

**COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF THE SCARS AFTER FUE AND FUT HARVESTING  
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Introduction:

Although the FUE procedure is often presented as the "less invasive" harvesting surgery, macrophotography data has shown that it is, in fact, "more invasive" than the FUT technique.

Objective:

Whether they choose the FUE or FUT technique, the hair surgeons always aim to minimize as much as possible the scars left by the harvesting process and select the most appropriate procedure for their patient. Sometimes, the best solution can be to combine both techniques.

Materials and methods:

Mathematically, it is easy to compare the round scars of 1,000 x 1 mm left by the FUE procedure with the linear scar of 12 cm x 1 mm left by the FUT strip excision. Indeed, they allow harvesting the same number of grafts and macrophotography makes it possible to compare both scar areas.

Results:

The results show that the FUE procedure leaves a scar area that is approximately 7 times bigger than the FUT one.

Conclusion:

The mathematical approach is more and more used to evaluate the precise number of grafts that needs to be harvested now and in the future (according to the baldness expected evolution) with the least visible sequelaes possible.