

Table 4**Empirical antibiotic choices (adapted from The UK joint specialist societies guideline on the management of meningitis and meningococcal sepsis in immunocompetent adults³)**

	Preferred choice	Alternative
Adults < 60 years of age	Cefotaxime 2 g 6 hourly OR Ceftriaxone 2 g 12 hourly	Chloramphenicol 25 mg/kg 6 hourly
Adults ≥ 60 years of age	Cefotaxime 2 g 6 hourly OR Ceftriaxone 2 g 12 hourly AND Amoxicillin 2 g 4 hourly	Chloramphenicol 25 mg/kg 6 hourly AND Co-trimoxazole 10-20 mg/kg (of the trimethoprim component) in four divided doses