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Foreword

Cardiac masses pose difficult diagnostic challenges. Although many cardiac tumours are today operable, the complexity of any surgery involved requires accurate pre-operative imaging. Several imaging modalities including cardiac magnetic resonance and computed tomography are used for this assessment, often used in combination. Because cardiac tumours are relatively rare, there is a great demand for textbooks providing guidance on imaging protocols and typical imaging findings for different tumours and cardiac masses. The textbook *CMR and MDCT in Cardiac Masses* edited by A. Jacquier is an outstanding contribution to this field. It provides a practical guide to the typical CT and MRI features of cardiac masses, is enriched with high quality case examples and provides tables summarizing important imaging findings and gives useful diagnostic algorithms. As such it will make an invaluable everyday companion to cardiac imagers and other clinicians involved in the care of patients with cardiac masses.

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