 20 (Supplementary Figure 2, $p=1 \times 10^{-8}$, Table 2), did not replicate (p -overall=0.006). The finding may therefore be a false positive, although a biological role of *JAG1* in kidney disease is supported by rare *JAG1* mutations causing Alagille syndrome (OMIM #118450).²³ Lastly, the intronic SNP rs2467853 in spermatogenesis associated 5-like 1 (*SPATA5L1*) at the *GATM/SPATA5L1* locus on chromosome 15 was significantly associated with eGFR_{crea} (Fig. 2C, p -overall= 6×10^{-14} , Table 2). *GATM* encodes glycine amidinotransferase, an enzyme involved in creatine biosynthesis. SNPs at this locus are therefore likely related to serum levels of creatinine without influencing susceptibility to kidney disease (Table 3). Although rs2467853 is located in *SPATA5L1*, strong LD extends into the region of the *GATM* gene.

We identified three loci in association with eGFR_{cys}: the strongest association was for the intergenic SNP rs13038305 between cystatin C (*CST3*) and cystatin 9 (*CST9*) (Fig. 2D, $p=2.2 \times 10^{-88}$, Table 2). SNPs within the cystatin (*CST*) superfamily gene cluster on chromosome 20 have been previously reported as associated with serum cystatin C levels.²⁴ The genes in the *CST* super-family encode cystatin proteins. SNPs in these genes likely influence serum levels of cystatin C and therefore estimated eGFR_{cys}, but not true GFR or CKD susceptibility (Table 3). Secondly, we identified the intergenic SNP rs1731274, located 54 kb from the stanniocalcin 1 (*STC1*) gene on chromosome 8 (Fig. 2E, $p=4.6 \times 10^{-8}$, Table 2). *STC1* encodes stanniocalcin 1, a hormone regulating calcium homeostasis in fish. In mammals, it is highly expressed in the renal nephron and may influence local calcium and phosphate homeostasis via a paracrine mechanism.²⁵ A recent study in *STC1* transgenic mice reported *STC1* as a renal protective protein with a potent anti-inflammatory role.²⁶ As the replication samples did not have cystatin C measurements available, we explored the association of rs1731274 with eGFR_{crea} across the discovery and replication samples ($p=2 \times 10^{-7}$, Table 2). Finally, rs12917707 at the *UMOD* locus was associated with eGFR_{cys} at $p=2 \times 10^{-7}$.

Table 3 presents the association of all genome-wide significant SNPs across the three renal traits. SNPs in *UMOD*, *SHROOM3*, and *STC1* showed direction-consistent association across traits. For example, rs12917707 at *UMOD* was associated with both higher eGFR_{crea} and eGFR_{cys} representing better kidney function, and with lower odds of CKD, conferring disease-protection. SNPs at the *GATM/SPATA5L1* and *CST* regions were only associated with the respective discovery trait, the association of rs2467853 at the *GATM/SPATA5L1* locus with CKD likely results from the eGFR_{crea}-based definition of CKD. All SNPs associated with CKD, eGFR_{crea}, and eGFR_{cys} at $p < 4 \times 10^{-7}$ are listed in Supplementary Tables 4, 5, and 6, respectively.

Together, loci for eGFR_{crea} explain 0.7% of the eGFR_{crea} variance [0.43% without the *GATM* locus], and loci for eGFR_{cys} explain 3.2% of the eGFR_{cys} variance [0.24% without the *CST* locus], suggesting that additional yet undiscovered genetic variants impact variability in renal function. In accordance with small absolute differences observed in other GWAS for continuous human traits, the multivariable adjusted eGFR difference across genotypes for any one locus was small. Since risk alleles may act in an additive fashion, we created a risk score for each individual as the sum of risk alleles at *UMOD*, *SHROOM3*, and *STC1*. These analyses were performed in the ARIC Study, the largest individual study contributing data and with available prospective information. The mean eGFR_{crea} was 10 ml/min/1.73m² lower in individuals with all 6 risk alleles across the 3 loci compared to those with 0 risk alleles ($p=2*10^{-8}$ per each unit score increase). CKD prevalence ranged from 0% in those without any risk alleles to 12.1% in individuals carrying all six risk alleles.

The association of SNPs in the *UMOD* gene with indices of renal function and CKD implicate a common pathophysiologic mechanism localized to the nephron's loop of Henle. As opposed to the renal glomerulus, this region has previously received little attention. Thus, studies to understand the production and functions of Tamm-Horsfall protein are warranted to eventually lead to novel prevention and intervention options to reduce CKD risk.

In summary, we identified and validated common variants at several novel loci conferring susceptibility for kidney dysfunction and CKD in large, unselected population-based studies.

Methods

Study Samples

Four large, population-based cohorts of the CHARGE consortium had GWAS data available and formed the discovery sample: ARIC, CHS, FHS, and RS. Detailed information about these cohorts, including the design papers, is provided in the Supplementary Methods. Briefly, the studies were initiated to study cardiovascular disease and its risk factors and diseases related to aging. The population-based ARIC cohort recruited 15,792 middle-aged participants from 1987–1989 in four US communities. The population-based CHS cohort recruited 5,888 participants 65 years from 1989–1990 and 1992–1993 in four US communities. The FHS is a community-based study with a family component, including the Original ($n=5,209$, recruited 1948) and Offspring ($n=5,214$, recruited 1971) component. The community-based RS recruited 7,983 participants aged 55 years or older from 1990–1993. Two independent study samples were used to replicate results. In AGES, 5,764 survivors of the Reykjavik Study were examined from 2002–2006 and contributed to information. The WGHS is a sample drawn in 2006 from the original Women's Health Study. Each participant provided written informed consent, and Institutional Review Boards of the participating institutions approved the study protocols. African American participants from ARIC and CHS did not contribute information to the present study.

Genotyping and Imputation

Detailed information about genotyping and imputation methods is provided in Supplementary Table 1, and details about data cleaning are provided in the Supplementary Methods. Briefly, all studies directly genotyped between 300,000 and 900,000 SNPs using whole-genome genotyping arrays by either Affymetrix (6.0 [ARIC], 500K and 50K gene-centric [FHS]) or Illumina (Human CNV370 [AGES, CHS], 550K [RS], HumanHap300 Duo-Plus or a combination of HumanHap300 and iSelect [WGHS]). All genotyping was performed according to the manufacturer's instructions between 2006–2008. Using the Phase II CEU HapMap individuals as a reference panel, genotypes were imputed to a

common set of ~2.5 million high-quality HapMap SNPs. Software used for imputation were BimBam v0.99²⁷ (CHS) and MACH v1.0.15/16 (all others, <http://www.sph.umich.edu/csg/abecasis/MACH/>); FHS accounted for relatedness of participants. Imputed genotypes were expressed as an allelic dosage, a fractional value between 0–2. The WGHS did not impute genotypes.

Outcomes: eGFR_{crea}, eGFR_{cys}, CKD

Serum creatinine was measured using a modified kinetic Jaffe reaction in all studies but AGES, where an enzymatic method was used. eGFR_{crea} was calculated using the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD) Study equation¹⁴: $eGFR_{crea} \text{ (ml/min/1.73m}^2\text{)} = 186.3 * \text{serum creatinine (mg/dl)}^{-1.154} * \text{age}^{-0.203} * 0.742 \text{ (if female)}$. To be comparable across studies, creatinine values in all studies were calibrated using regression to age, sex, and race adjusted mean values from a nationally representative US survey as described previously.²⁸ Cystatin C was measured by a particle-enhanced immunonephelometric assay (N Latex Cystatin C, Dade Behring) at ARIC visit 4, CHS baseline exam, and FHS offspring exam 7 with a nephelometer (BNII, Dade-Behring). eGFR_{cys} was then calculated using the formula $eGFR_{cys} = 76.7 * (\text{serum cystatin C})^{-1.19}$.¹⁵ CKD was defined as eGFR_{crea} <60 ml/min/1.73m² according to National Kidney Foundation guidelines.¹⁷

CKD in CHS, RS, WGHS, and AGES was defined based on a single measurement of serum creatinine at the baseline visit. FHS and ARIC used a cumulative definition of CKD based on serum creatinine measurements at several study visits as detailed in the Supplementary Methods. Incident CKD in ARIC was defined as eGFR_{crea} <60 ml/in/1.73m² at study visits 2 or 4 in individuals with eGFR_{crea} ≥60 ml/in/1.73m² at study visit 1, or a kidney-disease specific ICD code on a hospital discharge record or death certificate from study inception in 1987 through January 1, 2005.²⁹

Information on age and sex was collected at each study visit, and race was self-reported. Potential population stratification was assessed as detailed in the Supplementary Methods

Statistical analysis

GWAS was conducted within each cohort for eGFR_{crea}, eGFR_{cys}, and CKD, followed by meta-analysis of the study-specific associations for each trait. SNPs showing genome-wide significant association with any of the three traits in meta-analyses were then explored for their association with the other two traits.

The phenotype for the eGFR analyses in all studies was created by calculating a natural logarithmic transformation of eGFR obtained from the respective equations for eGFR_{crea} and eGFR_{cys}. All studies but CHS then created sex-specific age- and study-site (ARIC) or cohort (FHS) adjusted residuals. CHS adjusted for age, sex, and study site in multivariable regression models. Incident CKD in ARIC was analyzed using multivariable-adjusted Cox proportional hazards regression. Software packages used by the individual studies to conduct linear and logistic regression are listed in Supplementary Table 1. FHS accounted for the relatedness of individuals in the analyses as detailed in the Supplementary Methods. Pedigree correlations were adjusted for using the robust variance option. All studies used an additive genetic model.

Meta-analysis was conducted using inverse-variance weighting as implemented in METAL (<http://www.sph.umich.edu/csg/abecasis/Metal/index.html>). Prior to meta-analysis, the genomic control parameter was calculated within each study for each trait to assess potential inflation of the test statistics. If the parameter was larger than 1, an adjustment was performed by scaling the test statistics to the inflation factor. Only SNPs with minor allele

frequency (MAF) $\geq 2\%$ were analyzed based on the number of CKD cases, corresponding to approximately 50 carriers of the minor allele with CKD. Statistical heterogeneity was evaluated using Cochrane's chi-square test (Q-test).

The most significant SNP at genomic loci with evidence of suggestive association ($p < 4 \times 10^{-7}$) for any of the traits were tested for replication in the independent samples. This threshold corresponds to 1/2.5 million tests conducted and corresponds to one or less expected false positive findings.³⁰ A threshold of 5×10^{-8} was used to indicate genome-wide significance, corresponding to a Bonferroni correction for the estimated 1 million common independent SNPs across the genome (0.05/1 million).³¹ The SNAP program with the HapMap CEU sample as a reference was used to identify the best proxy in the WGHS dataset, to evaluate LD to nearby coding SNPs, and to evaluate LD between imputed SNPs and proxy SNPs that were directly genotyped (<http://www.broad.mit.edu/mpg/snap/ldsearch.php>).

Supplementary Material

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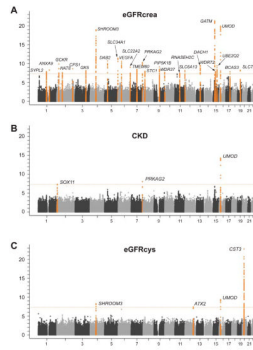


Figure 1. Meta-analysis $-\log_{10}(\text{P-value})$ vs. genomic position plots for CKD (A), eGFRcrea (B), and eGFRcys (C) in the discovery samples
 Genomic loci with evidence of suggestive association ($p < 4 * 10^{-7}$) are plotted in orange and with significant association ($p < 5 * 10^{-8}$) in red, with the exception of the SNP at the *JAG1* locus on chromosome 20 (panel B, grey) which did not replicate.

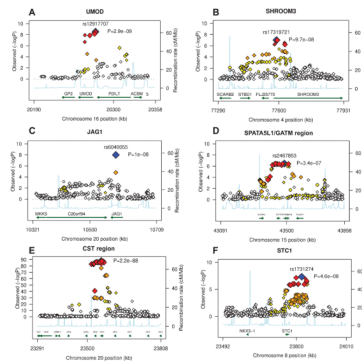


Figure 2. Genetic architecture of the genome-wide significant susceptibility loci for renal disease in the discovery samples: (A): *UMOD* gene region, (B): *SHROOM3* gene region, (C): *GATM/SPATA5L1* gene region, (D) *CST* genes region, (E) *STC1* gene region

$-\log_{10}$ P-values are plotted versus genomic position (Build 36). The most significant SNP in each region is plotted in blue. LD based on the HapMap CEU sample is color-coded: red (r^2 to top SNP 0.8–1.0), orange (0.5–0.8), yellow (0.2–0.5), and white (<0.2). Gene annotations are based on Build 36 and arrows present direction of transcription. P-values are obtained from the discovery traits: CKD (*UMOD*), eGFRcrea (*SHROOM3*, *GATM*), eGFRcys (*CST*, *STC1*).

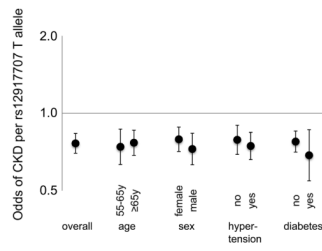


Figure 3. Meta-analysis of the odds of CKD per each additional copy of the minor T allele at *UMOD* rs12917707 across strata of major kidney disease risk factors
 Error bars correspond to 95% confidence intervals. Meta-analysis values obtained from the discovery samples.

Table 1

Characteristics of the study samples

Cohort information	ARIC		CHS		FHS		RS	AGES	WGHS
	prospective multi-center		Population-based prospective multi-center		Community-based family multi-generation		Population-based prospective	Population-based prospective	
Study Design	8069 / 6525 / 6430		3278 / 3278 / 2844		4140 / 3934 / 2992		4390 / 4390 / NA	3219 / 3219 / NA	18247 / 18247 / NA
Analyzed sample size, CKD/eGFR _{crea} /eGFR _{cys}	<i>mean (SD) / % (n)</i>		<i>mean (SD) / % (n)</i>		<i>mean (SD) / % (n)</i>		<i>mean (SD) / % (n)</i>	<i>mean (SD) / % (n)</i>	<i>mean (SD) / % (n)</i>
Sample characteristics *									
Age, years	63.1 (5.6)		72.4 (5.4)		62.4 (11.6)		70.0 (9.0)	76.4 (5.5)	54.7 (7.1)
Male	46.7 (3047)		39.2 (1286)		45.5 (1890)		38.6 (1694)	42 (1352)	0
Hypertension prevalence	43.0 (2793)		52.4 (1719)		57.4 (2377)		34.1 (1497)	81 (2596)	24.4 (4460)
Diabetes mellitus	13.7 (893)		11.8 (385)		9.8 (406)		10.7 (470)	11.5 (368)	2.6 (474)
eGFR cystatin, ml/min/1.73m ²	84.1 (19.7)		79.9 (18.3)		77.9 (16.9)		NA	NA	NA
eGFR creatinine, ml/min/1.73m ²	80.6 (17.2)		80.0 (22.6)		85.2 (23.5)		77.1 (17.2)	73.0 (20)	90.4 (22.8)
CKD, eGFR < 60 ml/min/1.73m ²	9.1 (731)		18.7 (612)		10.7 (445)		13.7 (600)	24.3 (781)	6.3 (1151)

* Information on demographics, hypertension, and diabetes are ascertained at the visit eGFR_{crea} was measured. Sample sizes for CKD and eGFR_{crea} in ARIC and FHS differ as these studies use a cumulative definition of CKD as detailed in the method section.

Abbreviations: ARIC: Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study, CHS: Cardiovascular Health Study, FHS: Framingham Heart Study, RS: Rotterdam Study, AGES: Age Gene/Environment Susceptibility-Reykjavik Study, WGHS: Women's Genome Health Study, SD: standard deviation, CKD: chronic kidney disease, eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate.

Table 2

Results from meta-analyses of top GWAS signals at each locus ($p < 4 \times 10^{-7}$) for CKD, eGFRcrea, and eGFRcys in discovery samples and after replication

SNP		Locus					GWAS meta-analysis				GWAS discovery and replication meta-analysis			
Chr	position	in (near) gene	minor / major allele	OE var ratio*	MAF	beta / OR	se / 95% CI	p-value	beta / OR	se / 95% CI	p-value	beta / OR	se / 95% CI	p-value
<i>CKD (n=19,877)</i>														
rs12917707	16	20275191	(UMOD)	T/G	0.96									
<i>eGFRcrea (n=18,127)</i>														
rs17319721	4	77587871	SHROOM3	A/G	0.96	-0.014	0.003	9.7E-08	-0.012	0.002	1.2E-12			
rs2467853	15	43486085	SPATA5L1/GATM	G/T	0.97	-0.013	0.003	3.4E-07	-0.013	0.002	6.2E-14			
rs12917707	16	20275191	(UMOD)	T/G	0.96	0.022	0.003	3.0E-11	0.018	0.002	5.2E-16			
rs6040055	20	10581313	JAG1	T/C	0.73	-0.017	0.003	1.0E-08	-0.005	0.002	5.9E-03			
<i>eGFRcys (n=12,266)</i>														
rs1731274	8	23822264	(STC1)	G/A	0.96	-0.017	0.003	4.6E-08	NA	NA	NA			
rs12917707	16	20275191	(UMOD)	T/G	0.96	0.021	0.004	2.0E-07	NA	NA	NA			
rs13038305	20	23558262	(CST3/CST9)	T/C	0.95	0.076	0.004	2.2E-88	NA	NA	NA			

Meta-analysis p-values are adjusted for the trait- and study-specific genomic-control parameters (see Suppl Fig 1). For eGFR, betas indicate the change in eGFR per minor allele for the natural logarithmic transformation of eGFR. NA: eGFRcys was not available in the replication samples, but rs1731274 was associated with eGFRcrea after replication at $p = 2 \times 10^{-7}$, beta -0.009 , se 0.002.

Abbreviations: *OE var ratio: sample-size weighted mean of the observed by expected variance ratio for each SNP across the discovery samples; MAF: minor allele frequency; OR: odds ratio; CI: confidence interval; se: standard error.

Table 3

Association of significant SNPs ($p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$) across indices of renal function and CKD in up to 19,877 participants of the ARIC, CHS, FHS, and RS studies

Gene	<i>UMOD</i>	<i>SHROOM3</i>	<i>SPATA5L1 / GATM</i>	<i>STC1</i>	<i>CST3/CST9</i>
	rs12917707	rs17319721	rs2467853	rs1731274	rs13038305
<i>Trait</i>					
CKD	OR	1.07	1.13	1.06	0.94
	95% CI	(1.00–1.15)	(1.06–1.21)	(0.99–1.13)	(0.87–1.03)
	p-value	2.8E-09	3.9E-04	0.09	0.18
eGFR_{crea}	beta	0.022	-0.013	-0.009	0.004
	se	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
	p-value	3.0E-11	3.4E-07	1.8E-04	0.22
eGFR_{cys}	beta	0.021	-0.0001	-0.017	0.076
	se	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.004
	p-value	2.0E-07	4.2E-05	4.6E-08	2.2E-88

Values for the discovery trait for each SNP are shaded in light right gray; values correspond to table 2. Abbreviations: OR: odds ratio, CI: confidence interval, se: standard error.