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Trastuzumab

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Drug Levels and Effects

Summary of Use during Lactation

No information is available on the clinical use of trastuzumab during breastfeeding. Because trastuzumab is a large protein molecule with a molecular weight of 145,531, the amount in milk is likely to be very low and absorption is unlikely because it is probably destroyed in the infant's gastrointestinal tract. Until more data become available, trastuzumab should be used with caution during breastfeeding, especially while nursing a newborn or preterm infant.[1] The manufacturer recommends that breastfeeding be discontinued during trastuzumab therapy and for 7 months after the last dose.

Trastuzumab is a human immunoglobulin G1 (IgG1) kappa antibody. Holder pasteurization (62.5 degrees C for 30 minutes) decreases the concentration of endogenous immunoglobulin G by up to 79%.[2][3] A study of 67 colostrum samples that underwent Holder pasteurization found that IgG amounts decreased by 34 to 40%. Specific IgG subclasses decreased by different amounts, with IgG1 activity decreasing by about 37%.[4] None of the studies measured IgG activity.

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.

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Substance Identification

Substance Name

Trastuzumab

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Drug Class

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Antibodies, Monoclonal

Antineoplastic Agents

Trastuzumab