Table 1

Recommended pharmacological management in common dementia sub-types[3]

Dementia sub-type	First line	Second line	Third line
Alzheimer's dementia			
Mild	Donepezil/rivastigmine/galantamine*		
Moderate	Donepezil/rivastigmine/galantamine or memantine (if not tolerating AChEi)*	Combination of donepezil/rivastigmine/galantamine with memantine**	
Severe	Memantine*	Combination of donepezil/rivastigmine/galantamine with memantine*	
Lewy body dementia			
Mild	Donepezil/rivastigmine* ◊	Galantamine (if not tolerating donepezil/rivastigmine)** ◊	Memantine (if not tolerating AChEi)** ◊
Moderate	Donepezil/rivastigmine* ◊	Galantamine (if not tolerating donepezil/rivastigmine)** ◊	Memantine (if not tolerating AChEi)** ◊
Severe	Donepezil/rivastigmine** ◊	Memantine (if not tolerating AChEi)** ◊	
Frontotemporal dementia	No effective anti-dementia medication		
Vascular dementia	No effective anti-dementia medication		
Mixed dementia			
Vascular/Alzheimer's	Donepezil/rivastigmine/galantamine or memantine** ◊		
PDD/Alzheimer's	Donepezil/rivastigmine/galantamine or memantine** ◊		
LBD/Alzheimer's	Donepezil/rivastigmine/galantamine or memantine** ◊		

AChEi = acetylcholinesterase inhibitors PDD = Parkinson's disease dementia LBD = Lewy body dementia * offer ** consider ◊ unlicensed