SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT

With No Lysine kinase (WNK) signaling regulates mammalian renal epithelial ion transport to maintain electrolyte and BP homeostasis. Patients with WNK gain-of-function mutations have hypertension and hyperkalemia, whereas loss of WNK pathway signaling in animal models results in lower BP and serum potassium concentrations. WNK pathway inhibition could, therefore, be a useful strategy for treating hypertension and hyperkalemia. In this study, we examine regulators of WNK signaling in the Drosophila renal tubule. We show cooperative roles for epithelial intracellular chloride concentration and the scaffold protein mouse protein 25 (Mo25)/calcium binding protein 39 (Cab39) in regulating transepithelial ion transport via the WNK signaling pathway. This has implications for mechanisms of WNK pathway regulation in the mammalian nephron.