

S1 Table. Modeling parameters

Parameter	Description	Value	Notes
τ_0	Resting cortical tension	0.01 mN/m	Matches experimental value used by Herant et al [1]
τ_{max}	Maximum cortical tension	~1 mN/m (see constitutive relation)	In a reasonable range for high tensions measured during neutrophil phagocytosis [2, 3]
μ	Effective cytoplasmic viscosity	200 Pa-s (passive) 1,660 Pa-s (active)	Matches experimentally measured values [4, 5]
κ_b	Effective membrane bending modulus	1×10^{-18} J	Matches experimentally measured values [6], much higher than values for RBCs or vesicles due to the neutrophil cortex
R_0	Initial cell radius	4.25 μm	Radius of a human neutrophil
σ_0	Adhesion stress constant	370 Pa	Together with the ligand density, this determines adhesion strength
$\rho_{IgG,max}$	Ligand density corresponding to 100% for Brownian Zipper model	10,000 IgG/ μm^2	This density corresponds to about 600 $\mu\text{J}/\text{m}^2$, which exceeds values derived from other cases of cell spreading [7]
D_0	Zero adhesion force distance	50 nm	Relatively large distance required for mesoscopic model, as standard in other continuum models [8, 9]
$\sigma_{prot,max}$	Max. protrusion stress	3,500 Pa	Actin filaments growing in parallel can achieve forces above 1 nN per μm^2 (> 1 kPa) [10, 11]
s_0	Protrusive force range	0.8 μm	Controls how the protrusion stress decays along the membrane (Eq 8)
t_0	Characteristic time for decay of protrusion stress	66 s	Used for discrete adhesion model (Eq 13)
$k_B T$	Energy scale factor	4.11×10^{-21} J	Boltzmann constant (k_B) times room temperature (298 K), sets scale for membrane fluctuations (Eq 12) and ligand-receptor binding energy.
ρ_{FcyR}	FcyR density in the neutrophil membrane	1,470 μm^{-2}	Receptor density used in discrete ligand + discrete receptor simulations shown in Fig 8B, explained in Appendix F
D_{eff}	Effective FcyR diffusion coefficient	1×10^{-4} $\mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$	Chosen value explained in Appendix F

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