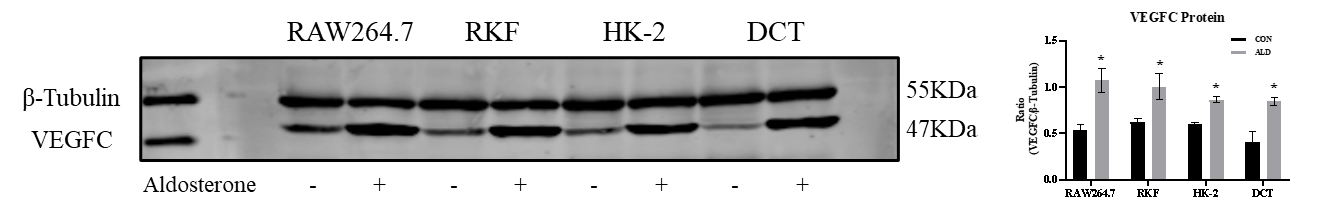


**Supplementary Fig. 1.** In aldosterone-infused mice, ALD led to changes in renal tissue structure and fibrosis. (**A**) Kidney sections from each group were examined for morphological changes and inflammatory cell infiltration using H&E staining (scale bar = 100 μm). (**B**) Collagen deposition was examined using Masson staining (scale bar = 100 μm). The data are expressed as the mean ± standard deviation (*n* = 6). \**p* < 0.05 vs. the CON group, #*p* < 0.05 vs. the ALD group.

**Supplementary Fig. 2.** Western blot analysis showed that the expression of VEGFC in RAW264.7, RKF, HK-2 and DCT cells was up-regulated after aldosterone treatment. The data are expressed as the mean ± standard deviation (n = 3). \*p < 0.05 vs. the CON group.

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**Supplementary Fig. 3.** Aldosterone promotes TGF-β1 expression in HLECs cells in vitro.Western blots for TGF-β1 of HLECs cells. The data are expressed as the mean ± standard deviation (*n* = 6). \**p* < 0.05 vs. the CON group, #*p* < 0.05 vs. the ALD group.