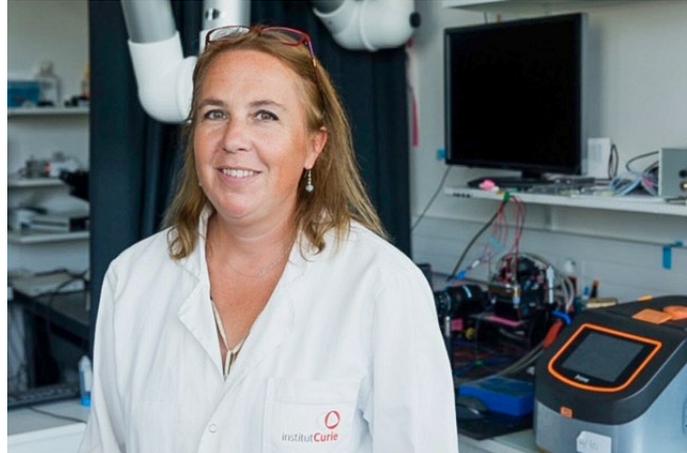


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### Abstract

#### Developing gut on chip model for biology and biophysics

The development of a new generation of in vitro models is of interest in various fields, notably in basic life science research to decipher physiological and patho-physiological mechanisms. They could also represent an important asset for biophysical studies.

In this presentation, we will discuss how microfluidics and microfabrication can be used to develop new relevant in vitro models and how imaging is essential to characterize these devices. In particular, we will focus on a gut-on-a-chip model that integrates both the epithelial and stromal compartments to study in a 3D scaffold how the intestinal epithelium is affected by the presence and nature of fibroblasts.