Title: SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH OFF-AXIS ELECTRODE

Abstract: A surgical instrument comprising a handle (854) and an elongated probe (852) connected to the handle. The elongated probe has a terminus (852b) distal to the handle. At least one electrode (806) that includes an electrode surface (820) is positioned on the terminus so that a line from a geometric center of the electrode surface and substantially perpendicular to the electrode surface intersects at an angle a longitudinal axis formed by the elongated probe.
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