The authors reply

We are pleased that Dr. Rivas and Dr. MacColl agree with us that this is a simple and effective maneuver to deal with acutely inflamed, distended gallbladders. Indeed, it allows the surgeon to convert a difficult dissection into an easy and safe procedure.

Unfortunately, when we did a search of the literature, we could not find Rivas et al.'s reference since *Contemporary Surgery* is not listed in Medline.

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