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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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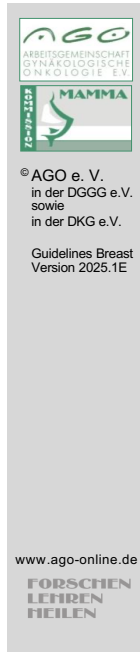
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Metastatic Breast Cancer

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

1. Cardoso F, Paluch-Shimon S, Senkus E et al. 5th ESO-ESMO international consensus guidelines for advanced breast cancer (ABC 5). Ann Oncol 2020; 31 (12): 1623–1649.



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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.

International consensus

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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 ≥ 6 months after initiation of ET for MBC

International consensus

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Chemotherapy of Metastatic Breast Cancer

Therapeutic aims

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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Metastatic Breast Cancer

Duration of cytotoxic therapy

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ As long as therapeutic index* remains positive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Treatment until progression ■ Treatment until best response ■ Change to alternative regimen before progression ■ Stop therapy in case of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Progression ■ Non tolerable toxicity 	1a 2b 2b 2b	A B B B	++ + +/- +/-
	1c	A	++

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

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Chemotherapy in mBC

General considerations

AGO: ++

- Participation in clinical trials is recommended
- The choice of systemic therapy depends on:
 - Expression of ER/PR, HER2, PD-L1; alterations in *ESR1*, *PIK3CA*, *AKT*, *PTEN*, *gBRCA*, *sBRCA*, *gPALB2*; MSI, TMB, NTRK fusions, and other factors (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

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Treatment of Metastatic Breast Cancer

Markers to determine treatment indications

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 / Inavolisib	<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/-pos. (prim. tumor, better: metastasis)	1b	A	++
	HER2-ultralow (prim. tumor, better: metastasis)	2b	B	+/-
▪ 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	+

Endocrine therapy:

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Elacestrant:

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Anti-HER2-Therapy

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

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Monotherapy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Paclitaxel (q1w), Docetaxel (q3w) ■ Doxorubicin, epirubicin, Peg-liposomal doxorubicin (A_{lip}) ■ Vinorelbine ■ Capecitabine ■ Nab-paclitaxel ■ Polychemotherapy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A + T ■ Paclitaxel + capecitabine ■ Docetaxel + capecitabine after adj. A ■ T + gemcitabine after adj. A ■ A + C or A_{lip} + C 			
	1a	A	++
	1b	A	++
	3b	B	+
	2b	B	+
	2b	B	+
	1b	A	++
	2b	B	+
	1b	A	+
	2b	B	++
	1b	B	++

International consensus

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Polychemotherapy

Metaanalysis

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

- Paclitaxel q1w
- Docetaxel q3w
- Capecitabine
- Nab-paclitaxel
- Peg-liposomal doxorubicin*
- Eribulin
- Vinorelbine
- Docetaxel + Peg-liposomal doxorubicin

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

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

International consensus

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

	Oxford		
	LoE	GR	AGO
▪ Trastuzumab-Deruxtecan			
- after prior chemotherapy with HER2-low	1b	A	++
- without prior chemotherapy and not suitable for further endocrine therapy, with HER2-low	1b	B	+
- not suitable for further endocrine therapy, with HER2-ultralow	2b	B	+/-
▪ 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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mBC - HER2-negative / HR-positive*			
	Trastuzumab Deruxtecan		Sacituzumab-Govitecan
Trial	Destiny-Breast 06 HR+/HER2-low: n=359 HR+/HER2-ultralow: n=76	Destiny-Breast 04 HR+/HER2-low: n=331	Tropics 02 HR+/HER2-negative: n=272
Previous CTX for mBC	no previous CTX for mBC	60%: 1 prior line of CTX 40%: > 1 prior line of CTX	2%: 1 prior line of CTX 41%: 2 prior lines of CTX 57%: > 2 prior lines of CTX
Median PFS (months)	13.2 (HER2-low) 13.2 (ITT) 13.2 (HER2-ultralow)	9.6	5.5
Hazard ratio for PFS	0.62 (HER2-low) 0.64 (ITT)	0.37	0.66
Median OS (months)		23.9	14.4
Hazard ratio for OS	0.83 (n.s.)	0.69	0.79

• Data from different phase 3 studies with differently pretreated patients
 • ITT: intentio-to-treat population; n.s.: not significant, PFS: progression free survival, OS: overall survival



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Triple negative mBC PD-L1+ Independent of germline mutations 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 \geq 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)**

Oxford		
LoE	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 mutations

	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	+/-
As maintenance therapy following chemotherapy + antibody therapy (HR+)			
▪ Palbociclib+ endokrine therapy + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	1b	A	+

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Docetaxel + trastuzumab + pertuzumab

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Paclitaxel weekly + trastuzumab + pertuzumab

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Nab-Paclitaxel + trastuzumab + pertuzumab

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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 <u>and</u> 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	+/-
As maintenance therapy following chemotherapy + antibody therapy (HR+)			
▪ Palbociclib+ endokrine therapy + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	1b	A	+

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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	+
▪ Ribociclib + ET + Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab (HR+)	3b	C	+/-
▪ Abemaciclib + Fulvestrant + Trastuzumab (HR+)	2b	B	+
▪ Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab	2b	B	+/-
▪ Trastuzumab + Lapatinib (HR neg.)	2b	B	+
▪ Trastuzumab mono	2b	B	+/-

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