Fulminant prosthetic valve endocarditis caused by *Listeria monocytogenes*

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Listerial endocarditis is uncommon, but potentially destructive. Fifteen years after mitral valve replacement, a 67-year-old male without co-morbidities developed hyperacute shock (white blood cell count = 38.750 µl⁻¹) following a mildly febrile period with normal echocardiograms. Trans-oesophageal echocardiography showed a flail prosthesis (Fig. 1). Surgery consisted of valve re-replacement and pericardial annular reinforcement.

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