Re-operation for the mechanical valve obstruction with a beating heart technique in an elderly patient with compromised ventricular function

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Dear Editor,

We would like to comment on the recent article by Dr. Çiçekcioğlu and colleagues (1) entitled “Re-operation for the mechanical valve obstruction with a beating heart technique in an elderly patient with compromised ventricular function”2. The differential diagnosis and management of prosthetic heart valve (PHV) related complications continue to be a confusing state at the present cardiological practice. Although transesophageal echocardiography (TEE) is known to be the most precise diagnostic tool in the evaluation of PHV obstruction (PHVO), the use TEE for the evaluation of the patient is lacking in the present study. Furthermore, although they have mentioned the thrombus formation was detected in the left atrium during the surgery they did not state the reason of PHVO.

References

