

**CLINICAL EVIDENCE FOR USE OF
FRACTIONAL PHOTOTHERMOLYSIS
IN STRIAE DISTENSAE :
A SYSTEMIC REVIEW
OF ARTICLES**

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ABSTRACT

Striae Distensae is a very common skin disorder that can affect anyone. Many treatment modalities have been developed but there is still no "gold standard" treatment available. Fractional Photothermolysis is one of the latest treatments available to Striae Distensae. Different small scale studies had been carried out. The overall results showed a 28.9% mild improvement, 20.9% moderate improvement and 18.2% good improvement in striae distensae scar after fractional photothermolysis. The common side effects noted in the studies were transient erythema and post inflammatory hyperpigmentation. In conclusion, fractional photothermolysis can be offered as a treatment modality for striae distensae but must be used with great caution.

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