

**Supplementary material:** Cellular  
mechanoadaptation to substrate mechanical  
properties: contributions of substrate stiffness and  
thickness to cell stiffness measurements using AFM.

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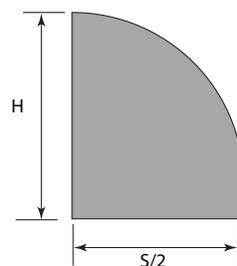
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## 1 Supplementary Figure

(a) Cell Dimensions : Volume  $524\mu\text{m}^3$

Cell Spread $S$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Cell Height $H$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
2	9.90
5	9.38
10	7.56
15	5.13
20	3.22



(b) Nucleus Dimensions : Volume  $65.45\mu\text{m}^3$

Cell Spread $S$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Location of nucleus centre $Y$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Equilateral radius $r_1$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Polar radius $r_2$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
2	4.95	2.5	2.5
5	4.69	2.5	2.5
10	3.78	2.5	2.5
15	2.56	2.75	2.07
20	1.61	3.39	1.36

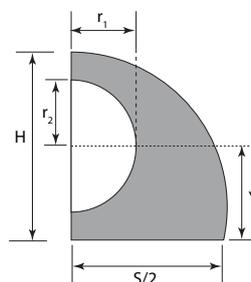


Fig. S1: Cellular geometries used in the main paper. (a) Cell dimensions for different spread geometries subject to constant volume. (b) Position and dimensions of the nucleus for different spread geometries subject to constant nuclear volume.

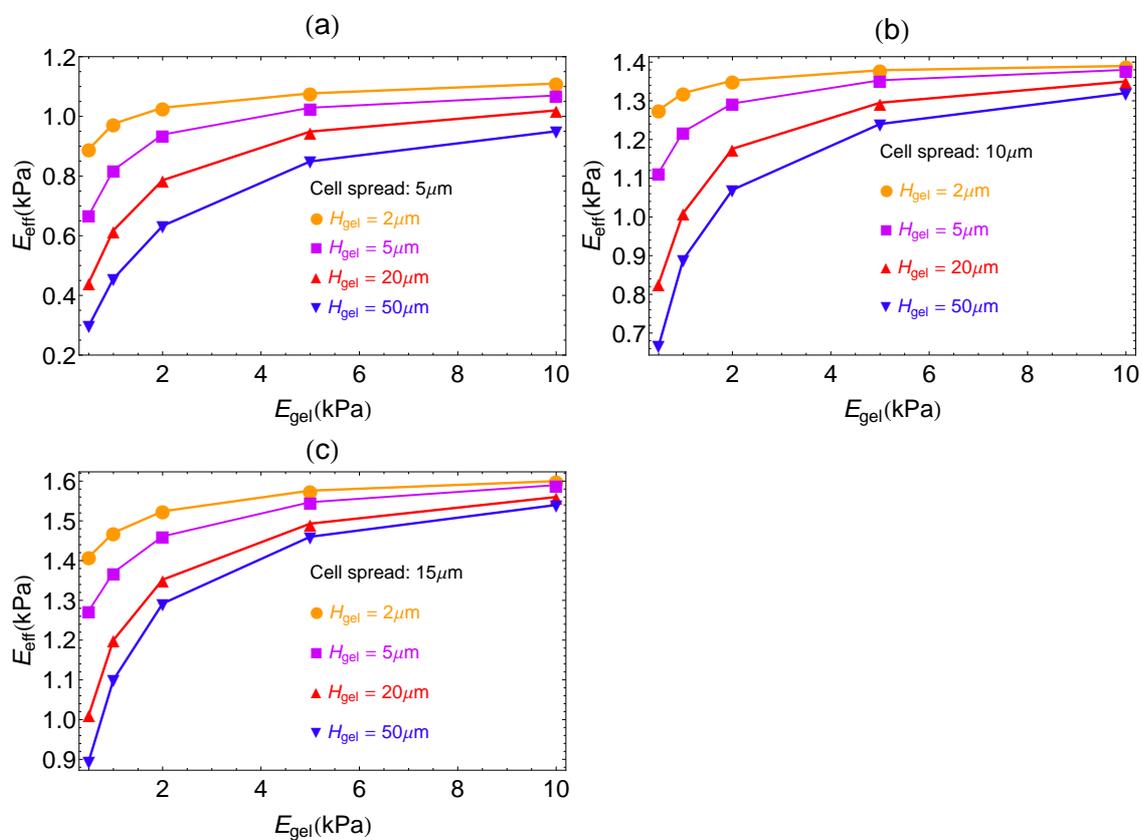


Fig. S2:  $E_{\text{eff}}$  versus  $E_{\text{gel}}$  for cell without nucleus at different cellular spreads  $S$  obtained for different values of  $H_{\text{gel}}$ . (a), (b) and (c) correspond to  $S$  equal to  $5\mu\text{m}$ ,  $10\mu\text{m}$  and  $15\mu\text{m}$ , respectively.

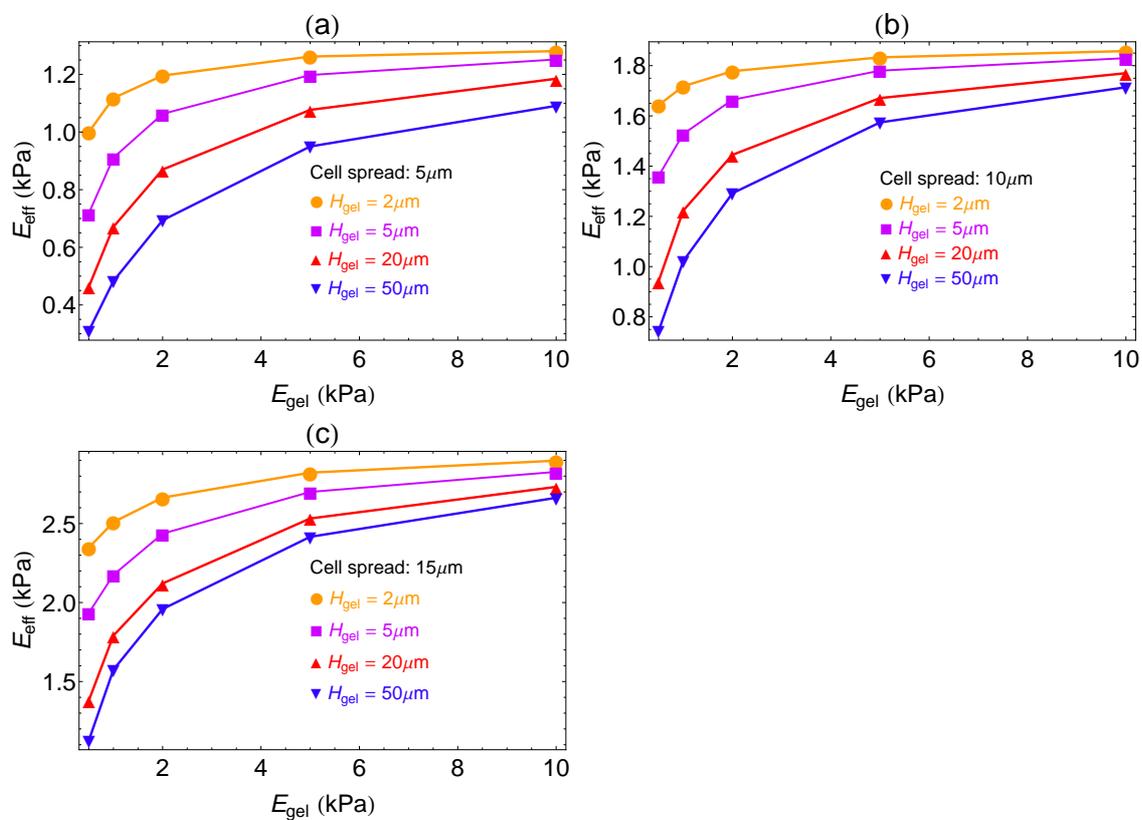


Fig. S3:  $E_{\text{eff}}$  versus  $E_{\text{gel}}$  for cell with nucleus at different cellular spreads  $S$  obtained for different values of  $H_{\text{gel}}$ . (a), (b) and (c) correspond to  $S$  equal to  $5\mu\text{m}$ ,  $10\mu\text{m}$  and  $15\mu\text{m}$ , respectively.

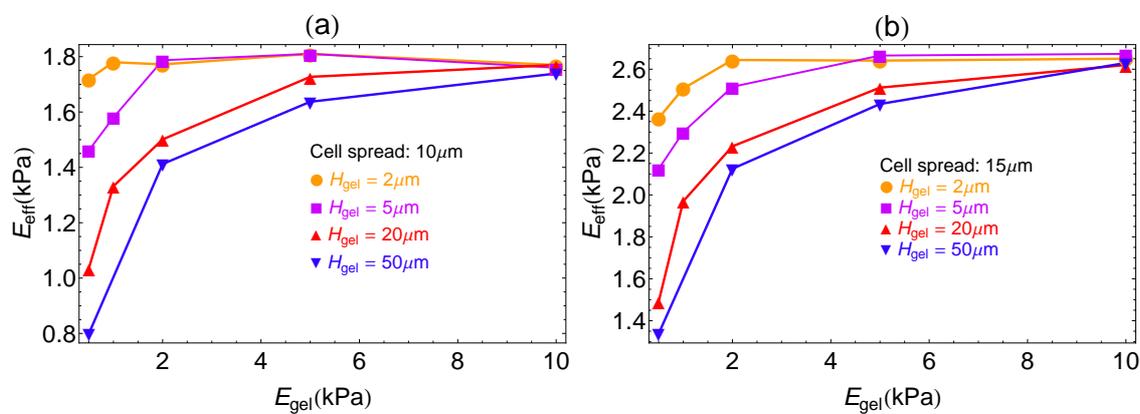


Fig. S 4:  $E_{\text{eff}}$  versus  $E_{\text{gel}}$  for cell without nucleus but with pre-stress of  $\sigma_0 = 0.5$  kPa at different cellular spreads  $S$ , obtained for different values of  $H_{\text{gel}}$ . (a) and (b) correspond to  $S$  equal to  $10\mu\text{m}$  and  $15\mu\text{m}$ , respectively.

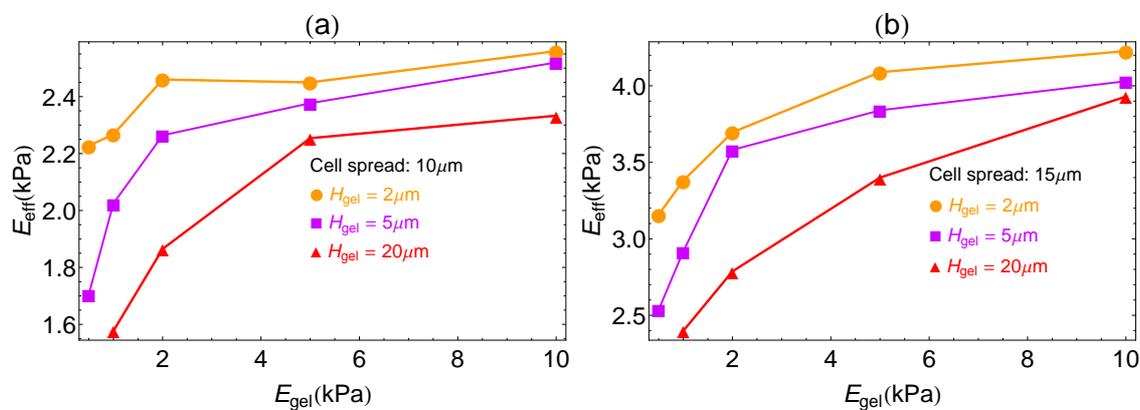


Fig. S5:  $E_{\text{eff}}$  versus  $E_{\text{gel}}$  for cell with nucleus and pre-stress of  $\sigma_0 = 0.5$  kPa at different cellular spreads  $S$ , obtained for different values of  $H_{\text{gel}}$ . (a) and (b) correspond to  $S$  equal to  $10\mu\text{m}$  and  $15\mu\text{m}$ , respectively.