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A Giant Malignant Solitary Fibrous Tumor of the Pleura

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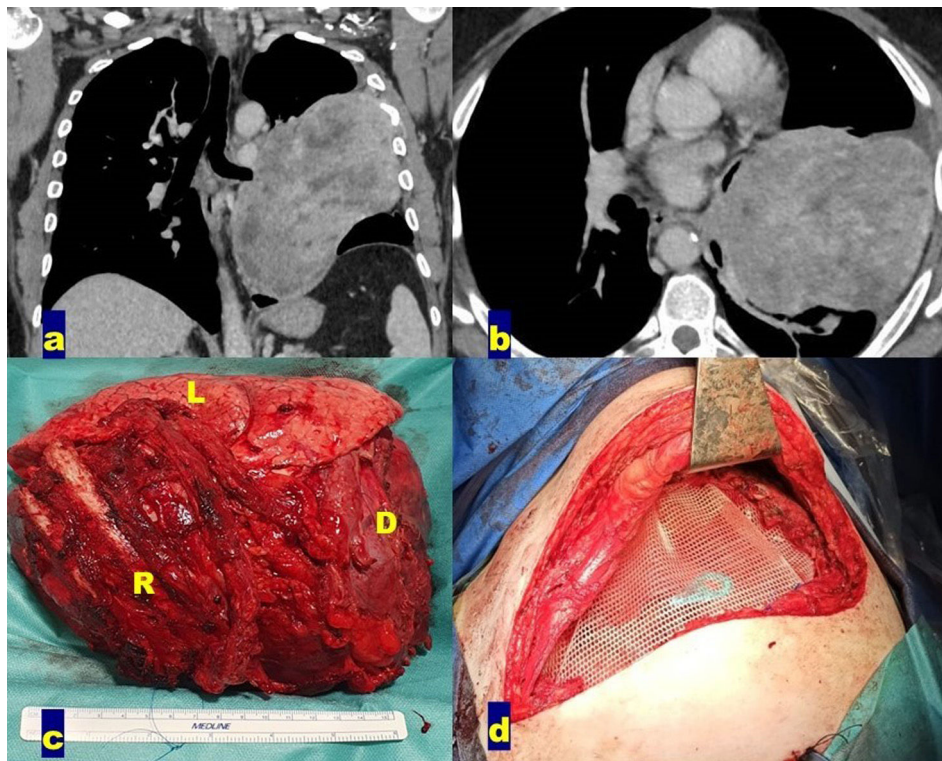


Fig. 1. (a and b) A chest CT showed a 12 cm × 16 cm mass with compression of mediastinum. (c) Specimen after a left intrapericardial pneumonectomy with an en bloc resection of the 4–7th left ribs and a segment of diaphragm (L – lung, R – ribs, D – diaphragm). (d) Closure of the wall defect using a 20 cm × 15 cm composite polyester mesh with collagen film (SYMBOTEX™).

Malignant solitary fibrous tumors of the pleura (SFTP) are aggressive tumors with a recurrence rate between 0% and 42.9%.¹ Surgical resection is the standard treatment.^{1,2}

A 50-year-old male patient presented with a 3 months history of 10 kg weight loss, dyspnea, chest pain, and anemia. A computed tomography (CT) scan showed a 12 cm × 16 cm mass with compression of mediastinum (Fig. 1a and b).

The patient underwent a left intrapericardial pneumonectomy with an en bloc resection of the 4–7th left ribs and a segment of diaphragm (Fig. 1c: L – Lung, R – Ribs, D – Diaphragm). The chest wall and diaphragm defects were closed using a 20 cm × 15 cm composite polyester with collagen film (SYMBOTEX™) (Fig. 1d) and a 10 cm × 15 cm titanised polypropylene (TILENE®) mesh respectively.

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Histologically the specimen showed a 16 cm × 19 cm × 17 cm, 2 kg SFTP infiltrating into the lung parenchyma, 4th rib and diaphragm with more than 2 cm free resection margins. The tumor had hypercellularity, atypia, dedifferentiation, pleomorphism, and 6 mitosis/10 high-power fields (HPFs). Immunohistochemically expressed vimentin and CD34. The tumor was classified as SFTP with high malignant potential. The patient started adjuvant therapy with adriamycin and doxorubicin regime.

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