

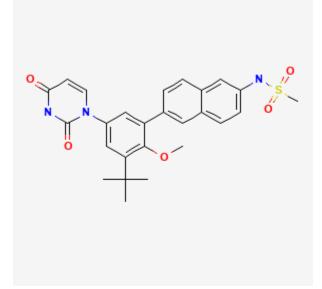
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Dasabuvir

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Drug Levels and Effects

Summary of Use during Lactation

Dasabuvir has not been studied in nursing mothers being treated for hepatitis C infection. Because it is greater than 99.5% bound to maternal plasma proteins, amounts in breastmilk are likely to be very low. If dasabuvir used alone or in combination with sofosbuvir or with ombitasvir, paritaprevir and ritonavir (Viekira Pak) is required by the mother, it is not a reason to discontinue breastfeeding.[1] Some sources recommend against breastfeeding when dasabuvir is used with ribavirin.

Ritonavir used as a booster has been studied in several studies of breastfeeding mothers. It is excreted into milk in measurable concentrations and low levels can be found in the blood of some breastfed infants. No reports of

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adverse reactions in breastfed infants have been reported. For more information, refer to the LactMed record on ritonavir.

Hepatitis C is not transmitted through breastmilk and breastmilk has been shown to inactivate hepatitis C virus (HCV).[2-5] However, the Centers for Disease Control recommends that mothers with HCV infection should consider abstaining from breastfeeding if their nipples are cracked or bleeding. It is not clear if this warning would apply to mothers who are being treated for hepatitis C.

Infants born to mothers with HCV infection should be tested for HCV infection; because maternal antibody is present for the first 18 months of life and before the infant mounts an immunologic response, nucleic acid testing is recommended.[2,5]

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.

Alternate Drugs to Consider

(Hepatitis C) Interferon Alfa, Interferon Alfacon-1, Peginterferon Alfa

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Substance Identification

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Drug Class

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Milk, Human

Antiviral Agents