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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

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Bimodal distribution of motility and cell fate in *Dictyostelium discoideum*

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Supplementary Movie M1:

Time lapse movies of D. discoideum cells (20X) in nutrient medium, during early starvation and in replaced nutrient medium.

Supplementary Movie M2:

Time lapse movie of both linear moving and wriggling cells. White circle represents linear cell and black circle represents wriggling cell.

Supplementary Movie M3:

Time lapse movies of D.discoideum cells at a higher magnification (40X) in nutrient medium, during early starvation and in replaced nutrient medium.



Supplementary Fig. S1. Bimodal distribution of cell motility in AX2, *Polysphondylium pallidum* and *Trishanku (tri A)* cells under different nutrient conditions. Distribution of the speed of AX2, Polysphondylium pallidum and Trishanku (tri A) cell motility under nutrient conditions (A,D,G), during starvation (B,E,H) and after replacement of the nutrient medium (C,F, I). Note the distinct bimodal distribution of the speed of cell motility during starvation in AX2 cells (B) (n=125). 'n' represents the number of cells in each condition. During nutrient rich conditions, bimodality was not distinct. The results for these were obtained from the cell motility analyses for AX2 shown in Fig. 1A. About 45 cells in each condition were analysed for the variation in cell motility.



Supplementary Fig. S2. Images and tracks from cell motility movies of *D. discoideum* (AX2). (A-C) *Cell motility tracks of AX2 cells in nutrient, starvation and replaced nutrient medium respectively. Images are taken from the final frame of the corresponding movie. The corresponding speed* (μm) values are given along with the tracks. (D,E) *Cell motility track overlays of calcium sorted slow and fast cells. Scale bar, 20 μm.*



A Mean Square Displacement:

Nutrient media

Supplementary Fig. S3. Mean square displacement. Mean square displacement of cells during nutrient condition (A), starvation (B) and replaced nutrient medium (C).



Supplementary Fig. S4. Images and tracks from Fluo-3 labelled and unlabelled cell motility movies of *D. discoideum* (AX2). (A-C) Fluo-3 labelled and unlabelled cells. (D) The tracks of Fluo-3 labelled cells (Track No: 1-4) that were longer and unlabelled cells showed wriggling type of motility (Track No: 5-8).



Supplementary Fig. S5 (Left). Average number of pseudopods/turn in AX2 cells. The representative tracks for Fast and Slow cells are shown in (A,B). (C) The average number of pseudopods/turn in both Fast and Slow category of cells. 'n' represents the number of cells analysed.

Supplementary Fig. S6 (Right). Localization of PIP2 and F-actin in the starved AX2 cells. *Fluorescent images of PIP2 (green)* (A) *and F-actin by Rhodamine Phalloidin staining (red)* (B) *in the starved cells of AX2 strain. The phase contrast and the merged images are shown in* (C,D) *respectively. The arrow in* (D) *points to the co-localization of PIP2 and F-actin. Scale bar, 20 μm.*



Supplementary Fig. S7. Dimensions of *D.discoideum* cells under different nutrient conditions. *Dimensions of cells stained with Actin/Pl3Kinase* and Actin/PTEN in nutrient medium (A,D), Starvation (B,E) and in replaced nutrient medium (C,F). Anterio-posterior axes lengths of AX2 cells under different nutrient conditions (G). 'n' indicates the number of cells analysed under each condition.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE 1

DISPLACEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL AX2 CELLS UNDER DIFFERENT NUTRIENT CONDITIONS

Nutrient medium					
Cell No	Total Distance moved (µm)	Displacement from origin (µm)			
1	71.8	12.9			
2	77.7	21.4			
3	94.0	28.8			
4	101.4	29.3			
5	105.0	29.7			
6	107.2	32.2			
7	113.7	32.6			
8	119.7	36.7			
9	149.7	38.6			
10	155.0	39.2			

Starvation				
Cell No	Total Distance moved (µm)	Displacement from origin (µm)		
1	115.5	42.8		
2	119.6	50.1		
3	121.3	58.7		
4	122.6	59.6		
5	145.3	62.0		
6	147.8	65.9		
7	157.8	83.7		
8	162.8	90.2		
9	185.3	120.6		
10	191.8	144.7		

Replaced Nutrient medium			
Cell No	Total Distance moved (µm)	Displacement from origin (µm)	
1	36.4	15.9	
2	43.5	18.9	
3	49.3	19.8	
4	51.9	24.5	
5	52.1	26.1	
6	52.5	26.6	
7	54.4	32.2	
8	55.8	33.0	
9	61.2	33.3	
10	78.0	44.6	

Data has been taken from the Movie shown in Supplementary Movie M1 and represents the movement during first 10 minutes of the movie.