

## Fig. S1: Nyquist diagram of HT-29/B6 impedance spectra

Four consecutive impedance spectra of an HT-29/B6 cell layer mounted in an Ussing chamber were recorded at 42 different frequencies,  $f(\blacklozenge)$ . As an example, impedance magnitude |Z| and phase angle  $\theta$  between transpithelial alternating current (AC) and voltage are depicted for  $f \approx 33$  Hz (red arrow). Real ( $Z^{re}$ ) and imaginary part ( $Z^{im}$ ) of the complex impedance (total impedance  $Z^{T}(f) = Z^{re}(f) + i \cdot Z^{im}(f)$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ) are the projections onto the x- and y-axis.

For  $f \rightarrow 0$  (DC conditions),  $\theta \rightarrow 0^{\circ}$ . For  $f \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\theta \rightarrow 90^{\circ}$ .