A simple technique for decompression of distended gallbladder during laparoscopic cholecystectomy

We read with interest the article by Saber et al. On their article simple technique for decompression of distended gallbladder during laparoscopic cholecystectomy [2]. Indeed, this is a very good way to approach a distended and acutely inflamed gallbladder. Our group has utilized this technique for several years. We have found that it is a safe way to facilitate the handling and dissection of the gallbladder in these circumstances. This technique, however, is not new, as erroneously stated by the authors. We have presented and published this approach before [1] and have seen it applied by many different surgeons.

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