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Tumour type	Examples	Positive	Negative
Clear cell RCC	CCRCC CCRCC	CK, EMA, Vimentin ,CD10, RCCm, CAIX , PAX8	CK7, CD117 , Cathepsin-K, HMB45
Multilocular cystic renal neoplasm of low malignant potential	MLCRN	CK, CK7 , EMA, Vimentin ,CD10, RCCm, CAIX , PAX8	CD117 , Cathepsin-K, HMB45, AMACR (or focal +)
MiT family translocation RCCs	MiT MiT	Cathepsin-K, TFE3/TFEB, RCCm HMB45-(t(6,11),Melan A-(t(6,11), AMACR, PAX8	CK (or weak +), EMA, CA-IX (or focal +)
Clear cell papillary RCC	CCPRCC	CK, CK7, CAIX (cup-like) , HMWCK	AMACR , CD117, Cathepsin-K
Papillary RCC	P-RCC	CK, CK7 , AMACR , RCCm, Vimentin	CD117, WT1, CD57, CAIX , Cathepsin K
FH deficient / Hereditary leiomyomatosis and RCC-associated RCC	No example	PAX8 , Vimentin , 2 succino-cysteine, SDHB (decreased)	FH , CAIX , CK7 , AMACR , HMWCK , TFE3, CK20
Mucinous tubular and spindle cell carcinoma	MTSCC	CK7 , AMACR , PAX8, EMA, E-cadherin, Vim (or neg), CrGA (occasional cases +)	CAIX, RCCm ,CD10, p63, CK20, HMWCK
Chromophobe RCC	C-RCC C-RCC	CK, CK7 (diffuse) , CD117, E-Cadherin, EMA	Vimentin, CAIX, AMACR, Cathepsin-K, HMB45, RCCm
Oncocytoma	Onco	CD117, CK7 (focal + only)	Vimentin, HMB45, CAIX
Collecting duct Carcinoma	CD	CK7, HMWCK, PAX8, INI-1, EMA	CD10, RCCm, CK20, GATA3, CAIX, p63, OCT4
Medullary carcinoma	MC	HMCK, OCT4, PAX8	INI-1 , RCCm, GATA3, HMWCK, p63
Urothelial carcinoma	UC	CK, CK7, CK20, p63 , GATA3 , Vimentin, HMWCK	RCCm, CD10, PAX8 (20% +)

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Succinate-dehydrogenase deficient RCC	SDH	PAX8, CK (focal) EMA	CK7, CAIX, RCC, CD117, Vimentin, SDHB
Tubulocystic RCC	TCRCC	CK, CK7, AMACR, Vimentin, EMA, PAX8, FH	CAIX, CD117,
Acquired cystic disease – associated RCC	ACDRCC	CK, CD10, AMACR, PAX8	CK7, EMA, CD117
Adult Cystic Nephroma	CN	Stroma: SMA, ER and PR Epithelium: CK, CK7, PAX8	Cathepsin K
Angiomyolipoma/epitheloid angiomyolipoma	AML E-AML	HMB45, Melan-A, SMA, Cathepsin-K	CK, EMA, CK7, CA-IX, CD10, RCCm, PAX8, CD117
Renomedullary interstitial cell tumour	RMICT	Calponin, (Amyloid)	S100, CK, Desmin CD34
Paraganglioma	No example	CG, Synaptophysin (S100 in sustentacular cells)	Inhibin, CK.
Well differentiated neuroendocrine tumour	WDNT	CK, Vimentin, Synaptophysin, CG, CD99	TTF1, WT1, PAX8
Metanephric adenoma	MA	WT1, CD57, S100	AMACR, RCCm

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Low grade oncocytic tumour (LOT)	No example	CK7	CD117
High grade oncocytic tumour / Eosinophilic vacuolated tumor (EVT)	No example	Cathepsin K, CD117, CD10, PAX8, CK, SDHB	CK7 (or rare positive), vimentin, CK20, Melan A, TFE3, HMB45
ALK rearrangement-associated RCC	No example	ALK1, PAX8, CK7, Vimentin	CK20, Cathepsin K, Racemase
Eosinophilic solid and cystic RCC (ESC RCC)	ESC	CK20, vimentin, cathepsin K	CK7, CD117
Thyroid-like follicular RCC	TFRCC	PAX8 CK7	TTF1, thyroglobulin
Oncocytic papillary RCC	No example	CK7, Racemase, GATA3, L1CAM	Vimentin

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