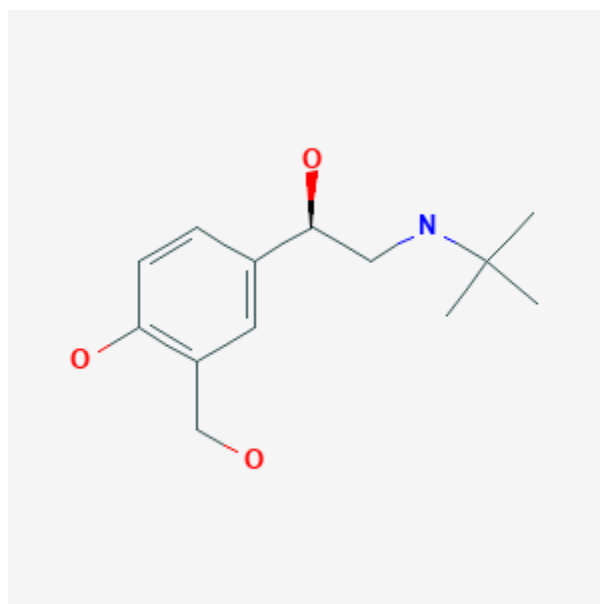




## Levalbuterol

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## Drug Levels and Effects

### Summary of Use during Lactation

Levalbuterol is the *R*-enantiomer of the beta-2 adrenergic agonist, albuterol. Although no published data exist on the use of levalbuterol by mouth or inhaler 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][3][4][5][6]

### 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.

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## 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

Levalbuterol

### CAS Registry Number

34391-04-3

### Drug Class

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Anti-Asthmatic Agents

Bronchodilator Agents

Beta Adrenergic Agonists