



Bio

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She obtained a PhD in drug melanin binding in 2007 Anglia Ruskin University. Prior to this, she worked as a forensic scientist at National Forensic Science Laboratory, Nepal, where she analysed forensic case samples.

Lata's expertise lies in drugs and pharmaceutical analysis from different matrices (e.g. hair, spiked drinks) using chromatography and mass spectrometry. She supervises research in forensic toxicology, environmental toxicology and drugs analysis. Her research and outreach activities focus on drug-facilitated sexual assault - method development, capacity building and public awareness.