



## Basiliximab

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CASRN: 179045-86-4

## Drug Levels and Effects

### Summary of Use during Lactation

No information is available on the clinical use of basiliximab during breastfeeding. Because basiliximab is a large protein molecule with a molecular weight of about 144,000 Da, the amount in milk is likely to be very low.[1] It is also likely to be partially destroyed in the infant's gastrointestinal tract and absorption by the infant is probably minimal.[2] Until more data become available, basiliximab should be used with caution during breastfeeding, especially while nursing a newborn or preterm infant. Waiting for at least 2 weeks postpartum to resume therapy may minimize transfer to the infant.[3] The manufacturer recommends that breastfeeding be discontinued during basiliximab therapy.

### Drug Levels

*Maternal Levels.* Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

*Infant Levels.* Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

### Effects in Breastfed Infants

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

### Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

### References

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## **Substance Identification**

### **Substance Name**

Basiliximab

### **CAS Registry Number**

179045-86-4

### **Drug Class**

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Milk, Human

Antibodies, Monoclonal, Humanized