

# Poloxamers for Biopharma: Upstream Cell Culture Applications

For more than 50 years, BASF has been producing poloxamer 188 for use in a broad range of applications. Meanwhile, biomanufacturing processes have intensified, so BASF keeps pace with requirements for shear protection by developing the next generation poloxamer 188. Building on the worldwide adoption of Kolliphor<sup>®</sup> P188 Bio, we introduce our newest product, Kolliphor<sup>®</sup> P188 Cell Culture, which is designed to meet a tight molecular weight specification, delivering excellent performance in a broader range of cell culture bioprocesses. Both compendial, GMP products display consistent performance and are supported to an extremely high level by all BASF Pharma Solutions functions.



Kolliphor<sup>®</sup> P188 Bio

Kolliphor<sup>®</sup> P188 Cell Culture

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# **How Much Protection Do Your Cells Need?**

Poloxamer 188 has a long publication history as well as documented use as shear protectant in the manufacturing of approved biologics. While many of the factors driving the need for shear protection are well described, critical parameters controlling performance continue to be investigated.



		Kolliphor <sup>®</sup> P188 Bio	Kolliphor <sup>®</sup> P188 Cell Culture
CAS Number	90003-11-6	•	•
Compendia	Ph. Eur., USP-NF	•	•
	JPE'	•	•
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Production	Manufactured in accordance with IPEC-PQG GMP Guide for Pharmaceutical Excipients 21 CFR Parts 210/211 at a multi-purpose site in Geismar, LA Special cleaning and other controls	•	•
Packaging	102kg plastic drum with double plastic liners	•	٠
	Additional sizes: 25kg, 12.5kg, 5kg	•	0
<b>Biological Testing</b>	Specific germs, TYMC, TAMC, endotoxin, cell culture	•	•
Analytical Testing	RP-HPLC (for hydrophobic impurities)	•	•
	SEC (for average molecular weight)		•
	Trace metals <sup>3</sup>	•	•

1 The product meets the test requirements of the current monograph of "Polyoxyethylene (160) Polyoxypropylene (30) Glycol" JPE, containing BHT.

2 The product meets the acceptance criteria stipulated in the "Poloxamer 188" monograph of ChP 2020, applying the methods named in the product specifications.

3 Data available upon request. Not a release parameter.

# **Kolliphor<sup>®</sup> Poloxamer Family**

Enabling Biopharma Manufacturing with **Options in Shear Protection** 

Kolliphor® P188 Bio is one of the highest quality, most controlled, poloxamers commercially available. We aim to deliver the same level of quality in our Kolliphor® P188 Cell Culture, which has additional molecular weight control for bioprocessing applications where a lower average molecular weight is beneficial.

## **Two Products with Excellent Cell Culture Performance**



### **Average Molecular Weight** by Pharmacopeia Methods

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## Average Molecular Weight Distribution by SEC



Molecular Weight specification according to pharmacopoeia methods for Kolliphor® P188 Cell Culture (blue) and Kolliphor® P188 Bio (green). The dark green band shows the typical range of commercially available lots.



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Kolliphor® P188 Bio (green) and Kolliphor® P188 Cell Culture (blue) both perform well in high shear conditions (i.e. baffled flasks; 300 rpm) using GMPbanked CHO-S cells over 4 days in triplicate.

While the average cell viability was similar among the lots of poloxamer 188 tested, by day 4 there was a statistically significant difference in viable cell numbers in cells grown using Kolliphor® P188 Cell Culture when compared to the positive control.



Relative Molar Mass (g/mol)

SEC chromatogram showing typical results for Kolliphor® P188 Bio (green) and Kolliphor® P188 Cell Culture (blue). Note the SEC test is a release parameter for Kolliphor® P188 Cell Culture only.

## Kolliphor<sup>®</sup> P188 Bio & Kolliphor<sup>®</sup> P188 Cell Culture: Transparency of Key Information

BASF is committed to providing you the technical, quality, and regulatory support you need to effectively manage this critical raw material. BASF makes available a broad range of quality and regulatory documents to our customers via our Virtual Pharma Assistant (VPA) tools. Because of the unique needs of the biopharma industry, there is also the possibility to support ad-hoc and customized requests for information not covered by our standard documentation. Furthermore, our commitment to closely partner with the biopharma industry enables us to be transparent about key information, which can equip the Quality and Regulatory stakeholders at our customers with a clear and confident view of how **Kolliphor**<sup>®</sup> **P188 Bio & Kolliphor**<sup>®</sup> **P188 Cell Culture** can mitigate risk for the biopharma manufacturer.

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A regional footprint secures quick and regional-specific solutions in alignment with global standards for topics like audits, statements and complaints.

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