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Invadosomes and caveolae are mechanosensitive structures that are implicated in metastasis. Here, we describe a unique juxtaposition of caveola clusters and matrix degradative invadosomes at contact sites between the plasma membrane of cancer cells and constricting fibrils both in 2D and 3D type I collagen matrix environments. Preferential association between caveolae and straight segments of the fibrils, and between invadosomes and bent segments of the fibrils, was observed along with matrix remodelling. Caveola recruitment precedes and is required for invadosome formation and activity. Reciprocally, invadosome disruption results in the accumulation of fibril-associated caveolae. Moreover, caveolae and the collagen receptor β 1 integrin co-localize at contact sites with the fibrils, and integrins control caveola recruitment to fibrils. In turn, caveolae mediate the clearance of β 1 integrin and collagen uptake in an invadosome-dependent and collagen-cleavage-dependent mechanism. Our data reveal a reciprocal interplay between caveolae and invadosomes that coordinates adhesion to and proteolytic remodelling of confining fibrils to support tumour cell dissemination.

Extracellular matrix (ECM) remodelling is fundamental to physiological processes such as tissue morphogenesis and wound healing and contributes to pathological conditions such as inflammatory diseases, tissue fibrosis and cancer progression^{1–4}. During breast cancer progression, carcinoma cells escape from the primary tumour by breaching the basement membrane that surrounds ductal epithelial cells and infiltrate the collagenous connective tissue of the stroma^{3,5}. To invade through the fibrous type-I-collagen-rich network, tumour cells cleave the fibrils by forming specialized actin-based non-protruding cell–ECM contact

sites, generically termed invadosomes (invadopodia being viewed as protrusive counterparts)⁶, endowed with pericellular collagenolytic activity. The concerted action of invadosomal actin filament polymerization that produces forces pushing against the plasma membrane (PM) that are transmitted to the contacted collagen fibrils, and membrane type I matrix metalloproteinase (MT1-MMP)-mediated collagen cleavage—which increases fibril compliance—is key to the formation of invasive tracks by tumour cells^{7–10}. MT1-MMP is essential for invadosome formation and pericellular ECM breakdown, and its upregulation

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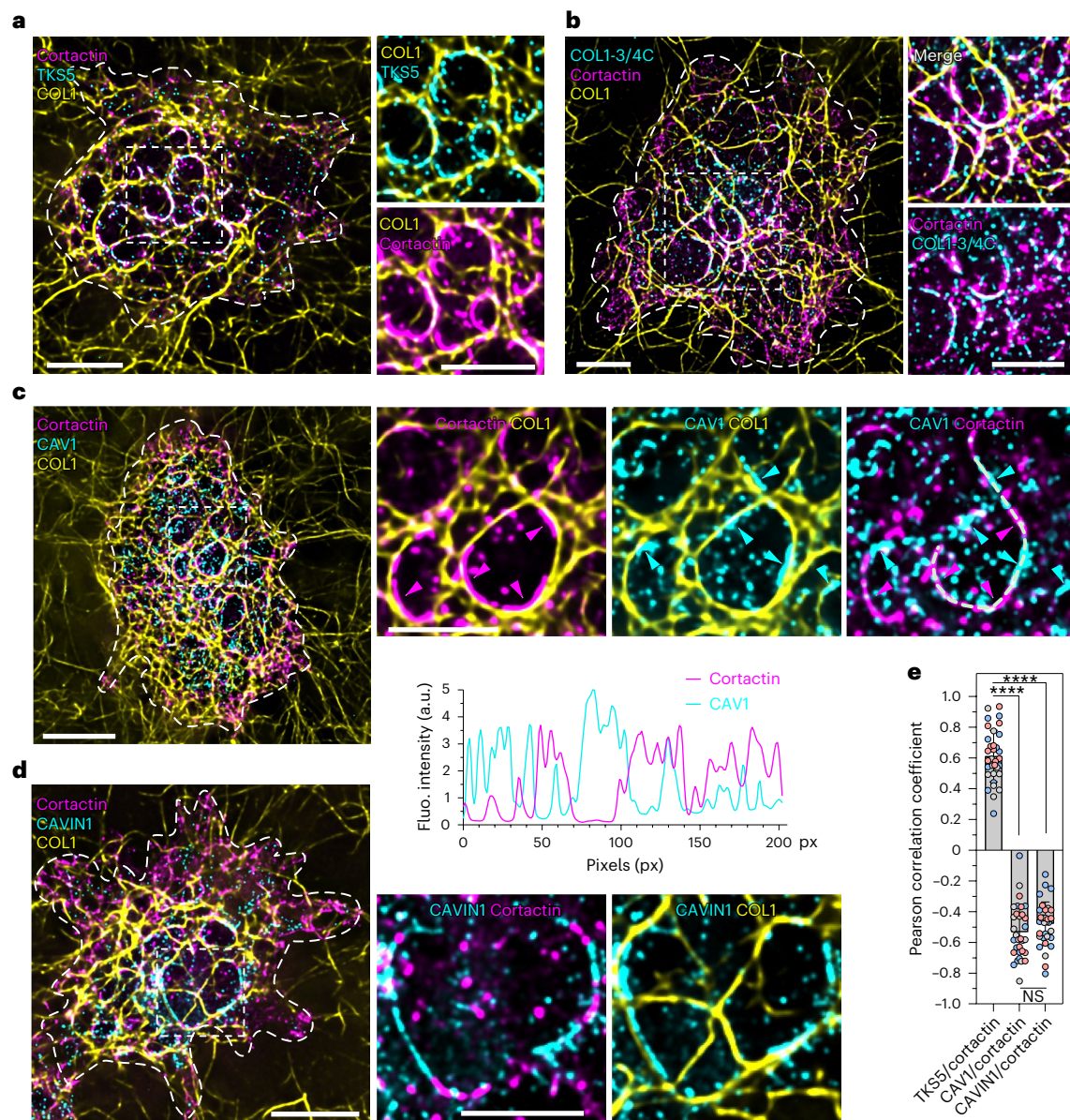


Fig. 1 | Alternating distribution of caveolae and invadosomes along confining type I collagen fibrils. a–b, MDA-MB-231 cells cultured on a layer of fibrous type I collagen for 60 min were fixed and stained for the indicated markers. The dotted line indicates the cell contour. Insets: magnified views of the boxed regions. The distribution of key invadosome components, TKS5 and cortactin (**a**), and invadosome collagenolytic activity (cleaved collagen neo-epitope detected using COL1-3/4C antibodies) (**b**) are shown. **c**, The alternating caveolae and invadosome distribution revealed by profiling of the cortactin and CAV1 signal intensity in association with the collagen fibril (line scan). The arrowheads indicate accumulations of CAV1 (cyan) and cortactin (magenta). **d**, Alternating CAVIN1 and cortactin distribution. **e**, Pearson correlation coefficient calculated based on TKS5/cortactin, CAV1/cortactin and CAVIN1/cortactin signal intensity profiles. Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 35$ (TKS5/cortactin), $n = 32$ (CAV1/cortactin) and $n = 33$ (CAVIN1/cortactin) line scans from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Kruskal–Wallis test; **** $P < 0.0001$; NS, not significant. The distribution of individual pixel intensity values is shown in Extended Data Fig. 1a,d,e. Source numerical data are provided as Source Data. Scale bars, 10 μ m (**a,c** and **d** (left) and **b**) and 5 μ m (**a,c** and **d** (right)). a.u., arbitrary units; fluo., fluorescence.

in breast cancer is correlated with poor prognosis and lower survival^{11–14}. F-actin assembly at invadosomes requires the ARP2/3 complex and upstream activators, the Rho-GTPase CDC42 and effector N-WASP, as well as the F-actin branch stabilizer cortactin and the adaptor protein TKS5 (tyrosine kinase substrate with five SH3 domains)¹⁵. How cancer cells sense the composition, topology and mechanical property of the matrix environment to mount the adapted collagenolytic response remains unclear. Reports indicate that ECM adhesion through integrins and integrin signalling have a role in the regulation of MT1-MMP trafficking and invadosome formation in different cancer cell types^{16–18}.

Caveolae are bulb-shaped PM invaginations with a diameter of 60–80 nm composed of two major structural protein families—caveolins and cavins^{19,20}. Caveolin-1 (CAV1), the main caveolae component, is required for caveola formation²¹. CAV1 binds to lipids including cholesterol, and can oligomerize and assemble as 8S scaffolds that combine and interact with cavins to form caveola pits^{22–24}. Caveolae show high levels of plasticity, ranging from individual pits to higher-order rosette structures or even flattened membrane subdomains scaling with membrane tension^{25–27}. Caveola plasticity underlies a diversity of cellular functions such as membrane lipid subdomain organization,

lipid and protein uptake and signal transduction^{27–29}. Furthermore, the bulb shape confers substantial membrane buffering capacity to caveolae that can function as mechanosensors and mechanoprotectors in PM adaptation to environmental mechanical cues^{25,30–33}. Furthermore, CAV1 is involved in integrin signalling and focal adhesion assembly and dynamics³⁴. Depending on cancer type and stage, caveolins and cavins have been implicated both in tumour suppression and oncogenesis³¹. Particularly, CAV1 acts as a tumour suppressor at early stages of breast cancer development, whereas it is linked to tumour progression and metastasis at later stages^{31,35–37}.

Early reports correlated CAV1 loss-of-function with perturbation of invadosome gelatinolytic activity^{38,39}. Yet, the mechanism underlying caveola function in matrix degradation is unclear, and whether and how caveolae and invadosomes could work in concert during cancer cell invasion has not been addressed. In this Article, we unveil a cross-talk between invadosomes and caveolae in invasive cancer cells. We detected the presence of caveolae at PM–collagen fibril contact sites in an alternating distribution with invadosomes. Silencing of core caveola components negatively impinged on invadosome formation and activity. Reciprocally, invadosome disruption resulted in fibril-associated caveola accumulation. By monitoring fibril-associated caveolae and invadosomes over time, we showed that the peak of CAV1 and CAVIN1 recruitment preceded invadosome formation. Moreover, we observed that CAV1/CAVIN1 and β 1 integrin collagen receptors co-localized at PM–fibril contact sites, with integrins controlling CAV1 recruitment to the fibrils. In turn, CAV1 mediated surface β 1 integrin clearance together with bound ECM in an invadosome- and collagen-cleavage-dependent mechanism. Our data highlight a distribution and adhesion function for caveolar structures, which promote invadosome formation and control ECM remodelling, supporting a reciprocal interplay between invadosomes and caveolae in sensing and remodelling constricting matrix fibrils during tumour cell dissemination.

Results

Alternating assembly of caveolae and invadosomes at PM–collagen fibril contact sites

When cultured on top of a layer of type I collagen fibrils, invasive tumour cells form collagenolytic structures named invadosomes in close association with the matrix fibrils⁴⁰. Accordingly, 60 min after plating MDA-MB-231 breast adenocarcinoma cells on the fibrillar network, invadosomes were detected as F-actin-, cortactin- and TKS5-enriched curvilinear structures that formed at contact sites between the PM and

the underlying collagen fibrils^{14,41,42} (Fig. 1a and Extended Data Fig. 1a). The transmembrane matrix metalloproteinase MT1-MMP accumulated in invadosomes and mediated cleavage of contacted fibrils^{14,41,42} (Fig. 1b and Extended Data Fig. 1b,c). To assess whether and how caveolae contributed to invadosome formation and activity, we examined the intracellular distribution of CAV1. In addition to a scattered distribution of small-sized, dotted structures at the PM (Fig. 1c), immunofluorescence analysis revealed the accumulation of CAV1 in larger, elongated structures aligned with the underlying fibrils (Fig. 1c (cyan arrowheads)). Notably, CAV1 accumulations did not co-localize, but were excluded from TKS5-, cortactin- and MT1-MMP-positive invadosomes as indicated by intensity profiling along the fibrils and the negative Pearson's coefficient of the two markers (Fig. 1c,e (magenta arrowheads) and Extended Data Fig. 1b,d). Staining revealed an alternating organization of caveolar and invadosome structures along the remodelled fibrils. Although CAV1 represents the major core caveola component, several reports have suggested that CAV1 also exists as oligomers or scaffolds that may have roles outside caveolae^{22,43,44}. We therefore investigated whether CAV1-positive structures at PM–fibril contact sites could represent bona fide caveolae using CAVIN1—a component of the caveola coat^{29,45,46}. CAVIN1 co-localized with CAV1 in PM structures, both outside and along the fibrils (Extended Data Fig. 1f), and it alternated with cortactin- and MT1-MMP-positive invadosomes along collagen fibrils (Fig. 1d,e and Extended Data Fig. 1c,e). Taken together, these results indicate that caveolar structures accumulate along collagen fibrils close to, but non-overlapping with invadosomes, and suggest the coalescence of fibril-associated caveolae into large clusters. Notably, we found no overlap between peripheral focal adhesions stained with paxillin (and weakly positive for cortactin) and more-internal, elongated, cortactin-rich paxillin-negative invadosomes, although minimal colocalization cannot be ruled out (Extended Data Fig. 1g).

Caveolae and invadosomes segregate according to fibril curvature

Bending of the matrix fibrils depends on a dual action of actin polymerization-based pushing forces and MT1-MMP-mediated proteolytic cleavage of the fibrils at invadosomes¹⁴. First, we analysed the architecture of the collagen network at large scale by comparing the general fibril orientation in cell-associated and cell-free areas of the network. We observed that co-orientation of the fibrils was higher outside the cells coinciding with aligned, straighter fibrils, whereas it was reduced and fibrils were more curved underneath the cells with high invadosomal activity (Fig. 2a,b and Extended Data Fig. 2a).

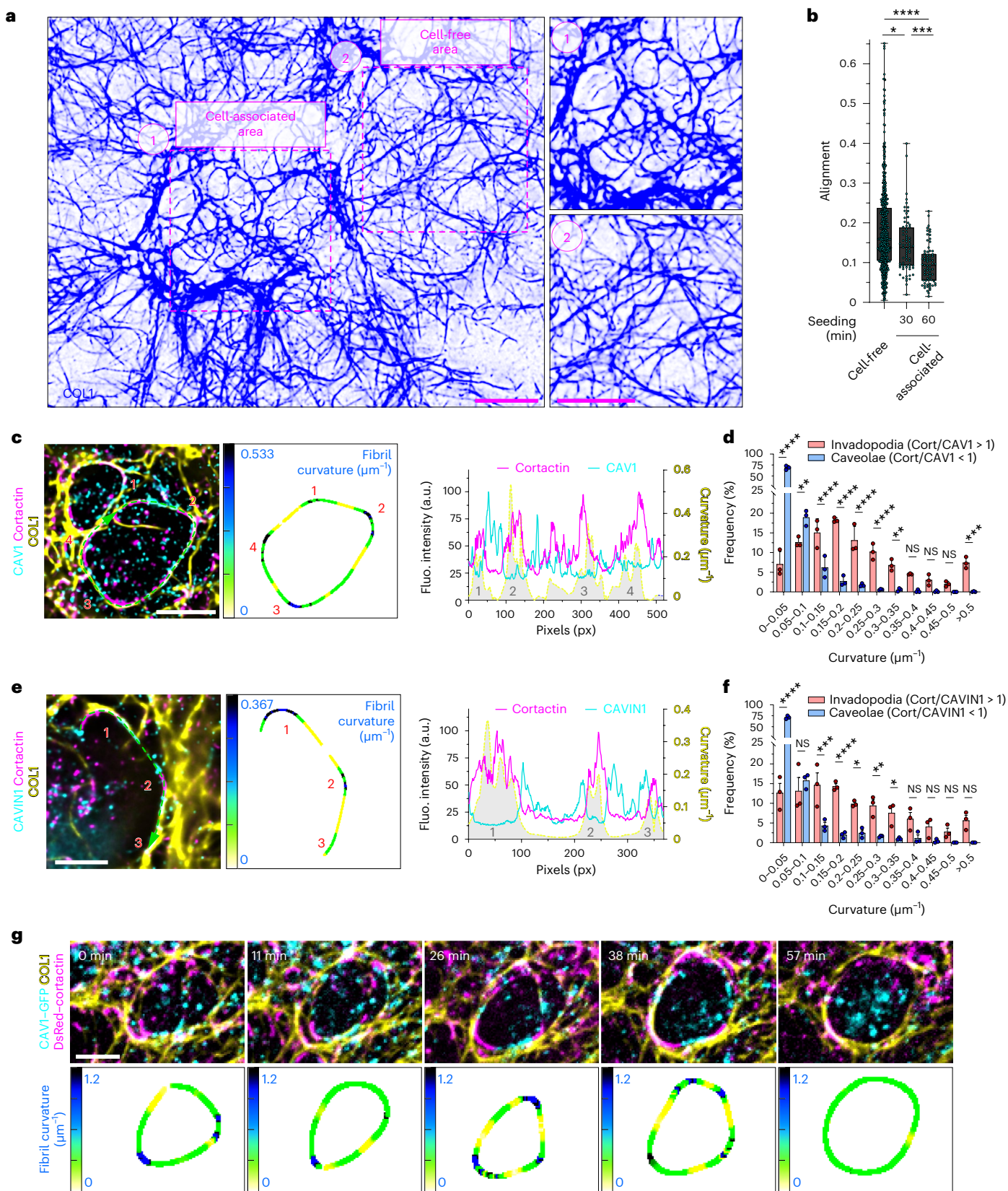
Fig. 2 | Caveola and invadosome distribution along PM–collagen fibril contact sites correlate with straight versus bent collagen fibril segments.

a, Regions of analysis of the collagen network. Cell staining with cortactin is shown in Extended Data Fig. 2a. **b**, Quantification of the collagen fibril orientation index using the OrientationJ Dominant Direction module in Fiji (Methods) in cell-free or cell-associated regions of the collagen network measured 30 min or 60 min after cell seeding. For the box plots, the centre line shows the mean, the box limits show the first (Q1, 25th percentiles) to third (Q3, 75th percentiles) quartiles of the distribution, and the whiskers show the minimum to maximum values. $n = 581$ (cell free), $n = 72$ (cell associated, 30 min) and $n = 73$ (cell associated, 60 min) fields from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis test; $*P = 0.0395$; $***P = 0.0005$; $****P < 0.0001$. **c**, MDA-MB-231 cells cultured on a layer of fibrous type I collagen for 60 min were stained. Left, the distribution of invadosome (cortactin) and caveolae (CAV1) markers along the confining fibrils. The dotted lines and arrows indicate the position and direction of the profiled line scan, respectively. Middle, representation of the tangential curvature along collagen fibrils using the indicated lookup table (LUT). Highly curved segments are numbered. Right, the cortactin and CAV1 signal intensity and tangential curvature were plotted for each pixel. **d**, The frequency distribution of tangential curvature in caveolae or invadosomes based on the cortactin (cort)/

CAV1 intensity ratio (caveolae, blue bars: cortactin/CAV1 ratio < 1 ; invadosomes, red bars: cortactin/CAV1 ratio > 1) classes. Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 3$ biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using two-way ANOVA with Šidák's correction; $**P = 0.003$, $***P = 0.0004$, $****P < 0.0001$. **e**, Analysis as in **c** comparing cortactin and CAVIN1 markers. Left, the distribution of cortactin and CAVIN1 markers along the confining fibrils. The dotted lines and arrows indicate the position and direction of the profiled line scan, respectively. Middle, representation of tangential curvature along collagen fibrils using the indicated LUT. Highly curved segments are numbered. Right, cortactin and CAVIN1 signal intensities and tangential curvature are plotted for each pixel. **f**, The frequency distribution of tangential curvature as in **d** based on the cortactin/CAVIN1 intensity ratio (caveolae, blue bars: cortactin/CAVIN1 ratio < 1 ; invadosomes, red bars: cortactin/CAVIN1 ratio > 1) classes. Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 3$ biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using two-way ANOVA with Šidák's correction; $*P < 0.01$, $**P < 0.005$, $***P = 0.0001$, $****P < 0.0001$. **g**, The top row is a gallery of selected time frames (in minutes) from a time-lapse sequence of MDA-MB-231 cells expressing CAV1–GFP (cyan) and DsRed–cortactin (magenta) plated on a layer of Cy5-labelled collagen fibrils (yellow). The bottom row is a representation of tangential curvature along a selected collagen fibril using the indicated LUT. Source numerical data are provided as Source Data. Scale bars, 10 μ m (**a**), 5 μ m (**c** and **e**) and 2 μ m.

Furthermore, we noticed that the fibril orientation metrics decreased over time by comparing cell-associated networks 30 min or 60 min after seeding (Fig. 2b, Extended Data Fig. 2b and Supplementary Video 1). Collectively, these data confirm the ability of MDA-MB-231 cells to remodel the pericellular ECM through collagen cleavage and fibril bending¹⁴.

Given the alternation of caveola and invadosome structures, we lowered the scale of our analysis at the fibril level by profiling tangential curvature along individual fibrils using the Kappa Curvature module in Fiji. While invadosomes associated with highly curved, outward-pointing portions of the fibrils (Fig. 2c–f and Extended Data



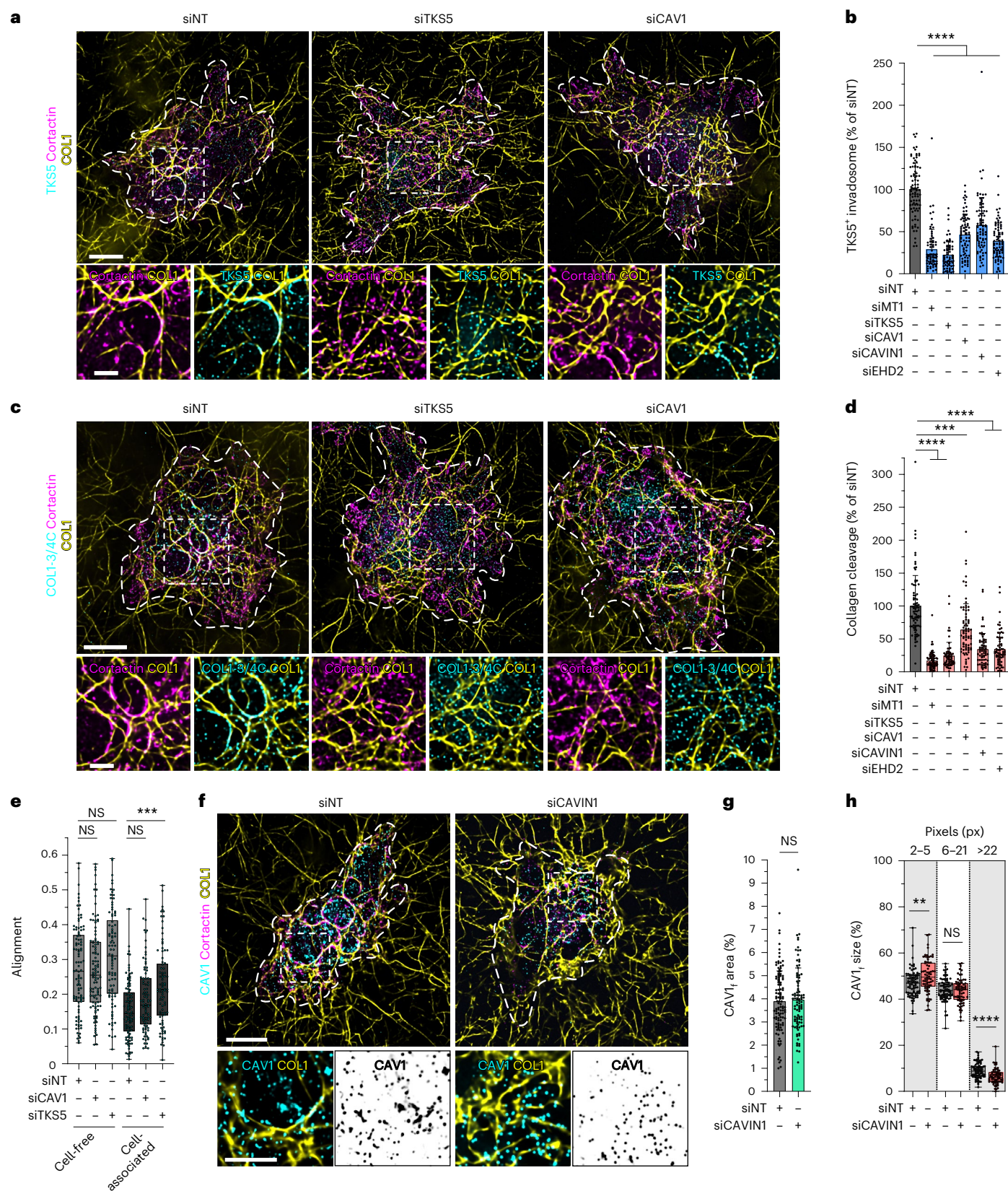


Fig. 2c), CAV1/CAVIN1-positive caveola components preferentially associated with straighter fibril segments (Fig. 2c–f). CAV1 and cortactin intensity signals, as well as curvature, were profiled for each pixel along the fibril (line-scan analysis), and pixels were stratified according to their cortactin/CAV1 intensity ratio and correlated with pixel curvature value. Whereas caveolae (cortactin/CAV1 ratio < 1) were associated with

low curvature (that is, straighter segments), invadosomes (cortactin/CAV1 ratio > 1) were present on more-curved portions of the fibrils (Fig. 2d). Similar observations were made with CAVIN1 (Fig. 2e,f). Live-cell imaging of MDA-MB-231 cells expressing CAV1–GFP and DsRed–cortactin confirmed the alternating distribution of caveolae and invadosomes along collagen fibrils (Fig. 2g and Supplementary

Fig. 3 | Caveolae are required for invadosome function. **a**, MDA-MB-231 cells with the indicated KDs using siRNA treatment were cultured on a layer of type I collagen fibrils for 60 min, fixed and stained for TKS5 and cortactin invadosome markers. The dotted line shows the cell contour. Insets: magnified views of the boxed regions. **b**, Quantification of TKS5-positive invadosomes normalized to control siNT-treated cells. Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 89$ (siNT), $n = 75$ (siMT1-MMP), $n = 67$ (siTKS5), $n = 77$ (siCAVI), $n = 83$ (siCAVIN1) and $n = 77$ (siEHD2) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis test; **** $P < 0.0001$. **c**, Cells were stained for the cleaved type I collagen neopeptide COL1-3/4C and cortactin. Insets: magnified views of the boxed regions. **d**, Type I collagen cleavage (on the basis of the COL1-3/4C signal) by the indicated cell populations. Data were normalized to control siNT-treated cells. Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 84$ (siNT), $n = 75$ (siMT1-MMP), $n = 65$ (siTKS5), $n = 78$ (siCAVI), $n = 67$ (siCAVIN1) and $n = 68$ (siEHD2) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis test; *** $P = 0.0005$, **** $P < 0.0001$. **e**, Quantification of the collagen fibril orientation index in cell-free and cell-associated regions of the collagen network for the indicated populations of siRNA-treated cells. $n = 102$ (cell free, siNT), $n = 103$

(cell free, siCAVI), $n = 90$ (cell free, siTKS5), $n = 104$ (cell associated, siNT), $n = 89$ (cell associated, siCAVI), $n = 89$ (cell associated, siTKS5) fields from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis test; *** $P = 0.0004$. **f**, MDA-MB-231 cells knocked down for *CAVIN1* and cultured on type I collagen for 60 min were stained for CAV1 and cortactin. Insets: magnified views of the boxed regions. **g**, The ratio (as a percentage) of the area of cell-underlying fibrils with overlapping CAV1 signal to the total surface of cell-underlying fibrils (CAV1_i area). Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 112$ (siNT) and $n = 95$ (siCAVIN1) cells from four biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using unpaired two-tailed t -tests. **h**, The effect of *CAVIN1* silencing on the size distribution of fibril-associated CAV1-positive structures stratified in three different size classes (CAV1_i size). $n = 82$ (siNT) and $n = 70$ (siCAVIN1) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using unpaired two-tailed t -tests; ** $P = 0.0021$, **** $P < 0.0001$. For the box plots in **e** and **h**, the centre line shows the mean, the box limits show the first (Q1, 25th percentiles) to third (Q3, 75th percentiles) quartiles of the distribution, and the whiskers show the minimum to maximum values. Source numerical data are provided as Source Data. Scale bars, 10 μm (**a**, **c** and **f** (top)) and 5 μm (**f** (bottom))).

Video 2). Taken together, these data uncover the alternation of softened, bent-fibril regions due to invadosome activity, and straighter, possibly more rigid, caveola-associated segments of the matrix fibrils.

Ultrastructural and super-resolution characterization of collagen fibril-associated caveolae

To better understand the organization of caveolar structures in association with collagen fibrils, MDA-MB-231 cells plated on top of the collagen network were unroofed and processed for platinum replica electron microscopy (PREM), and immunogold labelling of GFP-tagged CAV1 or CAVIN1. We observed accumulations of CAV1–GFP or CAVIN1–GFP in 60–80-nm-sized buds characteristic of caveolae in fibril-free regions of the PM (Extended Data Fig. 3a–c (arrows)). Moreover, CAV1–GFP and CAVIN1–GFP labelling was detected in micrometre-sized clusters of caveolar structures associated with the ridge formed by the PM wrapped around the electron-dense collagen fibrils lying underneath the ventral cell surface¹⁴ (Extended Data Fig. 3a–c (arrowheads)).

Moreover, using stochastic optical reconstruction microscopy (STORM)⁴⁷, we confirmed the presence of small, low-intensity CAV1-positive profiles that probably correspond to caveola pits in

fibril-free regions of the PM and some in association with the fibrils, as well as brighter fibril-associated caveolar clusters juxtaposed with cortactin-positive invadosomes (Extended Data Fig. 3d). Taken together, high-resolution light and electron microscopy data demonstrate that individual and clustered caveolar structures are found at PM–collagen fibril contact sites in breast cancer cells, and these caveolar structures are excluded from and alternating with invadosomes. These results suggest potential caveola plasticity in adapting to the fibril topology to adopt a clustered organization that is possibly involved in adhesion to the fibrils.

Caveolae are required for invadosome formation and collagenolytic activity

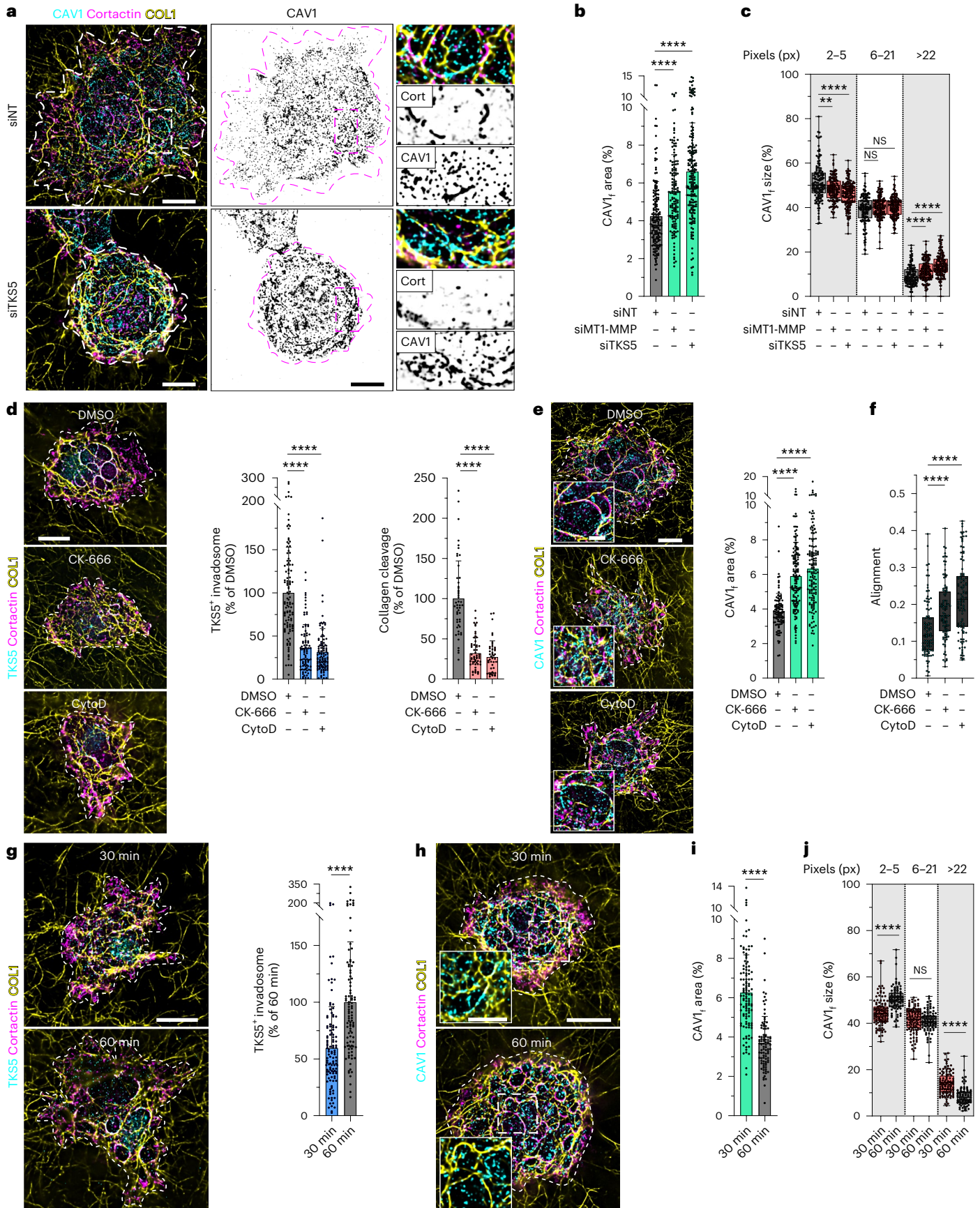
We investigated the contribution of caveolae to invadosome formation and activity. We individually knocked down (KD) *CAVI*, *CAVIN1* and *EHD2* by treatment with short interfering RNA (siRNA). We found a significant reduction in invadosome formation and collagen cleavage capacity after treatment; the effects were almost as strong as after depleting the key invadosome components *SH3PXD2A* (encoding TKS5) or *MMP14* (encoding MT1-MMP) (Fig. 3a–d and Extended Data Fig. 4a–c). Moreover, we found that fibrils were significantly more

Fig. 4 | Invadosome-dependent control of caveola association with matrix fibrils. **a**, MDA-MB-231 cells knocked down for *SH3PXD2A* were cultured on a layer of type I collagen fibrils and stained for CAV1 and cortactin (left). CAV1 distribution is shown with an inverted grey LUT (middle). The dotted line shows the cell contour. Insets: magnified views of the boxed regions (right). **b**, The ratio (as a percentage) of the area of cell-underlying fibrils with overlapping CAV1 signal to the total surface of cell-underlying fibrils was analysed in the depleted cell populations (CAV1_i area). Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 163$ (siNT), $n = 145$ (siMT1-MMP) and $n = 193$ (siTKS5) cells from four biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis multiple-comparison test; **** $P < 0.0001$. **c**, The size distribution of fibril-associated CAV1-positive structures in depleted cells. $n = 138$ (siNT), $n = 145$ (siMT1) and $n = 153$ (siTKS5) cells from four biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis multiple-comparison test; ** $P = 0.0018$, **** $P < 0.0001$. **d**, The effect of the actin polymerization inhibitors CK-666 and CytoD on TKS5-positive invadosomes (left and middle) and type I collagen cleavage (right) normalized to control (DMSO-treated) cells. Data are mean \pm s.d. Middle: $n = 113$ (DMSO), $n = 92$ (CK-666) and $n = 109$ (CytoD) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Right: $n = 50$ (DMSO), $n = 57$ (CK-666) and $n = 45$ (CytoD) cells from two biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis test; **** $P < 0.0001$. **e**, The effect of CK-666 and CytoD on fibril-associated CAV1 signal as in **b**. Insets: magnified views of the boxed regions. Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 105$ (DMSO), $n = 146$ (CK-666) and

$n = 142$ (CytoD) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis test; **** $P < 0.0001$. **f**, The effect of CK-666 and CytoD on the collagen fibril orientation index in cell-associated regions of the collagen network determined as in Fig. 2b. Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 98$ (DMSO), $n = 103$ (CK-666) and $n = 104$ (CytoD) fields from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis test; **** $P < 0.0001$. **g**, Comparison of TKS5-positive invadosomes in cells plated on collagen for 30 or 60 min. Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 116$ (30 min) and $n = 100$ (60 min) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using unpaired two-tailed t -tests; **** $P < 0.0001$. **h**, Comparison of CAV1 and cortactin-positive structures in cells plated on collagen for 30 min or 60 min. Insets: magnified views of the boxed regions. **i, j**, The time effect on CAV1 association (**i**) and the size of fibril-associated CAV1-positive structures (**j**). For **i**, data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 117$ (30 min) and $n = 95$ (60 min) cells from three biologically independent experiments. For **j**, $n = 117$ (30 min) and $n = 95$ (60 min) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis test (**i**) and unpaired two-tailed t -tests (**j**); **** $P < 0.0001$. For the box plots in **c** and **j**, the centre line shows the mean, the box limits show the first (Q1, 25th percentiles) to third (Q3, 75th percentiles) quartiles of the distribution, and the whiskers show the minimum to maximum values. Source numerical data are provided as Source Data. Scale bars, 10 μm (**a, d, e** (main image), **g** and **h** (main image)) and 5 μm (**e** and **h** (insets))).

co-oriented underneath *SH3PXD2A*-KD cells compared with control cells (Fig. 3e). Similarly, *CAV1* KD tendentially increased collagen fibril co-orientation in the network (Fig. 3e). Together, these results

show that invadosome disruption (by *SH3PXD2A* or *CAV1* KD) consequently impacts the ability of tumour cells to remodel the environing collagen network.



Consistent with previous reports⁴⁸, downmodulation of CAVINI expression also affected CAV1 levels (Extended Data Fig. 4c), raising the possibility that the effect of *CAVINI* KD could be indirectly mediated by reduced CAV1 expression rather than by the loss of caveolae per se. To rule out this possibility, we analysed the CAV1 distribution in cells treated with siRNA against *CAVINI* using a metric that quantifies the ratio of the fibril surface underneath the ventral PM with overlapping CAV1 signal to the total surface of cell-associated fibrils (CAV1_f area; Methods and Extended Data Fig. 4d). In agreement with immunoblotting analysis (Extended Data Fig. 4c), *CAVINI* silencing depleted the overall CAV1 signal at the PM (Fig. 3f) and did not affect the association of remaining CAV1 with the collagen fibrils (Fig. 3f,g), suggesting a preferential association of residual CAV1 with the contacted fibrils. Analysis of the size distribution of fibril-associated CAV1-positive structures (CAV1_f size) in *CAVINI*-depleted cells revealed an increase in small structures (2–5 px) – possibly CAV1 oligomers or scaffolds – and a concomitant reduction in the larger above-described caveolar clusters (>22 px) (Fig. 3f,h). Together, modulations of these two metrics by *CAVINI* depletion indicate that clustered caveolar structures, and not CAV1 oligomers and scaffolds, are required for invadosome formation and function.

Invadosome loss impacts caveola association with collagen fibrils

We next investigated a reciprocal control of caveola recruitment to the matrix fibrils by invadosomes. After *MMP14* or *SH3PXD2A* KD, we observed an expected strong decrease in invadosome formation and activity in MDA-MB-231 cells¹⁴ (Fig. 3a–d and Extended Data Fig. 4a–c). Notably, we found that *MMP14* or *SH3PXD2A* silencing significantly increased CAV1 association with collagen fibrils and promoted the formation of larger matrix-associated CAV1 clusters (Fig. 4a–c). Invadosome (TKSS) disruption similarly correlated with CAVIN1 accumulation along collagen fibrils (Extended Data Fig. 5a). CAV1 and CAVIN1 total levels were not affected by *MMP14* or *SH3PXD2A* silencing (Extended Data Fig. 4c). To further validate the impact of invadosome repression on caveola association with collagen fibrils, we used pharmacological inhibitors of actin polymerization, CK-666 and cytochalasin D (CytoD), which inhibit the ARP2/3 complex and barbed-end actin filament capping, respectively^{49,50}, with a well-established detrimental effect on invadosome formation¹⁴. Inverse reduced invadosome formation and activity and enhanced CAV1 association with fibrils were observed in CK-666- and CytoD-treated cells (Fig. 4d,e and Extended Data Fig. 5b). Correlated with reduced invadosomal activity and increased CAV1 recruitment along the fibrils, collagen alignment increased after CK-666

and CytoD treatment (Fig. 4f). Moreover, the ARP2/3 complex activator N-WASP, which is necessary for invadosomal actin polymerization⁵¹, was required for invadosome formation and enhanced CAV1 association with collagen fibrils in larger structures (Extended Data Fig. 5c–g).

We could further generalize these observations by investigating HT-1080 fibrosarcoma cells, which form TKSS- and cortactin-positive functional invadosomes when cultured on type I collagen fibrils¹⁵. CAV1 localized along collagen fibrils in an alternating pattern with invadosomes in HT-1080 cells (Extended Data Fig. 5h (arrowhead)). Furthermore, invadosome downmodulation after *SH3PXD2A* or *WASP* (encoding N-WASP) KD, and treatment with CK-666 or CytoD, correlated with increased CAV1 association along the collagen fibrils (Extended Data Fig. 5i–l). Taken together, these findings highlight a general mechanism whereby invadosome formation and activity are linked to caveola association with contacting collagen fibrils.

Matrix fibril association of caveolae precedes invadosome formation during ECM adhesion

On the basis of our data establishing an alternating organization and reciprocal regulation of caveolae and invadosomes at contact sites between invasive cancer cells and the matrix, we hypothesized that the recruitment of caveolae and invadosomes along fibrils may rely on a sequential, dynamic mechanism in which fibril association of caveolae precedes invadosome formation. The dynamics of caveola and invadosome recruitment were analysed at earlier timepoints after cell adhesion to the matrix (that is, cells seeded for 30 min on the collagen network instead of 60 min). Invadosome formation increased between 30 and 60 min, while CAV1 association to the fibrils inversely decreased over time and CAV1-positive structures became smaller (Fig. 4g–j and Extended Data Fig. 5m), along with conversion of straight fibrils into curved ones (Figs. 2b and 4g,h). The fibril-associated CAVIN1 signal similarly decreased over time (Extended Data Fig. 5n). Together, these findings support a dynamic association of caveolae along the collagen fibrils that precedes and is required for invadosome formation and activity during ECM attachment of cancer cells.

Topological and compositional cues drive CAV1 association with collagen fibrils

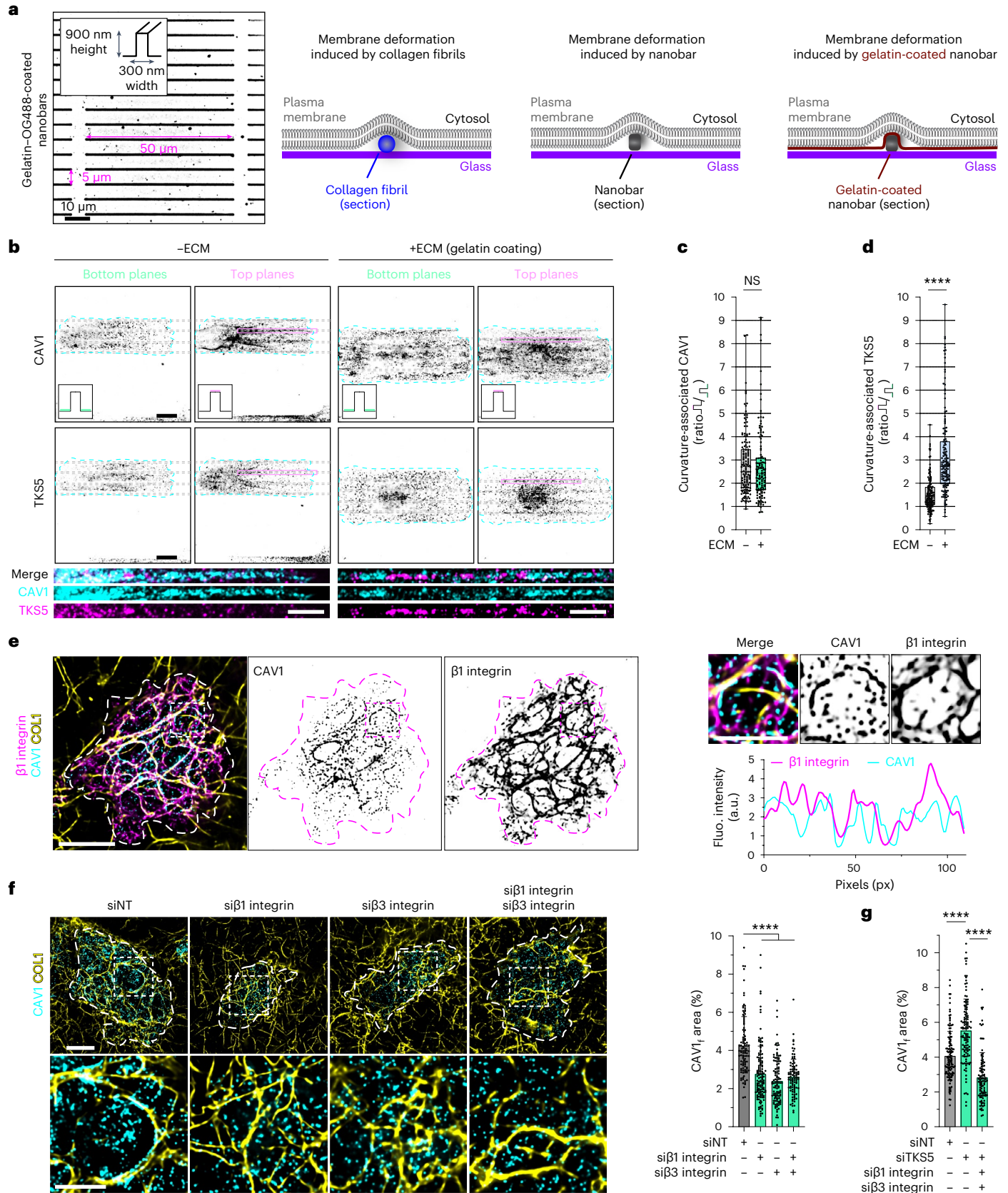
Our data suggested a correlation between the association of caveolar and invadosomal structures and tangential curvature of the collagen fibrils. Furthermore, PREM analysis revealed the association of elongated caveolar clusters recruited along the indented PM in contact with the underlying fibrils. Furthermore, membrane bending and membrane tension have been proposed to control caveola

Fig. 5 | Differential contribution of topographic and compositional cues to CAV1 and TKSS membrane recruitment. **a**, Left, fluorescence image of the gelatin–OG488-coated nanobar array (inverted grey LUT) with the nanobar dimensions. Right, schematics of the PM in contact with the fibril or the different nanobar arrays. **b**, MDA-MB-231 cells were cultured for 4 h on nanobar arrays coated (+ECM) or not (–ECM) with gelatin as a matrix, fixed and stained for CAV1 (top row) and TKSS (middle row) in inverted grey LUT. Images are the projection of three optical planes at the bottom and at the top of the nanobars taken from image z stacks. The dotted lines show the nanobar position. Bottom, magnified views of the boxed regions. Scale bars, 10 μm (top and middle) and 5 μm (bottom). **c,d**, Top/bottom fluorescence intensity ratio of CAV1 (**c**) and TKSS (**d**) signals as a measure of the effect of nanobar-imposed membrane curvature and gelatin coating. For **c**, $n = 148$ (–ECM) and $n = 136$ (+ECM) cells from three biologically independent experiments. For **d**, $n = 146$ (–ECM) and $n = 154$ (+ECM) cells from three biologically independent experiments. For **c** and **d**, statistical analysis was performed using unpaired two-tailed *t*-tests; **** $P < 0.0001$. For the box plots in **c** and **d**, the centre line shows the mean, the box limits show the first (Q1, 25th percentiles) to third (Q3, 75th percentiles) quartiles of the distribution, and the whiskers show the minimum to maximum values. **e**, MDA-MB-231 cells cultured on a fibrous type I collagen layer were stained for β1 integrin and CAV1.

The dotted line shows the cell contour. The distribution of CAV1 and β1 integrin is shown with an inverted grey LUT. Inset: magnified views of the boxed regions. Signal intensity profiles along the fibril are plotted in the right row showing CAV1 and β1 integrin co-localization along collagen fibrils. **f**, MDA-MB-231 cells silenced for β1 or β3 integrin as indicated were cultured on a layer of type I collagen fibrils for 60 min and stained for CAV1. The dotted line shows the cell contour. Inset: magnified views of the boxed regions. The effect of integrin KD on CAV1 association with cell-associated fibrils was quantified (the ratio of the area of cell-underlying fibrils with overlapping CAV1 signal to the total surface of cell-underlying fibrils). Data are mean ± s.d. $n = 106$ (siNT), $n = 133$ (siβ1 integrin), $n = 112$ (siβ3 integrin) and $n = 96$ (siβ1/β3 integrin) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis test; **** $P < 0.0001$. **g**, The effect of *SH3PXD2A* (siTKSS) and integrin (siβ1/β3 integrin) KD on CAV1 association with the cell-associated fibrils. Data are mean ± s.d. $n = 132$ (siNT), $n = 124$ (siTKSS) and $n = 107$ (siTKSS + siβ1/β3 integrin) cells from four biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis test; **** $P < 0.0001$. Source numerical data are provided as Source Data. Scale bars, 10 μm (**e** (left) and **f** (top)) and 5 μm (**e** (right) and **f** (bottom)).

recruitment and/or organization at the PM^{26,32,33}. PREM analysis of the collagen network revealed an estimated diameter of individual fibrils of around 75–100 nm, corresponding to a minimal dimension as fibrils frequently reorganized as thicker bundles (Extended Data

Fig. 6a–c). To assess whether local membrane deformation induced by collagen fibrils might contribute to CAV1/caveola recruitment, we used nanopography-imposed membrane curvature based on nanobars similar in size to the fibril dimension (that is, 300 nm width × 900 nm



height), therefore mimicking the collagen network topology³³ (Fig. 5a). MDA-MB-231 cells were plated onto nanobar arrays coated with poly-L-lysine (–ECM) or gelatin (+ECM) and stained for CAV1 and TKS5. We observed an approximately 2.5-fold CAV1 enrichment at sites of nanobar-induced PM deformation, irrespective of matrix coating (Fig. 5b,c), indicating that CAV1 recruitment to these regions of membrane deformation was ECM independent. By contrast, TKS5 recruitment to PM deformations was maximal (around threefold) at gelatin-coated nanobars (versus around 1.5-fold enrichment under the –ECM conditions; Fig. 5b,d). Furthermore, reminiscent of the type I collagen fibril substratum (Fig. 1c), we confirmed that CAV1- and TKS5-positive accumulations were mutually exclusive on gelatin-coated nanobars (Fig. 5b (insets)). Together, these results showed that inward PM curvature is sufficient to trigger CAV1 recruitment in this simplified construct.

Invadosome-based collagenolytic activity controls caveola-mediated β 1 integrin and ECM internalization

Sensing of ECM mechanical properties by caveolae involves integrin adhesion receptors, which also interplay with MT1-MMP and with matrix remodelling^{17,18,34,52}. We therefore investigated the contribution of the adhesion receptors integrins β 1 and β 3 to caveola recruitment at PM–collagen fibril contact sites. Notably, we observed that CAV1 co-localized with collagen-binding β 1 integrin along the contacted collagen fibrils, both in MDA-MB-231 and HT-1080 cells (Fig. 5e and Extended Data Fig. 6d). CAVIN1 similarly showed a close association with β 1 integrin (Extended Data Fig. 6e). To investigate the contribution of β 1 and β 3 integrins to CAV1 recruitment along the fibrils, these integrin receptors were downmodulated resulting in a marked decrease in CAV1 association with the fibrils (Fig. 5f and Extended Data Fig. 6f). Furthermore, increased CAV1 association with collagen fibrils observed in the absence of TKS5 (Fig. 4b) could be repressed by KD of β 1 or β 3 integrin (Fig. 5g). Taken together, these results indicate that CAV1/caveola recruitment along collagen fibrils is both topologically and compositionally controlled and results from the combined actions of inward PM deformation and integrin engagement.

To further characterize the consequences of CAV1/ β 1 integrin association along collagen fibrils, we investigated whether and how downmodulation of caveolae could impact β 1 integrin localization and internalization. *CAV1* or *CAVIN1* KD increased the β 1 integrin signal at the PM (Fig. 6a), suggesting a role for caveolae in β 1 integrin surface clearance. Besides their association with the PM, we found that CAV1 and CAVIN1 were also present as discrete puncta associated with

intracellular MT1-MMP- and cortactin-positive vesicles, previously identified as endolysosomes⁴¹ (Extended Data Fig. 1b,c (arrowheads) and Extended Data Fig. 7a–c). Immunogold PREM analysis revealed the presence of CAV1–GFP- and CAVIN1–GFP-enriched buds on the cytosolic face of micrometre-size vesicles reminiscent of endolysosomes (Fig. 6b,c). Conspicuously, CAV1-positive endolysosomes were also positive for β 1 integrin (Fig. 6d), suggesting that CAV1 may contribute to β 1 integrin/ECM internalization in MDA-MB-231 cells. Consistent with this hypothesis, we observed CAV1-positive puncta detaching and moving away from PM–collagen fibril contact sites in proximity with invadosomes (Fig. 6e and Supplementary Video 3). To analyse the contribution of CAV1 to β 1 integrin internalization, β 1 integrin was surface-labelled, and we followed the internalization of anti- β 1-integrin antibodies. After 60 min of internalization, the presence of anti- β 1-integrin antibodies was detected in RAB5-, RAB7- and CAV1-positive endocytic vesicles (Fig. 6f and Extended Data Fig. 7d–f). Loss of CAV1 had a detrimental effect on the internalization of β 1 integrin, as observed by the decrease in β 1 integrin-positive vesicles (Fig. 6f,g). Together, these results further confirm a central role of caveolae in β 1 integrin internalization⁵³.

We noticed that invadosome loss after *SH3PXD2A* silencing also impaired β 1 integrin internalization and correlated with an increased β 1 integrin signal at the PM (Fig. 6g,h), indicating that invadosome activity is required for surface β 1 integrin clearance. To better characterize the involvement of invadosomes in β 1 integrin internalization and to discriminate between invadosome presence and function, cells were treated with the broad-spectrum MMP inhibitor GM6001, which abolishes the collagenolytic activity without affecting the formation of invadosomes¹⁴. We found that GM6001-treated cells had increased CAV1 association with the collagen fibrils and increased β 1 integrin signal at the PM, along with decreased β 1 integrin internalization (Extended Data Fig. 7g–j). Together, these results show that invadosomes control caveola-dependent β 1 integrin internalization through a mechanism relying on the proteolytic cleavage of collagen fibrils through the invadosome–MT1-MMP axis.

To validate further the involvement of invadosome function in caveola-dependent β 1 integrin internalization, we used MDA-MB-231 cells overexpressing TKS5 (MDA-MB-231^{TKS5}) that show enhanced invadosome formation and activity¹⁵ (Extended Data Fig. 8a,b). In this context, we observed a decrease in CAV1 association with collagen fibrils and enhancement of intracellular CAV1 endolysosomal localization (Fig. 7a–d). CAVIN1 was found to be similarly associated with CD63-positive endolysosomes in MDA-MB-231^{TKS5-GFP} cells

Fig. 6 | Caveolae mediate β 1 integrin internalization depending on invadosome collagenolytic activity.

a, MDA-MB-231 cells knocked down for *CAV1* or *CAVIN1* were cultured on a fibrous type I collagen layer for 60 min and stained for β 1 integrin. The images show the β 1 integrin signal in a projection of three optical planes in the ventral PM using an inverted grey LUT. The dotted line shows the cell contour. The β 1 integrin signal in the PM plane in *CAV1*- or *CAVIN1*-depleted cells was normalized to the signal in control siNT-treated cells. Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 90$ (siNT), $n = 83$ (siCAV1) and $n = 67$ (siCAVIN1) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis test; **** $P < 0.0001$. **b,c**, Anti-GFP immunogold PREM of unroofed MDA-MB-231 cells expressing CAV1–GFP (**b**) or CAVIN1–GFP (**c**). Insets: magnified views of the boxed regions to show CAV1- and CAVIN1-positive structures on the cytoplasmic surface of micrometre-size vesicles reminiscent of endolysosomes. Immunogold beads are pseudocoloured in yellow. **d**, Projection of three internal optical sections to show β 1 integrin and CAV1 association with cytoplasmic vesicles. The dotted line shows the cell contour. Insets: magnified views of the boxed region. **e**, Galleries of selected time frames (in minutes) from time-lapse sequences of MDA-MB-231 cells expressing CAV1–GFP (cyan) and DsRed–cortactin (magenta) plated on a layer of Cy5-labelled collagen I fibrils (yellow). The arrowheads point to fibril-associated CAV1-positive puncta near cortactin-positive invadosomes detaching

and moving away from the collagen fibril. **f**, Surface-exposed β 1 integrins were labelled with antibodies added to non-permeabilized cells. After 60 min at 37 °C, the presence of internalized anti- β 1-integrin antibodies was detected and the number of β 1-positive vesicles per cell was plotted. The images in the bottom row show the signal of internalized anti- β 1-integrin antibodies using an inverted grey LUT. The dotted line shows the cell contour. **g**, Quantification of the number of integrin- β 1-positive vesicles per cell in the conditions shown in **f**. For the box plots, the centre line shows the mean, the box limits show the first (Q1, 25th percentiles) to third (Q3, 75th percentiles) quartiles of the distribution, and the whiskers show the minimum to maximum values. $n = 148$ (siNT), $n = 154$ (siCAV1) and $n = 167$ (siTKS5) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal–Wallis test; **** $P < 0.0001$. **h**, The β 1 integrin signal at the ventral PM in *MMPI4*-depleted (siMT1-MMP) or *SH3PXD2A*-depleted cells was plotted and normalized to the signal in control siNT-treated cells. Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 157$ (siNT), $n = 132$ (siMT1-MMP) and $n = 190$ (siTKS5) cells from five biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA using Kruskal–Wallis test; **** $P < 0.0001$. Source numerical data are provided as Source Data. Scale bars, 10 μ m (**a,d** and **f**), 2 μ m (**e**), 200 nm (**b** and **c** (main images)) and 100 nm (**b** and **c** (insets)).

incubation, fibrils outside the cells were stained with anti-collagen-I antibodies added to non-fixed, non-permeabilized cells to exclude intracellular fibril labelling (Fig. 7g,h). Caveola disruption after *CAVI* or *CAVIN1* KD was associated with a significant decrease in collagen uptake, similar to MT1-MMP loss (Fig. 7g-i). Together, these results indicate that increased invadosome formation and the associated collagenolytic activity promote caveola-dependent $\beta 1$ integrin and ECM internalization.

Caveolae are required for 3D invasion of breast cancer cells

To investigate the consequences of caveola/invadosome interplay during invasion through a confining environment, MDA-MB-231 cells were embedded in a dense, 3D collagen matrix. Like in 2D conditions, caveolae (*CAVI*) and invadosomes (cortactin) localized along constricting collagen fibrils (that is, mostly ahead of the bulky nucleus^{42,54}) in an alternating, mutually excluded manner (Fig. 8a-c and Extended Data Fig. 9a). We next investigated the consequence of *CAVI* silencing on the ability of breast cancer cell spheroids to invade a 3D collagen matrix environment. As compared to multicellular spheroids of MDA-MB-231 cells treated with control siRNA (siNT), invasion by *CAVI*-depleted spheroids over a 48 h period was decreased by about 40%, similar to the effect of invadosome disruption by *MMP14* or *SH3PXD2A* KD (Fig. 8d,e and Extended Data Fig. 9b). Together, we propose a mechanism whereby caveolae associate with constricting collagen fibrils and favour the formation of adjacent invadosomes. In turn, invadosome-mediated collagen cleavage by MT1-MMP weakens the resistance of the fibrils and leads to $\beta 1$ integrin (and ECM) uptake through caveolae, enabling cells to dynamically release their contacts with the ECM, ultimately facilitating tumour cell invasion through the dense environment (see the discussion and model in Fig. 8f).

Discussion

The fibrous type I collagen network consists of crisscrossed fibril bundles with empty space in between that tumour cells use as pores to facilitate their dissemination^{10,42,54}. Furthermore, invasive cancer cells have a considerable potential to remodel the matrix due to the dual activity of invadosomes, which can soften the confining fibrils based on MT1-MMP collagenolytic activity as well as applying outward-pointing forces to these fibrils, powered by actin filament polymerization, as shown here and previously^{14,40}. Consequently, invadosome-targeted fibrils are bent and pushed aside to clearing up a migratory path and facilitate cell (and nucleus) passage, as shown

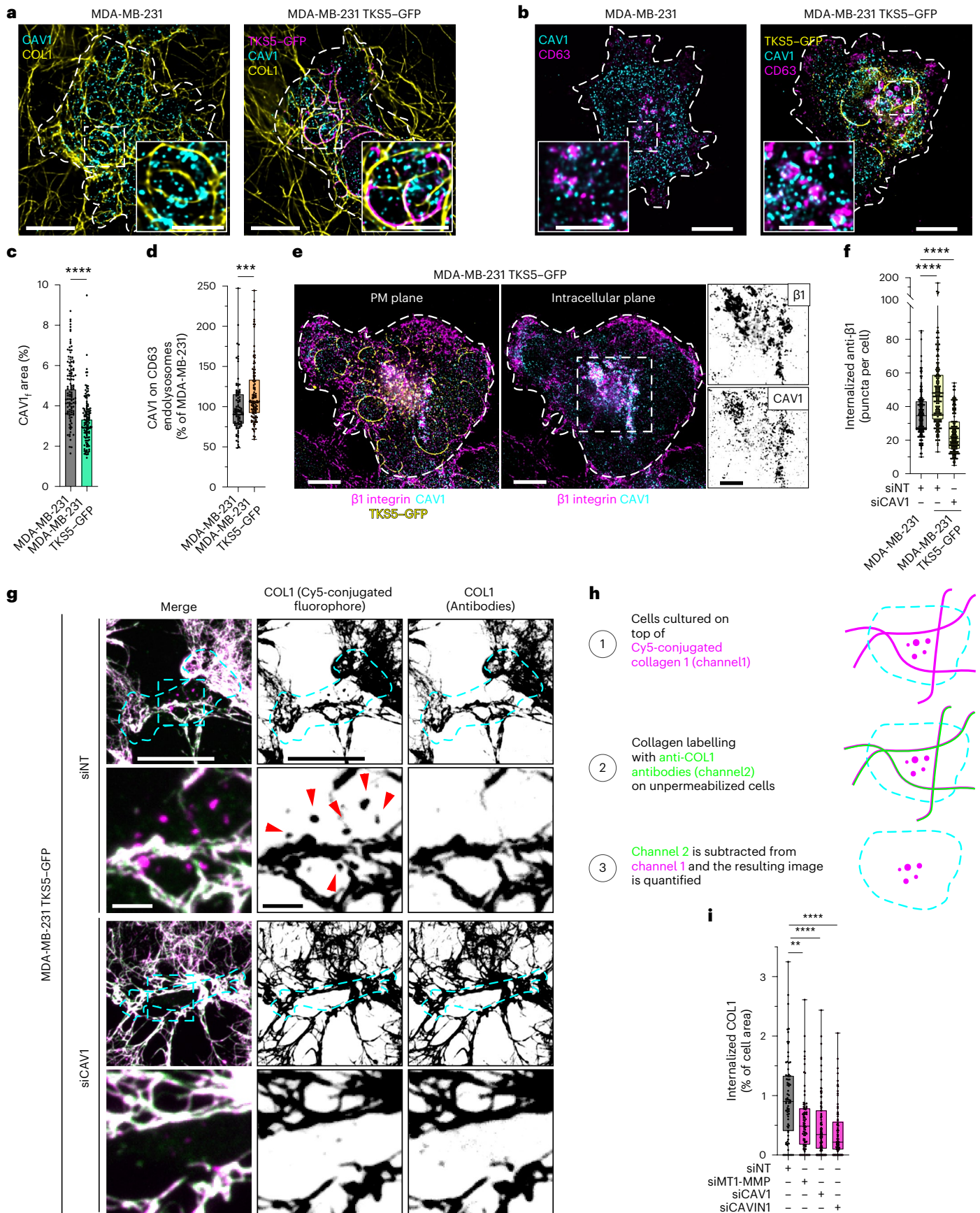
here and previously^{14,42}. The role of caveolae in tumour progression is more complex and controversial^{29,31}. *CAVI* expression in the stromal compartment (in carcinoma-associated fibroblasts) can promote metastasis in breast cancer, and caveola upregulation in tumour cells is associated with increased invasion and poor prognosis in several types of cancers^{35,36}. Here we reveal that, at contact sites between the PM and constricting fibrils, recruitment of caveolae precedes invadosome formation and function, which is observed in the vicinity of caveolae giving rise to a marked alternation of the two structures (see the model in Fig. 8f).

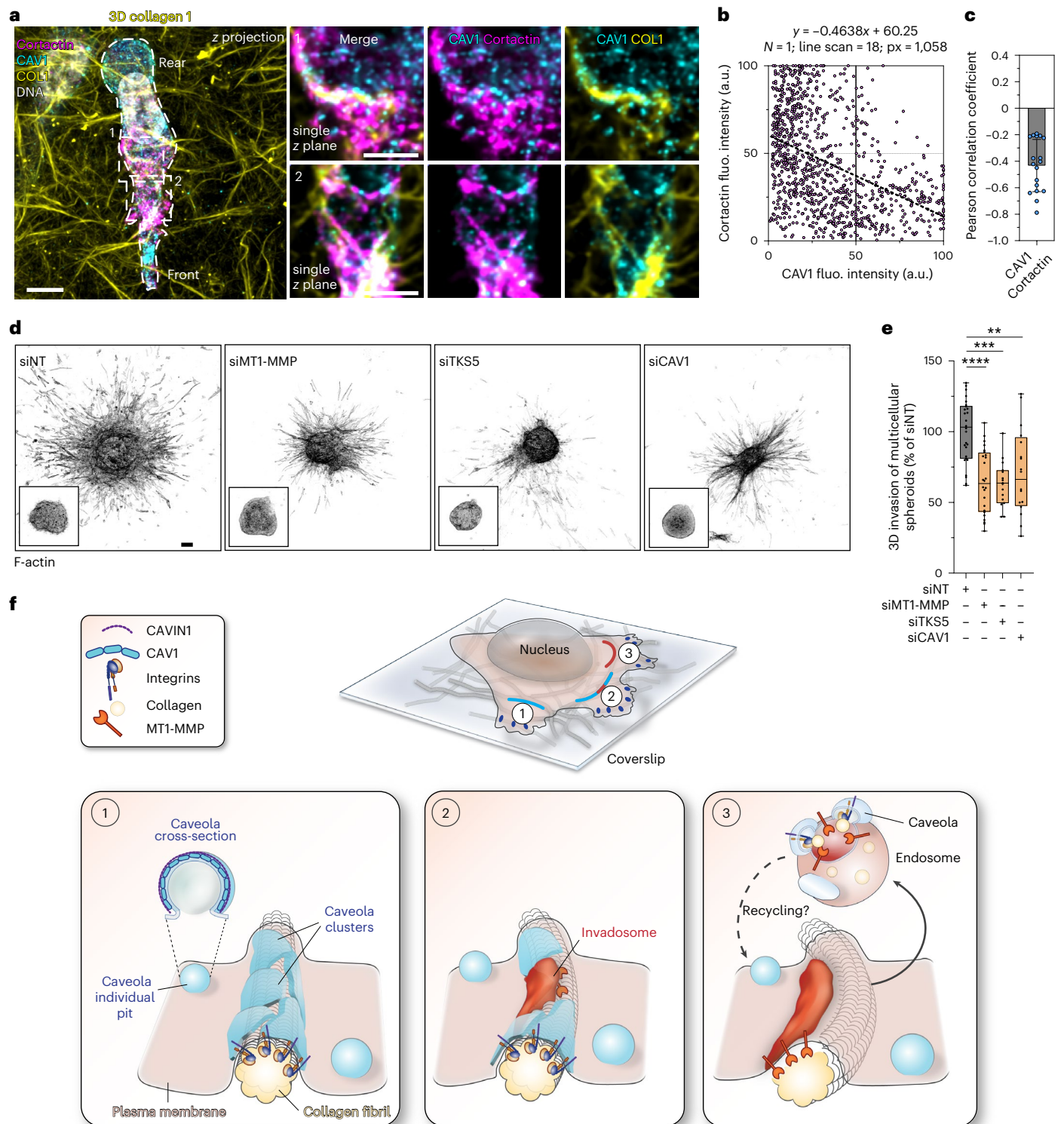
On close inspection of the fibrils, we found that, although regions in direct contact with invadosomes were curved, based on MT1-MMP collagenolytic activity¹⁴, fibril portions in association with caveolae were straighter. These observations suggest that caveola recruitment—which is positively influenced by inward membrane curvature, as shown here and previously^{26,33}—preferentially occurs at sites of contact with restricting, rigid matrix fibrils that impose local PM deformations. Although our data indicate that invadosome recruitment is under the influence of matrix compositional cues, some role for PM curvature cannot be excluded. Indeed, invadosome formation requires activation of the CDC42 signalling module leading to N-WASP, ARP2/3 complex and cortactin-dependent branched actin assembly^{15,51,55,56}. Recent studies indicate that components of the WASP(N-WASP) module are intrinsically sensitive to compressive load and PM deformation^{57–59}.

High-resolution morphological analysis revealed that caveolae are recruited as individual pits and larger clusters of individual caveolae along collagen fibrils, possibly grabbing the confining fibrils. The accumulation of integrin adhesion receptors at these sites supports an adhesive function for these caveola-rich fibril-contact sites. Possibly, the accumulation of actin filaments in nearby-forming invadosomes prevents these caveolar structures from extending further. Reciprocally, the specific lipid composition of the caveolar PM may prevent intermixing with invadosomes. Moreover, segmentation of the fibrils in compliant (invadosome-associated) regions and more rigid (caveola-associated) portions may further contribute to the segregation of invadosomes and caveolar structures along the confining fibrils based on specific invadosome and caveola mechanosensing properties^{26,27,33,60}. Our data therefore indicate that, in relation to their alternated distribution, caveolae and invadosomes influence each other's organization and function supporting a mechanistic paradigm for pericellular matrix remodelling during tumour cell invasion (Fig. 8f).

Fig. 7 | *CAVI* is required for the invadosome-mediated invasion program of breast cancer cells in 3D collagen. **a, b**, Immunofluorescence images of MDA-MB-231 cells overexpressing TKSS-GFP cultured on fibrous type I collagen for 60 min and stained for *CAVI* (**a**) or the endolysosomal marker CD63 (**b**) as indicated. MDA-MB-231 cells were used as a control. The dotted line shows the cell contour. Insets: magnified views of the boxed regions. **c**, The effect of TKSS overexpression on *CAVI* association with cell-associated fibrils was quantified (*CAVI*_i area). Data are mean \pm s.d. $n = 114$ (MDA-MB-231) and $n = 130$ (MDA-MB-231^{TKSS-GFP}) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using unpaired two-tailed *t*-tests; **** $P < 0.0001$. **d**, Quantification of the *CAVI* signal on CD63-positive endolysosomes. $n = 94$ (MDA-MB-231) and $n = 116$ (MDA-MB-231^{TKSS-GFP}) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using unpaired two-tailed *t*-tests; *** $P = 0.0003$. **e**, Immunofluorescence images of TKSS-GFP-overexpressing MDA-MB-231 cells on type I collagen stained for $\beta 1$ integrin, *CAVI* and TKSS-GFP. The images are projections of three optical planes at the level of the ventral PM (left) and inside the cell (right). The dotted line shows the cell contour. Insets: magnified views of the boxed region showing *CAVI* and $\beta 1$ integrin in an inverted grey LUT. **f**, After surface labelling and internalization, the number of anti-integrin- $\beta 1$ -antibody-positive vesicles per cell was compared in the indicated cell populations (as in Fig. 6f). $n = 148$ (siNT/MDA-MB-231), $n = 152$ (siNT, MDA-MB-231^{TKSS-GFP}) and $n = 149$ (siCAVI,

MDA-MB-231^{TKSS-GFP}) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA using Kruskal-Wallis test; **** $P < 0.0001$. **g**, Immunofluorescence images of unfixed, unpermeabilized MDA-MB-231 cells overexpressing TKSS-GFP cultured on fibrous Cy5-conjugated type I collagen (magenta) for 2 h and stained for collagen I (green) to discriminate between internalized and extracellular collagen (left). Middle, Cy5-conjugated (extracellular + intracellular) collagen using an inverted grey LUT. Right, extracellular collagen I fibrils stained with anti-collagen-I antibodies in unfixed, nonpermeabilized conditions and shown using an inverted grey LUT. The dotted line shows the cell contour. The arrowheads indicate internalized, Cy5-conjugated type I collagen. **h**, The analysis pipeline of internalized versus extracellular type I collagen. **i**, Quantification of the percentage of internalized collagen I (normalized to cell area) in cells that were treated with the indicated siRNAs. $n = 75$ (siNT), $n = 82$ (siMT1-MMP), $n = 100$ (siCAVI) and $n = 85$ (siCAVIN1) cells from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA with Kruskal-Wallis test; ** $P = 0.0016$, **** $P < 0.0001$. For the box plots in **d**, **f** and **i**, the centre line shows the mean, the box limits show the first (Q1, 25th percentiles) to third (Q3, 75th percentiles) quartiles of the distribution, and the whiskers show the minimum to maximum values. Source numerical data are provided as Source Data. Scale bars, 10 μm (**a, b, e** (main images) and **g** (rows 1 and 3) and 5 μm (**a, b, e** (insets) and **g** (rows 2 and 4)).





In addition to established roles of caveolae in integrin signalling and regulation of focal adhesion formation and dynamics^{34,44}, our data uncover a localization and function for fibril-associated caveolar structures as adhesive snap buttons that promote nearby invadosome formation and control ECM remodelling during tumour cell dissemination. Reciprocally, interfering with invadosome function leads to the accumulation and stabilization of caveolar clusters and integrins associated with straight (probably stiff) confining matrix fibrils, a situation that precludes invasion. Furthermore, our data support a mechanosensing mechanism whereby, due to proteolytic cleavage,

softening of the matrix by invadosomes and, possibly, a decrease in membrane tension, collagen integrins are disengaged from the matrix fibrils and are cleared from the cell surface together with their caveolar carriers and traffic to the endolysosomal system²⁶. We also observed that ECM fragments are co-internalized with integrin receptors in a caveola-dependent manner. Moreover, phosphorylation of several Ser/Thr residues in the cytoplasmic tail of MT1-MMP and trafficking of the protease are modulated through interactions with $\beta 1$ integrins¹⁸, suggesting common routes for the clearance of these membrane proteins, their possible recycling to new sites of contact and remodelling

Fig. 8 | CAV1 is required for the invadosome-mediated invasion program of breast cancer cells in 3D collagen. **a**, MDA-MB-231 cells embedded in a 3D type I collagen gel (yellow) were stained for CAV1 (cyan) and cortactin (magenta). Inset: single z plane of a magnified view of the indicated boxed region. **b**, Point cloud distribution of pixel fluorescence intensity for the caveolae (CAV1) and invadosome (cortactin) markers indicating negative correlation. The dots represent 1,058.xy pairs (that is, pixels) of 18 line scans from one experiment. **c**, The Pearson correlation coefficient for individual line-scan profiling of CAV1/cortactin signal intensities shown in **b**. $n = 18$ line scans from one experiment. **d, e**, MDA-MB-231 cells were treated with the indicated siRNAs and multicellular spheroids were embedded in type I collagen. Spheroids were fixed and stained for F-actin after 48 h (**d**) and 3D invasion was quantified (**e**) (Methods). Insets: magnified views of multicellular spheroids at the time of embedding in the collagen network. For the box plots, the centre line shows the mean, the box limits show the first (Q1, 25th percentiles) to third (Q3, 75th percentiles) quartiles of the distribution, and the whiskers show the minimum to maximum values. $n = 26$ (siNT), $n = 24$ (siMT1-MMP), $n = 15$ (siTKS5) and $n = 16$ (siCAV1) spheroids

from three biologically independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA using Kruskal–Wallis test; $^{**}P = 0.0055$, $^{***}P = 0.0001$, $^{****}P < 0.0001$. Source numerical data are provided as Source Data. **f**, Model of mechanosensitive caveola–invadosome interplay in matrix remodelling. Caveolae are present as invaginated pits at the PM^{19,20}. When cultured on top of a meshwork of type I collagen fibrils (top schematic), cancer cells have elongated clusters of CAV1/CAVIN1-positive caveolar structures along PM–collagen fibrils contact sites, in a process that is dependent on membrane curvature, collagen-binding integrins (that is $\beta 1$ integrin) and matrix stiffness. Invadosomes form in the vicinity of and alternate with caveolar clusters (1). After remodelling and weakening of the collagen fibrils through invadosomes action¹⁴, caveolae mediate $\beta 1$ integrin clearance from the cell surface, along with ECM internalization and transport to endolysosomes (2), from where some of these components could be recycled and delivered to newly formed PM–matrix contact sites as the cell moves through the matrix (3). Scale bars, 100 μm (**d**), 10 μm (**a** (left)) and 5 μm (**a** (right)).

of the matrix (Fig. 8f). Indeed, as cells move through the crowded stromal tissue and encounter new constraining fibrils, invadosomes (and caveolae) are engaged in a dynamic recycling process. Extensive work established that MT1-MMP can then be returned to the PM to form invadosomes^{11,13,41}. Notably, early studies reported roles for caveolae in MT1-MMP internalization⁶¹. Our data show that there is little association of MT1-MMP with caveolae at PM–fibril contact sites, if any. Several reports pointed to a role for clathrin-coated pits in the clearance of surface MT1-MMP. Clathrin-coated pits are abundant in PM areas close to matrix contact sites and can contribute to cell adhesion to the fibrous collagen environment and to 3D migration^{11,13,62–65} (Extended Data Fig. 3a). Here we highlight the potentiality of the invasive cancer program to repurpose major PM subdomains—that is, caveolae, invadosomes and clathrin-coated pits—to work in concert to support stromal matrix tissue remodelling and facilitate tumour invasion. Our findings also identify the caveola–invadosome axis as a potential therapeutic target to control tumour cell invasion.

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Methods

Cell culture, stable and transient transfection, and siRNA treatment

Human MDA-MB-231 breast adenocarcinoma cells obtained from ATCC (ATCC HTB-26) were grown in Leibovitz L-15 medium (Sigma-Aldrich) supplemented with 15% fetal calf serum and 2 mM glutamine (Thermo Fisher Scientific) at 37 °C under 1% CO₂. Human HT-1080 fibrosarcoma cells (ATCC CCL-121) were grown in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's GlutaMax medium (DMEM GlutaMAX; Thermo Fisher Scientific) supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum. Both cell lines were obtained from ATCC and were routinely tested for mycoplasma contamination. MDA-MB-231 cells stably expressing TKS5-GFP were generated by lentiviral transduction¹⁴. The cortactin-DsRed construct was provided by M. A. McNiven⁶⁶. The CAV1-GFP construct was a gift from A. Helenius. The CAVINI-GFP plasmid was a gift from A. Helenius (Addgene plasmid, 27709). For transient expression, MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with the plasmid constructs using AMAXA nucleofection (Lonza) and analysed 48 h after transfection. For transient gene silencing, MDA-MB-231 or HT-1080 cells were treated with the indicated siRNA (50 nM) using Lullaby (OZ Biosciences) according to the manufacturer's specifications. A list of the siRNAs used for this study is provided in Supplementary Table 1. The siRNA/Lullaby mix was incubated for 30 min at room temperature and was added to the well, followed by addition of the cell suspension (4×10^4 cells per well in a 24-well plate). Cells were analysed 72 h after transfection.

Antibodies and drugs treatment

A list of the commercial antibodies used for this study is provided in Supplementary Table 2. A list of the drugs used in this study is provided in Supplementary Table 3. CK-666 (200 μ M), CytoD (0.5 μ M) or pan-MMP inhibitor GM6001 (40 μ M) were added to the cells simultaneously to their seeding on collagen fibrils. Unless indicated otherwise, drug treatment was performed for 60 min. After treatment, cells were processed for immunoblotting or indirect immunofluorescence analysis as described below.

Cell lysis and western blot analysis

After drug treatment or transient (72 h) gene silencing, cells were placed on ice, washed with ice-cold PBS and scraped using RIPA buffer (50 mM Tris HCl pH 8.0, 137 mM NaCl, 1% Triton X-100, 10 mM MgCl₂, 10% glycerol, protease inhibitor cocktail tablets (Roche) and phosphatase inhibitor cocktail 2 (Sigma-Aldrich)). The lysates were centrifuged at maximum speed (17,700g) for 30 min at 4 °C. The supernatant was collected in a fresh tube and the protein concentration was measured using the Pierce BCA protein assay kit. 4 \times Laemmli Sample Reducing buffer was added and the samples were heated for 10 min at 95 °C before analysis using SDS-PAGE on 4–12% Tris-glycine gels (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Proteins were then transferred onto a nitrocellulose membrane using the iBlot2 Dry Blotting System. The membrane was incubated for 2 h in blocking buffer (5% BSA or 5% skimmed milk in Tris-buffer saline (TBS, Interchim) pH 7.4 and 1% Tween-20; TBST), followed by incubation with primary antibodies at room temperature or incubation overnight at 4 °C. The membrane was then washed and incubated with HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies diluted in blocking buffer for 1 h at room temperature. After three washes with TBST, antibodies were detected using the Enhanced Chemiluminescence reagent (ECL, Amersham) using the ChemiDoc MP Imaging System (Bio-Rad).

Preparation of fibrillar type I collagen

Preparation of the fluorescently labelled fibrillar type I collagen gel has been performed as described previously⁶⁷. When required, drugs were added to the final concentration in the collagen polymerization mix (Supplementary Table 3). Polymerization of type I collagen at

2.2 mg ml⁻¹ was started by incubation at 37 °C in a humidified chamber (CO₂ cell incubator). After 150 s of polymerization, the collagen layer was washed gently in PBS, and a cell suspension (5×10^4 cells) was added for 30–60 min at 37 °C in 1% CO₂.

Indirect immunofluorescence analysis, 3D deconvolution microscopy, image deconvolution and image analysis

Cells were pre-extracted with 0.1% Triton X-100 in 4% PFA in PBS for 90 s, fixed in 4% PFA in PBS for 20 min and stained for immunofluorescence microscopy using the indicated antibodies (a list of which is provided in Supplementary Table 2). Coverslips were mounted on glass slides with Prolong-DAPI (Thermo Fisher Scientific) mounting medium. The images were acquired using a wide-field microscope (Eclipse 90i Upright; Nikon) using a $\times 100$ Plan Apo VC 1.4 oil-immersion objective and a highly sensitive cooled interlined charge-coupled device camera (CoolSNAP HQ2; Roper Scientific). The system was controlled using Metamorph software (Molecular Devices by Gataca Systems). A z-dimension series of images was taken every 0.2 μ m using a piezoelectric motor (Physik Instrumente), and the images were deconvoluted using the Nikon NIS-Elements software (3D-deconvolution module; Lucy-Richardson algorithm).

Quantification of TKS5-positive invadopodia and measurement of pericellular collagenolysis on a thin layer of type I collagen gel were detailed previously^{64,67}. For quantification of CAV1 association with collagen fibrils, cells were seeded on top of a layer of Cy5-conjugated type I collagen fibrils for 60 min (unless indicated otherwise) and stained for CAV1. A z stack of three consecutive planes at the PM was made using Maximum Intensity Projection command in Fiji. A mask of the collagen fibrils was generated by applying the Subtract background, Gaussian Blur and Unsharp mask commands in Fiji (depicted in Extended Data Fig. 4d). Only the collagen fibrils present underneath the cell were considered for quantification by manual drawing of the cell contour (Extended Data Fig. 4d). The CAV1 signal was thresholded and CAV1 association with collagen fibrils was determined as the percentage of cell-underlying collagen fibrils positive for CAV1 (CAV1_f area). A homemade automated program for this quantification was generated in Fiji and is available on demand. The size distribution of the identified CAV1 structures was ranked and determined as the CAV1_f size.

For measurement of global collagen fibril orientation, we used the OrientationJ Dominant Direction Plugin in Fiji⁶⁸. The collagen channel was deconvoluted using Nikon NIS-Elements software (3D-deconvolution module; Lucy-Richardson algorithm) and a projection of around 20 consecutive planes (thickness, $\sim 2 \mu$ m) was made from a z stack using the Maximum Intensity Projection command in Fiji. Regions of analysis were manually drawn underneath the cell (cell-associated area) and outside the cell (cell-free area; Fig. 2a and Extended Data Fig. 2a). Values were obtained by running the OrientationJ Dominant Direction plugin on these defined regions.

For co-localization or exclusion analysis, line scans were drawn over collagen-fibril-associated caveola and invadopodia structures; each pixel with a signal intensity value for both markers (that is CAV1/cortactin, CAVINI/cortactin or TKS5/cortactin). Pixels were then plotted on a graph in which the x-axis represents the fluorescence intensity for one channel and the y-axis represents the fluorescence intensity for the second channel. Linear regression of the dot distribution was analysed for each line scan and the Pearson correlation coefficient was determined and plotted on a separated graph.

For collagen fibril (tangential) curvature measurement, Subtract background was applied before using the Kappa-Curvature Analysis Plugin in Fiji⁶⁹ to measure the fibril point tangential curvature. CAV1 or cortactin signal intensity values were also obtained using the Kappa plugin. A pseudocoloured image representing the collagen fibril point curvature was generated in Fiji.

β1 integrin internalization assay

For the β1 integrin internalization assay, cells were seeded on top of a type I collagen layer and incubated for 30 min at 37 °C under 1% CO₂. The medium was then removed, and the cells were incubated with anti-β1-integrin antibodies (2 μg ml⁻¹ diluted in pre-cooled medium) for 10 min at 4 °C. After incubation with antibodies, cells were washed once with cooled medium and normal medium was added. Cells were incubated for 60 min at 37 °C, 1% CO₂ to allow antibodies internalization. After incubation, cells were washed twice (30 s + 60 s) with an acidic wash buffer (0.5 M NaCl, 0.5% acetic acid, pH 3). Cells were then pre-extracted and fixed, as previously described, and stained for immunofluorescence microscopy using fluorophore-conjugated goat anti-mouse antibodies to reveal internalized anti-β1-integrin antibodies. The images were acquired using the inverted Eclipse Ti-2 (Nikon) spinning-disk confocal microscope (Yokogawa CSU-X1 confocal scanner unit interfaced steered with NIS-Elements software, Nikon) using a ×60 Plan Apo Lambda water-immersion objective. A z stack of images was taken every 0.2 μm and 10–15 internal consecutive planes were stacked using the Maximum Intensity Projection command. Quantification of internalized β1 integrin was performed using Fiji by detecting the number of β1-integrin-positive vesicles per cell.

Collagen internalization assay

For collagen uptake, MDA-MB-231 cells expressing TKS5–GFP were seeded on top of a Cy5-labelled type I collagen fibrous layer for 2 h at 37 °C under 1% CO₂. Collagen I fibrils were stained for 30 min at 4 °C with anti-collagen-I antibodies before fixation and permeabilization to exclude staining of intracellular collagen. After washing in cold PBS, cells were fixed in 4% PFA in PBS for 20 min and permeabilized in 0.1% Triton X-100 in 4% PFA in PBS for 10 min. GFP was detected using anti-GFP immunostaining (to determine the cell boundaries) and the samples were incubated with secondary anti-mouse antibodies to identify anti-collagen-I antibodies. The images were acquired using the inverted Eclipse Ti-2 (Nikon) spinning-disk confocal microscope (Yokogawa CSU-X1 confocal scanner unit interfaced steered with NIS-Elements software, Nikon) using a ×60 Plan Apo Lambda water-immersion objective. A z stack of images was taken every 0.2 μm and 15–25 internal consecutive planes were stacked using the Maximum Intensity Projection command. For quantification of intracellular collagen, a threshold was applied to images of Cy5-conjugated collagen I (channel 1) and anti-collagen I (channel 2), and the channel 2 image was subtracted from the channel 1 image using the Image Calculator plugin in Fiji. The signal corresponding to intracellular collagen was measured using the Measure plugin in Fiji and expressed as the percentage of the entire cell area.

Microfabrication of nanobar arrays and experimental assay

Nanobar arrays used in this work were fabricated on square silicon chips using electron-beam lithography (ThunderNIL). Cells were seeded on the silicon chips coated with 0.5 μg ml⁻¹ poly-L-lysine (–ECM) or gelatin (+ECM) and cultured for 4 h at 37 °C under a 1% CO₂ atmosphere and then pre-extracted, fixed and stained for immunofluorescence microscopy as described above. Images were taken using an inverted Eclipse Ti-E (Nikon) spinning-disk confocal microscope (Yokogawa CSU-X1 confocal scanner unit interfaced with Metamorph software) using a ×60 CFI Plan Apo VC1.4 oil-immersion objective. A z stack of images was taken every 0.2 μm by mean of a piezoelectric motor (Physik Instrumente). For quantification of CAV1 or TKS5 recruitment on nanobar-induced membrane deformations, z stacks of two consecutive planes on top of the nanobar (top) and on the bottom of the nanobar (bottom) were made using the Maximum Intensity Projection command in Fiji. The CAV1 or TKS5 signal was measured as the ratio of the signal on top of the nanobar divided by the signal aside the nanobar (defined as the sum of signal on both sides of the nanobar).

Platinum replica transmission EM and immunogold labelling of unroofed cells

MDA-MB-231 cells were grown on glass coverslips coated with a thin layer of type I collagen as described above. Unroofing was performed by sonication. Coverslips were quickly rinsed three times in Ringer +Ca (155 mM NaCl, 3 mM KCl, 3 mM NaH₂PO₄, 5 mM HEPES, 10 mM glucose, 2 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM MgCl₂, pH 7.2), then immersed for 10 s in Ringer –Ca (155 mM NaCl, 3 mM KCl, 3 mM NaH₂PO₄, 5 mM HEPES, 10 mM glucose, 3 mM EGTA, 5 mM MgCl₂, pH 7.2) containing 0.5 mg ml⁻¹ poly-L-lysine, then quickly rinsed in Ringer –Ca then unroofed by scanning the coverslip with rapid (2–5 s) sonicator pulses at the lowest deliverable power in KHMgE buffer (70 mM KCl, 30 mM HEPES, 5 mM MgCl₂, 3 mM EGTA, pH 7.2). Unroofed cells were immediately fixed in KHMgE: 4% PFA for 10 min for light microscopy analysis, 4% PFA for 45 min for PREM analysis of immunogold-labelled samples and 2% PFA–2% glutaraldehyde for 10–20 min for morphological analysis by PREM. Glutaraldehyde-fixed samples were subsequently quenched using 0.1% NaBH₄ in KHMgE for 10 min. Immunogold labelling was performed in detergent-free buffer (KHMgE, 1% BSA), the samples were blocked for 30 min, incubated for 1 h and 30 min with the primary antibody (using a 1:20 dilution) and rinsed and incubated twice for 20 min with the gold-coupled secondary antibodies. The samples were rinsed again and post-fixed with 2% glutaraldehyde.

Sample processing for platinum-replica EM of unroofed cells was performed as follows: 2% glutaraldehyde/2% paraformaldehyde-fixed cells were further sequentially treated with 0.5% OsO₄, 1% tannic acid and 1% uranyl acetate before graded ethanol dehydration and hexamethyldisilazane (HMDS) substitution (LFG Distribution). The dried samples were then rotary shadowed with 2 nm of platinum (sputtering) and 4–6 nm of carbon (carbon thread evaporation) using the ACE600 metal coater (Leica Microsystems). The resultant platinum replica was floated off the glass with hydrofluoric acid (5%), washed several times with distilled water and picked up on 200-mesh formvar/carbon-coated EM grids. The grids were mounted in a eucentric side-entry goniometer stage of a transmission electron microscope operated at 120 kV (JEOL), and the images were recorded using the Xarosa digital camera (EM-SIS). The images were processed in Adobe Photoshop to adjust the brightness and contrast and were presented in inverted contrast.

STORM acquisition and analysis

For STORM imaging, cells were seeded on coverslips (Menzel glaser 18-mm diameter #1.5) coated with a thin layer of Cy5-conjugated type I collagen fibrils for 60 min, fixed in 4% PFA in PBS and stained for CAV1 and cactactin as described above. IgG-mouse Alexa Fluor 647 (Molecular Probes) and IgG-rabbit CF568 (Merck) were used as secondary antibodies. A few minutes before the acquisition, the samples were mounted onto a glass slide with a 15-mm-diameter hole. The hole was filled with imaging buffer (Tris 50 mM, NaCl 10 mM, 10% glucose, 100 mM MEA, 0.6 mg ml⁻¹ glucose oxidase (Sigma-Aldrich) and 40 μg ml⁻¹ catalase) and sealed with Picodent twinsil (Picodent). Then, 2D images were acquired using the SAFe360 module (Abbelight) coupled to an inverted Eclipse Ti-2 (Nikon) optical microscope equipped with a ×100 oil-immersion objective (1.49 NA) and a Perfect Focus System for z focus stabilization. The samples were illuminated sequentially with 633 and 561 nm lasers (500 mW for both, Oxixus laser). A 405 nm laser (100 mW, Oxixus laser) was used for the reactivation of the fluorophores. Laser illumination was at an angle just below the critical angle to obtain a highly inclined laminated optical sheet (HiLo) illumination mode. Images were acquired using a sCMOS Hamamatsu Fusion camera. The NEO software (Abbelight) was used to localize particles, correct the drift and, finally, to reconstruct the final images. The type I collagen channel image was aligned manually to the reconstituted STORM image.

Invasion of multicellular spheroids in 3D type I collagen

For siRNA treatment, cells were transfected by nucleofection (Kit V; Lonza) with 50 nM siRNAs as indicated. After nucleofection, cells were plated in a Petri dish. The next day, a second round of transfection was performed with 50 nM of each siRNA using Lullaby reagent according to the manufacturer's recommendations for 6 h. Multicellular spheroids were made immediately after the second round of siRNA treatment using 3×10^3 cells in a 20 μ l droplet in complete L-15 medium and the hanging-drop method⁷⁰. After 3 days, spheroids were embedded in type I collagen as described above. Spheroids were fixed in 4% PFA in PBS immediately after polymerization of the matrix (T0) or after 48 h of invasion (T2). After fixation, cells in spheroids were permeabilized for 15 min in 0.1% Triton X-100/PBS and labelled with Alexa Fluor 488–phalloidin and DAPI. For quantification of invasion in 3D type I collagen matrix, phalloidin-labelled spheroids were imaged using the inverted Eclipse Ti-2 (Nikon) spinning-disk confocal microscope (Yokogawa CSU-X1 confocal scanner unit interfaced with NIS-Elements software) using a $\times 20$ Plan Apo Lambda water-immersion objective and collecting a stack of images along the z axis with a 2 μ m interval between two optical sections. The spheroid mean diameter was measured from azimuthal averaging of the intensity profile along a line centred on the spheroid using a custom plugin in Fiji software⁶⁹. Averaging consists of measuring intensity profiles along a rotating line by 5° steps and calculating the mean value over all angles of each pixel of the line. The mean diameter was then taken as the width at 1/10 of the maximal value of these mean intensity profiles. Mean area (πr^2) was calculated from the mean diameter. Each value represents a single spheroid.

Statistics and reproducibility

Statistical analyses and data presentation were performed using GraphPad Prism (v.8.0, v.9.0 and v.10.0). Data were tested for normal distribution using the D'Agostino–Pearson normality test and nonparametric tests were applied otherwise. Sample sizes (n) and significance values are indicated in the figures and figure legends; * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.005$, *** $P < 0.0005$; NS, not significant. All of the findings were reproducible over multiple independent experiments, within a reasonable degree of variability between replicates. The number of biological replicate experiments for each assay is provided in the respective figure legends. No statistical method was used to predetermine sample size, which was determined in accordance with standard practices in the field. No data were excluded from the analyses. The investigators were not blinded to allocation during experiments and outcome assessment. All source numerical data are provided as Source Data.

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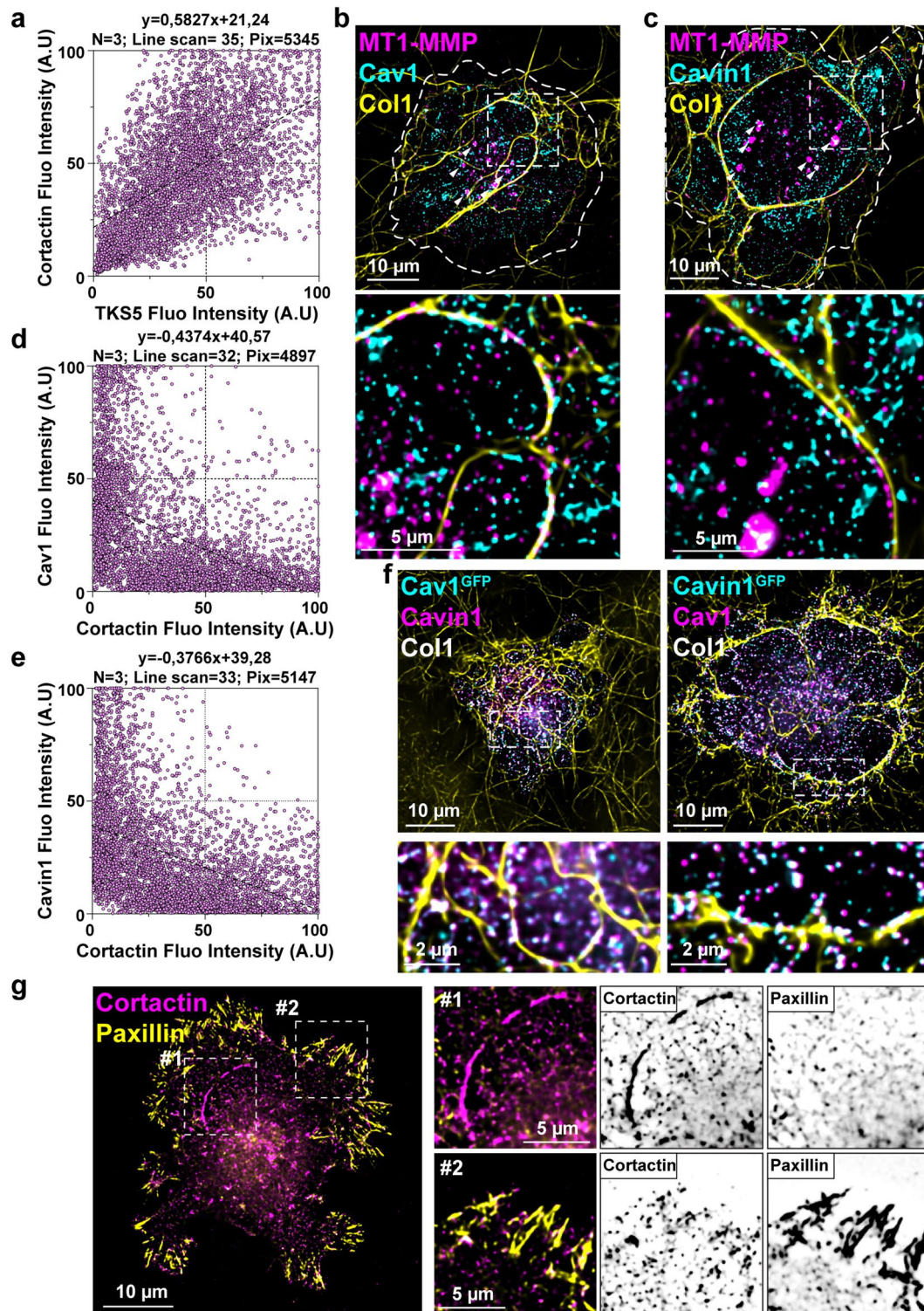
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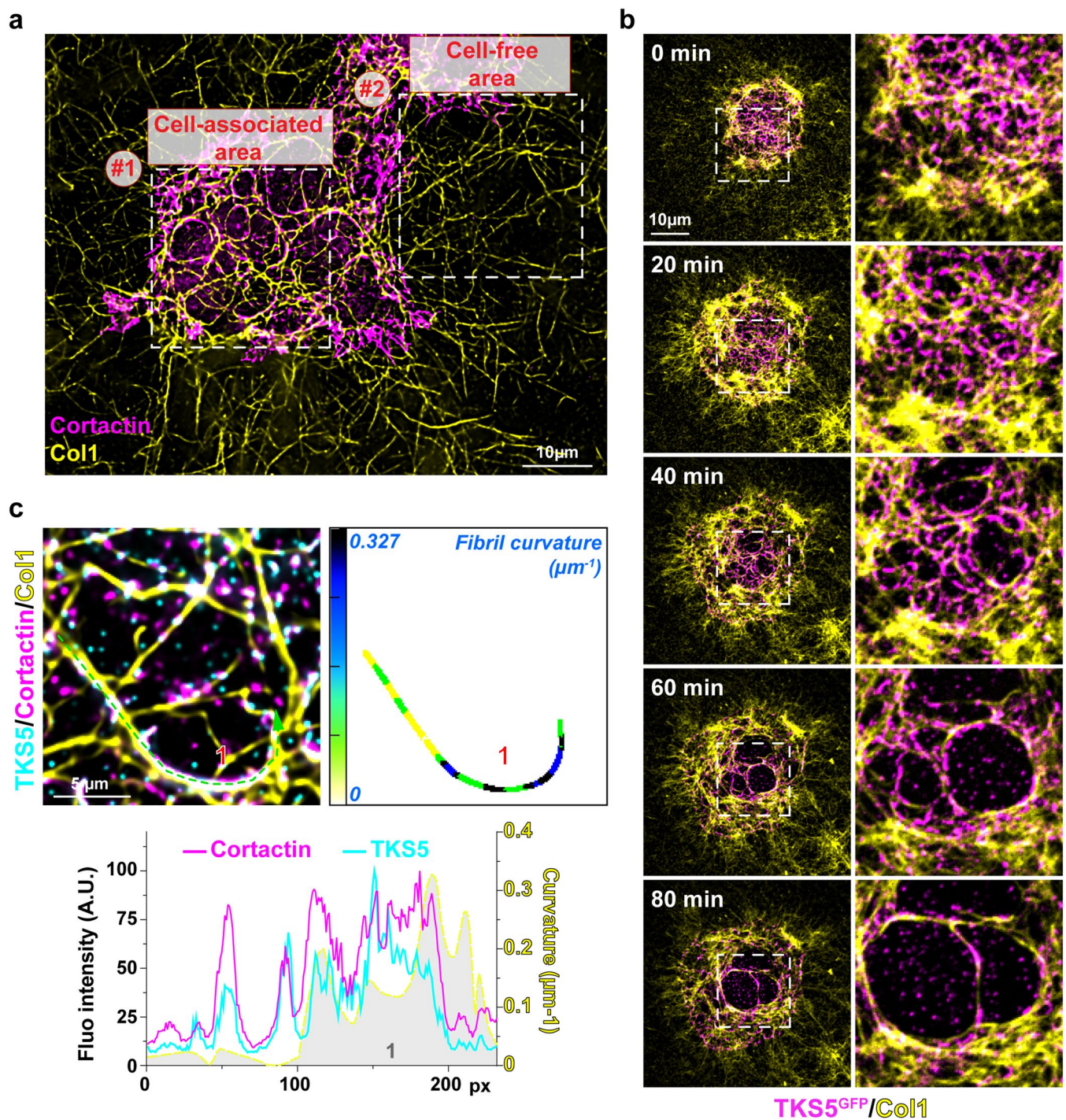
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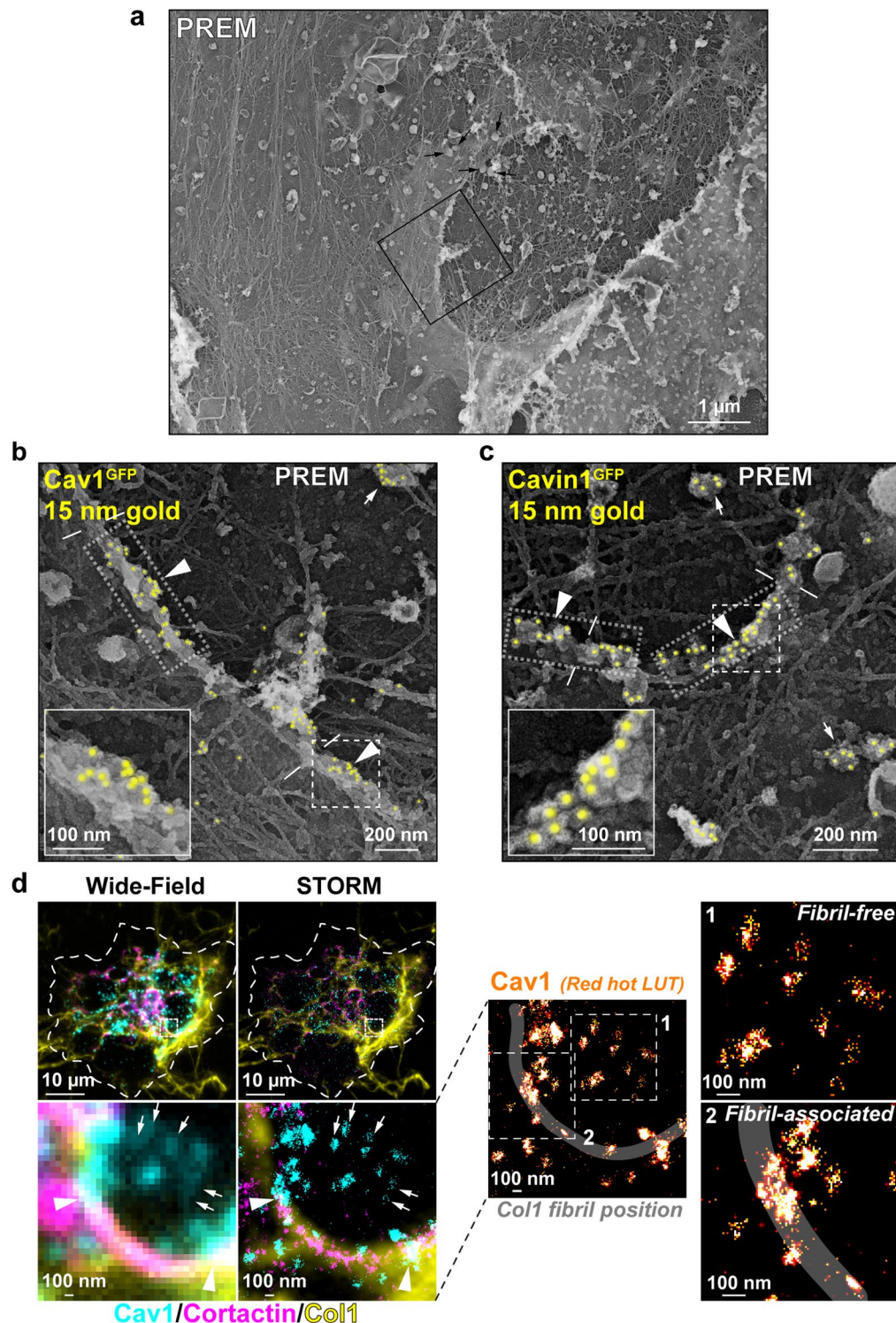
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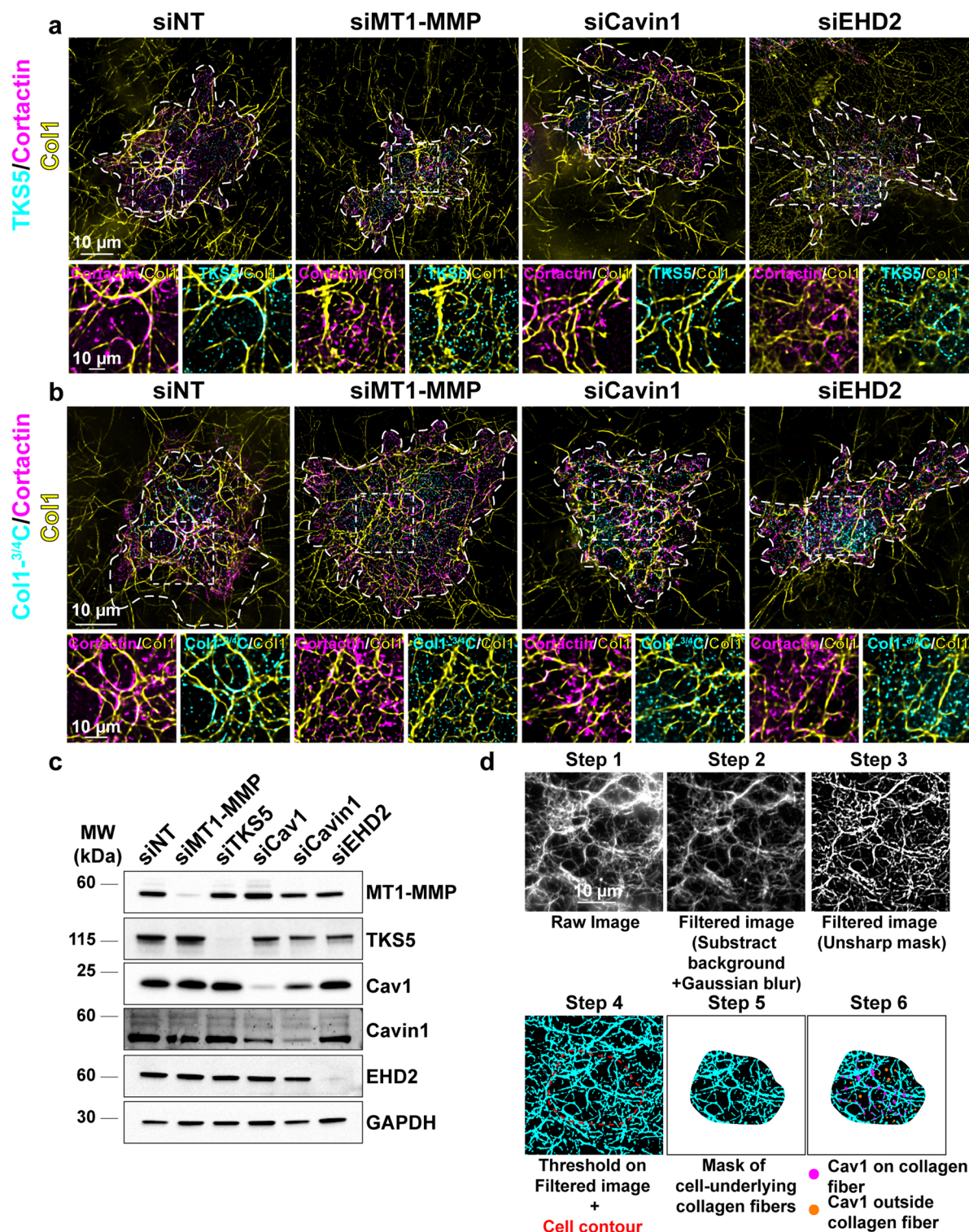
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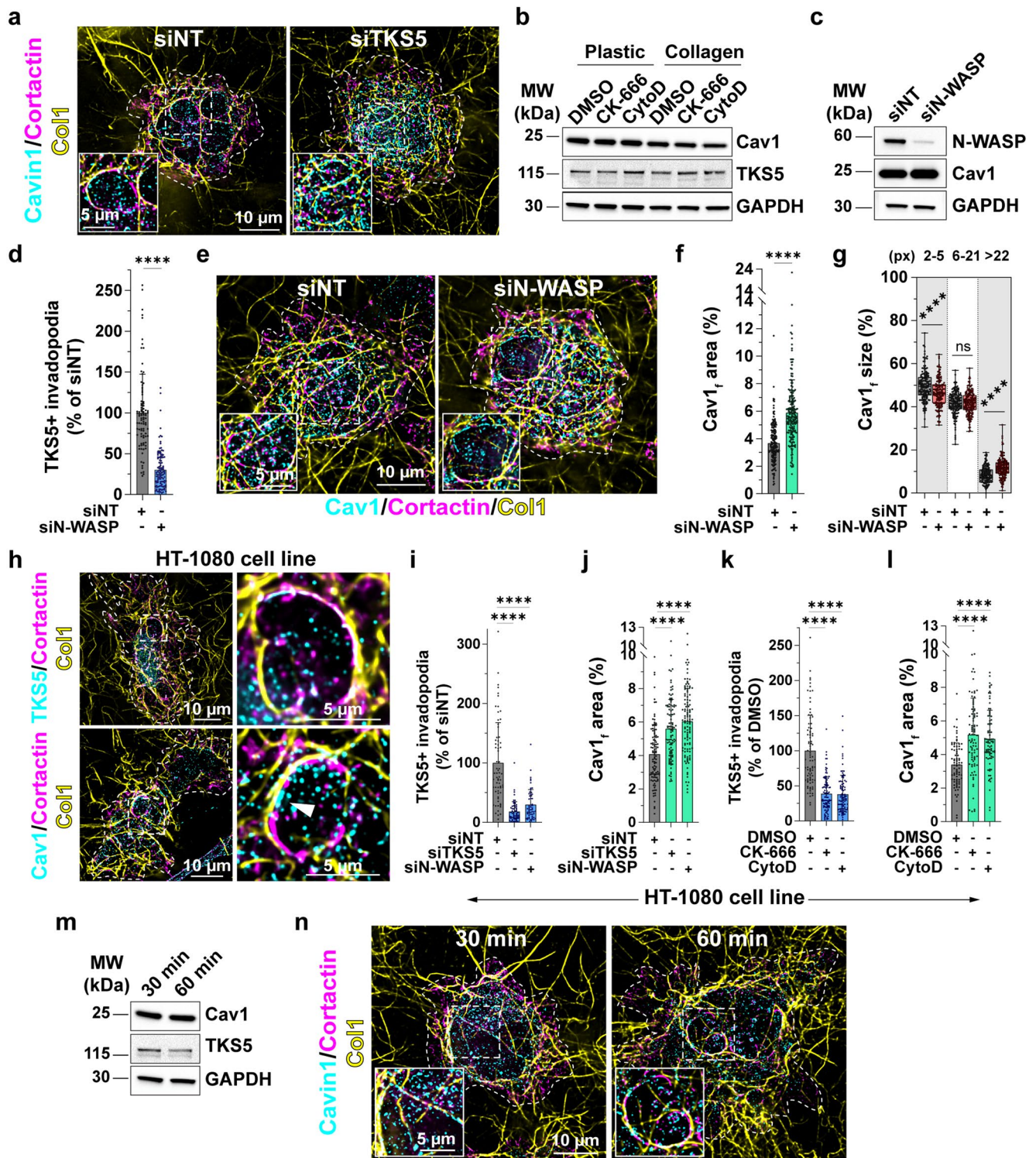
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Extended Data Fig. 4 | Characterization of MDA-MB-231 cells silenced for core caveolae and invadosome components (supplements Fig. 3). (a,b) MDA-MB-231 cells knocked down for the indicated proteins by siRNA treatment were cultured on a layer of type I collagen fibrils for 60 min, fixed and stained for the indicated markers. Dotted line, cell contour. Insets are zoom-in view of the boxed regions showing collagen fibrils and TKS5 (a) or Col1-^{3/4}C (b) distribution with an inverted grey LUT. (c) MDA-MB-231 cells knocked down for the indicated proteins by siRNA treatment for 72 hrs were lysed and proteins were analysed by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) and immunoblotting with

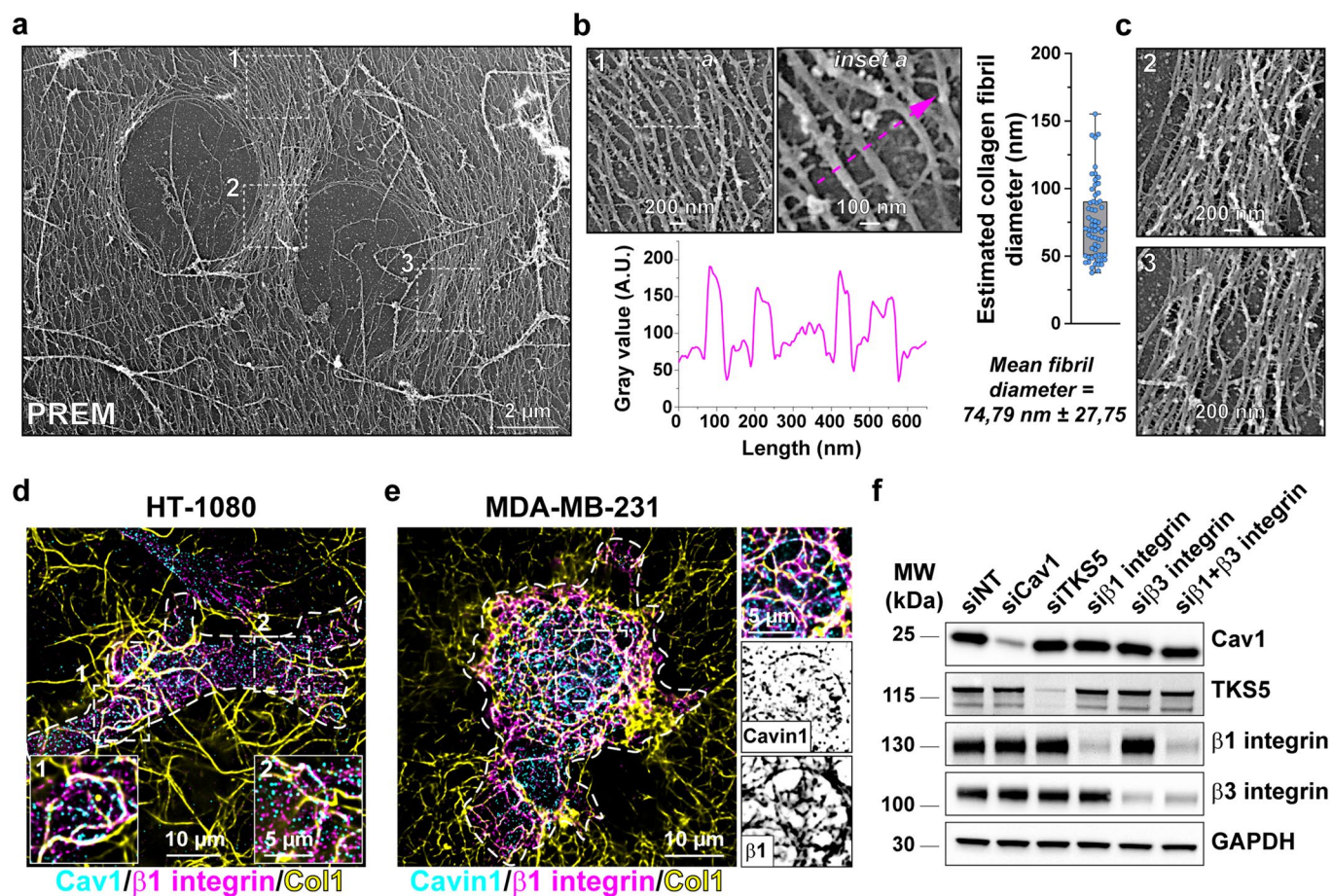
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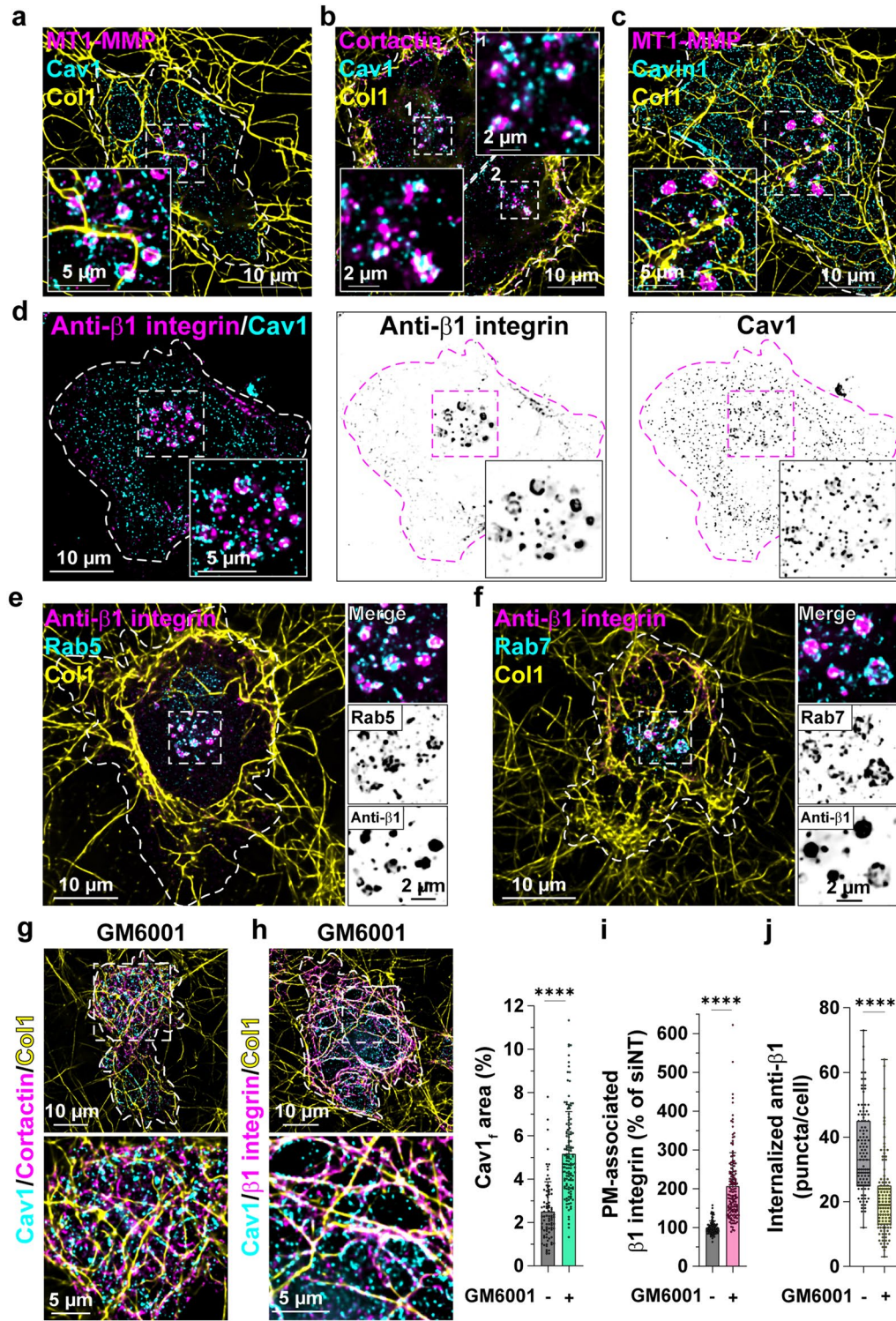
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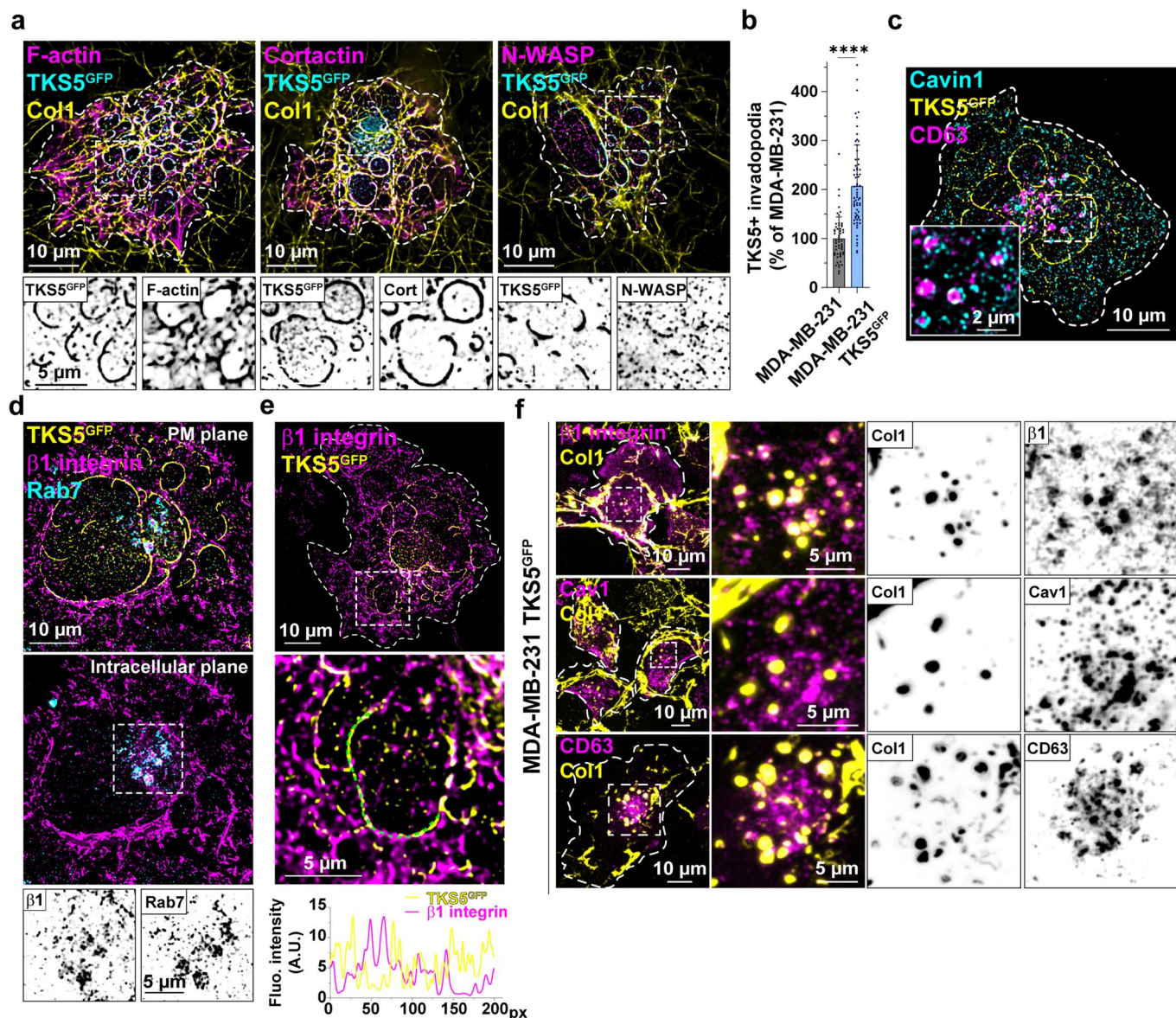
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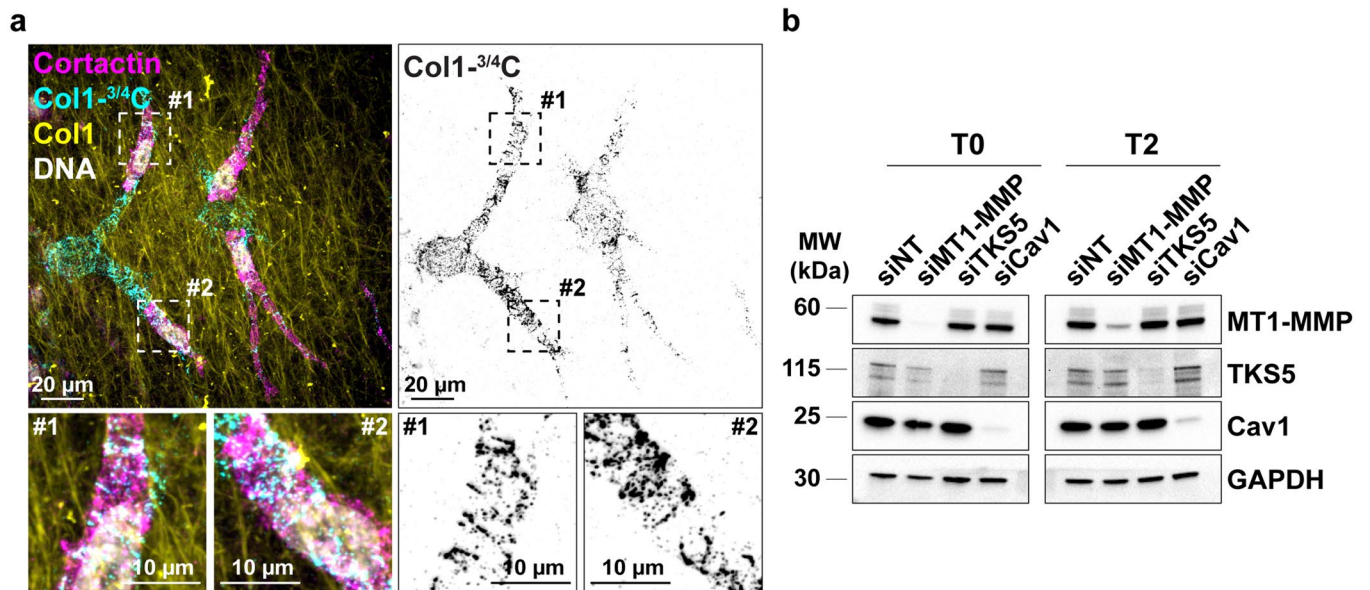
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Extended Data Fig. 9 | 3D cell invasion relies on invadosome-mediated collagenolysis (supplements Fig. 8). (a) MDA-MB-231 cells embedded in a 3D type I collagen gel for 16 hrs and stained for cleaved collagen (Col1-^{3/4}C) and cortactin. Cleaved collagen is shown separately in an inverted grey LUT (right row). Insets are zoom-in views of the boxed regions. (b) MDA-MB-231

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Anti-Rab7, Cell Signaling Technology (#9367), validated for Western Blot and immunofluorescence analyses, relevant citations can be found on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/rab7-d95f2-xp-rabbit-mab/9367>).

Anti-GFP, Abcam (#ab13970), validated for Western Blot and immunofluorescence analyses, relevant citations can be found on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.abcam.com/products/primary-antibodies/gfp-antibody-ab13970.html>).

Anti IgG-rabbit-A488, Molecular Probes (#A11034), validated for immunofluorescence analysis, relevant citations can be found on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Goat-anti-Rabbit-IgG-H-L-Highly-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-11034>).

Anti-IgG-rabbit-Cy3, Jackson ImmunoResearch (#711-165-152), validated for immunofluorescence analysis, relevant citations can be found on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.jacksonimmuno.com/catalog/products/711-165-152>).

Anti-IgG-mouse-A488, Molecular Probes (#A21202), validated for immunofluorescence analysis, relevant citations can be found on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Donkey-anti-Mouse-IgG-H-L-Highly-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-21202>).

Anti-IgG-mouse-Cy3, Jackson ImmunoResearch (#711-165-151), validated for immunofluorescence analysis, relevant citations can be found on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.jacksonimmuno.com/catalog/products/711-165-151>).

Anti-IgG-mouse-647, Molecular Probes (#A31571), validated for immunofluorescence analysis, relevant citations can be found on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Donkey-anti-Mouse-IgG-H-L-Highly-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-31571>).

Anti-AlexaFluor488 phalloidin, Molecular Probes (#A12379), validated for immunofluorescence analysis, relevant citations can be found on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/fr/fr/A12379>).

Anti-AlexaFluor546 phalloidin, Molecular Probes (#A22283), validated for immunofluorescence analysis, relevant citations can be

found on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/fr/fr/A22283>).

Anti-IgG-mouse-HRP, Jackson ImmunoResearch (#115-035-062), validated for Western Blot analysis, relevant citations can be found on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.jacksonimmuno.com/catalog/products/115-035-062>).

Anti-IgG-rabbit-HRP, Jackson ImmunoResearch (#111-035-045), validated for Western Blot analysis, relevant citations can be found on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.jacksonimmuno.com/catalog/products/111-035-045>).

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	Human MDA-MB-231 breast adenocarcinoma cells obtained from ATCC (ATCC HTB-26). Human HT-1080 fibrosarcoma cells were obtained from ATCC (ATCC CCL-121).
Authentication	The two cell lines were not further authenticated.
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines used in this study are routinely tested for Mycoplasma contamination using a PCR-based approach and were negative for mycoplasma contamination.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in this study.