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

JEB 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).


We prefer single or double column width layouts

See page two for more layout examples and tips.
Small images, overly big graphs and white gaps between rows.

Images too big, graphs too small and odd white gaps.

Odd ordering, large white gaps and ineffective use of space.

Layout as published maximises information in available space.

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