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- The exact sample size (n) for each experimental group/condition, given as a discrete number and unit of measurement
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- A description of all covariates tested
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Give P values as exact values whenever suitable.
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- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's d , Pearson's r), indicating how they were calculated

Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

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Data collection

Imaging data was collected using NIS Elements (Nikon, V4.50.00)

Data analysis

Group comparisons of normally distributed data were performed with an unpaired Student's t test. SPSS 19.0 software (IBM, Chicago, IL, USA) was used for all statistical analyses. Statistical significance was set at $P < 0.05$. Diagrams were made using GraphPad Prism 6. Imaris 9.0.1 was used for analysis of image data. For single cell RNA sequencing, data was processed using Cell Ranger (v3.0.1) recommended pipeline. Further analysis was conducted in R (V3.6.1) using Seurat (V3.1.1).

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All data associated with this study are presented in the paper and the Supplementary Materials. All software and algorithms used in this study are freely or commercially available and are listed in the Methods section. The resulting fastq files were aligned to the mouse reference genome (mm10) (<https://>

Research involving human participants, their data, or biological material

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Population characteristics	N/A
Recruitment	N/A
Ethics oversight	N/A

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Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size	No statistical method was used to predetermine sample size. Sample sizes were chosen based on sample availability and fundation.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded for analysis.
Replication	For each representative image/data, experiments were performed at least three times at the same condition with consistent results .
Randomization	All samples were randomly allocated into groups.
Blinding	Blinding was not possible as groups were divided by different treatments.

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Methods

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Antibodies

Antibodies used

thyroxine (Abcam, ab30833);GFP (Invitrogen, A11122);TFI (Cell Signaling, #12373); pERK (Santa Cruz,sc-377400);Met (Cell Signaling,#8198); phospho-Met (Cell Signaling, #3077 ffor Tyr1234/123S, # 3133 for Tyr 1349); Erk(Cell Signaling ,#9102); phspho-Erk (Cell Signaling ,#9101);Snail (Cell Signaling, #3879,); Cdh1 (Cell Signaling, #3195 ; BD Biosciences,610181) ; β -actin (Cell Signaling, #4967); HSP90(Cell Signaling, #4874); α -Tubulin(Cell Signaling, #2144)

Validation

thyroxine (Abcam, ab30833); <https://www.abcam.cn/products/primary-antibodies/thyroxine-antibody-ab30833.html>
 GFP (Invitrogen, A11122); <https://www.thermofisher.cn/cn/zh/antibody/product/GFP-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-11122>
 TTF-1 (Cell Signaling, #12373); <https://www.cellsignal.cn/products/primary-antibodies/thyroid-transcription-factor-1-ttf-1-d2e8-rabbit-mab/12373>
 pERK (Santa Cruz, sc-377400); <https://www.scbt.com/p/perk-antibody-b-5?requestFrom=search>
 Met (Cell Signaling, #8198); <https://www.cellsignal.cn/products/primary-antibodies/met-d1c2-xp-174-rabbit-mab/8198>
 phospho-Met (Cell Signaling, #3077); <https://www.cellsignal.cn/products/primary-antibodies/phospho-met-tyr1234-1235-d26-xp-rabbit-mab/3077>
 phospho-Met (Cell Signaling, #3133); <https://www.cellsignal.cn/products/primary-antibodies/phospho-met-tyr1349-130h2-rabbit-mab/3133>
 Erk (Cell Signaling, #9102); <https://www.cellsignal.cn/products/primary-antibodies/p44-42-mapk-erk1-2-antibody/9102>
 phospho-Erk (Cell Signaling, #9101); <https://www.cellsignal.cn/products/primary-antibodies/phospho-p44-42-mapk-erk1-2-thr202-tyr204-antibody/9101>
 Snail (Cell Signaling, #3879); <https://www.cellsignal.cn/products/primary-antibodies/snail-c15d3-rabbit-mab/3879>
 Cdh1 (Cell Signaling, #3195); <https://www.cellsignal.cn/products/primary-antibodies/e-cadherin-24e10-rabbit-mab/3195>
 Cdh1 (BD Biosciences, 610181); <https://www.bdbiosciences.com/zh-cn/products/reagents/microscopy-imaging-reagents/immunofluorescence-reagents/purified-mouse-anti-e-cadherin.610181>
 β -actin (Cell Signaling, #4967); <https://www.cellsignal.cn/products/primary-antibodies/b-actin-antibody/4967>
 HSP90 (Cell Signaling, #4874); <https://www.cellsignal.cn/products/primary-antibodies/hsp90-antibody/4874>
 α -Tubulin (Cell Signaling, #2144); <https://www.cellsignal.cn/products/primary-antibodies/a-tubulin-antibody/2144>

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	TPC1 cells were obtained from the Chinese Academy of Science in Shanghai; TOV112D cells were obtained from FuHeng Cell Center.
Authentication	The cell lines were not authenticated.
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell-lines were tested negative for mycoplasma.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	None of the cell line is listed in ICLAC Register of Misidentified Cell Lines.

Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals	Transgenic zebrafish lines tg(tg:GFP), tg(flkl1:GFP) and tg(tg:mcherry) aged 24hpf to 1 year were used; C57BL/6J aged E11 to 48 week both male and female were used.
Wild animals	No wild animals were used.
Reporting on sex	No sex based analysis were performed.
Field-collected samples	The study did not involve samples collected from the field.
Ethics oversight	All studies were conducted according to the guidelines approved by the ethics committee of Shanghai Ninth People's Hospital.

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Plants

Seed stocks	<i>Report on the source of all seed stocks or other plant material used. If applicable, state the seed stock centre and catalogue number. If plant specimens were collected from the field, describe the collection location, date and sampling procedures.</i>
Novel plant genotypes	<i>Describe the methods by which all novel plant genotypes were produced. This includes those generated by transgenic approaches, gene editing, chemical/radiation-based mutagenesis and hybridization. For transgenic lines, describe the transformation method, the number of independent lines analyzed and the generation upon which experiments were performed. For gene-edited lines, describe the editor used, the endogenous sequence targeted for editing, the targeting guide RNA sequence (if applicable) and how the editor was applied.</i>
Authentication	<i>Describe any authentication procedures for each seed stock used or novel genotype generated. Describe any experiments used to assess the effect of a mutation and, where applicable, how potential secondary effects (e.g. second site T-DNA insertions, mosaicism, off-target gene editing) were examined.</i>