The work of Sieiro et al. shows that the initiation of myogenesis in chick embryos is closely related to a change in cell adhesion, and may reveal a general principle for coupling cell fate changes to the epithelial-mesenchymal transition in many developmental and pathological processes.

Daniel Sieiro, Anne C Rios, Claire E Hirst, Christophe Marcelle. 2016. Cytoplasmic NOTCH and membrane-derived β-catenin link cell fate choice to epithelial-mesenchymal transition during myogenesis. *eLife* **5**:e14847. doi: 10.7554/eLife.14847

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