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Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with early and advanced Breast Cancer

Chemotherapy With or Without Targeted Drugs* in Metastatic Breast Cancer

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Metastatic Breast Cancer (mBC) Disease-Free and Overall Survival

	Oxford LoE
▪ In MBC, an increase in survival over time has been shown in clinical trials	1b
▪ Multiple lines of sequential therapy are beneficial (at least same efficacy, less toxicity)	1b
▪ Targeted drugs in combination with chemotherapy can induce substantial survival benefits	1b

International consensus

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Multiple lines

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Metastatic Breast Cancer Endocrine Resistance

Primary endocrine resistance:

- Relapse within 2 years of adjuvant endocrine treatment (ET)
- Progressive disease within first 6 months of first-line ET for MBC

Secondary (required) endocrine resistance:

- Relapse while on adjuvant ET but after the first 2 years or a relapse within 12 months after completing adjuvant ET
- PD \geq 6 months after initiation of ET for MBC

International consensus

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Treatment of Metastatic Breast Cancer Markers for Indication

Therapy	Factor	Oxford		
		LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Endocrine therapy	ER / PR (prim. tumor, better: metastasis)	1a	A	++
	Response to prior therapy	2b	B	++
▪ Elacestrant	Autocrine receptor mutation (<i>ESR1</i>) (metastases, plasma)	1b	B	++
▪ Alpelisib	<i>PIK3CA</i> mutation (prim. tumor, metastases, plasma)	1b	A	++
▪ Capivasertib	<i>PIK3CA</i> , <i>AKT1</i> , <i>PTEN</i> alterations (primary tumor, metastases, plasma)	1b	A	+
▪ Trastuzumab Deruxtecan	HER2-low or HER2-positive	1b	A	++
▪ Chemotherapy	Response to prior therapy	1b	A	++
▪ Anti-HER2-therapy	HER2 (prim. tumor, better: metastasis)	1a	A	++
▪ Checkpoint-Inhibitors	PD-L1 positivity* (IC, CPS) in TNBC (primary tumor or metastasis)	1b	B	++
	MSI/TMB	3	C	+
▪ PARP-Inhibitors	<i>gBRCA1/2</i> -mutation	1a	A	++
	<i>sBRCA1/2/gPALB2</i>	2b	B	+

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Metastatic Breast Cancer Treatment Rationale

Oxford LoE: 1b

GR: A

AGO: ++

■ Mono-Chemotherapy:

- Favorable therapeutic index*
- Indicated in case of
 - Slow, not life-threatening progression
 - Insensitivity to or progression during endocrine therapy

■ Poly-Chemotherapy:

- Unfavorable therapeutic index
- Indicated to achieve rapid remission in the case of
 - Extensive symptoms
 - Visceral crisis (ABC-5 definition)
- Survival benefit in comparison to sequential single-agent therapies with the same compounds not proven

* Therapeutic index evaluates overall efficacy, toxicity, and impact on quality of life

International consensus

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Definition of Visceral Crisis (ABC 5)

- **Visceral crisis** is defined as severe organ dysfunction, as assessed by signs and symptoms, laboratory studies and rapid progression of disease. Visceral crisis is not the mere presence of visceral metastases but implies important organ compromise leading to a clinical indication for the most rapidly efficacious therapy.

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Metastatic Breast Cancer Systemic Therapy

GR: A

AGO: ++

- Evaluate compliance before and during therapy (especially in patients of older age, with reduced performance status, or significant co-morbidities and secondary primaries)
- Assess subjective and objective toxicities, symptoms, and performance as well as quality of life (QoL) status repeatedly
- Use dosages according to published protocols
- Assess tumor burden at baseline and approx. every 2 months, i.e. every 2-4 cycles. In slowly growing disease, longer intervals are acceptable.

International consensus

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Metastatic Breast Cancer

Duration of Cytotoxic Therapy

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
■ As long as therapeutic index* remains positive	1a	A	++
■ Treatment until progression	2b	B	+
■ Treatment until best response	2b	B	+/-
■ Change to alternative regimen before progression	2b	B	+/-
■ Stop therapy in case of	1c	A	++
■ Progression			
■ Non tolerable toxicity			

* Therapeutic index evaluates overall efficacy, toxicity, and impact on quality of life

International consensus

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Chemotherapy in mBC

General Considerations - Drug Selection

AGO: ++

- Participation in clinical trials is recommended
- The choice of systemic therapy depends on:
 - ER/PR, HER2, PD-L1-Status, gBRCA-Status (evtl. sBRCA-Status, evtl. PALB2), PIK3CA, AKT, PTEN, evtl. MSI, NTRK, ggf. mESR1, other (NGS Panel preferred)
 - Prior therapies (and their toxicities)
 - Disease-free interval after end of adjuvant treatment
 - Progression-free interval achieved by the previous line of therapy
 - Disease aggressiveness and localization of metastases
 - Estimated life expectancy
 - Co-morbidities (including organ dysfunction)
 - Patient preferences and expectations

International consensus

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PIK3CA

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mBC - HER2-negative / HR-positive 1st-Line Chemotherapy (if indicated)

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Monotherapy:			
▪ Paclitaxel (q1w), Docetaxel (q3w)	1a	A	++
▪ Doxorubicin, epirubicin, Peg-liposomal doxorubicin (A _{lip})	1b	A	++
▪ Vinorelbine	3b	B	+
▪ Capecitabine	2b	B	+
▪ Nab-paclitaxel	2b	B	+
▪ Polychemotherapy:			
▪ A + T	1b	A	++
▪ Paclitaxel + capecitabine	2b	B	+
▪ Docetaxel + capecitabine after adj. A	1b	A	+
▪ T + gemcitabine after adj. A	2b	B	++
▪ A + C or A _{lip} + C	1b	B	++

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Polychemotherapy

Metaanalysis

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mBC - HER2-negative / HR-positive: Chemotherapy after Anthracycline Treatment*

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Paclitaxel q1w	1a	A	++
▪ Docetaxel q3w	1a	A	++
▪ Capecitabine	2b	B	++
▪ Nab-paclitaxel	2b	B	++
▪ Peg-liposomal doxorubicin*	2b	B	+
▪ Eribulin	1b	B	+
▪ Vinorelbine	2b	B	+
▪ Docetaxel + Peg-liposomal doxorubicin	1b	B	+/-

* Independent whether anthracyclines were used in adjuvant or 1st line metastatic situation

International consensus

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Cochrane analysis taxane-containing regimens for metastatic breast cancer

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Eribulin

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studies. Breast Cancer Res Treat. 2014;148:553-61.

mBC - HER2-negative / HR-positive: Chemotherapy after Pretreatment *

- Trastuzumab-Deruxtecan (if HER2-low)
- Sacituzumab Govitecan
- Capecitabin
- Eribulin
- Vinorelbine
- (Peg)-liposomal Doxorubicin
- Taxane re-challenge**
- Anthracycline re-challenge**
- Metronomic therapy (e.g. cyclophos. + MTX)

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
Trastuzumab-Deruxtecan (if HER2-low)	1b	A	++
Sacituzumab Govitecan	1b	A	++
Capecitabin	2b	B	+
Eribulin	1b	B	+
Vinorelbine	2b	B	+
(Peg)-liposomal Doxorubicin	2b	B	+
Taxane re-challenge**	2b	B	+
Anthracycline re-challenge**	3b	C	+
Metronomic therapy (e.g. cyclophos. + MTX)	2b	B	+

* See approval details for previous therapy

** at least 1 year recurrence free after adjuvant therapy

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Trastuzumab Deruxtecan

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Sacituzumab Govitecan

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mBC - HER2-negative / HR-positive*				
	Trastuzumab Deruxtecan	Hazard Ratio	Sacituzumab-Gov.	Hazard Ratio
	HR-pos / HER2-low	relative to	HR-pos / HER2-neg	relative to
	(331 patients)	control	(272 patients)	control
previous lines of chemotherapy in mBC	all patients		all patients	
1 line	61%	0.66 for OS	0%	
2 lines			44%	0.85 for OS n.s.
≥ 2 lines	40%	0.76 for OS n.s.		
≥ 3 lines			60%	0.75 for OS
PFS (months)	9.6	0.37	5.5	0.66
OS (months)	23.9	0.69	14.4	0.79

* Data from two different phase 3 studies with differently pretreated patients
kA: keine Angabe, n.s.: not significant, PFS: Progression free survival, OS: Overall survival



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Triple Negative mBC PD-L1+ Independent of Germline Mutation in *BRCA 1/2* or *PALB2*

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
■ Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy* first-line PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10[#] (if TFI ≥ 6 months)	1b	B	++
■ Atezolizumab + Nab-Paclitaxel first-line PD-L1 IC ≥ 1[#] (if TFI ≥ 12 months)	1b	B	+
■ Atezolizumab + Paclitaxel first-line PD-L1 IC ≥ 1[#]	1b^a	B	-
■ Pembrolizumab monotherapy (after chemotherapy w/o previous immune oncology based therapy) in case of CPS ≥ 20[#]	1b^a	B	+/-

[#] (see chapter „Pathology“)

* nab-Paclitaxel or Paclitaxel or Carboplatin / Gemcitabine

TFI = therapy-free interval

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Triple Negative mBC Independent of PD-L1 Status and Germline Mutations in *BRCA 1/2* or *PALB2**

- **Sacituzumab Govitecan ≥ 2 TL**
- **Bevacizumab 1st line in combination with**
 - Paclitaxel (weekly)
 - Capecitabine
 - nab-Paclitaxel
- **Carboplatin (vs. Docetaxel)**
- **Gemcitabin / Cisplatin (vs. Gem / Pac)**
- **Nab-Paclitaxel / Carboplatin (vs. Carbo / Gem)**
- **Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (in HER2 low)**

LoE	Oxford	
	GR	AGO
1b	A	++
1b	B	+
1b	B	+
2b	B	+/-
1b	B	+/-
1b	A	+
2b	B	+
2b	C	+

* according to label

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Treatment Options in mBC with BRCA 1/2 or gPALB2 Mutation

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Carboplatin (vs. docetaxel) (if Platinum-naive)	1b	B	+
▪ PARP-Inhibitors (HER2-negative mBC)			
▪ HER2-negative, gBRCA 1/2 mutation			
▪ Olaparib	1b	A	++
▪ Talazoparib	1b	A	++
▪ sBRCA 1/2 mutation			
▪ Olaparib	2b	B	+/-
▪ gPALB2 mutation			
▪ Olaparib	2b	B	+/-

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HER2-pos. mBC

1st line without Pretreatment or after Trastuzumab

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
Primary metastatic			
▪ Docetaxel + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	1b	A	++
▪ Paclitaxel (weekly) + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	2b	B	++
▪ nab-Paclitaxel + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	2b	C	+
After Trastuzumab in the adjuvant setting (TFI > 6 months)			
▪ Docetaxel + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	1b	A	++
▪ Paclitaxel (weekly) + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	2b	B	++
▪ nab-Paclitaxel + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	2b	C	+
▪ Vinorelbin + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	3b	B	+
After pretreatment with only Trastuzumab in the adjuvant setting (TFI ≤ 6 months)			
▪ Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (T-DXd)	4	D	+
▪ T-DM1	2b	B	+/-
▪ Chemotherapy + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	4	D	+/-

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HER2-pos. mBC

1st line after Trastuzumab / Pertuzumab +/- TDM-1

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
After Trastuzumab / Pertuzumab in the (neo-)adjuvant setting			
▪ Re-induction CTx + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab (TFI > 6-12 months)	4	D	++
▪ Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (T-DXd)	4	D	+
▪ T-DM1 (TFI < 6-12 months)	5	D	+/-
▪ Capecitabine + Lapatinib	1b	B	+/-
After Trastuzumab / Pertuzumab in the (neo-)adjuvant setting and T-DM1 in the post-neoadjuvant setting			
▪ Re-induction CTx + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab (TFI > 6-12 months)	4	D	+
▪ T-DXd	5	D	+
▪ Tucatinib + Capecitabine + Trastuzumab	5	D	+
▪ Capecitabine + Lapatinib	5	D	+/-

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HER2-pos. mBC

2nd line

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (T-DXd)	1b	B	++
▪ Tucatinib + Trastuzumab + Capecitabine (after pretreatment with T-DM1)	1b	B	++
▪ Tucatinib + T-DM1	1b	B	+/-
▪ T-DM 1	1b	A	+
▪ Capecitabine + Lapatinib / Trastuzumab	1b	B	+/-
▪ TBP: 2 nd line Chemotherapy* + Trastuzumab / Pertuzumab	2b	B	+/-
▪ Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	2b	B	+/-
▪ Trastuzumab + Lapatinib (HR neg.)	2b	B	+/-

* e.g. Taxane; Vinorelbin; Taxane / Carboplatin; Capecitabine; Capecitabin / Docetaxel (Toxizität!)

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HER2-pos. mBC ≥ third-line

Depending on the previous therapy (substance)	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Tucatinib + Trastuzumab + Capecitabine	1b	B	++
▪ Trastuzumab Deruxtecan	1b	B	++
▪ T-DM 1	1b	A	+
▪ Capecitabine + Trastuzumab / Lapatinib	1b	B	+
▪ Capecitabine + Neratinib	1b	B	+/-

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HER2-pos. mBC

No Chemotherapy Possible or Desired

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Trastuzumab + Aromatase inhibitor (HR+)	2b	B	+/-
▪ Lapatinib + Aromatase inhibitor (HR+)	2b	B	+/-
▪ Aromatase inhibitor + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab (HR+)	2b	B	+
▪ Abemaciclib + Trastuzumab + Fulvestrant	2b	B	+
▪ Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	2b	B	+/-
▪ Trastuzumab + Lapatinib (HR neg.)	2b	B	+
▪ Trastuzumab mono	2b	B	+/-

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