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RESEARCH AREA: HEALTH

TITLE: Bio-engineered *in vitro* strategies for testing the role human microbiota in Covid-19 infectivity

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Research activity description: Microbiota turned out to be an active protagonist in the health/disease balance of its host. The *in vitro* culture of the human microbiota may represent a valid tool for deciphering the complex interactions occurring between microbes and the host. The possibility of biofabricated electrospun gelatin structure as scaffold for microbial growth as reliable *in vitro* model of the human gut microbiota has already been exploited. Herein, we experiment *in vitro*, through a bioengineered platform, how the microbiota peculiarities can modify the infectivity of Covid-19 and, vice versa, how the infection can affect the human microbiota. This approach allows the identification of population subsets with different susceptibility towards Covid-19, favoring an optimization of therapeutic strategies

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