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Video-assisted left ventricle mass removal

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A 52-year-old male with congestive cardiomyopathy was admitted for stroke. Transthoracic echocardiography revealed a massive left ventricular mass suspected as a tumor (Fig. 1 + Video 1).

The patient underwent emergency surgery for mass removal by video-assisted port-access surgery (Fig. 2). Histological analysis demonstrated thrombus but no tumor.

Fig. 1. Mass suspected as a tumor demonstrating apical tumor and intraventricular mobile mass.

Fig. 2. Image of the thrombus via port-access before removal.

Appendix A. Supplementary data

Supplementary data associated with this article can be found, in the online version, at doi:10.1016/j.ejcts.2007.05.001.