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Profile

Debby Laukens is Full Professor at Ghent University, specializing in inflammatory bowel disease research. Her work focuses on translating fundamental insights into therapeutic strategies, with a strong interest in underexplored aspects of disease, including gut fibrosis and gut–brain interactions.

Key Highlights

- Research focus: IBD, gut fibrosis, gut-brain axis, gut regeneration
- Projects: Horizon Europe and VIB Grand Challenges consortia partner
- Awards: ECCO Pioneer Grant
- Impact: h-index 48, >16,000 citations
- Supervision: 20+ PhD students

About

Debby Laukens obtained her Master's degree in Biochemistry from the University of Antwerp and her PhD at Ghent University and VIB. Her early work focused on identifying genetic risk factors for Crohn's disease.

She leads research on inflammatory bowel disease, contributing to the discovery of biomarkers and therapeutic targets, several of which progressed to clinical development.

She is coordinator of the Ghent Gut Inflammation Group and actively contributes to international collaborations and research policy.

Publications & Impact

h-index: 48 (Google Scholar); 40 (WoS)

Total citations: >16,000

Extensive international publication record.

Teaching & Mentorship

Lecturer in Biomedical Sciences and Medical Genetics. Supervisor of 20+ PhD students.

Leadership & Service

Coordinator Ghent Gut Inflammation Group, research leader in Internal Medicine & Pediatrics, Horizon Europe and European Crohn and Colitis Organization evaluator.