

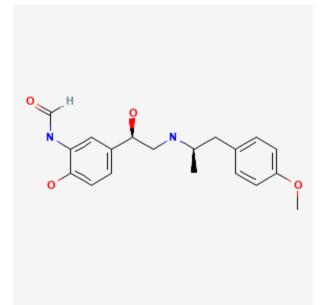
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# Arformoterol

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CASRN: 67346-49-0



## **Drug Levels and Effects**

### Summary of Use during Lactation

Arformoterol is the *R*-enantiomer of the long-acting beta-2 adrenergic agonist, formoterol. Although no published data exist on the use of arformoterol by inhalation during lactation, data from the related drug, terbutaline, indicate that very little is expected to be excreted into breastmilk.[1] The authors of several reviews and an expert panel agree that use of inhaled bronchodilators is acceptable during breastfeeding because of the low bioavailability and maternal serum levels after use.[2-5]

### **Drug Levels**

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

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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**

#### Terbutaline

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# **Substance Identification**

### **Substance Name**

Arfomoterol

### **CAS Registry Number**

67346-49-0

### **Drug Class**

Breast Feeding Lactation Anti-Asthmatic Agents Beta Adrenergic Agonists Bronchodilator Agents