

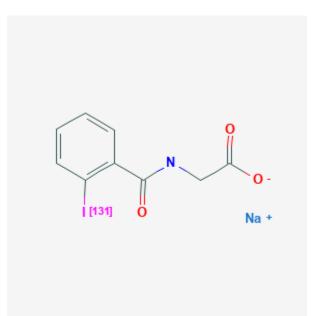
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Iodohippurate Sodium | 131

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Drug Levels and Effects

Summary of Use during Lactation

Information in this record refers to the use of iodohippurate sodium I 131 (ortho-iodohippurate sodium I 131; I-131 OIH) as a diagnostic agent. The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission states that breastfeeding need not be interrupted after administration of I-131 OIH in doses up to 10 MBq (0.3 mCi) to a nursing mother. [1] However, some experts recommend nursing the infant just before administration of the radiopharmaceutical and interrupting breastfeeding for 12 to 30 hours after the dose.[2][3][4] If the mother has expressed and saved milk prior to the examination, she can feed it to the infant during the period of nursing interruption.[2][5][6] Mothers concerned about the level of radioactivity in their milk could ask to have it tested at a nuclear medicine facility at their hospital. When the radioactivity is at a safe level she may resume breastfeeding. A method for measuring milk radioactivity and determining the time when a mother can safely resume breastfeeding has been published.[7]

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Nursing mothers should not work with substances containing I 131 in their workplace.[8]

Drug Levels

I 131 is a beta and high-energy gamma emitter with a main gamma emission energy of 364 keV and a physical half-life of 8.04 days.[1] The effective half-life of I-131 OIH averages 4.5 to 6.3 hours (range 2.2 to 7.6 hours).[2] [3][7] About 2.4% of an administered dose is excreted into breastmilk.[3]

Effects in Breastfed Infants

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

Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk

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Substance Identification

Substance Name

Iodohippurate Sodium I 131

CAS Registry Number

881-17-4

Drug Class

- Breast Feeding
- Lactation
- Radiopharmaceuticals
- Iodine Radioisotopes
- Diagnostic Agents