

**Common dosage range****Adult dose**

IM/IV, 500 mg–1 g every 4–6 hours.

*Meningitis or septicaemia:* 200 mg/kg/day in divided doses every 4–6 hours. Maximum 14 g daily.

**Paediatric dose**

IM/IV, 10–25 mg/kg every 6 hours. Maximum 50 mg/kg every 4 hours.

**anagrelide**

*platelet production inhibitor*

**Cautionary advisory labels:** 1, 16

**Notes**

- Monitor LFTs.

**Hepatic impairment:** Caution. Monitor plasma levels of drug. Dosage adjustment necessary.

**Renal impairment:** Caution.

**Pregnancy:** B3. Use not recommended.

**Breastfeeding:** Use not recommended. Excretion into breast milk is expected, but no data available.

**Common dosage range****Adult dose**

Initial dose 0.5 mg four times daily or 1 mg twice daily. Maximum 2.5 mg per dose or 10 mg daily.

**aprepitant**

*antiemetic*

**Cautionary advisory labels:** 5

**Notes**

- May reduce efficacy of oral contraceptives; extra precautions need to be taken for 28 days after the last dose.
- Monitor patients on warfarin and phenytoin for two weeks after taking aprepitant because efficacy of these may be reduced.
- Halve the dose of dexamethasone when used together with aprepitant.
- Many drug interactions—care is needed (see [Table D.1](#), Section D).
- Caution in patients taking cyclosporin, sirolimus or tacrolimus.
- Given with corticosteroid and 5HT<sub>3</sub> antagonist.

**Pregnancy:** B1. Use not recommended.

**Breastfeeding:** Use not recommended as no data available.

**Common dosage range****Adult dose**

125 mg on day one, 80 mg on second and third day.

**aripiprazole**

*atypical antipsychotic*

**Cautionary advisory labels:** 1, 16†

**Notes**

- May cause interactions (see [Table D.1](#), Section D).
- Seek medical advice if experiencing overheating and dehydration.

**Pregnancy:** B3. Use not recommended. Refer to psychiatrist to consider withdrawal.

**Breastfeeding:** Use not recommended. Excretion into breast milk is expected, but no data available.

**Common dosage range****Adult dose**

10–30 mg daily. Usual maintenance dose 15 mg daily.

**artemether with lumefantrine**

*antimalarial*

**Cautionary advisory labels:** 12, A, B

**Notes**

**Hepatic impairment:** Caution. Monitor ECG and serum potassium.

**Renal impairment:** Caution. Monitor ECG and serum potassium.

**Pregnancy:** D. Use not recommended.

**Breastfeeding:** Use not recommended. Due to long half-life of lumefantrine, breastfeeding should be avoided for one month after last dose.

**Common dosage range****Adult and paediatric doses**

Each tablet contains 20 mg artemether and 120 mg lumefantrine. It is a six-dose course. Doses are taken at 8, 24, 36, 48 and 60 hours after the first dose.

>12 years and >35 kg: four tablets.

5–15 kg: one tablet.

15–25 kg: two tablets.

25–35 kg: three tablets.

Note: the approved Product Information states that the safety and efficacy of this product in children aged <12 years have not been adequately assessed.

† Most appropriate during initial treatment or when dosage is increased.