

# Large Scale Fermentation Manufacturing Services for the Biocontrol Industry

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# Lonza Overview

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- Our service and product range addresses large number of markets:
  - Pharma and Biotech Markets
  - Water Treatment
  - Consumer Care
  - Wood Protection
  - Industrial solutions
  - Agro Ingredients



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# **BU Agro Ingredients Service and Product Offerings**

- Advanced Chemical Manufacturing in Visp, CH
  - Exclusive manufacturing of intermediates and active ingredients
  - Supply of non-exclusive key building blocks
- Global Molluscicide Business
  - Metaldehyde as active ingredient metal
  - Own formulated products axela<sup>®</sup>

Regional Specialties in South America









### **Agro Formulation Ingredients**



Agro Ingredients

Compatibility **Adjuvants** Improve Compatibility with **Electrolytes**, Cationics, and Acidic Actives

#### Lonza

**Naturally** Based **Surfactants Sustainability Environmentally Friendlier** 

Lonza Agro Ingredient Products Designed for Crop Protection Formulations

#### **Preservatives**

**Maintain Integrity of** Formula **Increase Shelf Life** 

**Specialties for** Seed Treatment

Antifreeze, Emulsifier, Flowability Enhancer, Binder, Stabilizer, **Preservatives** 



# **Proxel**<sup>®</sup> – Wet State Preservation

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  - Broad spectrum of activity
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- Strong toxicology package & broad regulatory approvals
- In combination with excellent consultancy and service support to guarantee best application results in your products
- Broad application today in many final formulations
  - Bacillus Thuringensis species
  - Rhizobium based Inoculants

## **Biotechnology** @ Lonza



Fermentation development and optimization in Visp, Switzerland

# From Feasibility to Manufacturing



- A one-stop-shop at every stage of your project along the value-chain
- Full life cycle management from product launch to maturity
- Continuous process optimization from the beginning

## **Optimization of Fermentation Processes**

- Dedicated team of R&D, QC, and production with support from any other organization unit required, e.g. engineering, expert teams, sourcing, ...
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- Liophilization
- Evaporator
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#### QC and Microbiology lab supporting production

- HPLC / UPLC / GC
- Spectroscopy (UV, IR, NIR)
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- ELISA
- Bioprofile IPC for fermentation
- Testing of microbial contaminants

- SDS-Page
- Enzyme activity assays
- Particle size distribution



### **Fermentation Processes and Microorganisms**

#### Bacteria

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More then 40 processes transferred to industrial scale within last 10 years

Fungi Aspergillus sp. Penicilium sp. Trichoderma Phanerochaete Chrysoporium Phichia sp. (GMO) S. cerevisiae

#### Microalgea

Ulkenia (mutated)





### **Examples of Biotechnology** @ Lonza



### **Lonza** Strain Improvement / Fermentation Development Sec. Metabolite Production with Actinomycete



# Process Technology Transfer Scale-up of an *E. coli* fermentation

#### **Bioreactors at Different Scales**



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Kla (P <sub>sc</sub> 1, 2, 3)	[1/s]	0.27, 0.38, 0.44	0.23, <mark>0.33</mark> , 0.38	0.22, 0.31, <mark>0.35</mark>	0.25, 0.36, <mark>0.41</mark>	0.13, 0.19, <mark>0.21</mark>
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# Manufacturing Optimization Focus: Yield and Fermentation Time

#### Detailed process analysis with focus on

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- Fermentation time
- Energy consumption

#### Defined optimization plan

- Increase biomass yield in seed step
- Optimize fermentation media
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#### Stepwise and direct implementation on large scale fermenter



# Manufacturing Optimization Focus: Reduction of Cycle Time

- Detailed process throughput analysis and identification of bottle-necks
- Defined optimization plan
  - Process adaptation from centrifuge to membrane filtration
  - Optimize fermentation media preparation procedure
  - Re-arrangement of number of fermenters and equipment scale
- Stepwise and direct implementation on large scale



More than 50% reduction in cycle time achieved within an optimization project of 6 months





# Lonza's Polypass<sup>™</sup> - From Shake-Flask to Formulated Product within One Year

#### Starting point: A cryo vial and a patent application

- Lactobacillus reuteri (probiotic strain) has the ability to co-aggregate with the pathogenic Helicobacter pylori (causes gastritis and gastric ulcer) under physiological conditions (stomach)
- Translate Market needs into defined product applications and appropriate product formulation

#### Process development at lab scale, Lonza LSI R&T Visp, Switzerland

Proof of concept and feasibility study for large scale production

#### Scale-up with pilot trials at Lonza Kourim, Czech Republic

- Proof of technical feasibility and demonstration at pilot scale
  - Optimized fermentation conditions
  - Carrier screening to avoid auto-aggregation in formulated product
  - Spray drying optimization
- Providing final product samples (registration and application test)

#### Commercial production and market launch

- Implementation at large scale production
- Confirmation of defined requirements (technical, regulatory, customer specs)
- Appropriate packaging, storage and logistics / technical support for customers



SEM magnification = 13'000 x

# **Exclusive Biotechnological Manufacturing**





- Pasteuria nishizawae is a naturally, via fermentation derived nematicide against the Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN)
- US market launch by Syngenta in summer 2013
- Successful execution of technology transfer and production of this biopesticide at Lonza's Kouřim site (CZ) since 2012
- Continuous process improvement on-going in jointcooperation with our customer Syngenta



Soybean cyst nematode and egg



Pasteuria nishizawae spores

# Lonza's Large Scale Fermentation Manufacturing Service

- Final fermentation and down stream process development starting with any initial lab process package by our customer
- Technology transfer into Lonza's assets based on any development stage
  - Customer lab process
  - Customer pilot trials
  - Large scale experience
- Proposal for potential process adjustments (process wise, and technology wise) to further improve economically attractiveness
- Full life cycle management from the initial market launch volumes until large volumes at maturity
- Thorough, continuous process improvement in close cooperation with customer







# Why Outsource with Lonza

- Proven track record in the agricultural industry as reliable and trustworthy partner, and experience from more then 30 years of commercial fermentation
- Strong expertise in regulatory requirements for the agricultural industry
- Excellent know-how in prevention of cross contamination
- Avoid large investments in your own capacity
- Speed to market, and high flexibility in your order volumes
- Full guarantee of your know-how and IP
- Full access to Lonza's process optimization results for your own manufacturing

### Security of Your Supply Chain



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  - High-performance materials
  - Microbial control solutions
  - Wood preservatives





Accounting for the global megatrends and leveraging Lonza's broad technology base and our long-year track record in the agricultural industry, a new **BU Agro Ingredients** was founded in 2013.

"Science and Technology for securing food in a growing world"

### **BU AI - Global Business Organization**



# **Advanced Chemical Manufacturing**

- Exclusive manufacturing of advanced intermediates and active ingredients
  - Combined with development, scale-up and optimization services
- Supply of non-exclusive key building blocks



Backward integrated site in Visp, Switzerland, with complex multi-purpose plants, broad technology portfolio, and integrated waste management facilities



# **Continuous expansion of Hastelloy** capacity to account for F-chemistry



Inside Lonza multi purpose plant



16 m<sup>3</sup> Hastelloy batch reactor, up to 16 bar,



Inside multi-product Hastelloy divided wall column for highest purity products



Coupling station for connection to glass line, and stainless steel line



Unloading station



Halar centrifuge for solid separation Oct-15

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### **Lonza** Start-up of continuous nitrosation plant in 2014 to manufacture Butyl nitrite and other nitrites





## **N-Fertilizer Production in Visp**



# Sales of N-based fertilizer in Switzerland via Agroline







# Molluscicide -Global Market Player for 60 Years

# axeela®

Lonza



as active ingredient



Meta® metaldehyde and its derived product offer fit into the IPM strategy and offer an efficient control to hobby gardeners professionals, and farmers, e.g. in rice treatment against Golden Apple Snail

#### **Global launch of Lonza's formulated products**

Manufacturing plant for Lonza Slug Pellets in Visp



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# **Frexus<sup>®</sup> - Application Brand**

#### Pre- and post-harvest treatment

- Coffee beans
- Fruit & vegetables

#### Adjuvants for tank mix

- pH-reducer
- Surfactant

# Biocides for fighting plant diseases



White Spot on Corn Leaves



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Fermentation development and optimization in Visp, Switzerland

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- Public perception
- Reduced chemical residues
- Sustainability
- Worker safety / Short re-entry
- Registration advantage

- Resistance management
- > Performance
- Less high development costs
- Fast growing segment
- Short-Cut for chemical pesticides

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Public Perception	People believe that bio-based products are of advanatge in terms of health, wellness and sustainability if compared to chemical-based ones
Reduced Chemical Residues	Retailers demand lower residue levels than regulatory requires, setting secondary standards for marketing purposes - MRL; SYSCO, Wal-mart and other food companies develope sustainable farming requirements; Strong impact e.g. on coffee bean, and tea farmers
Sustainability	Natural fit, reduction of environmental impact and optimisation of natural resource efficiency; few, if any, adverse impacts on non-target organisms, like pollinator. Companies and Politics demand sustainable agricultur (McDonald, Unilever, EU's Sustainable Use Directive)
Worker safety / Short re-entry	Very short worker re-entry periods, allowing greater flexibility. Zero day pre-harvest intervall, crops can be harvestet on same day.
Registration Advantages	Tightened registration for chemicals, potential for fast registration of bio-based products. Limited human and environmental safety data required, special governmental biopesticide initiartives, e.g. programs to accelerate biologicals in US, Brazil, India, others

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Resistance Management	Alternative mode of actions to control pests, diseases and to over-come resistance build-up. Fit in where only few/no chemicals exist. Use in Integrated Pest Management, and Resistance Management
Performance	New solutions for growers/farmers. No general replacement of chemicals, but in combination with chemicals for high performance programs.
Less High Development Costs	Total costs for development of biopesticides are much lower (5-10 Mio US\$, 3-4 years time-to- market) compared to chemical pesticides (~250 Mio US\$, 10 years time-to-market)
Fast Growing Segment	Bio-based products are one of the fastest growing segments with CAGR of 10-16%, however, still having a share of << 10% on the over-all pesticide market
Short cut for Chemical Pesticides	Biologically derived intermediates, and biotransformation catalysts can help to replace complex chemical route to same end-molecule. Large market for biologcally derived products like Spinosad, which are no biopesticides, but experience certain registration advantages.

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# **Global** Market of fermentation based bacterial and fungal products ("new biopesticides")

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Biopesticides against nematodes in seed treatment of large crops (soy-bean, maize, ...) as most fast growing segment.

Most important growing fungi is Trichoderma e.g. for control of seeding diseases.

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# **Recent** Acquisitions

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# **Market** summary

- Governmental initiatives, and food companies are pushing farmers to apply biological solutions (chemical pesticide free solutions)
- Strong reaction of all big Ag companies via recent and still on-going acquisitions and partnerships with innovative biocontrol companies
- Still niche character, < 5% share within global plant protection market</p>
  - > 2-3 bil US\$ market for fermentation derived products
- > Over-proportional high growth rates with CAGR > 15%
- Further strong push expected through step-in of big Ag companies
- Increasing demand for fermentation capacity

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## **Biotechnology** @ Lonza

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# From Feasibility to Manufacturing

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- A one-stop-shop at every stage of your project along the value-chain
- Full life cycle management from product launch to maturity
- Customer focused project set-up and execution

# **R&D Team Visp**

- 30 scientists, strong support from chemistry and process engineering team
- Broad and well-established external network
- Focus on initial process development and support of technology transfer to Kouřim

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# **R&D Team Visp – Lab Equipment**

#### **Microbiology equipment**

- shakers, thermostats, laminar flow
- MTP incubators

#### **Fermentation equipment**

- Parallel bioreactor systems (Dasgip)
- Several 3.5L, 20L, 30L, 75L scale bioreactors

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#### **Analytical equipment**

- HPLC, GC, UV-VIS spectrophotometer, ELISA, centrifuges
- GC-FID, HPLC, UPLC,
- Ion Chromatography
- Glucose Analyzer
- Spectrophotometers
- Microscope

#### Downstream equipment

- Laboratory MF / UF / NF units, evaporators, crystallizers
- Lyophilizer, spray dryer, vacuum dryer
- Electro dialysis, preparative chromatography
- continuous centrifuge, homogenizer

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# Manufacturing Service and Technology (MSAT) Team in Kouřim

Dedicated team of 20 scientist ensuring full production lifecycle management

- Equipment available
  - 10 x 20L, 2 x 75L lab scale fermenters
  - 1.5 m<sup>3</sup> pilot fermenter
  - Associated downstream processing to mirror original customer processes at lab scale and to propose alternative options
- Existing collaborations with universities and external R&D institutes (equipment and services, e.g. special analytics)
- Focused on:
  - Process take-over from customer and from Visp R&D
  - Technology Transfer into production assets
  - Continuous process support and optimization

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Fermenter Line

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Down Stream Process Plant

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Ultra Filtration Unit

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**Centrifugation Unit** 

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Spray Dryer (Upper part)

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Control room

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### **Examples of Biotechnology** @ Lonza

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# Focus on Strain and Fermentation Improvement at the Same Time

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# Focus Strain/Fermentation Improvement Sec. Metabolite Production with Actinomycete

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### **Lonza** Scale-up of an *E. coli* fermentation for a dietary ingredient production in 30L scale

4 x 1L Dasgip fermentation system

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**30L Bioreactor** 

**Fermentation Verification and Scale-up runs** 

- Validation runs at 1L and 30L scale to test the process robustness
- Material production for primary recovery optimization and validation runs

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### Scale-up of an *E. coli* fermentation

#### **Bioreactors at Different Scales**

Different scales of bioreactors at Lonza Production site in Visp (CH) and their comparison based on the gassed stirrer power consumption, liquid mass transfer coefficient, mixing time and hold up at similar conditions.

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Parameters		1L	20L	1000L	15000L(1)	15000L(2)
Stirrer speed	[rpm]	1200	1100	275	145	145
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### Scale-up of an *E. coli* fermentation

Five examples of the fermentation results for different proteins and different processes, which were scaled-up from different laboratory (1 - 20L) to different production (20 - 15000L) scales and box plot diagram summarizing results shown in each example.

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# Spray drying of biologic material -**Development program (High level)**

#### 0. Starting point: e.g. Idea of cost effective Spray drying instead of more expensive methods

- Assumption: 20%wt solution of biomass from last DSP step before drying step
- Evaluation of technical information package from customer (analytical methods, spec, etc.)

#### 1. Define the requirements of final product (basic formulation for AI) $\rightarrow$ Lead: Lonza R&T, Switzerland

- Technical requirements: Specification for final product formulation (water content, specific activity, etc.)
- Product stability requirements (Carrier y/n, packaging material, etc.)
- Regulatory requirements (ISO, Food, GMP, Halal, Kosher, etc.)
- Estimation of costs for drying method (e.g. Spray drying, different process scenarios)

#### 2. Process development at Laboratory scale $\rightarrow$ Lead: Lonza R&T, Switzerland

- Proof of concept (performing 1<sup>st</sup> lab trials, establish analytics, check thermal product stability)
- Parameter screening for main process parameters (basic temperature profile, etc.)
- Process parameter optimization (Feed concentration, yield, water content, stability, activity, Particle size, addition Pilot scale Anhydro Spray dryer of stabilizers / adjuvants, etc.), approx. 10 - 20 spray drying trials

#### 3. Scale-up with pilot trials → Lead: Lonza MSAT team, Kourim, Czech Republic

- Technology process transfer  $R&T \rightarrow MSAT$  team at Lonza's production site (up to 3 lab runs)
- Proof of technical Feasibility and Demonstration at Pilot Scale (up to 3 demo runs in pilot spray dryer)
- Providing of first semi-industrial product samples (for laboratory use only)

#### 4. Scale-up and validation at industrial scale ( $> 10 \text{ m}^3$ / fermentation batch)

- Implementation of validated pilot process at production scale (up to 3 engineering batches)
- Extended Product analysis (Microbial purity, storability, activity, etc.)
- Providing of first commercial material (Final validation of technical specifications)
- Setup of cost structure for production campaigns and define optimization program (process excellence)

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Lab scale, Büchi spray dryer

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Industrial scale Spray dryer Lonza CZ

# Spray drying development Process parameter scouting

Parameter Dependance	Aspirator	Humidity drying gas	Inlet temperture	Spray gas flow	Feed rate	Solid concentration	Organic solvent instead of water
Outlet temperature	ſ	1		Ļ	Ļ	î	
Particle size		_	_	Ļ	1	Î	Ļ
Humidity in final product	Ļ	ſ	Ļ		ſ	Ļ	Ļ
Yield	ſ	Ļ	1		<b>↓</b> ↑	1	ſ

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	High influence	Increasing parameter				
Legend:	Moderate influence	Increasing variable				
Legenu.	Minor influence	Decreasing variable				
	No influence					

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- 12 spray drying runs (8 DoE runs + centerpoints + reserve) on Büchi Lab equipment
- Parameter screening of max. 4 variable parameters
- Parameters to be defined
- Supply of dried powder to formulation development / Analytics
- Evaluate and confirmation of optimal drying temperatures and time conditions
- Evaluate response at minimal and maximal parameter ranges
- Determine variance of process and analytics
- Results presented as PowerPoint slides (not including all online and offline data)

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- Yield generation and yield loss
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- Energy consumption

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- Increase biomass yield in seed step
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# Yield and fermentation time before optimization program

# Manufacturing Optimization Focus: Yield and Fermentation time II

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- 50% reduction of fermentation time to achieve same titer
- 3-times higher titer after 2/3 of fermentation time
- Significant cost reduction within 6 month of process improvement project

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# Manufacturing Optimization Focus: Reduction of Cycle Time

- Detailed process throughput analysis and identification of bottle-necks
- Defined optimization plan
  - Process adaptation from centrifuge to membrane filtration
  - Optimize fermentation media preparation procedure
  - Re-arrangement of number of fermenters and equipment scale
- Stepwise and direct implementation on large scale

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More than 50% reduction in cycle time achieved within an optimization project of 6 months

# Lonza Development of Commercial Product

- Starting point: A cryo vial and a patent application
  - Lactobacillus reuteri (probiotic strain) has the ability to co-aggregate with the pathogenic Helicobacter pylori (causes gastritis and gastric ulcer) under physiological conditions (stomach)
- Translate Market needs into defined product applications and appropriate cell formulation
- Process development at Lonza LSI R&T Visp, Switzerland
  - Proof of concept (performing 1st lab trials, establish analytics)
  - Feasibility study for large scale at lab scale (20L lab scale)
  - Scale-up with pilot trials at Lonza Kourim, Czech Republic
    - Proof of technical feasibility and demonstration at pilot scale
    - Providing of final product samples (registration and application test)

#### Commercial production and market launch

- Implementation at large scale production
- Confirm defined requirements (technical, regulatory, customer specs)
- Appropriate storage and logistics / technical support for customers

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# From Shake-Flask to Formulated **Product** within One Year

Harvesting

Packaging

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Develop suitable packaging material for product stability, microbial purity, storability, activity requirements

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Co-Aggregation Activity level

# **Spray Drying Carrier Screening**

Screening for a suitable carrier for the stabilization and standardization of the active biomass Problem to overcome

Problem with auto-aggregationActivity loss after spray drying

Formulation issues without carrier

#### Carrier selection and Screening

- High water soluble
- Cheap
- Food approved
- Activity conservation
- Compliance

#### Spray drying optimization

Temperature profile

- Feed concentration
- Residual moisture

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pray dr	ying @ lat	scale		Proc	luct testing	Negative 0%	Positive 100%
Suitable carrier ?	Carrier Type	Inlet Air Temperature Spray dryer	Outlet Air temperature Spray dryer	Feed concentration	Auto- Aggregation level <25%	Co- Aggregation Activity > 50%	Microscopic picture of co- aggregation
- NO	Carrier 1	High	Low	High	Negative - / 0%	Negative - / 0%	
- NO	Carrier 2	High	High	Low	Negative - / 0%	Neutral +/- / 25%	\$ 5 ° \$ \$ \$ \$
-/+ NO	Carrier 2	High	Low	High	Negative - / 0%	Positive + / 50%	
++ YES	Carrier 3	High	High	Low	Negative - / 0%	Positive ++ / 75%	
+++ YES	Carrier 3	High	Low	High	Negative - / 0%	Positive +++ / 100%	

# Lonza's Large Scale Fermentation Manufacturing Service

- Final fermentation and down stream process development starting with any initial lab process package by our customer
- Technology transfer into Lonza's assets based on any development stage
  - Customer lab process
  - Customer pilot trials
  - Large scale experience
- Proposal for potential process adjustments (process wise, and technology wise) to further improve economically attractiveness
- Full life cycle management from the initial market launch volumes until large volumes at maturity
- Thorough, continuous process improvement in close cooperation with customer
- Take-over of responsibility for specific customer requests, e.g. new raw material sources, specification adjustments, ...

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# Why Outsource with Lonza

- Proven track record in the agricultural industry as reliable and trustworthy partner, and experience from more then 30 years of commercial fermentation
- Highest standards for process and worker safety, environment and quality assurance
- Unique combination of biotechnological and chemical platform
- Strong expertise in regulatory requirements for the agricultural industry
- Excellent know-how in prevention of cross contamination
- Excellent, state-of-the-art scientific know-how and outstanding customer focused project management
- Avoid large investments in your own capacity
- Speed to market, and high flexibility in your order volumes
- Full guarantee of your know-how and IP
- Full access to Lonza's process optimization results for your own manufacturing

### Security of Your Supply Chain

### **Customer Project Acquisition Process**

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# **Customer Project Execution**

#### One commercial key contact at Lonza

- First contact for all customer needs
- Provides technology-based proposals with shortest time to market
- Responsible for contract negotiation

#### Lonza's Project Leader

- Drives projects to agreed goals, milestones and timelines in close cooperation with our customers
- Takes care on specific customer requests
- Ensures continuous process optimization

Backed by Lonza's reliability, quality and service guarantees, we help our customers securing their supply chain and to achieve success in the market with maximizing the financial benefit of their products.

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