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- The exact sample size ( $n$ ) for each experimental group/condition, given as a discrete number and unit of measurement
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- The statistical test(s) used AND whether they are one- or two-sided  
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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** LAS AF V 4.0.0. 11706 software; LAS-AF 2.6.0. build 7266 TIRF; Carl Zeiss ZEN, software 2011 64bits; EM902A, Zeiss; Nikon Corp. Software NIS Elements AR 4.30.02. Build 1053 LO, 64 bits; LABVIEW software 2015; MatLab 8.6; VistaVision\_x64\_V4.2\_Build 364 software.

**Data analysis** Super-resolution images were analyzed using LAS AF V 4.0.0. 11706 software, ThunderSTORM v1.3 and ImageJ v1.53q; Electron tomograms were computed and segmented using the software IMOD Package (Kremer JR, Mastronarde DN, McIntosh JR. Computer visualization of three-dimensional image data using IMOD. J Struct Biol. 1996, doi: 10.1006/jsbi.1996.0013).; Automated confocal microscopy images were acquired on a Opera HCSII station and analyzed using the Acapella studio image analysis suite (Perkin Elmer, v2.6); FLIM images were analyzed using SimFCS software, LFD, University of California, Irvine, CA and VistaVision\_x64\_V4.2\_Build 364 software; In-silico data was analyzed by Rosetta software suite v3.8 and v3.9 ([www.rosettacommons.org](http://www.rosettacommons.org)); TIRF videos were obtained using LAS-AF 2.6.0. build 7266 software; Optical Stretching data acquisition and analysis was done with a custom-built LABVIEW software(v 2015); Excel and GraphPad Prism (v 7.0) softwares were used to analyze statistical data and Image J was used for particle tracking in magnetic tweezers experiments, confocal and electron microscopy images analysis. A detailed report of the mathematical model can be found as supplementary Note 1.

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Previously published data that were re-analyzed here are available under accession code Uniprot ID: ID: P49817, residues2-178 (mature Cav1 protein). We have deposited the following files in Zenodo: dataset from YAP experiments (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.7061911), script for YAP analysis (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.7061924), and STORM images set (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.7062213). Source data are provided with this study. All other data supporting the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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## Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size	The sample size was set by the clarity of the phenotype. The lower limit of the sample size was set so it was sufficient to observe clearly the differences (p value below 0.05), while the upper limit was set so it was easily reproducible at a reasonable time for an independent lab. In experiments where a tendency was observed with a small sample size, sample size was increased to determine whether the tendency was statistically significant or not. In some cases the tendency was confirmed and validated statistically while in other cases it was not, in which case the sample size was not further increased.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from the analyses unless otherwise indicated. For STORM analysis: Clusters touching the ROI borders were excluded (as indicated in the manuscript). For FRIL analysis: no strongly scattering data points were excluded but all quantitative evaluation data points were taken into account and averaged to fully represent biological and technical variabilities.
Replication	All attempts at replication were successful for the experiments present in the paper. The number of replicates is indicated in each figure legend.
Randomization	Experiments were not randomized.
Blinding	Experimenter blinding was not possible as acquisition and analysis were performed by the same investigator. Important information (i.e. GFP label) was also required precluding classic randomization and blinding.

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### Materials & experimental systems

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Animals and other organisms
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Human research participants
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### Methods

n/a	Involved in the study
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ChIP-seq
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## Antibodies

Antibodies used	The following primary antibodies were used: The following primary antibodies were used: rabbit monoclonal anti-mouse Caveolin-1, D46G3 Cell signalling XP <sup>®</sup> #3267; rabbit anti-caveolin 1, sc-894, SantaCruz; mouse monoclonal anti YAP, 63.7, sc-101199, Santa Cruz;
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monoclonal anti-Flag, M2, Sigma/F1804; rabbit polyclonal anti-mouse PTRF, ab48824, Abcam; mouse monoclonal anti-alpha tubulin, ab7291, Abcam; mouse anti-GFP, cat# 118114460001, Roche; rat monoclonal anti-mouse total beta 1 integrin, clone MB1.2, MAB1997 Millipore; mouse monoclonal Cav1 SIGMA SAB4200216; Ubiquitin (Enzo, ENZ-ABS840-0100).

## Validation

- Anti-caveolin-1, D46G3: this antibody is widely used and validated for western blot and immunofluorescence, applications used in this study, as indicated in the manufacturer's website. This antibody has been previously validated for WB and immunostaining (DOI: 10.1074/jbc.M005448200).
- Anti-caveolin 1, sc-894: this antibody has been previously validated for EM (DOI: 10.7554/elife.29854)
- Anti mouse monoclonal Cav1 SIGMA SAB4200216: this antibody has been previously validated (DOI: 10.18632/oncotarget.15302)
- Anti Ubiquitin (Enzo, ENZ-ABS840-0100): this antibody has been previously validated (DOI: 10.1073/pnas.2114405119)
- Anti-YAP: this antibody has been extensively used in the YAP field (DOI: 10.1038/nature10137).
- Anti-Flag, M2: this antibody is widely used and validated for immunofluorescence as indicated in the manufacturer's website; here was used for EM and validation is shown in Supplementary Figure 4D-4E.
- Anti-mouse PTRF, ab48824: this antibody is widely used and validated for western blot and immunofluorescence, applications used in this study, as indicated in the manufacturer's website. This antibody has been previously validated for WB and immunostaining (DOI: 10.1083/jcb.202006178).
- Anti-alpha tubulin, ab7291: this antibody is widely used and validated for western blot, application used in this study, as indicated in the manufacturer's website. This antibody has been previously validated for WB (DOI: 10.1016/j.redox.2022.102307).
- Anti-GFP, cat# 118114460001: this antibody is widely used and validated for western blot and immunofluorescence, applications used in this study, as indicated in the manufacturer's website. This antibody has been previously validated for WB (DOI:10.1038/s41467-022-32364-3).
- Anti- total beta 1 integrin, MAB1997: this antibody is widely used and validated for western blot, application used in this study, as indicated in the manufacturer's website. This antibody has been previously validated for WB (DOI:10.1091/mbc.E14-07-1203).

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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#### Cell line source(s)

PTRFKO mouse embryonic fibroblasts were a kind gift from Prof. Rob Parton and were originally developed in Paul Pilch's lab doi.org/10.1016/j.cmet.2008.07.008. SH-Sy5y neuroblastoma cell line were a kind gift from Dr. Sergio Casas Tintó (Cajal Institute, Madrid, Spain) and were originally obtained from ATCC.

#### Authentication

None of the cell lines were authenticated.

#### Mycoplasma contamination

All cell lines were screened for mycoplasma presence (with Mycoalert PLUS mycoplasma detection kit, Lonza) and the results were negative.

#### Commonly misidentified lines (See [ICLAC](#) register)

None.