

Dermoscopic findings in Traction Alopecia vs FFA

Traction Alopecia	Frontal Fibrosing Alopecia
Fringe sign (margin of preserved hairs at the most anterior border of the hairline)	Lonely hair sign (one or a few isolated terminal hairs in the middle of the forehead, surrounded by scalp that has lost follicular ostia)
Preservation of vellus hairs (too short to be pulled) indicated by yellow dots (follicular openings)	Loss of vellus hairs (also targeted by lymphocytic inflammatory infiltrate)
Loss of follicular openings/Irregular white patches (follicular scars)	Loss of follicular openings/Irregular white patches (follicular scars)
Broken hairs and black dots	Broken hairs and black dots
	May or may not observe perifollicular erythema (difficult to appreciate in skin of color)
	Peripilar casts (though possibly difficult to appreciate if oil or other topicals have been applied to the scalp).
	Perifollicular hyperpigmentation