

Fig. S1. Reduction of the tracking experiment time and selection of a motility parameter. (a) Schematic of the experiment. A 9h time-lapse acquisition of migrating cells was performed. Cells were tracked and classified according to different motility-related parameters. Cells were also classified over widows of 2h included in the full acquisition. (b) Proportion of cells identified as motile for both a 9h-long time-lapse and all the 2h-hour long videos for the different parameters. The parameter that offered the greatest proportion of common selected cells was d_{max} . (c) list and mathematical definition of the different motility-related parameters.



Fig. S2. Capture replication and random captures (a) Replicates of fast captured cells. The 6th replicate is the one used for the main study. Y-axis is the probability density function normalized by the mode. (b) Random selection replicates. The captured cells represent 5% of the total population. We captured faster cells only in the second random capture. Y-axis is the probability density function normalized by the mode.



Fig. S3. (a) Volcano plot over the transcripts highlighting the most significative genes from the second RNS sequencing batch. (b) Groups of the most important GO biological process terms from the second analysis highlights terms related to adhesion.



Fig. S4. Tracking experiments on three ECM coatings: fibronectin, collagen and laminin-5. (a) Fold change in average speed between parental cells and fast cells for all the coatings and two replicates. The difference in speed between the fast and parental cells is significatively larger for laminin compared to collagen (p = 0.02) and fibronectin (p = 0.03). The difference is not significative between fibronectin and collagen (p = 0.1). (b) Average speed distributions for the indicated populations and coating for the two replicates. Assembly (c) and disassembly (d) rates for cell populations on laminin-332. (e) FA size averaged per cell on laminin- 332. Only one of the triplicates is shown here for simplicity, similar results were obtained in all replicates.





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Parental

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Fig. S5. At endpoint, tumor tissue was harvested from mice bearing mammary tumors derived from parental and fast-selected MDA-MB-231 cells. Immunohistochemistry was performed using Ki67 and Cleaved Caspase 3 (CC-3) antibodies to monitor proliferation (A) and apoptosis (B), respectively. Scale bar represents 1mm in the low magnification image and 100um in the high magnification image. (C) In vitro growth curves of parental and fast MDA-MB-231 cells seeded on plastic dishes. Doubling times for each population within each replicate are shown. To calculate doubling times, the curves were fitted with the equation: n(t)/n0 = 2t/Td, where n(t) is the number of cells in the dish at time t, n0 is the initial number of cells, t is the time in hours, and Td is the doubling time in hours. P = 0.98 was obtained by comparing the calculated doubling times for each parental and fast MDA-MB-231 replicate with a t-test. (D-E) Representative images of lungs (D) or liver (E) isolated from mice bearing fast- and parentalderived MDA-MB-231 tumors at end-point. The tissues were stained with H&E or Vimentin to identify metastatic lesions. The scale bar in the low magnification image represents 6mm and 400 µm in the higher magnification image.







Fig. S6. Kaplan-Meir curves showing overall survival curves associated with the expression of the indicated genes in the TCGA dataset.

Table S1. Differential expression of fast versus parental samples.Positive log2fold change means that there is more expression in the "fast" group.

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Table S2. List of antibodies used in this study

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