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Equation (7) should read: \( dt = d\theta/2nf \)

In the equation after equation (8) the right hand side should begin, not \((k\theta^2/2nf^2)\), but \((k\theta^2/2nf)\).

That of McMahon and colleagues. Serum concentrations of CRP in their study were very great. The mean concentrations of CRP in our study were in the range reported in other studies [9, 10]. As far as IL-6 is concerned, we used a radioimmunometric assay, whereas McMahon's group used a bioassay; comparison of the two sets of data for IL-6 is therefore difficult. However, Jakeways and colleagues [11] used a bioassay also reported peak plasma concentrations of IL-6 and CRP significantly greater after laparotomy than after laparoscopy. Moreover, peak plasma concentrations of IL-6 and CRP correlated well in our study. Therefore, as our findings were expected and confirmed clinical observation, we consider our data valid.