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Title: Atrial Myxoma Presenting with Orthostatic Hypotension: a case report

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The mechanism believed to cause the orthostasis presented is now clearly stated in the Case Report.

“Due to the large size of the myxoma and the severity of the prolapse, we believe that the orthostasis was caused by the exacerbated left ventricular inflow blockage caused by the patient becoming erect.”

The reference numbering now correlates to the article properly.

Other causes of orthostatic hypotension are now stated in the discussion and it is concluded that after they are ruled out, a two-dimensional echocardiogram may provide detection of intracardiac growths.

“Orthostasis is relatively common in the elderly, being found in nearly 5-30% of the population with common causes including neurogenic dysfunction, autonomic failure, antihypertensive medications and intravascular volume depletion”.5 Since orthostatic hypotension is frequent in the elderly and there are numerous known causes for its occurrence, atrial tumors may be overlooked as the culprit for the manifestation. Since both cases discussed presented positional dizziness as the sole presenting symptom, we believe it is important to include atrial myxomas in the differential diagnosis of orthostasis.

Two dimensional echocardiography provides substantial advantages in detecting intracardiac tumors. A two dimensional echocardiogram is recommended by the authors of this report in the workup of orthostatic hypotension of unknown etiology.”

Overall, the English of the manuscript was improved.