

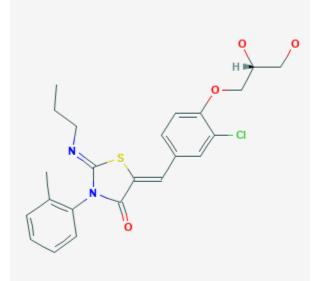
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# Ponesimod

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CASRN: 854107-55-4



## **Drug Levels and Effects**

## Summary of Use during Lactation

Although ponesimod is highly bound in maternal plasma and unlikely to reach the breastmilk in large amounts, it is potentially toxic to the breastfed infant. Because there is no published experience with ponesimod during breastfeeding, expert opinion generally recommends that the closely related drug fingolimod should be avoided during breastfeeding, especially while nursing a newborn or preterm infant.[1-6] However, the manufacturer's labeling does not recommend against the use of ponesimod in breastfeeding.

### **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**

(Multiple Sclerosis) Glatiramer, Immune Globulin, Interferon Beta

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# **Substance Identification**

#### **Substance Name**

Ponesimod

### **CAS Registry Number**

854107-55-4

### **Drug Class**

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Immunosuppressive Agents

Sphingosine 1 Phosphate Receptor Modulators