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About the use of the term "ischemic compression" , the authors justify the term because "the term is still used today" and in support, they cite a few recent papers. While that is interesting, the fact that others are still using the term is hardly a justification. I appreciate the other replies to the inquiries.

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