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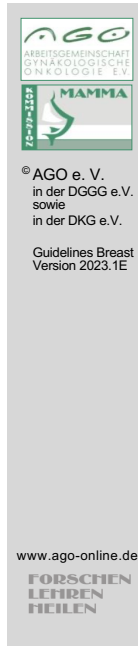
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# Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with early and advanced Breast Cancer

## Lesions of Uncertain Malignant Potential (B3)

(ADH, LIN, FEA, Papilloma, Radial Scar/Complex Sclerosing Lesion)



## Lesions of Uncertain Malignant Potential (B3)

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#### Lobular neoplasia (169 Results)

(Breast Diseases/CL[mh] OR Breast Diseases/DI[mh] OR Breast Diseases/EP[mh] OR Breast Diseases/GE[mh] OR Breast Diseases/MO[mh] OR Breast Diseases/PA[mh] OR Breast Diseases/RT[mh] OR Breast Diseases/SU[mh] OR Breast Diseases/TH[mh]) AND ("2012/01/01"[dp] : "2023/01/01"[dp]) AND ("lobular neoplasia"[ti] OR "lobular intraepithelial neoplasia"[ti] OR "atypical lobular hyperplasia"[ti] OR "lobular carcinoma in situ"[ti] OR "LIN"[ti] OR "ALH"[ti] OR "LCIS"[ti]) AND ("english"[la] OR "german"[la])

#### Atypical ductal hyperplasia (101 Results)

(Breast Diseases/CL[mh] OR Breast Diseases/DI[mh] OR Breast Diseases/EP[mh] OR Breast Diseases/GE[mh] OR Breast Diseases/MO[mh] OR Breast Diseases/PA[mh] OR Breast Diseases/RT[mh] OR Breast Diseases/SU[mh] OR Breast Diseases/TH[mh]) AND ("2012/01/01"[dp] : "2023/01/01"[dp]) AND ("atypical ductal hyperplasia"[ti] OR "atypical hyperplasia"[ti] OR "ADH"[ti]) AND ("english"[la] OR "german"[la])

#### Flat epithelial atypia (59 Results)

(Breast Diseases/CL[mh] OR Breast Diseases/DI[mh] OR Breast Diseases/EP[mh] OR Breast Diseases/GE[mh] OR Breast Diseases/MO[mh] OR Breast Diseases/PA[mh] OR Breast Diseases/RT[mh] OR Breast Diseases/SU[mh] OR Breast Diseases/TH[mh])

AND ("2012/01/01"[dp] : "2023/01/01"[dp]) AND ("flat epithelial atypia"[ti] OR "columnar cell"[ti] OR "FEA"[ti]) AND ("english"[la] OR "german"[la])

Papilloma (278 Results)

(Breast Diseases/CL[mh] OR Breast Diseases/DI[mh] OR Breast Diseases/EP[mh] OR Breast Diseases/GE[mh] OR Breast Diseases/MO[mh] OR Breast Diseases/PA[mh] OR Breast Diseases/RT[mh] OR Breast Diseases/SU[mh] OR Breast Diseases/TH[mh]) AND ("2012/01/01"[dp] : "2023/01/01"[dp]) AND ("papilloma"[ti] OR "papillary"[ti]) AND ("english"[la] OR "german"[la]) NOT virus[ti]

Radial scar (25 Results)

(Breast Diseases/CL[mh] OR Breast Diseases/DI[mh] OR Breast Diseases/EP[mh] OR Breast Diseases/GE[mh] OR Breast Diseases/MO[mh] OR Breast Diseases/PA[mh] OR Breast Diseases/RT[mh] OR Breast Diseases/SU[mh] OR Breast Diseases/TH[mh]) AND ("2012/01/01"[dp] : "2023/01/01"[dp]) AND ("radial scar"[ti] OR "complex sclerosing lesion"[ti] OR "radial sclerosing lesion"[ti]) AND ("english"[la] OR "german"[la])

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# Pathology Reporting for Minimal Invasive Biopsies

## B-Classification\*

- B1 = Unsatisfactory or normal tissue only**
- B2 = Benign lesion**
- B3 = Lesion of uncertain malignant potential**
- B4 = Suspicion of malignancy**
- B5 = Malignant**
  - B5a = Non-invasive
  - B5b = Invasive
  - B5c = In situ / invasion not assessable
  - B5d = Non epithelial, metastatic

\* AWMF, Deutschen Krebsgesellschaft e.V. und Deutschen Krebshilfe e.V. (Hrsg.). Interdisziplinäre S3-Leitlinie für die Diagnostik, Therapie und Nachsorge des Mammakarzinoms. Langversion 4.4, Juni 2021

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## B3-Lesions

1. **Lesions with increased risk of associated DCIS or invasive carcinoma**
  - Atypical ductal hyperplasia (ADH) or atypical epithelial proliferation of ductal type (classification possibly as B4, depending on extent of lesion)
  - Flat epithelial atypia (FEA)
  - Lobular neoplasia (LIN; LN; now subdivided into ALH and LCIS, no differentiation according to older nomenclature) classical and non-classical type
  - Atypical apocrine adenosis
2. **Potentially heterogeneous lesions with risk of incomplete sampling**
  - Cellular fibroepithelial lesion or phyllodes tumour without evidence of malignancy
  - Intraductal papilloma with / without atypia (possibly also B4, depending on the extent of the lesion)
  - Radial scar or complex sclerosing lesion (unless the radial scar only microscopically, not radiologically detected: B2)
  - Hemangioma
3. **Rare Lesions**
  - Adenomyoepithelioma, nipple adenoma, microglandular adenosis, mucocoele-like lesion, nodular fasciitis, desmoid-type fibromatosis, spindle cell lesion of unknown significance

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## Management after Minimally Invasive Biopsy

	Oxford		
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<b>Interdisciplinary conference:</b> <b>Concordant findings in pathology and imaging?</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>yes: proceed according to histologic type and dimension of lesion</li> </ul>	3a	C	++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no: open biopsy</li> </ul>	3a	C	++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vacuum-assisted biopsy (after core biopsy)</li> </ul>	5	D	+

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## Strategy after Diagnosis of ADH in Biopsy Specimen


	Oxford		
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<b>ADH in core- / vacuum-assisted biopsy:</b>			
▪ Open excisional biopsy	3a	C	++
▪ Open excisional biopsy may be omitted, if all following requirements apply:	5	C	+/-
a) No mass-lesion radiologically, and			
b) a small lesion ( $\leq 2$ TDLU*) in vacuum biopsy, and			
c) complete removal of imaging abnormality			
<b>ADH at margins in open biopsy specimen:</b>			
▪ No further surgery, if incidental finding accompanies invasive or intraductal carcinoma	3a	C	+

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## Lobular Intraepithelial Neoplasia (LIN)

- Includes:
  - Atypical lobular hyperplasia
  - Classical lobular carcinoma in situ (LIN, classical variant)
  - Non-Classical lobular carcinoma in situ (LIN, classical variant)
- LIN 1–3 classification is not sufficiently validated prognostically
- Non-Classical LIN (pleomorphic LIN, florid LIN) are classified as lesions with elevated risk → potentially **B5a**
- Indicator / precursor lesion:  
Ipsi- and contralaterally increased breast cancer risk:  
7x after 10 years

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# Upgrade rates\* for B3 lesions

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\* i.e., upgrade to malignant diagnosis when excised

Risk lesion	Upgrade rate to in situ or invasive Ca	References
Atypical lobular hyperplasia (ALH)	5%	[1]
Classical lobular neoplasia (C-LCIS)	4 - 16%	[1-3]
Non-classical lobular neoplasia (pleomorphic, florid LCIS, NC-LCIS)	33 - 39%	[3, 4]
Atypical ductal hyperplasia (ADH)	23%	[1]
Flat epithelial atypia (FEA)	0 - 14%	[5, 6]
Papilloma	12%	[7]
- no atypia	6 - 10%	[7, 8]
- atypia	21 -29%	[8, 9]
Radial scar or complex sclerosing lesion	7 - 11%	[10-12]
- no atypia	5%	[12]
- atypia	25%	[13]

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## Risk of malignant disease during follow-up\*

\* i.e. ipsilateral or contralateral disease irrespective of localization of prior lesion

Risk lesion	Upgrade rate to in situ or invasive Ca
LIN	7x / 10 yrs (ipsi-/contralateral)
Atypical ductal hyperplasia (ADH)	3-5x / 10 years (ipsi-/contralateral)
Papilloma	
• no atypia	4.6% (ipsilateral)
• atypia	13% (ipsilateral)

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## LIN with elevated risk

- **Non-classical LCIS:**
  - **Pleomorphic LCIS:** high-grade cellular atypia, common involvement of ducts with comedo necrosis and microcalcifications
  - **Florid LCIS:** involvement of multiple lobuli with a maximum extension until confluence and involvement of ductuli and neighboring TDLU
- **Microinvasion in classical and non-classical LCIS\*:**
  - classical LCIS: n = 11
  - florid LCIS: n = 4
  - pleomorphic LCIS: n = 1

Microinvasion in 0.37% of all LCIS (n = 4310) and in 0.43% among all invasive lobular breast cancers (n = 3740).

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## Strategy after Diagnosis of LIN

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<b>LIN in core- / vacuum-assisted biopsy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further measures if LIN (LCIS, classical variant) with involvement of <math>\leq 3</math> TDLU (terminal ductulo-lobular unit) in vacuum biopsy and concordant with imaging.</li> <li>Open excisional biopsy, with pleomorphic LIN, florid LIN (LIN 3), or LIN with comedo type necrosis or if not concordant with imaging findings.</li> </ul>	2b	C	++
<b>LIN at margins of resection specimen (BCT):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further surgery.</li> </ul>	2a	C	++
<b>Exceptions:</b>			
a) Pleomorphic LIN, florid LIN, or LIN with necrosis			
b) Imaging abnormality is not removed			

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	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<b>FEA in core biopsy / vacuum-assisted biopsy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open excisional biopsy</li> <li>Open excisional biopsy may be omitted under the following circumstances:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a small lesion (<math>\leq 2</math> TDLU* in vacuum biopsy) <u>and</u></li> <li>b. Complete or near complete removal of imaging abnormality</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2b	B	+
<b>FEA at margins in resection specimen:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further surgery, unless calcifications have not been completely removed</li> </ul>	3b	C	++

\* TDLU = Terminal ductal-lobular unit

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## Papilloma

- **Includes:** Central and peripheral papilloma > 2 mm, atypical intraductal papilloma (B3)
- To be **distinguished from** peripheral micropapilloma arising in the TDLU, size ≤ 2 mm, may be multiple
- To be distinguished from papilloma with DCIS, from intraductal papillary carcinoma, and from encapsulated papillary carcinoma
- **Precursor lesion:**  
May be associated with in-situ or invasive cancer (up to 6% without atypia if concordant imaging, up to 30% with atypia), increased ipsilateral risk for cancer (up to 4.6% and up to 13% in case of atypical papilloma) .


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## Strategy after Diagnosis of Papilloma

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<b>■ Papilloma without atypia in core needle or vacuum biopsy:</b> → no further therapy, if biopsy sufficiently representative (100mm <sup>3</sup> ) and concordant with imaging	2b	C	+
<b>■ Multiple papillomas (&gt;2 mm)</b> → open biopsy	3a	C	++
<b>■ Papilloma with atypia in core needle or vacuum biopsies:</b> → open biopsy	3a	C	++
<b>■ Papilloma at resection margin:</b> → no published data available			

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## Radially Sclerosing Lesion

- **Benign pseudoinfiltrative lesion with central fibroelastic core and radial configuration.**
- **Includes:**
  - radial scar (usually  $\leq 1$  cm)
  - complex sclerosing lesion ( $> 1$  cm)
- **Additional risk factor in patients with benign epithelial hyperplasia (proliferating breast disease)**
- **Risk for upgrade in open biopsy after diagnosis of a radial sclerosing lesion, depending on the size of the needle (CNB) or method (VAB) and additional atypia: 1–18%**

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## Strategy after Diagnosis of Radial Scar, Complex Sclerosing Lesion (CSL)

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	LoE	GR	AGO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radial scar / CSL in core- / vacuum-assisted biopsy:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open excisional biopsy                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Without atypia</li> <li>With atypia</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ Omission of open excisional biopsy if small (&lt; 5mm) lesion or (near) complete removal of imaging abnormality</li> </ul> </li> <li>Radial scar / CSL at margins in resection specimen:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ No further surgery</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	3a 3a 3a 5	C C C C	+ + ++ +

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## Breast Cancer Early Detection: Follow-up Imaging for Women Age 50–69 Years with B3-Lesions

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ <b>FEA, non-atypical papilloma, radial sclerosing lesion</b>			
▪ Screening mammography	5	C	++
▪ <b>LIN</b>			
▪ Mammography (12 months)	3a	C	++
▪ <b>ADH</b>			
▪ Mammography (12 months)	3a	C	++
▪ Women with LIN and ADH should be informed about their elevated risk of breast cancer	3a	C	++

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## Medical Prevention for B3-Lesions With Increased Risk of Associated DCIS or Invasive Carcinoma

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	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Tamoxifen 20 mg/d (5 yrs) for women > 35 years	1a	A	+/-
▪ Low-dose Tamoxifen 5 mg/d* (3 years) independent of menopausal status	2b	B	+/-
▪ Aromatase inhibitors (Exemestane, Anastrozole) for postmenopausal women	1b	A	+/-
▪ Raloxifen for postmenopausal women: Risk reduction of invasive BC only	1b	A	+/-**

**Medical prevention should only be offered after individual and comprehensive counseling; overall benefit depends on classification, age, and pre-existing conditions that may influence occurrence of side effects.**

\* 5 mg Tablet not available; alternatively 10 mg p.o. q2d

\*\* Risk situation as defined in NSABP P1-trial (1.66% in 5 years)

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