

**Table S3:** Characterization of causes for the variability in EA-TIRFM anisotropy values; Related to STAR Methods; Steady-state fluorescence emission anisotropy measurements and analysis

**Effect of Effective Numerical Aperture (NA) on emission anisotropy:**

Microscope configuration	Effective NA	Anisotropy value on FN	Anisotropy value after m $\beta$ CD treatment	Relative Aniso change	Calculated FRET efficiency (Fraction)
<b>100X/TIRF</b>	1.1	0.1739 (0.005)	0.1896 (0.005)	0.0157	0.25
<b>100X/TIRF</b>	0.85	0.1917 (0.005)	0.218 (0.004)	0.0263	0.37
<b>100X/Confocal</b>	0.73	0.1926 (0.006)	0.226 (0.01)	0.034	0.37

**Effect of probe photophysical properties on emission anisotropy:**

Probe used	Mean anisotropy value in cells (SD)	Mean anisotropy value in Vinculin add back cells (SD)	Relative anisotropy change
<b>GFP-GPI (Figure 5B)</b>	0.146 (0.006)	0.098 (0.003)	0.048
<b>GFP-GPI (Figure S6B)</b>	0.165 (0.006)	0.099 (0.005)	0.066
<b>Alexa-568-FLAER (Figure 5F)</b>	0.115 (0.003)	0.065 (0.003)	0.050
<b>mRuby2-GPI (Figure 6D)</b>	0.192 (0.0092)	0.157 (0.0032)	0.035
<b>mRuby2-GPI (Figure S5E)</b>	0.185 (0.0045)	0.138 (0.0063)	0.047

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<b>Probe used</b>	<b>Mean anisotropy value of cells on FN (SD)</b>	<b>Mean anisotropy value of cells on FN after m<math>\beta</math>CD treatment (SD)</b>	<b>Relative anisotropy change</b>
<b>GFP-GPI (Figure1D)</b>	0.159 (0.002)	0.182 (0.004)	0.0233
<b>YFP-GPI (Figure 1F)</b>	0.174 (0.005)	0.189 (0.005)	0.0157

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