Endothelial-cell specific Wnt inhibition: novel therapy for renal fibrosis

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Prevalence of chronic kidney disease is increasing





Wnt signaling in endothelial cells is a key mechanism contributing to chronic kidney disease



Blockade of Wnt signaling improves <u>diabetic</u> renal fibrosis

Reversal of renal fibrosis by 50%

Prevention of up to75% renal fibrosis

Blockade of Wnt signaling improves <u>non-diabetic</u> renal fibrosis

UUO only UUO only + Wnt inhibitor

Target

Tool compound

High-throughput assay

Novel animal model

My qualifications

- Practicing pediatric nephrologist
- Published 2 high impact papers showing the effect of Wnt inhibition on atherosclerosis and renal fibrosis (*JCI Insight, Nat Comm*)
- Filed 2 provisional patents:
 - LGK974 as therapy for dyslipidemia
 - LGK974 as therapy for renal fibrosis

Next steps

Seeking 100K pilot award

Propose to screen for target compounds that inhibit Wnt in endothelial cells

Flexible, coachable and open to collaboration

In search of expertise in the business and development space to help move this therapeutic idea forward