## Supporting Information for "Adaptive adhesion strategies of *Dictyostelium discoideum* - a force spectroscopy study"

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Figure S1 Water contact angle measurements, exemplary shown for the N-wafer A: with and B: without silanization (after piranha cleaning).

**Table S1** Summary of the substrate properties of N- and T-wafer as well as the silanization. Advancing (adv) and receding (rec) contact angle of H<sub>2</sub>O, as well as contact angle measurement based hysteresis ( $\Delta \alpha$ ) (Piranha cleaned); complete wetting (CW). Surface energy and roughness were reported by Kreis<sup>1</sup> (Ethanol-cleaned). The isoelectric point (IEP) was reported by Loskill *et al.*<sup>2</sup> (Ethanol-cleaned)

Substrate	$\alpha_{adv}$	$\alpha_{rec}$	$\Delta \alpha$	$\gamma^{tot}$ (mJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	$\gamma^{LW}$ (mJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	$\gamma^{AB}$ (mJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	rms (nm)	IEP
N-SiO <sub>2</sub>	CW	CW		$35\pm4$	$32\pm1$	$3\pm3$	0.17	3
T-SiO <sub>2</sub>	CW	CW		$37\pm3$	$32\pm1$	$5\pm3$	0.19	3
OTS	$113\pm3^\circ$	$100\pm2^\circ$	13°	$23\pm1$	$23\pm1$	$\leq 0.2$	0.16	$\leq 4$



**Figure S2** A: Tether force and B: amount of tethers from SCFS of AX3 WT cells on a glass surface during starvation-induced development (switch from medium to PB-buffer at t = 0 h). 5  $\mu$ M Latrunculin A (LatA) treatment is shown as reference.

Table S2 Parameters used for figure 4B

Cells	w (mN/m)	<i>T</i> <sub>0</sub> (mN/m)	$R_2 \ (\mu m)$	$K_{\rm A}~({\rm mN/m})$
AX3	0.11	0.12	3.5	50
AX3+ $\alpha$ M	0.06	3	3.5	100
AX3+sadA0	0.09	0.12	3.5	85
AX3+sadA0+ $\alpha$ M	0.022	3	3.5	85



**Figure S3** Computational force distance curves illustrating the impact of the mechanics of the cellular cortex by varying the area compressibility modulus  $K_{A}$ .



**Figure S4** Adhesion work of wildtype AX3 modifications on T-OTS.  $W_{adh}$  decreased from AX3 to  $\alpha$ -Mannosidase-treated AX3+ by a factor of 2.5, from AX3 to AX3-*sadA0* nearly by a factor of 5. The  $\alpha$ M-treatment reduces  $W_{adh}$  of AX3-*sadA0* further by a factor of 2.5.



**Figure S5** Adhesion work of AX3 in PB (red) in comparison to an ionic strenght of mono- or divalent ions on a non-silanized T-wafer (*T-SiO*<sub>2</sub>). For the monovalent ion  $K^+$  (blue), there is only a slight decrease of  $W_{adh}$ , which is much stronger for the divalent ion  $Mg^{2+}$  (green).



**Figure S6** Adhesion work of WT AX2 on model substrates.  $W_{adh}$  decreased from N-SiO<sub>2</sub> to T-SiO<sub>2</sub> by a factor of 2.5 and by a factor of 1.7 from N-OTS to T-OTS. Silanization also reduces adhesion work roughly by a factor of 2.

**Table S3** Overview of SCFS for all cells, substrates and conditions used in this study. Medians of maximal adhesion force and adhesion work are given. As a reference the results for AX2 cells on glass by Leonhardt *et al.*<sup>3</sup> and for AX3 cells and Latrunculin A (LatA) treated AX3 cells on glass by Tarantola *et al.*<sup>4</sup> are shown.

Cells	Substrate	Conditions	F <sub>max</sub>	Wadh
			(nN)	(fJ)
AX2	Glass	PB	7.7 <sup>3</sup>	16.5 <sup>3</sup>
AX3	Glass	PB	7.6 <sup>4</sup>	27.3 <sup>4</sup>
AX2	$N-SiO_2$	PB	5.4	10.0
AX2	$T-SiO_2$	PB	3.7	5.9
AX2	$T-SiO_2$	PB+5 mM KCl	3.5	3.9
AX2	$T-SiO_2$	PB+20 mM KCl	2.1	1.0
AX2	$T-SiO_2$	PB+5 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub>	1.9	5.0
AX2	$T-SiO_2$	PB+20 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub>	1.8	1.0
AX2	N-OTS	PB	3.1	5.5
AX2	T-OTS	PB	2.1	2.2
AX3	T-OTS	PB	2.5	3.8
$AX3 + \alpha M$	T-OTS	PB	1.4	1.5
AX3+sadA0	T-OTS	PB	0.7	0.8
$AX3 + sadA0 + \alpha M$	T-OTS	PB	0.5	0.3
AX3+LatA	Glass	PB	0.16 <sup>4</sup>	$0.2^{4}$

## Notes and references

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