Scientists discover new cell shape

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Epithelial cells, which cover the surfaces of many organs, adopt a previously undescribed geometric shape – the scutoid – so that the tissue can curve, scientists have found.

The epithelial cells adopt this form which looks like ‘twisted prisms’, according to the research published in the journal *Nature Communications*.

Nature has found a solution to fold and curve the epithelia, which lines the outer surfaces of organs, researchers said.