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Emicizumab

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Drug Levels and Effects

Summary of Use during Lactation

A low level of emicizumab was found in the milk of one woman. The drug is likely to be partially destroyed in the infant's gastrointestinal tract and absorption by the infant is probably minimal.[1] Waiting for at least 2 weeks postpartum to resume therapy may minimize transfer to the infant.[2]

Drug Levels

Maternal Levels. A woman with severe hemophilia A received emicizumab every 4 weeks (dose not stated, but probably 6 mg/kg) throughout pregnancy and postpartum as well as recombinant factor VIIa (NovoSeven) 90 mcg/kg every 2 hours initially with a gradually increasing dosage interval postpartum for severe bleeding. A milk sample taken at an unreported time contained 38 mg/L of emicizumab.[3]

Infant Levels. A woman with severe hemophilia A was receiving emicizumab every 4 weeks (dose not stated, but probably 6 mg/kg) throughout pregnancy and postpartum as well as recombinant factor VIIa (NovoSeven) 90 mcg/kg every 2 hours initially with a gradually increasing dosage interval postpartum for severe bleeding. A serum sample taken from the infant at an unreported time contained 106 mg/L of emicizumab, probably obtained transplacentally.[3]

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.

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Substance Identification

Substance Name

Emicizumab

CAS Registry Number

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Drug Class

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Milk, Human

Antibodies, Bispecific

Antibodies, Monoclonal, Humanized