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Addendum

After submission of this paper, two papers appeared which put the epithelial proliferative changes, as observed in the present study, into a somewhat different perspective. Both in animal experiments (Evan, A.P., Gardner, K.D. Jr.: Nephron-obstruction in nondiabetic acid-induced renal cystic disease; *Kidney Int.* **15**, 7–19, 1979) and in patients with adult polycystic disease (Evan, A.P., Gardner, K.D., Bernstein, J.: Polypoid and papillary epithelial hyperplasia: potential cause of ductal obstruction in adult polycystic disease, *Kidney Int.* **6**, 743–750, 1979), proliferative epithelial changes were found in association with cysts. This study suggests, but does not prove, an obstructive origin for such cysts. Consequently, the epithelial proliferation, as observed in the present study, may be cause rather than the consequence, of renal cystic transformation.