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Single cell RNA sequencing

Preparation of single-cell suspension. Mouse kidneys were perfused with 2ml DPBS to remove circulating PBMCs and RBCs. Then kidneys were weighed and transferred into GentleMACSTM-C tubes (Miltenyi Biotec Inc., CA) containing 6ml DPBS, 200µl Enzyme-D, 100µl Enzyme-R, and 25µl Enzyme A and DNAse (Multi Tissue Dissociation Kit-1, Miltenyi Biotec) and then run on a GentleMACS Octo dissociator (Miltenyi Biotec) for about 20 minutes. Digestion was stopped by adding MACS buffer with 1% FBS. Cells were then filtered by passing through a 100µm cell strainer, then were centrifuged at 200G for 10 minutes. The supernatant was discarded, and cells made into a single cell suspension and flow-sorted on BD Aria-III to remove RBCs, debris, and dead cells (Fig. 2A).

Single-cell RNA sequencing using 10x Genomics platform. Flow sorted cells were counted and their viability measured using a Vi-Cell XR Cell Viability Analyzer (Beckman-Coulter). The viability of all the samples was >90%. The Barcoded Gel Beads were thawed from -80C° and the cDNA master mix prepared according to the manufacturer's instructions for the Chromium Single Cell 3' library kit, version 2 (10x Genomics).

RNA sequencing and generation of data matrix.

Libraries were sequenced at an average coverage of 15,000 reads/cell following Illumina's standard protocol using the Illumina cBot and Paired-end cluster kit version 3. The flow cells were sequenced as 26X8X0X98 cycle paired end reads on an Illumina HiSeq 2500 in rapid mode using TruSeq SBS sequencing kit version 3 and HCS 2.2.58 data collection software. Base-calling was performed using Illumina's RTA version 1.18.64. Fastq files generation from raw sequencing data (BCL files), alignment to the mouse genome reference sequences (build mm10), digital gene expression matrix generation, and conversion to a CSV format were all performed using the 10X Genomics cellranger commands, and data were analyzed using SeqGeq (BDBiosciences).

Supplementary figures



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Figure S1. Senescence staining and plasma cystatin C level in 6-week RAS. (A)

The percent of SA-β-gal positive area (blue) was increased in the stenotic kidneys, but decreased after AP injection. LaminB1 positive cells (red) out of total cells per field were

higher in RAS than in sham, but AP tended to reduce them (p=0.08). blue=DAPI. **(B)** Plasma cystatin C levels were increased in stenotic kidneys compared to Sham_veh, whereas the decrease after AP injection has not reached statistically significant levels *P<0.05 vs. Sham_Veh , †P<0.05 vs. RAS_Veh.





Figure S2. Quality Control (QC) of the single-cell RNA (scRNA) sequencing data.

(A), Number of genes per cell, UMIs, mitochondrial percent, S Phase Probability and G2 and M phase probability in individual samples of Sham and RAS. (B) QC measures to normalize the scRNA sequencing data in SeqGeq, showing the optimally dispersed gene (ODG) gate used for clustering. Highly expressing mitochondrial genes were removed and the rest used for clustering. Also shown is the number of cells in the 8 sham and RAS samples. (C), Distribution of mitochondrial genes in all 26 clusters.

(D) Heatmap showing the mean expression of differentially expressed genes across all the clusters. Clusters with similar lineage as identified by Pseudotime Abstract KNetL maps are highlighted in same colors, Proximal tubules (PT) (light orange), stromal cell clusters. All proximal tubule clusters primarily express *Slc34a1*, *Lrp2*, and Proximal S1 tubule (Cluster8) differentially expressed *Slc5a2* and *Slc4a4*. Four populations of stromal cells were observed. Cluster6 Mgp+ stromal cells differentially expressed *Mgp*, *Cfh*, *Igfbp7*. Clusters 24 and 26 Dcn+ stromal cells express *Pi16*, *Ugdh*, *Clec3b*, *Igfbp6*. Profibrotic genes *Col1a1*, *Col1a2* were expressed by all three stromal cell clusters.



Figure S3. Sub-clustering and PAK analysis in Sham and RAS. (A) Sub-clustering to identify Distal Collecting Tubule (DCT) and Thick Ascending Limb Loop of Henle (TAL): Cluster 1 was re-clustered to separate DCT and TAL. DCT differentially express Slc12a3, while TAL expresses Umod and Slc12a1. Because TAL- and DCT-specific genes did not feature among the highly dispersed genes, we did not initially observe independent TAL and DCT clusters. However, upon re-clustering cluster 01, these two populations separated clearly, Both DCT and TAL were reduced in RAS compared to Sham. (C) Pseudotime Abstract KNetL maps (PAK maps) generated using iCellR. Each node represents a cluster and the length and thickness of the links (edges) represent distances between each cluster. The shorter and thicker the link, the more closely related (similar) are the cell communities. For example, Clusters 24, 26 and 6 (stromal cells). Similarly, Clusters 3 (Intercalated Cells), 1 (TAL and DCT) and 11 (Senescence Cell Cluster) may be linked. Clusters 7, 19, 17 and 23 are dendritic cells and CD11chi macrophages. (B) KNetL Maps for Sham and RAS Populations: Note the increase of myeloid cell populations (blue), Senescence Cell Cluster (pink), and Stromal Cell Cluster (grey) in RAS compared to Sham. Highlighted are Endothelial cells (orange) and Thick Ascending Limb Loop of Henle Cluster (green) that are reduced in RAS as compared to Sham. (D) KNetL Maps for Individual Samples in Sham (top row) and RAS (bottom row) Populations. Note all samples in Sham follow same KNetL fingerprint. In RAS, we observe all the populations that are seen in Sham. However, severity of ischemia has defined cell types. This is evident when comparing RAS1 and RAS4. RAS4 seems to have lost more endothelial cells and has more immune and stromal

cells as compared to RAS1 and 3. Clinical severity defined by reduction in kidney size matches the cell profiles seen above.





Figure S4. Comparison among tSNE, UMAP and KNetL. Briefly, after quality control the matrix was normalized based on their library sizes. A statistical test was then performed to calculate gene dispersion, base mean and cell coverage to use to build a gene model for performing Principal Component Analysis (PCA) genes with high coverage (top 500) and high dispersion (dispersion > 1.5) were chosen (1413 genes) to perform PCA and batch alignment using iCellR R package (v1.5.5) (<u>https://CRAN.R-</u>

project.org/package=iCellR). T-distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE) and Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection (UMAP) were performed on the top 10 PCs and K-nearest-neighbor-based Network graph drawing Layout (KNetL) was performed based on the top 20 PCs.

Because KNetl has, a significantly higher resolution compared to tSNE and UMAP it is best to use twice more PC dimensions (20 PCs) to avoid plotting many sub-populations (20 PCs often work best for most samples). Additionally, a zoom option in the KNetL map allows adjusting the level of detail (more or fewer sub-populations in cell communities), in here we used a zoom of 600. The network layout used in KNetL map is a force-based layout (Fruchterman and Reingold, 1991) (28) and the zoom option is for changing the force in the system. Force-directed graph drawing algorithms assign attractive (analogous to spring force) and repulsive forces (usually described as analogous to the forces in atomic particles) to separate all pairs of nodes. (Fruchterman and Reingold, 1991) (28). In here, the nodes of the network layout are extracted and UMAP has been performed to create the final plot, a KNetL map. PhenoGraph (Levine et al., Cell, 2015) clustering was then performed on the KNetL map results. Then the marker genes were found for each cluster and visualized on heatmaps, bar plots and box. The marker genes were then used to determine the cell types. Proportion (percentage) of the cell communities in each condition were calculated and Pseudotime Abstract KNetL maps (PAK map) were generated using iCellR. The Tirosh scoring method (Tirosh, et. al. 2016 https://science.sciencemag.org/content/352/6282/189) was used to calculate G0, G1S, G2M, M, G1M and S phase score. The gene lists for G0, G1S, G2M, M, G1M and S phase were chosen from previously published article (Xue,

et.al 2020 https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-019-1884-x)



Figure S5. Mapping Senescent cell clusters in Sham and RAS. (A) Overlay of Cdkn2a, Cdkn1a, and Serpine1 (as well as Vcam1) on Sham and RAS to identify senescent cell clusters. Native clusters in Sham and RAS are presented as contours for better identification. RAS has ~4-fold higher Cdkn2a⁺ (184 vs 46) and Serpine⁺ (160 vs 34) cells, and 2-fold higher Vcam1⁺ cells than Sham. Clusters 11 and 26 expressed Cdkn1a, Serpine1, and Cdkn2a. (B) Gates set to include Cdkn2a, Cdkn1a and Serpine1 cells. (C) Heatmap shows mean expression of Serpine1, Cdkn1a, Cdkn2a and genes regulating epithelial to mesenchymal transition in individual clusters (Y-axis). Note Clusters 11 and 26 both express all three genes, but Vcam1 was differentially expressed in cluster 11. Therefore, we chose to further investigate cluster 11. (D) Pathway analysis (using Enrichr) of Ankrd1+ Stromal cells showing about 600 differentially expressed genes. The pathway analysis predicts that Ankrd1+ stromal cells may be in early phases of epithelial to mesenchymal transition (GO:0010717). (E) *Mki*67+ cells in Sham and RAS. Note, Cluster 11 (orange arrows) shows very few Mki67+ cells.



Figure S6. Macrophages expressing senescent genes significantly increase in **RAS.** (A) We probed kidney-resident macrophages, CD11c^{hi} and CD11c^{lo} macrophage clusters, and proinflammatory macrophages to see which macrophages underwent senescence. (B) Re-clustering all macrophages identified a population of ischemiaassociated KRM (IA-KRM) unique to RAS-kidneys. We also observed CD11c^{hi} and CD11c^{lo} macrophages and a small population of efferocytic macrophages. (C) Macrophages do not upregulate the expression of senescent genes in RAS-kidneys. (D) However, macrophage numbers increase in RAS. Number of macrophages expressing senescent genes also increase in RAS as compared to Sham. Most senescent genes cluster in CD11c^{lo} macrophages that are predominantly pro-inflammatory. This suggest that infiltrating monocyte-derived macrophages may express senescent genes as compared to the kidney-resident macrophages (E) To further probe if macrophages undergo senescence, we used the p16^{INKATTAC} mice to observe that majority of FCRIV+CD64+ macrophages rather than expressing p16-GFP have engulfed the GFP+ particles suggesting that macrophages efferocytose senescent cells.



Figure S7. UMAP plots representing genes preferentially expressed in Ankrd1+

Stromal Cell Cluster. (A) Re-clustering cluster 11 separated 5 clusters. **(B)** Connecting tubules express Aqp2, Scnn1g Calb1 and Tmem52b (row 2). Ankrd1+ stromal cells express epithelial genes such as Spp1, Cryab (row 1) and mesenchymal genes such as Vim, Map1b, Lgals1, Tsc22d1, (row 1). Ankrd1+ Stromal cells differentially upregulated transcription factor such as Zeb2, Tgfb2 and genes such as Wwtr1, Foxc1, Pdpn and Loxl2 suggesting that these cells are undergoing epithelial-to-mesenchymal (EMT) transition (last row). **(C)** Heatmap showing differentially expressed tubular markers (y-axis) in all the clusters (x-axis). Note cluster 11 differentially express many tubular markers such as Aqp2, Slc4a1, Scnn1g etc. **(D)** Single-cell qPCR workflow: Experimental design for isolating viable epithelial cells (epi), endothelial cells, macrophages (MF) and T-cells from Sham and RAS kidneys. Kidneys were digested and flow sorted. ~192 single cells (~48 per population) underwent QPCR for 96 genes. Representative cell image of macrophage and epithelial cell shown as captured on Apotome at 10X and 40X.



Figure S8. DQ alleviates stenotic kidney cellular senescence in RAS. (A) Renal gene expression of senescence and SASP factors (relative to GAPDH). **(B)** Plasma

levels of Activin-A and creatinine. *P<0.05 vs. RAS, †P<0.05 vs. RAS_DQ. (**C**) Systolic blood pressures at 0, 2, and 4 weeks. *P<0.05 vs. intragroup baseline. (**D**) Double-staining with p21 and TUNEL on STK sections of DQ-treated mice.

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^{*}P<0.05 vs. sham, †P<0.05 vs. 2-week

Figure S9. Renal gene expression of senescence and SASP factors in sham, 2week RAS, and 6-week RAS, quantified by RT-PCR relative to GAPDH.



RAS_DOV RAS_DOAP RAS_D7AP

50

0

Sham

*P<0.05 vs. intragroup baseline †P<0.05 vs. Sham at the same time point §P<0.05 vs. RAS_D0AP at the same time point

Figure S10. Senescence in STK is initially protective but ultimately drives

persistent injury. (**A**) Renal gene expression of senescence and SASP factors quantified by RT-PCR relative to GAPDH levels decreased after AP delivery starting at D7, but not at D0. (**B**)-(**D**) Plasma cystatin C, creatinine levels, and urine albumin/creatinine ratio. *P<0.05 vs. Sham, †P<0.05 vs. RAS_D0AP. E, Systolic blood pressures at 0, 1, and 2 weeks. *P<0.05 *vs*. intragroup baseline. †P<0.05 vs. Sham at the same time point, §P<0.05 vs. RAS_D0AP at the same time point.

Supplementary table: Characteristics of mice

		Body weight (g)		Kidney weight (mg)	
Model	Group	Basal	Final	Right/stenotic	Left/contralateral
INK-ATTAC transgenic mice 6	Sham_Veh	25.9±1.7	26.7±3.2	221.8±51.4	213.7±40.6
weeks after sham or RAS surgeries,	Sham_AP	31.3±3.5*	31.2±3.9*	231.8±37.0	217.8±35.2
with or without AP20187(AP)	RAS_Veh	29.4±3.5*	27.7±2.8†	68.9±13.1*†\$	264.9±68.8
treatment started 2 weeks later	RAS_AP	25.3±3.9†§	23.3±1.6†§	80.3±36.1*†\$	199.1±34.0
C57/BL6 mice treated with DQ	Sham	31.2±1.3	30.9±1.6	225.0±29.9	214.0±14.5
starting two weeks after RAS	RAS	31.1±2.3	28.0±1.4*	72.2±32.3*	229.0±24.7
surgery	RAS_DQ	33.1±2.7	28.2±1.6*	172.9±28.3*†	212.6±25.2
INK-ATTAC transgenic mice 2	Sham	26.7±0.7	26.9±2.0	228.0±26.3	235.2±26.6
weeks after sham or RAS, with AP	RAS_D0V	28.6±3.0	27.4±4.3	132±77.7*	237.0±35.6
or vehicle started either immediately	RAS_D0AP	30.3±2.5*	27.1±1.5	104.6±39.1*	252.3±34.2
(RAS_D0V, RAS-D0AP) or 7 days	RAS_D7AP	26.5±1.5§	26.3±1.7	170.3±28.6*§	231.8±24.8
(RAS-D7AP) after RAS					

All Data are mean±SD.

INK-ATTAC transgenic mice 6 weeks after sham or RAS surgeries. **P*<0.05 *vs*. Sham_Veh, †*P*<0.05 vs. Sham_AP,

§P<0.05 vs. RAS_Veh, \$ p<0.05 vs. contralateral kidney

C57/BL6 mice treated with DQ. *P<0.05 vs. Sham, †P<0.05 vs. RAS

INK-ATTAC transgenic mice with RAS studied for 2 weeks. **P*<0.05 *vs*. Sham, †*P*<0.05 *vs*. RAS_D0V, §*P*<0.05 *vs*. RAS_D0AP

Supplementary data file

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