Supplementary Information

Creating biomimetic surfaces through covalent and oriented binding of proteins

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Figure S1. XPS spectra for: **a**) silanized glass supports; **b**) glass supports functionalized with NTA. Appearance of C=O peak probe the functionalization f the supports with NTA.



Figure S2. Dynamic Atomic Force Microscopy analysis of surfaces. Images of the functionalized surfaces were taken under the same conditions (PBS + $Ca^{2+} + Mg^{2+}$). The coverage height is close to a single molecule height (~9 nm).



Figure S3. Characterization of cadherin adhesion topography. HC11 cells were allowed to adhere in surfaces: (a) without cadherin, (b) with cadherin non oriented, (c) with cadherin oriented and covalent. Scale bar= $100\mu m$