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Data analysis	N/A

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Sample size	Average values of at least three independent experiments ± SEM are showed for viability, proliferation and protein quantification assays. Morphological parameters, junction evaluation and actin density were measured from 50 cells in 8 different fluorescence images for each experimental condition while gaps quantification has been performed on 30 different fluorescence images for each experimental condition.
Data exclusions	N/A
Replication	The statistical analysis of the data was performed using one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Turkey's test for multiple comparisons, using GraphPad Prism (v 7.04). P-value is reported for statistical significance. Comparisons between samples were considered to be statistically significant if the p-value was *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001, **** p<0.0001.
Randomization	N/A
Blinding	N/A

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n/a	Involved in the study
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☒	☐ Eukaryotic cell lines
☒	☐ Palaeontology and archaeology
☒	☐ Animals and other organisms
☒	☐ Human research participants
☒	☐ Clinical data
☒	☐ Dual use research of concern

Methods

n/a	Involved in the study
☒	☐ ChIP-seq
☒	☐ Flow cytometry
☒	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used	Primary antibodies against VE-Cadherin (Abcam, Cat. No. ab33168), active (non-phosphorylated) Yap-1 (Abcam, Cat. No. ab205270) and Vinculin (Sigma-Aldrich, Cat. No. V9131) were used for IWB and IF assays
Validation	Human VE Cadherin peptide (ab27462): Used for WB and IF at concentration of 1 µg/ml. Abcam recommends using BSA blocking with this product. Human active (non-phosphorylated) Yap-1 (ab205270): Used for WB at concentration of 1:500. Abcam recommends using BSA blocking with this product. Anti-Vinculin antibody, Mouse monoclonal (V9131): Used for IWB at concentration of 1:200 using extract of human fibroblasts