

Supplemental Information

Interstitial fluid pressure regulates collective invasion in engineered human breast tumors via Snail, vimentin, and E-cadherin

Alexandra S. Piotrowski-Daspt, Joe Tien, and Celeste M. Nelson

Supplementary Tables and Figures

Table S1. Primers used for quantitative real-time reverse-transcription PCR (RT-PCR)

gene	sequences
18S rRNA	Fwd: CGGCGACGACCCATTCGAAC Rev: GAATCGAACCCTGATTCCCCGTC
VIM	Fwd: ATCAACACCGAGTTCAAG Rev: GCCAGCAGGATCTTATTC
SNAI1	Fwd: CCACTCAGATGTCAAGAAG Rev: GCAGGTATGGAGAGGAAG
CDH1	Fwd: CTAATTCTGATTCTGCTGCTCTTG Rev: CCTCTTCTCCGCCTCCTTC
KRT8	Fwd: AGTTACGGTCAACCAGAG Rev: GTCTCCAGCATCTTGTTTC

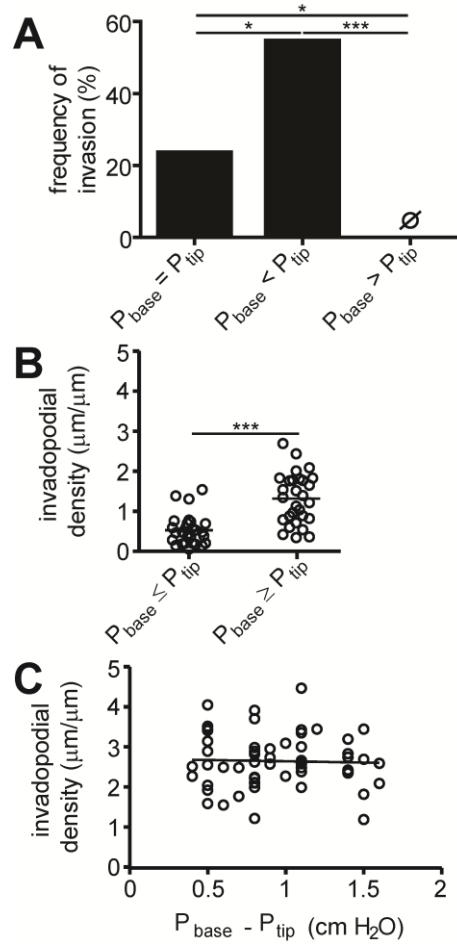


Figure S1. IFP controls invasive phenotype of breast and prostate cancer cells. **(A)** Frequency of invasion of PC-3 cell aggregates under $P_{\text{base}} = P_{\text{tip}}$ ($n = 27$), $P_{\text{base}} < P_{\text{tip}}$ ($n = 20$), or $P_{\text{base}} > P_{\text{tip}}$ ($n = 17$). **(B)** Invadopodial length density for MDA-MB-231 cell aggregates under $P_{\text{base}} \leq P_{\text{tip}}$ or $P_{\text{base}} \geq P_{\text{tip}}$. **(C)** Invadopodial density as a function of pressure profile for MDA-MB-231 breast cancer aggregates. The solid line denotes the best least-squares linear fit. * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$.

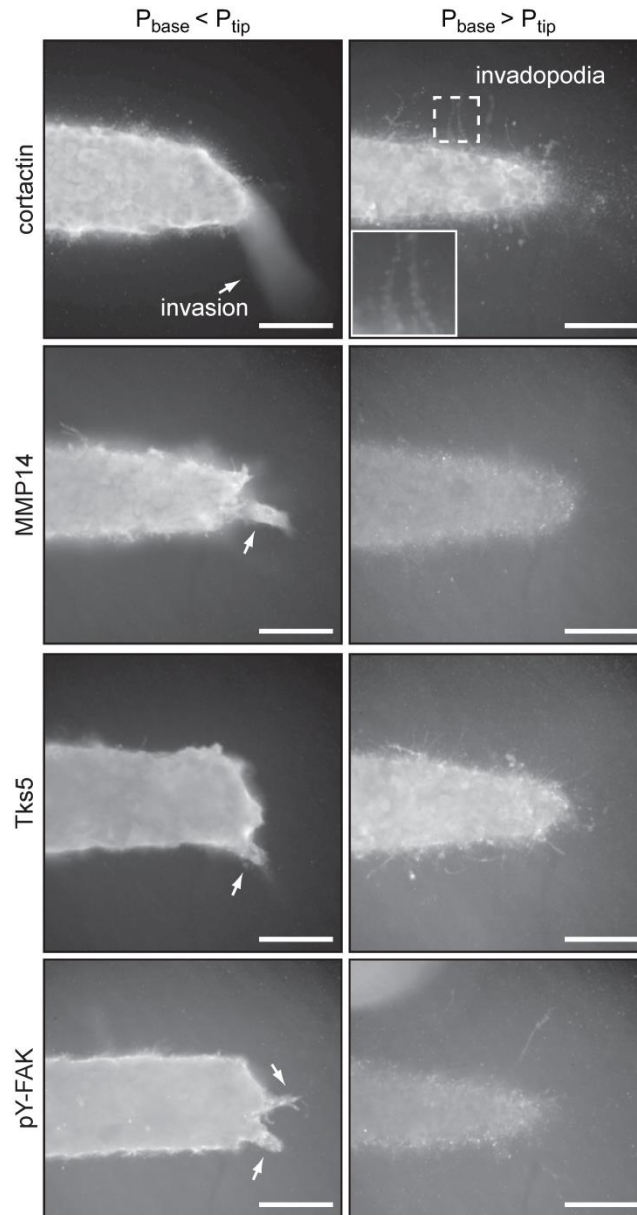


Figure S2. Confocal images of immunofluorescence stains for cortactin, MMP14, Tks5, and phosphorylated FAK (pY-FAK) in MDA-MB-231 cell aggregates under IFP. Arrows denote invasive protrusions containing multiple nuclei; the inset in the right cortactin image magnifies the dotted area. Scale bars, 100 μm .

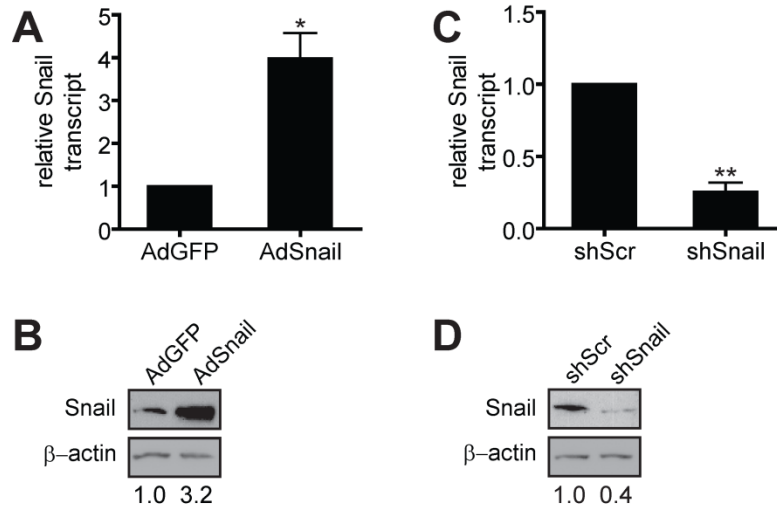


Figure S3. Snail expression in MDA-MB-231 cells. **(A)** Relative transcript levels of Snail in AdSnail ($n = 3$) or AdGFP ($n = 4$) MDA-MB-231 cells. **(B)** Immunoblot analysis of MDA-MB-231 cells transduced with AdGFP or AdSnail. **(C)** Relative transcript levels of Snail in shScr ($n = 3$) or shSnail ($n = 3$) MDA-MB-231 cells. **(D)** Immunoblot analysis for Snail in shScr and shSnail MDA-MB-231 cells. * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$.

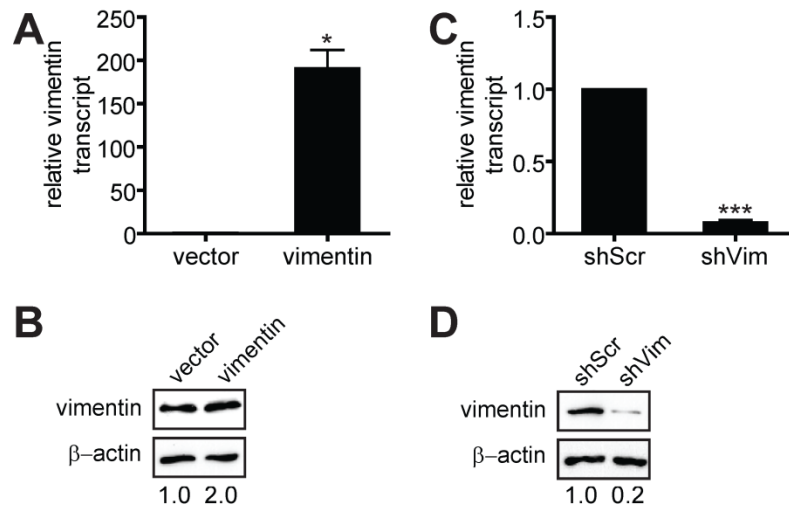


Figure S4. Vimentin expression in MDA-MB-231 cells. **(A)** Relative transcript levels of vimentin in vector ($n = 3$) or vimentin ($n = 3$) MDA-MB-231 cells. **(B)** Immunoblot of vector or vimentin MDA-MB-231 cells. **(C)** Relative transcript levels of vimentin in shScr ($n = 3$) or shVim ($n = 3$) MDA-MB-231 cells. **(D)** Immunoblot analysis for vimentin in shScr or shVim MDA-MB-231 cells. * $P < 0.05$, *** $P < 0.001$.

Figure S5.

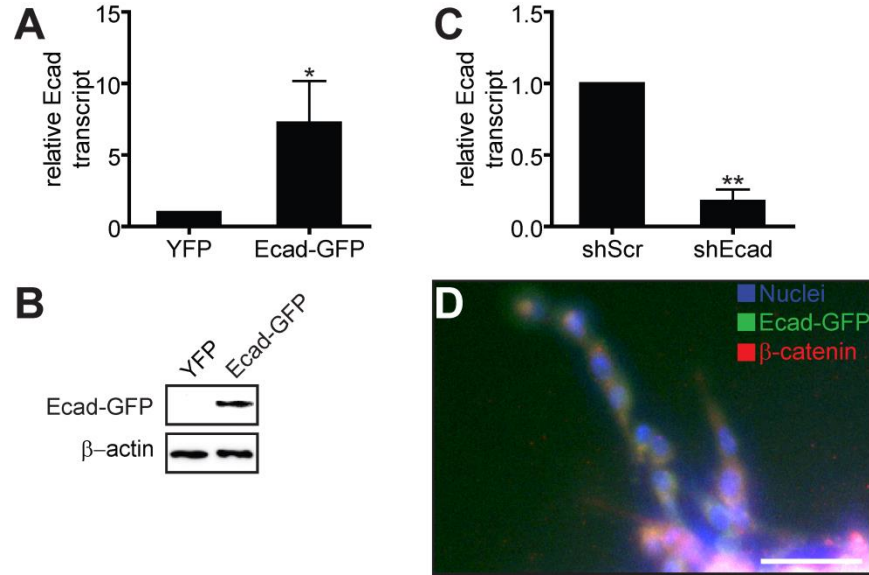


Figure S5. E-cadherin expression in MDA-MB-231 cells. **(A)** Relative transcript levels of E-cadherin in YFP ($n = 3$) or Ecad-GFP ($n = 3$) MDA-MB-231 cells. **(B)** Immunoblot analysis for E-cadherin in YFP or Ecad-GFP MDA-MB-231 cells. **(C)** Relative transcript levels of E-cadherin in shScr ($n = 3$) or shEcad ($n = 3$) MDA-MB-231 cells. **(D)** Immunofluorescence staining for β -catenin (red) and Hoechst 33342 staining of cell nuclei (blue) in invasions from an Ecad-GFP (green) aggregate under $P_{\text{base}} < P_{\text{tip}}$. * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$. Scale bar, 25 μm .

Figure S6.

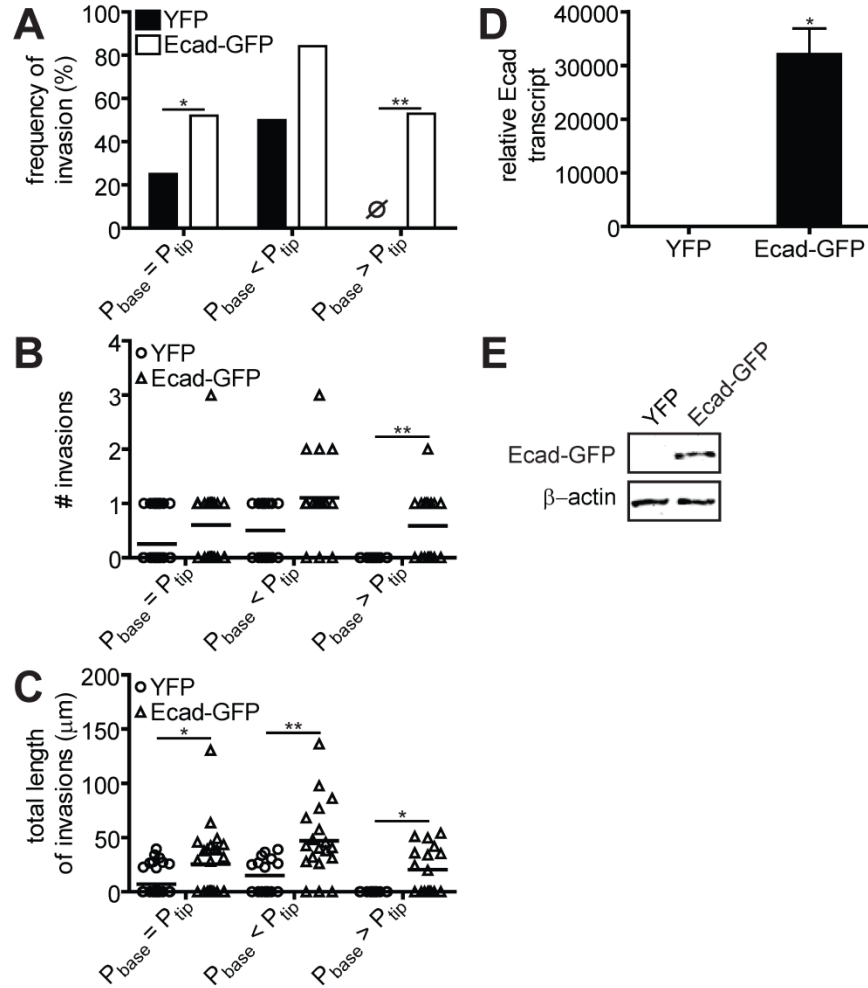


Figure S6. Ectopic expression of E-cadherin promotes invasion, whereas depletion of E-cadherin inhibits extensive invasion in response to IFP in PC-3 cells. **(A)** Frequency of invasion of YFP or Ecad-GFP-expressing PC-3 aggregates under $P_{base}=P_{tip}$ (YFP: $n = 36$; Ecad-GFP: $n = 25$), $P_{base}<P_{tip}$ (YFP: $n = 16$; Ecad-GFP: $n = 19$), or $P_{base}>P_{tip}$ (YFP: $n = 15$; Ecad-GFP: $n = 17$). **(B)** Number and **(C)** length of invasions in YFP or Ecad-GFP PC-3 aggregates under IFP. **(D)** Relative transcript levels of E-cadherin in YFP ($n = 3$) or Ecad-GFP ($n = 3$) PC-3 cells. **(E)** Immunoblot analysis for E-cadherin in YFP- or Ecad-GFP-transfected PC-3 cells. * $P<0.05$, ** $P<0.01$.