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Correction

The following section of the article, "Acute Aortic Stenosis of a Porcine Valve Heterograft Apparently Caused by Graft Rejection: Case Report with Discussion of Immune Mediated Host Response" (end of second line, Vol 9, No. 2, p.229) was omitted:

Furthermore, when porcine xenografts are associated with thrombosis, the clotting is not immune mediated or related, and the histologic picture is different from that observed in our patient. Spray and Roberts⁸ describe a case of low cardiac output associated with valve thrombosis without a cellular reaction on the valve itself. A similar condition has been observed when a porcine heterograft is used in the Fontan operation.^{10,11} Thrombosis of the porcine heterograft occurred due to dehydration. Thrombus

extended throughout the conduit but the valve was not completely obliterated. Furthermore, replacement by a second xenograft was well tolerated by the patient in marked contrast to what might be expected had an immune response initiated the fibrin deposition and thrombosis. Finally, development of an atrial mural thrombus near a mitral porcine xenograft was recently described.¹⁴ The valve leaflets themselves were not described as altered and there was no thrombus on the prosthesis itself. The atrial mural thrombosis was felt to be caused by the shape of the muscular shelf near the right coronary cusp of the prosthetic valve.

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