Supplementary information

Traction force transmission via bioactive matrix hydrogel promotes epithelial collective migration mediated by integrin

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The Supporting information contains two supplementary figures, and two movies.

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Supplementary figures

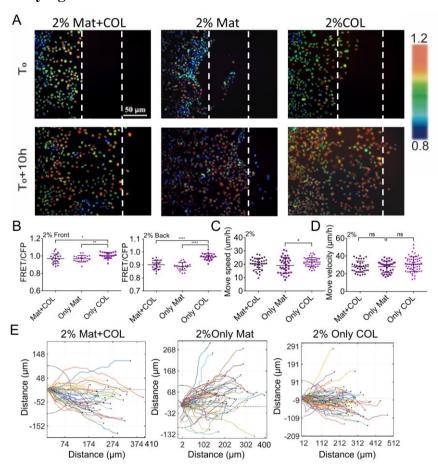


Figure S1. MDCK cell collective migrations on ECM-coated glass surfaces. Glass-

bottom surfaces of confocal dishes were coated with adhesive ECM solution containing 2% Matrigel+collagen, 2% Matrigel only, or 2% collagen, followed by the procedures for MDCK cells seeding and FRET imaging process similar to the hydrogel one. (A) ERK FRET (YPet/ECFP) ratiometric images for cell collective migrations under the indicated coating conditions. (B) ERK FRET comparisons of the front or rear cell groups on the three types of hydrogel conditions (mean±S.D., n=30). (C, D) Quantitative comparisons for moving speed (C) or velocity (D) of individual cells at migration front groups (μm/h, mean±S.D.) within 10 h. The sample size n=35, 37, 39, respectively. (E) Trajectory analysis of individual cells from the migration front groups in 10 h (n=37, 40, 58, respectively). The diameter of the shown trajectory circles is 100 μm. In statistical T-test analysis, *, ***, **** indicate P < 0.05, 0.01, 0.001, 0.0001 for significant differences, respectively.

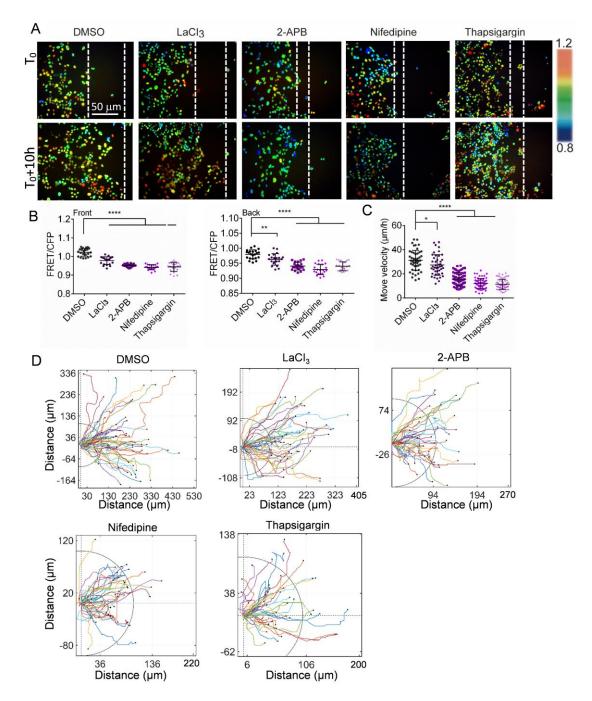


Figure S2. Calcium channels in regulating epithelial cell migration. MDCK cells were seeded on Mat+COL hydrogel cocultured with DMSO or calcium channel inhibitors. (A) Representative ERK FRET images during cell collective migrations with or without the indicated inhibitor (LaCl₃, 2-APB, Nifedipine, Thapsgargin). (B) FRET level comparisons of the front or rear cell groups (mean±S.D., n=30) between control (DMSO) and inhibitor treatments at the 10th hour timepoint. (C) Quantitative comparisons of cell moving velocities (mean ±S.D.) between control (DMSO) and calcium channel inhibitor treatments. (D) Trajectory analysis of individual cells from

the migration front groups in 10 h under the indicated conditions. The sample size n = 48, 43, 63, 65, 65, respectively. *, **, *** indicate P < 0.05, 0.01, 0.001, 0.0001 for significant differences by T-test analysis, respectively.

Supplementary movies

Movie 1. ERK FRET imaging of MDCK epithelial collective migrations on the indicated three types of matrix hydrogels in 10 hours. Interval time was 15 min.

Movie 2. ERK FRET imaging of MDCK epithelial collective migrations without or with integrin inhibitory AIIB2 antibody (2 μ g/mL) on 50% Matrigel hydrogel containing 1 mg/ml type I collagen in 10 hours. Interval time was 15 min.