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Clinical History: A 37-kg, stillborn, chestnut Quarter horse filly from a surrogate mare with no history of prior illness presented to necropsy. The mare went into labor 2 weeks prior to due date.

Necropsy Findings: The foal had a crown-to-rump length of 101.7 cm; cranial features and limbs were well proportioned. Carcass was in good post-mortem state with minimal internal fat reserves. Both lungs were deep red, heavy and wet, and samples of the lung sank in 10% formalin. Liver was diffusely deep red and there were few linear streaks of hemorrhage in the papillary muscle of the heart, and scattered pinpoint hemorrhages in the cerebellum. All other viscera and submitted fetal membranes with placenta were macroscopically normal.

Gross images: Based on the following Figures 1 and 2 (hematoxylin and eosin-stained sections of heart, papillary muscle), please provide: a. Morphologic diagnosis and b. Possible etiologies.
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