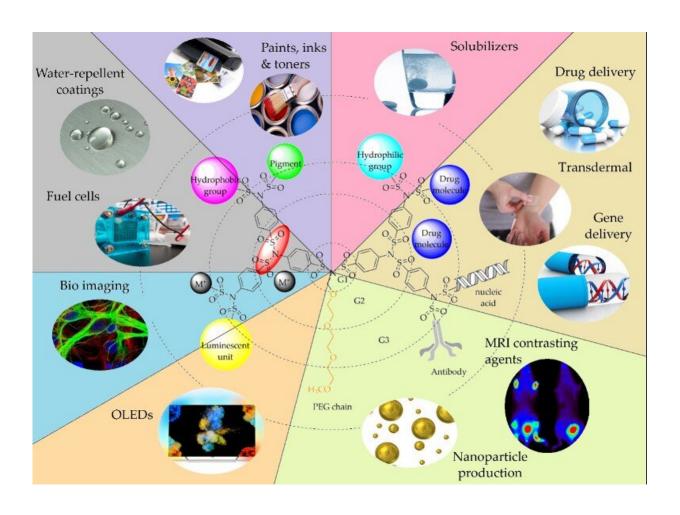


## Scientists publish a complete overview of sulfonimide dendrimers

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A research team from the Skoltech Center for Design, Manufacturing and Materials (CDMM) has prepared a comprehensive overview of



research on a family of sulfonimide dendrimers that holds promise for optics, photonics, and surface functionalization of materials.

The paper, titled "Sulfonimide-Based Dendrimers: Progress in Synthesis, Characterization, and Potential Applications," was published in the *Polymers* journal.

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