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Dr. Payal Ganguly (PhD) is a postdoctoral research associate (PDRA) in Leeds Institute of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Medicine (LIRMM) at University of Leeds, UK. Her current research focuses on the effect of pharmaceutical agents on patient derived 3D-tissue explants for arthritis.

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Prior to that, she worked in Nanomedicine research group at the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai. She then worked as a research engineer under a Bill and Melinda Gates-funded project for novel transdermal drug delivery systems in the nanomedicine laboratory at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-B), Mumbai.

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