

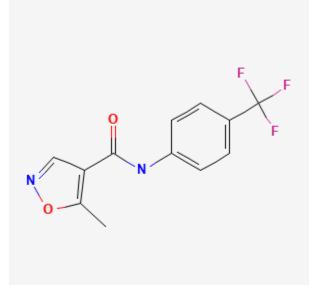
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Leflunomide

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CASRN: 75706-12-6



Drug Levels and Effects

Summary of Use during Lactation

No information is available on the use of leflunomide during breastfeeding, so an alternate drug is preferred, especially while nursing a newborn or preterm infant[1-3]

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

(Rheumatoid Arthritis) Auranofin, Gold Sodium Thiomalate, Hydroxychloroquine, Infliximab, Methotrexate, Penicillamine, Sulfasalazine

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Substance Identification

Substance Name

Leflunomide

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Drug Class

Breast Feeding Lactation Milk, Human Antirheumatic Agents Immunosuppressive Agents