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### **Daclizumab**

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CASRN: 152923-56-3

# **Drug Levels and Effects**

### **Summary of Use during Lactation**

No information is available on the clinical use of daclizumab during breastfeeding. Because daclizumab is a large protein molecule with a molecular weight of about 144,000 Da, the amount in milk is likely to be very low.[1] It is also likely to be partially destroyed in the infant's gastrointestinal tract and absorption by the infant is probably minimal.[2] Until more data become available, daclizumab should be used with caution during breastfeeding, especially while nursing a newborn or preterm infant. Waiting for at least 2 weeks postpartum to resume therapy may minimize transfer to the infant.[3] Some authors recommend avoiding breastfeeding with daclizumab.[4,5]

#### **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.

## **Alternate Drugs to Consider**

(Multiple Sclerosis) Glatiramer, Immune Globulin, Interferon Beta

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## **Substance Identification**

#### **Substance Name**

Daclizumab

## **CAS Registry Number**

152923-56-3

## **Drug Class**

**Breast Feeding** 

Lactation

Milk, Human

Antibodies, Monoclonal, Humanized