Better figure layout can help reviewers and readers to appreciate your science

DMM text is spread over two columns (grey boxes) into which figures fit (yellow boxes)
1. Consider figure layout in the context of single or double columns (the yellow boxes above).

2. Within the figure (yellow box) maximise information (data) and minimise background.

3. Consider that different data work on different scales. Images of cells and western blots should be large enough to see the relevant features. Information in graphs can often be read when smaller (see page 2).

Below we illustrate points 1 to 3 using data from Fig. 5, Humphries et al., *Journal of Cell Science* (2014), 127, 673–685.

We prefer single or double column width layouts

See page two for more layout examples and tips
Odd ordering, large white gaps and ineffective use of space.

Data are from Fig. 2, Humphries et al., *Journal of Cell Science* (2014), 127, 673–685.