

## Supplementary Information

### Investigating the nature of active forces in tissues reveals how contractile cells can form extensile monolayers

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**Supplementary Table 1**

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Pathway affected</b>	<b>MDCK WT</b>	<b>MDCK E-cadherin KO</b>
No drug	--	Extensile	Contractile
Blebbistatin (5 $\mu$ M)	Non-muscle Myosin II	--	Contractile
Blebbistatin (20 $\mu$ M)	Non-muscle Myosin II	Extensile	Extensile
Y27632 (25 $\mu$ M)	ROCK 1 and 2	Extensile	Extensile

**Supplementary Video legends**

Video 1: | Phase contrast images overlaid with orientation vectors obtained from MDCK WT monolayers. Blue arrow shows the location of a +1/2 (comet) shaped defect and the direction in which they move. Scale bar: 50 $\mu$ m

Video 2: | Phase contrast images overlaid with orientation vectors obtained from MDCK E-cadherin KO monolayers. Blue arrow shows the location of a +1/2 (comet) shaped defect and the direction in which they move. Scale bar: 50 $\mu$ m

Video 3: | Time lapse demixing of extensile (magenta) and contractile (green) particles obtained from simulations.

Video 4: | Time lapse demixing of MDCK WT (extensile-magenta) and MDCK E-cadherin KO (contractile-green) cells observed from experiments. Scale bar: 100 $\mu$ m

Video 5: | Time lapse demixing of MDCK WT (extensile-magenta) and MDCK E-cadherin KO (contractile-green) cells before and after the addition of 20 $\mu$ M blebbistatin. Scale bar: 100 $\mu$ m