2. The surgical clip applier according to claim 1, wherein the dissector bar includes a proximal-end portion at least partially slidably supported in the housing, and a distal-end portion extending from the housing and along a length of the channel assembly.

3. The surgical clip applier according to claim 2, wherein the dissector bar includes a dissector extending distally from the distal-end portion thereof.

4. The surgical clip applier according to claim 3, wherein the dissector includes a pair of transversely spaced-apart fingers extending in at least a substantially distal direction.

5. The surgical clip applier according to claim 4, wherein when the dissector bar is in the at least one distal position, the pair of jaws are disposed between the pair of fingers.

6. The surgical clip applier according to claim 4, wherein when the dissector bar is in the proximal position, a distal end of the pair of fingers of the dissector bar do not extend beyond the distal-most end of the jaw assembly.

7. The surgical clip applier according to claim 4, wherein when the dissector bar is in the at least one distal position, at least a portion of a length of the pair of fingers of the dissector bar extend beyond the distal-most end of the jaw assembly.

8. The surgical clip applier according to claim 2, wherein the dissector bar includes a knob supported near the proximal-end thereof, and wherein the knob extends through a slot formed in the housing.

9. The surgical clip applier according to claim 8, wherein the knob is configured to translate axially along the slot formed in the housing to actuate the dissector bar.

10. The surgical clip applier according to claim 8, wherein the slot formed in the housing has a length and a width, and wherein the knob has a transverse width that is greater than the width of the slot.

11. The surgical clip applier according to claim 10, wherein at least one side wall of the slot of the housing includes a resilient, deformable layer extending along a length thereof.

12. The surgical clip applier according to claim 11, wherein the slot of the housing defines a plurality of discrete pockets defined by a plurality of discrete ridges formed along the length of the slot, wherein the ridges extend into the slot toward the knob.

13. The surgical clip applier according to claim 12, wherein the ridges extend by an amount sufficient to define ledges, wherein when the knob is disposed between adjacent ledges the knob is inhibited from distal and proximal movement and the dissector bar is held in place relative to the housing and channel assembly.

14. A method of performing a surgical procedure, including the steps of:

providing a surgical clip applier for applying at least one surgical clip to a target surgical site, the surgical clip applier comprising:

a housing;

at least one handle pivotably connected to the housing;

a channel assembly extending distally from the housing;

a jaw assembly including a pair of jaws extending from an end of the channel assembly, opposite the housing, the jaw assembly adapted to accommodate a clip of a plurality of clips loaded in the clip applier and being operable to effect formation of the clip in response to movement of the at least one handle; and

a dissector bar supported on the housing and contacting an outer surface of the channel assembly, wherein the dissector bar is actuatable from the housing and includes a proximal position wherein a distal end of the dissector bar is disposed proximal of a distal-most end of the jaw assembly, and at least one distal position wherein the distal end of the dissector bar projects beyond the distal-most end of the jaw assembly;

actuating the dissector bar to extend the distal end of the dissector bar distally beyond the distal-most end of the jaw assembly; and

performing a dissecting function at a desired target site with the distal end of the dissector bar of the surgical clip applier.

15. The method according to claim 14, wherein the dissector bar includes a proximal-end portion at least partially slidably supported in the housing, and a distal-end portion extending from the housing and along a length of the channel assembly, and wherein the method further includes the step of slidably actuating the dissector bar.

16. The method according to claim 15, wherein the dissector bar includes a dissector extending distally from the distal-end portion thereof, wherein the dissector includes a pair of transversely spaced-apart fingers extending in at least a substantially distal direction.

17. The method according to claim 16, wherein when the dissector bar is in the at least one distal position, the pair of jaws are disposed between the pair of fingers.

18. The method according to claim 16, wherein when the dissector bar is in the proximal position, a distal end of the pair of fingers of the dissector bar do not extend beyond the distal-most end of the jaw assembly.

19. The method according to claim 16, wherein when the dissector bar is in the at least one distal position, at least a portion of a length of the pair of fingers of the dissector bar extend beyond the distal-most end of the jaw assembly.

20. The method according to claim 15, wherein the dissector bar includes a knob supported near the proximal-end thereof, and wherein the knob extends through a slot formed in the housing, wherein the method further includes the step of actuating the knob to actuate the dissector bar.

21. The method according to claim 20, wherein the slot formed in the housing has a length and a width, and wherein the knob has a transverse width that is greater than the width of the slot.

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