# **Novel Smart Metal Complexes**

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**Applications in human health and** environmental sustainability

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# **School of Science and Technology – ChIP Research Centre**

**Characterizing studies** 

1) Synthesis and characterisation of new metal complexes and investigation of their antitumour, antimicrobial and antiviral



- activity.
- Synthesis and characterisation of new metal complexes as green catalysts for crosslinking process of silane-grafted polyolefins, allylic oxidation and methyl methacrylate polymerization.
- 3) Synthesis and characterisation of new luminescent metal complexes as VOCs sensors and for bioimaging or OLED components.
- 4) Synthesis of new antimicrobial and photocatalytic nanomaterials for use in agri-food chain to reduce post-harvest losses of perishable products

**National Impact:** The research has a significant impact at national levels, with the discovery of new molecules for use as antitumor, antimicrobial and antiviral agents or as luminescent materials. Unicam "researchers" collaborate with biologists, oncologists, virologists and clinical microbiologists in the screening of metal complexes as bioactive drugs. **International Impact:** Research at UNICAM has a global impact, with long-standing collaborations with international research groups and European companies across the polymer, agricultural harvesting and distribution sectors, as it promotes the development of new green catalysts, metal-based drugs, metal-based sensors, and innovative nanomaterials for the extension of the shelf life of perishable agricultural products along the distribution chain.



#### **Relations with SME:**

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#### Luminescent materials for OLEDs and Bioimaging







**Rational design and synthesis** 

of metal-based drugs and catalysts



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