

What's in your microbiome? This startup wants to know

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Jessica Richman wants your saliva, feces and snot.

Ms. Richman is the co-founder and chief executive of uBiome Inc., a startup trying to crack the human microbiome, the collection of microbes in a person's body. The company is helping consumers track their microbiomes and how they respond to habits and lifestyle.

"It's kind of like a Fitbit for your microbiome," Ms. Richman said during the WSJD technology conference.

Scientists are still trying to understand how the total human microbiome affects a person's health. Recent research suggests microbes, which differ from inside the stomach to between the toes to elsewhere, influence many body functions, such as digestion or the way the brain works.

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