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A 48 year female, two years post Mitral Valve Replacement (MVR) with 29 mm Carpentier-Edwards Pericardial Bioprosthesis for calcific severe Rheumatic Mitral Stenosis, presented with 6 months history of NYHA class II exertional dyspnea. The immediate post-operative period was uneventful. Her echocardiogram demonstrated normal functioning prosthetic MV and normal left ventricular (LV) function with evidence of left ventricular hypertrophy. The mean gradient across LVOT was 53 mmHg (Fig. 1A). Careful examination of LVOT in parasternal-long-axis view demonstrated the abnormal orientation of mitral prosthesis with one of its strut obstructing the LVOT; Aortic valve appeared normal (Fig. 1B, Video 1). Color Doppler examination showed flow turbulence at the site where the strut of mitral prosthesis obstructed the LVOT (Fig. 1C, Video 2). Pulse wave Doppler across the aortic valve in apical 5-chamber view demonstrated a peak gradient of only 14 mmHg (Fig. 1D).

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respond to beta-blockers. Once the diagnosis of severe LVOTO is made, a conservative therapeutic approach may lead to insidious development of LV failure with an adverse clinical outcome; early surgery is recommended. Our patient was advised redo mitral valve surgery, however the patient was lost to follow up.

**Conflicts of interest**

The authors have none to declare.