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*Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.*

### Software and code

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Data collection Microscopy images were captured using ZEN software (Zeiss). Seahorse XF24 data was collected using Wave software (Seahorse Biosciences, v2.4). Raw GC/MS data was processed using MassHunter software (Agilent).

Data analysis Statistical analysis was performed with GraphPad Prism and JMP14 and Excel (v16.34). Growth analysis was performed using MATLAB R2019a. Image analysis was performed using Fiji/ImageJ v1.52t. Transcriptomic data was analyzed using R package limma.

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## Life sciences study design

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Sample size No sample-size calculation was performed. 2-5 biological replicates were performed with multiple experimental replicates. The data was reproducible.

Data exclusions No data were excluded.

Replication All attempts at replication were successful.

Randomization All experiments were cell or biochemical. Therefore, randomization was not relevant to our study.

Blinding RNA-seq analysis was performed blind. Investigators were not blinded for other experiments. Data were analyzed using scripts applied uniformly to all samples to exclude potential bias from manual analysis.

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Antibodies

Eukaryotic cell lines

Palaeontology and archaeology

Animals and other organisms

Human research participants

Clinical data

Dual use research of concern

### Methods

n/a Involved in the study

ChIP-seq

Flow cytometry

MRI-based neuroimaging

## Antibodies

Antibodies used Rabbit anti- $\beta$ -Catenin (Cell Signaling Technology, Cat# D10A8); Par6B (1:100, Santa Cruz, sc-67393), E-cadherin (1:250, BD Transduction, 610181); rabbit anti-FLAG (1:1000; Delta Biolabs Cat# DB125), and mouse anti-tubulin (1:5000; Sigma, clone DM1A)

Validation From vendor website: Western blot analysis of extracts from control HeLa cells or HeLa cells with an apparent in-frame truncation mutation in the gene encoding  $\beta$ -Catenin (lane 2) using  $\beta$ -Catenin (D10A8). The change in  $\beta$ -Catenin molecular weight in the mutated HeLa cells is consistent with an in-frame deletion. The antibody has been validated by over-expression and genetic experiments (BenchSci).  
The FLAG-antibody was confirmed by over-expression.  
The tubulin antibody has been validated by over-expression and genetic experiments (BenchSci).  
The Par6B antibody has been validated by knockdown in house.  
The E-cadherin antibody has been validated by over-expression and genetic experiments (BenchSci).

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s) Caco2, MCF7, A549, MCF10A, and Caco2 cells were from ATCC. OV90 were a gift from Dr. Patricia Tonin

Authentication Caco2, MCF7, and OV90 were authenticated by STR analysis.

Mycoplasma contamination All cell lines were negative for mycoplasma.

Commonly misidentified lines  
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None.